

Let's screen student Governors

It looks like this November we'll finally be getting our long-awaited student representation on the Board of Governors. They have, apparently, consented to let three students sit on their hitherto elite Board.

This must be lauded as another giant step forward for our campus. It is definitely a more important event than when we received representation on the University Senate. However, let us look back to see what took place with the Student Senators.

The students who ran for these posts in the last couple of years were voted in by the students in the same manner that we elect our various SRC members. Most of the student body did not know who they were and many just did

not care. Many of those that voted put their "X" beside the candidate's name who either had the best looking face, the most posters up, or the last name on the ballot.

As a result, some totally incompetent people gained a seat on our Senate, which is a fairly influential body on the campus. Their attendance and involvement at Senate meetings can best be described as sporadic. Their feedback to students was virtually nil and their egos were probably the only things that benefitted.

The SRC has absolutely no liaison between most of these Senators and so it was pretty difficult, if not impossible, to co-ordinate efforts on behalf of the students.

Now we have to pick three students to represent us on the Board of Governors, which is THE governing body of UNB.

Do we have them elected as are the Senators and SRC members? Do we have them appointed by the SRC? Or, do we, the student body, elect them, but only after they have been through some sort of screening session?

We feel that some kind of screening procedure is definitely required in a matter of this importance. It should be a public affair.

Why not have all the candidates let their intentions to run be known to the SRC who will then have a public forum somewhere, such as Tilley 102. The entire SRC should be there, as well as

the candidates and any other interested students. Everybody would then have a chance to list to each candidate and any student would have an equal opportunity to question the prospective Student Governors. The SRC and the students could then decide which of the candidates are really serious about running and which are just in it for their own benefit.

This need not necessarily be the best method of screening the candidates but it is one idea that could be looked into.

There is absolutely no way that students should be able to run for the position of Student Governor the way they do for the University Senate or for that matter, the SRC.

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Dear Sir:

Judy Steeves starts her article with a well organized series of facts which are useful to any woman. Her rational warning against unwanted pregnancy and her recommendation of the pill are right on. Funny that Judy does not mention the most obvious way for an 18 year old to get the pill—namely through an upper-classwoman. There are simply too many cases of miscarriages and unwanted children. It is understandable that women, being the baby bearers, have the greater part of the responsibility to pre-

vent unwanted children. Yet it is also a man's responsibility to keep a condom on hand or to find out before having intercourse with his partner whether or not she uses some form of birth control. Sex is more pleasurable when there is not the fear of an unwanted child.

Because of the brevity of her article it is understandable that Judy does not mention other forms of birth control such as the douche, intrauterine device, and diaphragm. Information on these can be found in the Birth Control Handbook. Copies of this (written in both French and

English) can be picked up at the New Brunswick Residence Co-Op Office which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or received through the mail by sending 25 cents to C.P. 1000, Station G, Montreal, Quebec. It is a maturely written piece which supports and goes beyond Judy Steeves' article.

Other unmentions are 1) the dangers of celibacy to one mental health, 2) the possibilities of masturbation, 3) the ramifications of having sex outside of marriage. Information on these can be found in The Sexual Revolution by Wilhelm Reich. There are two copies of this at the library. Other copies

can be gotten by order through the bookstore. This is a well documented piece which may be of aid in clarifying your ideas about sexuality, organizing them and weeding out sex-myths.

Judy's exaggeration of the v.d. rate is typical of more moralistic circles. Of course, for sensationalistic appeal and to sell more magazines; TIME prints up that kind of trash. It may have some relevancy to the U.S. campuses, but it just doesn't fit the Fredericton scene. On this campus the V.D. rate is estimated at 2 percent or less. By choosing a clean mate who has stayed out of the red light districts the risk of getting syphilis is minimal. Judy's recommendation of condom use and further suggestions for medical care if you do contract the disease are sound and scientifically backed.

I disagree most strongly with Judy when she quotes, "some doctors admit that every time a woman has intercourse she almost 'takes her life in her own hands'." Yes Judy, the risk seems remote. An intelligent woman will take the pill or some other form of birth control before sexual intercourse and then the risk is minimal (.5 percent with the pill). Other than the easy way to overcome unwanted pregnancy, the only risk is that of having intercourse with a sadistic man. By choosing a man carefully and staying away from the verbal bullying, tattoo displaying, tough acting, pornographic minded, usually overweight, chavannistic types, this risk is also minimal. Avoiding these, who usually treat women as humanly inferior, can both help a woman overcome her own inadequacy feelings and put

the chavannistic man in a position where he has to re-evaluate his own manhood in order to fulfill his natural drive. Sadly enough, some women's attitudes towards sexuality is a negative one due to having fucked with sadistic men. There are enough decent men around. With proper birth control and a partner well chosen, one need not fear.

In what is otherwise a frank and truthful article, Judy closes with a piece of poor poetry. The image of the school year as a grassy field shows nature outside oneself and ignores the nature within. Her suggestion of doing things on your own rather than dating a man, hints that Judy is a believer in the Freudian myth that intellectual achievement comes from sublimation of the primary sex drive. Contrary to this myth many (like me) find that they can think more clearly when sexually fulfilled. One can concentrate more easily on ones studies when one is not plagued by thoughts of sexual partners. This is done either by sexual repression (which weakens a person and can later lead to disturbances in work capacity and sex life) or through sexual fulfillment. Right on, Judy—"Don't just stand there and watch nature die." Take birth control precautions and have fun with your natures.

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