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Re: SHAFTED

Dear Shafted Engine-Ear:

We were very grieved to hear that a clean cut, handsome, intelligent, sensitive, dreamer like yourself has been treated with such ill-respect at the hands of the UNB co-eds. Judging by the comments in your letter, you must think that the girl who jilted you is certainly going to miss something in life. Is it possible that you are a trifle conceited?

Did it ever occur to you that maybe Sally freshette was not duly impressed with your prowess? Instead of projecting the blame to the co-eds, you should apply it to yourself. This is clearly nothing but another case of the proverbial sour grapes. When you mature a bit and dry off behind those "engine-ears" you will begin to realize that variety is the spice of life. A co-ed who tied herself down to one male would considerably narrow her social life. This would also deprive the other males of the pleasure of making her acquaintance. Don't be greedy, consider the other guys in the 8 to 1 ratio.

By the way, have you tried Lifebuoy?

Fifth Year Foresters
L.B.R.

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We submit the Co-ed's answer to "SHAFTER".

"People in glass houses should not throw stones..."

The co-ed's position here on the UNB campus is one of the most difficult in which a young woman can be placed. Of course, we are outnumbered by the men—but is that our fault? Naturally this situation results in an unusual number of invitations to most of the social activities and it is sometimes very difficult to make a decision about one's escort for the evening. But then, haven't we, as well as the men, a right to give some indication of preference? Those boys who complain of being "shafted" probably received such treatment because of their loud mouths concerning the dates which they were previously fortunate enough to have.

So we, the controversial co-eds of UNB wish only to have the natural rights which our position should render to us—those of selection and elimination. Of course, during this procedure someone is bound to be injured—but why is it always the young men who cry over hurt feelings? There have been just as many girls on campus who have been "Shafted" so the matter once again boils down to the fact that

the males of UNB do not like little jabs at their inflated egos. Perhaps if they spent less time complaining and more getting to know the individual co-eds, they would find life more pleasant.

a few Tibbits House
"unique beauties"

P.S. There is not too much possessed by the boys of UNB that renders them worth "Taking".

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Dear Shafted,

We, the hard-boiled shafters (or sometimes shafted), of the Maggie Jean would like to reply to a recent letter and article in the Brunswickan.

First of all we would be most interested in knowing "what a fair deal is"? — Free Love maybe! — or a confirmed date every weekend?

Let's face it, dating is a system whereby everybody meets people. Would you rather be politely dismissed after the third date or strung along until the Nth date? Which is cheaper? We will take a pleasant companion to an M.G. After all boys, you can't expect every girl to fall madly in love with you, "prominent" though you may be.

If you are the type of operator who really prefers "the Average Canadian-Type Girl" then you'll find her in the Maggie. Why don't you ask her out?

Two Maggie Jeaners

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Dear Sir,

What is happening to the men of UNB? Have they lost their pride? To write such an article as "Shafted", must surely have lowered their self-esteem.

But, where is the problem? If the men in question have found an answer to their dilemma by having recourse to the more desirable ladies of Teachers' College, Victoria Public Hospital, etc... as was stated in their article, why the attack on the co-eds? If the answer is — to fill space in the Brunswickan, they have succeeded.

Perhaps, the behavior of some co-eds accused of 'shafting' could be justified easily if the identities of "Injuneers '62" and "GAS" were known. To these men advice could be given —

examine your own character and conduct before accusing the co-eds and stop trying to use lack of sports cars and money as an excuse.

As for the ratio of 8 to 1, has consideration been given to the married men on campus, as well as those students who do not mix dating and study (except perhaps for the Fall Formal, the Carnival and the Con.)? I think the margin would be narrowed down considerably. At any rate it is definitely not reasonable to look this as a motive for the behavior of some of the co-eds.

So how about it boys — give yourselves a chance and try appreciating the good qualities in your female friends "Up the Hill", for a change. Surely you can find some. You'd be surprised how long we have to look sometimes to find qualities in YOU.

Sincerely,
Viviane Giroux

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Dear Sir,

I'll come right out and say that I'm one of the Anti-Shafting members and to tell you the truth I'm proud of it. I'm speaking for everyone (male, that is) on this campus, except some Foresters in L.B.R., when I accuse the co-eds of being very childish concerning this business of "Shafting". Why don't they agree with the majority on campus? Everyone errs at some time during his or her life and we, the kind-hearted males that we are, are willing to forgive you. Even if you don't want to agree with us publicly, the least you co-eds could do is to learn from your mistakes.

In closing I would just like to give the poor innocent girls living in residence just nine words of advice. FOR GOD'S SAKE, GROW UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Signed,
A Revolted Male

EMERGENCY MEETING
ANTI-SHAFTING SOCIETY

TIME: 12 Midnight.

PLACE: LBR Clocktower.

AGENDA: Eligibility for Spring Formal.

Thousands are expected to attend.

LETTERS

Voters Blamed

Sir:

What should be the function of UNB's Model Parliament? There are some who think that it should give students a chance to learn and to practice parliamentary procedure; that it should provide an opportunity for those interested to debate questions of national importance on a mature level, and that it should allow students to practise drafting legislation. There should also be an opportunity to organize and conduct an adult election campaign.

There are some others who do not share this view. The SRC's action in ordering the seating of the Maritime Monarchists amounts to allowing them to sit on the strength of 84 Spoiled Ballots. The SRC is going to publish the names of those involved in stealing the ballot boxes, (it pays to advertise, fellas), presumably in the Brunswickan. This is a very interesting decision when it is noted that the Canada Elections Act provides three years at hard labour for such an offence. It appears that all you have to do to get a seat is to lose an election or better still, fail to get on the ballot. Yes, I can see to get on the ballot. Yes, I can see it now: Guy Fawkes as a guest-lecturer (under SRC sponsorship) on "How to win a seat in the House of Commons." If the SRC in doing this is exercising its representative function, it is a pretty sad comment on the maturity of UNB students. If, on the other hand, it is providing student leadership, it is a rather sad indication of its appreciation of this role.

But the blame ought not to lie solely on these organs of student government, nor should it lie entirely on the Monarchists. The other political parties are not guiltless, for they have not resisted the temptation to appeal to the voter's so-called funny-bone instead of to his mind. But they have been forced to do this by the immature attitudes of many of the voters. An indication as to how far a party will or has to go in dredging up (the term is quite apt) votes is the promise of one party to provide "barf-bags" if elected. A bit of intelligent humour is necessary and desirable, but much of what has been used is neither necessary, nor desirable, nor even in good taste. It is an insult to the maturity of many voters, but voting statistics show that it hits the receptive level of quite a few students. It is on these students that the blame must ultimately lie. Their

crime is worse than that of one who does not vote; it is worse than that of a man who sells his for a pint. (For the latter at least gets some-thing substantial for his). The vote is a minus value. They get a laugh. They get their chuckle. Perhaps they deserve only what they get, but it's a shame that they drag others down with them; not everyone wants "bread and circuses."

Dave Covert
Law I

Resignation

Dear Sir,

Resignation IS the solution.

The best thing that could happen now would be for the Model Parliament Joint Committee to leave the SRC and set itself up independently. This would not cause any real problems for either the SRC, whom I suspect would be eager to get rid of them, or for the Model Parliament Joint Committee itself. Elections could be carried on separately (with perhaps more vigilance). This would mean more devotion to the cause of MP and more work on the part of its members, but it would be worthwhile. How can parties be screened? There is no other way but by just disallowing them. This is undemocratic, but it does avoid the potentially unstable type of government which would assimilate the French model. If the SRC hasn't enough sense to keep the Maritime Monarchists out (and the Scottish Nationalists) then the Model Parliament Joint Committee is justified, it seems to me, to do the dirty work for them. Let's have a Parliament, not a ridiculous sham.

P.K.

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