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Election time is here again. This is when tnings get interesting around campus with candidates competing for the positions on the SRC. The amount of money some candidates are spending is quite amazing.

The confrontation between Scott and CSL is interesting. According to Darren Evans, CSL agreed to co-sponsor the Engineering Gala with the Engineering Society on the conditions that a 50-50 profit-loss, with a maximum loss of \$500 be split between CSL and the EUS. Also, tickets would be priced at \$10.00 a couple for everyone (engineers or not) and that Campus Services Ltd's name would appear on all posters. Scott claims this was not the agreement. Humm....

Lady Godiva has raised the usual amount of controversy. It would be nice to see the issue finally resolved. The EUS publicly announced they did not support the ride a week before Engineering Week. This is all well and good. Someone on campus supports the "event" however, since it occurs year after year. It is claimed only ardent feminists oppose Godiva's ride. I disagree. Humanists oppose the ride. For some unexplainable reason, the fact that women are not objects must be pounded (over and over again) into the brains of some people. Godiva's ride is indecent exposure. It reduces every woman on this campus to an object -Something sub-human, something with no intellect, no sensitivities; woman as vigina and tits. That's all. This is degradation and infamy - you haven't come such a long way, baby. Don't let yourself be fooled.

I wish the ladies at the law school the best of luc in their endeavour against this social atrocity. They will need it.

Also, relatively to the law suit and the EUS - I had the pleasure of listening to an interview with Scott Thomas, president of the EUS, on CHSR Monday afternoon. My impression was some people believed the two ladies at the law school were somehow attacking Scott personally. Again, I disagree. My intrepretation of the situation was that these two women asked the police to investigate the involvement (if any) of the EUS with the Godiva ride. It seems only natural to me that the police would contact the leader of this organization (Mr. Thomas). I don't believe they intended to implicate Scott personally. Neither do I see any reason why these two ladies should make their identity public if they feel it would be in their interests to remain anonymous.

Sex, sex and more sex. The graffitti in the library is really disgusting. It is impossible to sit down in the library without being bombarded by drawings of erect penises, various parts of female anatomy, racist jokes, and extremely dim wit. It's not a pretty sight. In fact, it's rather depressing. Why anyone would make such a blat nt display of their dull intellect is, indeed, puzzeling.

These people wonder in an intellectual wasteland. If one feels the uncontrolable desire to put pen to use at least write something of some substance. If you don't have anything to say, be quiet.

I would like to point out that this week's editorial on Granada was hotly debated during our last general meeting. It was decided by a close vote that we would write supporting U.S. Intervention. Mike MacKinnon and I want to point out that we do not agree with this view, however, majority rules (at the Bruns anyway).

That's all for this week folks.

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Justification for Grenadian invasion

Bloody dictatorships where people are randomly thrown in jail and executed are all to common in this world. The media eagerly reports the coups which start such tyrannies but the world then quickly forgets them; it is business as usual - except for the residents of the country in question.

The American invasion of Grenada successfully halted the establishment of another such reign of terror at its birth. Regardless of whether we believe the stories of Cuban bases and communist infilration of Grenada, Maurice Bishop was still assasinated by a group of crazed militants. Bishop was a very popular Prime Minister and those who brutally murdered him obviously had few benign intention.

All plotical system have their flaws, but the communist system has the bad trait of supressing freedom. Although not a justification in itself, supressing the spread of com-

munism is an element in the justification of the American invasion.

have happened. Let us not forget this very important lesson from history.

If an action is greeted by the favor of the people or not is the ultimate test of whether the action was, "good" or, "bad". The Americans could not have been certain before the invasion they would be welcomed by the people, but they would have had a fair idea. Grenadians had lived for years in a commonwealth nation similar to our own in terms of its political structure. People generally do not want to change the system, especially when the overthrown leader is in fact liked. As it turns out, the Americans were vindicated - the majority of Grenadians did support the invasion.

Many pacifists say that violence must be avoided regardless of the justification, they must remember though that sometimes a small conflict may prevent a catastrophe with many more casualties. If Hitler had not be appeased, the Second World War may well not

Face the dreaded terror of elections....Vote

SRC candidates are busy this week campaigning for the election on Nov. 9th. This is the time of year students are given an opportunity to express their satisfaction while the past student government. It is the time of year students committ their trust and interests to newly elected SRC members. It is an important time. It is no time for apathy.

For the past two years UNB has enjoyed one of the largest percentages of student voter turnout in Canada. We reached 40% during the last SRC election. That is not good enough. UNB is one of the most politically aware campus' in this country. Every student at this university should know exactly where their council rep stands on each issue. Ignorance is no excuse and there is no excuse for ignorance. The access of poll booths on election is exceptional. There is a station in every building on campus and students can vote at any station.

Voting, is after all, a cruel and excruciating experience. You fight your way through the crowd surrounding the polling station. You desperately try to catch the attention of one of the polling officers. One finally decides to take mercy on you and angrily snatches you I.D. from you sweaty little fist. They rudely demand which faculty you are in and leave you unentertained while they leisurely flip through a listing of UNB students. Finally they find your name and (to your great horror and disgust) cross it out. By now a significant amount of your valuable time has expired (usually 1 to 2 minutes) and the poll worker reluctantly thrusts a number of ballots at you along with an irreparable student I.D.! "You punched a hole in my I.D.!" you whine. The poll worker mumbles something about punching a hole in your face and you hurry away clutching a tattered I.D. and a jumble of multi-colored ballots.

You sulk off to a corner to mourn the amputation of your card and somehow manage to take refuge in the final aquisition of those precious ballots. You think "I wouldn't have bothered to vote if I'd known they were going to put a hole in my card" like a dog licking its wounds. Regardless, you trudge one like a true soldier.

Clutching pen in hand your tear filled eyes search for a familiar name - some guiding force in this time of uncertainty. But, alas, none is to be found. So you say to hell with it and check the first name on every ballot. Timidly, oh so timidly, you make your way back to abhorred polling station. You carefully, oh so carefully, fold your ballots and begin to slide them into the ballot box, anxious to get away, but no! The evil polling officer growls that you are not supposed to fold your ballots. Snatching them toward your body as though your fingers have been burned, you slowly unfold your ballots. You take careful aim of the ballot slot. With a swift and adroit gesture you stuff the ballots into the box and flee from the awful scene with damaged pride but a clear conscience.

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