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\$60 million bucks. That's how much money Jack Nicholson has made off *The Batman* movie to date. On November 15th, a minimum of 10 million copies of the videotape will be released to the public. That's another \$60 million for Jack. Not bad for wearing some tacky clothes and makeup for a few days.

Guess what school is getting a football team? Well, it's not us. The University College of Cape Breton has decided to expand their athletic program once again. Not bad considering most schools are considering cutting their programs back.

The Blue Jays. What a bunch of pussies.

**Varsity-Mania** <sup>TM</sup>. I'm sure you've heard of it. Carl and his rag tag bunch of merry men have put together quite a program in only a year and a half. However I've got one complaint. These "fans" are not supporting the teams. Half the people don't even know what's going on. In a Letter to the Editor last week one individual didn't even know the game was a tie until he arrived back at UNB. Hey man, I'm just here for the party seems to be a common occurrence at this year's VM events. While there's nothing wrong with that attitude, it's entirely too prevalent. If you go to the game you should at least watch it. Another point, if you don't live in residence it seems that you're not really welcome at the event.

Ever buy a snack and a half? How come they don't sell snacks?

**Varsity-Mania** <sup>TM</sup> Athlete of the Week. Oops, darn, got cancelled. Seems the big boys didn't like Carl's sponsor (a major soft drink company) which isn't the company with the University contract. Musn't step on other peoples toes now.

ERNIE-OMICS! Remember last year when VP Finance Ernest Dunphy made the GSA mad at him by wanting those deadbeats to pay up for common services. Well guess what? This year's victim is STU. They're not paying their fair share for CHSR-FM. Blood and Stones. Blood and Stones.

How about those Montreal Canadiens! Even with only half a team they beat Boston. Stanley Cup 90.

Speaking of good ol Ernest Dunphy. He's in Toronto now. We had an Ernie's gone party after he left. Didn't know he had so many friends.

The Student Union gave the SUB \$12,000 to spend. Wayne gets a new desk and chair. Preferably a high-backed leather chair and a marble topped desk.

Contributions to "The Nuke Steve Seabrook Fund" can be made care of: Room 35 SUB

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The Media Bowl is coming up in one week and *The Brunswickan* team is more than ready to take on their arch rivals *The Bunnies of Death* (where do they get these names) The Bruns once again expects to win rather handily against the inept CHSR team.

Did you ever wonder why the Universities in the poorest (that's u) have the highest tuitions?

Word of The Week: ~~Wayne~~ Wane: To collapse; to knuckle under; to be like a rose losing its petals, a country losing its empire, a singer losing their voice, a SU losing its money, a fashion on the way out: In short, to just lose it.

## EDITORIAL

### THE POLITICS OF THE UNPREDICTABLE

By Kwame Dawes

Success in politics relies on shrewd diplomacy and the ability to be one step ahead of the opposition through making moves that are unpredictable and yet beneficial to one's interest. Often, such moves are risky because the predictable moves are usually those conceived of as the safest and easiest while the unpredictable moves depend on their shock quality and their capacity to disorient the opposition for sufficient time as to allow the advantage to be secured. Naturally, the unpredictable move can then easily backfire and work against one's self-interest. The graveyard of politicians is strewn with victims or individuals who made a move and were caught with their pants down. The bluff did not work.

In South Africa an interesting development is apparent which comes as a surprise to those of us who were convinced that Le Klerk, Botha's successor was more heavily right-wing and racist than any one who had come before. Yet he is the one who has apparently been lenient to freedom marchers; has agreed to the release of at least eight long-time prisoners; and finally has had meetings with black church leaders who are decidedly against the system of apartheid. Is Le Klerk a more benevolent ruler bent on reforming South African race policies through peaceful means or is he another politician using that shock technique to disorient the opposition? By complicating the face of the enemy, the battle becomes difficult to fight. However, a number of fundamental things must be noted. On one hand; there is an arm of the black struggle that is convinced that reform of the apartheid system is not a valid answer to the problem. In fact, they argue that what must happen is a complete overturning of the system; eliminating it totally and replacing it with a new, more appropriate system of democracy. For them, all suggestions that those in power - namely the whites - can articulate and implement a policy that is in the interest of the blacks are unacceptable - blacks will have to lead the movement towards change and a new policy. Thus, Le Klerk's moves are regarded with significant suspicion by such groups. However, the more moderate factions in the black struggle who regard governmental reform as a valid move towards change are less suspicious of Le Klerk's action. By playing on this split, Le Klerk may in fact be causing greater harm than good for the blacks' interest. Perhaps it is important to note that Le Klerk is still unwilling to release Nelson Mandela and that blacks still do not have the right to vote in that nation. Violence between blacks and the apartheid police still continues despite all the hype. But, the question is, has Le Klerk's move served to make some people breath easier and has it succeeded in dismantling the force of the opposition?

Le Klerk's actions may very well backfire if those he holds dialogue with hold a hard line on what they perceive of as valid reforms. This may put pressure on the man to show up his true colours. Gratefully, I have not heard any government breathing a sigh of relief at these moves by Le Klerk or pulling off the trade embargos against that country.

While not on the same level and definitely not in any way ideologically related, the Student Union's decision to hand \$12,000 to the SUB Board is equally unpredictable and politically curious. Arguably, this money, which is the Student's Union's, is going to benefit the students by enhancing the look of the building. However, the financial running of the building has usually been the responsibility of the university who have tremendous control of the building. Are we, then, handing money over to the Administration to be used in an area that we seem to have less and less control over? Could the money have been used in another way? Are there, perhaps, some special little things that the Union is interesting in acquiring but which they feel reluctant to take the responsibility of purchasing with student money? Or maybe the Union is most interested in showing the Administration that it is capable of responsible control of the Student Union Building. Maybe this is the first unpredictable move in securing the control of the SUB. We will see.

On a final note, congratulations to Todd Slaney on his success in being the CIAU Athlete of the Week. UNB is doing quite well in this soccer thing. Great.

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