

Point of View

Just Sit Back And Watch

by Betty Fearon

UNB Students are condemned by general opinion as being listless, dis-interested, apathetic, inert. I take issue with these charges. College spirit runs rampant on this Campus. Sit with the thousands in the audience of Red 'n' Black, lean back, and permit that wonderful, little group entertain you. Relax and chuckle about the enthusiastic efforts of the Mount A Train Committee, knowing full well that you have already made your own arrangements by car. Ask your room-mate after the next House Meeting what the keen executive is planning for you. Or ask your SRC representative how many committees he is a member of. Isn't he a tremendous rep? At the same time, you might check (if it's spring) how many nominations are in for Council positions and Class executives. Consider the "nth" number of organizations on campus that overlap and interfere with each other... fantastic, that students worked to such heights of organization. Let the enthusiasm of Radio UNB and the Parajump Club warm your heart, as you listen to their broadcasts in the ease of your armchair, or slurp over coffee with all the sympathy for an injured sky-diver. If you ever happen to saunter over to the gym, check the intramural schedule and see how many of your classmates are bowling this year. If you have a student centre class on Tuesday or Friday, pick up a **Brunswickan** and read all about UNB's enthusiasm, presented with the sweat and the compliments of the names in small print in the upper left corner. Or again, walk by the rink and listen to the crowds cheer! Wonderful spirit!

And when you are graduating, count the opportunities that passed you by.

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Political satire, a rare element in modern plays, will be flickering brightly at Memorial Hall Theatre, December 2, 4, and 5 when the UNB Drama Society presents Howard Teichmann's New York comedy success, "The Girls in 509".

This wacky lampoon is concerned with two staunch Republican ladies who were so overwhelmed when "That Man" (Franklin D. Roosevelt) entered the White House in 1933, that they holed up in a dowdy New York hotel room and never ventured forth again for the next twenty-five years.

Janet Murray and Joanne Murphy are starred as this pair of eccentrics in the campus production. Janet plays the part of a snappish dowager, Aunt Hettie, who led the way into self-imposed isolation when the Day of Doom came, and Joanne portrays Hettie's pert niece, Mimsy, who reluctantly endured the exile, wondering all the while how to get a husband.

Playwright Teichmann gets in an assortment of unroariously satirical jabs at politicians, social workers, lawyers, newspapermen, college deans and other assorted subjects by having his heroines

suddenly discovered in their lair by a curious newspaper reporter.

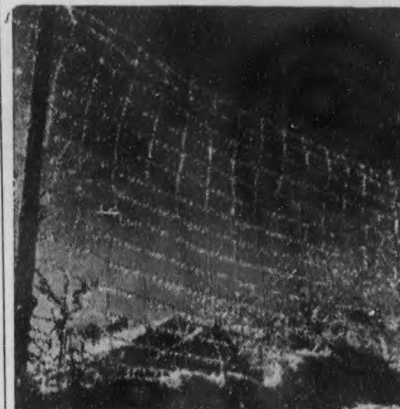
Trying to become accustomed to a world they never knew had developed outside their hotel room, Hettie and Mimsy are aghast to learn of such things as television ("The same as movies", they are told, "just as bad, only it gets into your home") and plans to visit the moon.

Others in the cast will be Bob Ferguson as a wistful teacher of journalism, Prof. Pusey, whose effort at proving himself a practical newspaperman turns up the two ladies as a feature story; Tony Jessop as Winthrop Allen, national chairman of the Republican Party; David Likely as Old Jim, the hotel porter; Martha Saunders as the social worker, Miss Freud; Jim Urquhart, Harold Williams, Dale Sharp, Roger Cattle and Rod Mills.

The play's satirical swipes, according to the New York dramatic critics who enthusiastically praised it on its Broadway opening in the fall of 1958, are pretty

well divided between Republicans and Democrats. However, Democrat or Republican, Liberal or Conservative, the political satire in this American-based play loses nothing by its journey across the border, and when it comes to politicians, local theatre-goers will find that there is little difference between Canada and the United States.

The farce is being directed by Bob Ferguson.



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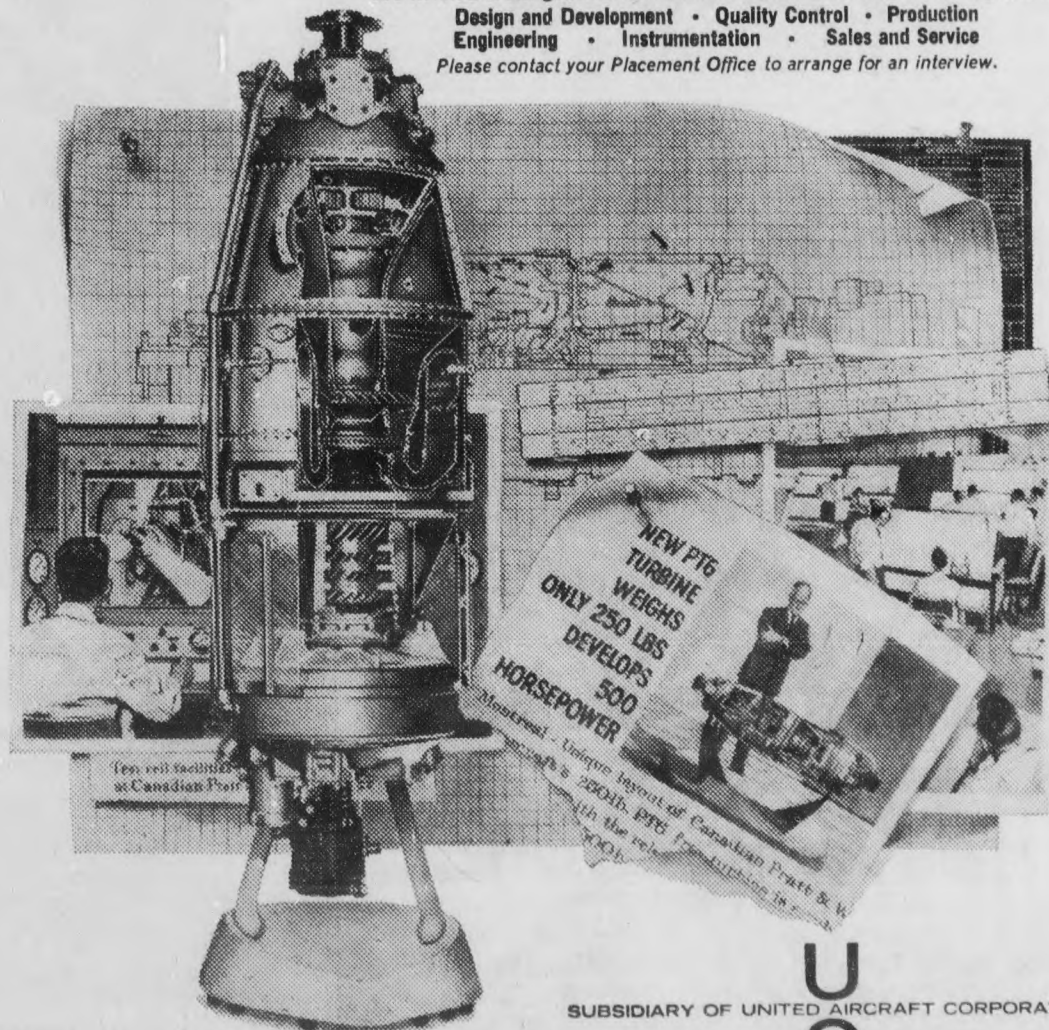
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