Comments

Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

Nominations for the SRC elections closed Wednesday, with the more important positions, Comptroller and President, showing good strong competition. The present President, Roy Neale, announced some time ago that he's running again for the position. So it came as no surprise to see Roy running about the SUB an hour before nominations closed trying to secure signatures for his nomination papers.

Paul Jewett, a Business Administration student, is in the running for President too, as is Peter Galoska. Galoska ran for VP in the fall but lost. He has since been appointed to the SUB Board.

All of which brings us to the position of Comptroller.

Galoska is running on a 'ticket' with Rick Fisher, who, of course is running for Comptroller. Fisher, who has long been delinquent in his fees to the Roy Neale Admiration Society, ran last year for President.

He lost.

The other candidate for comptroller is Fud Steeves you'll remember that I said a few weeks ago that he's Comptroller 'Chris Fisher's friend.' Anyway, the 'friend' is on his way up the ladder, or so it would seem.

Incidentally, I hope to have more on this in next week's paper, our last edition before the elections. Incidentally, election day is Feb. 14 - Valentine's day. Maybe this will be the '73 version of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Here's some information I picked up early this week. It concerns the CBC, Canada's greatest corporation, and some armchair sports fans.

You'll recall that in late December former Prime Minister Lester Pearson died of cancer in Ottawa. For better or worse, the old guy finally kicked the bucket, as we all surely must one day. Being what he was, the government decided that such a man should be suitably honored, if only in death.

And so it came to pass that Prime Minister Pearson was given a state funeral one very snowy and miserable Ottawa day. The CBC televised the event (as did CTV) in its entirety.

Some folks didn't like that - there was, after all, an important football game in the United States that afternoon. Calls kept CBC switchboard's busy all across the country. Here's a sampling of the more than 1,000 telephone calls:

'Very bad taste to have the funeral on a Sunday, especially interupting such an important game.'

'Who in hell wants to watch a damn funeral.'

'Seven curses on you damn asses. Can't you cut into this funeral from time to time and at least let us know what the score is?'

'The funeral should have been taped and shown later.'

'This is just the liberal party trying to shove their politics down our throats.'

'When I die no one is going to televise my funeral.'

'Thirty minutes would have been enouth without ruining a whole day.'

York University in Toronto has had some pretty interesting times recently. York has much the same problem as UNB does as far as finances are concerned – too much demand and too little money.

So it wasn't surprising last week that David Slater, the president of the university, resigned because he "couldn't cope." Richard Storr, an American, was appointed acting president by the Board of Governors the next day. The next day, he resigned because his doctor told him the "punishing job" of being president would be bad for health reasons.

As far as I'm able to determine, John Yolton, also an American, is the last to fill the post. He hasn't resigned thus far.

Two points here: one is that I seriously doubt that Canadian universities need have Americans for presidents. With all the PhDs we have around you'd think that some Canadian would be qualified for the position.

Second, the rapid appointments and resignations may show what's in store for UNB and other universities that find themselves in similar situations. At any rate you can bet Dr. Anderson's job as president here sure isn't going to be easy.

Social Club thanks Brunswickan

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Social Club I would like to thank the Brunswickan for the attention and space that we have received this year.

For the information of your readership and club members I would like to touch upon a few points.

Because I am the titular head of the Club I have naturally been the person to whom inquiries, and complaints are directed. I welcome this but feel that some persons have not received credit for the voluntary work they have done for the club.

Roy Neale, one of the directors of the Club, was the person who decided to do something about expanding the Club when the SUB facility became so inadequate last year. I provided cursory support at certain meetings but Roy's persistance, drive and initiative is the sole reason why we managed to get the cafeteria in the Old Stud this year. The Club will be there Tuesdays, Thrusdays, and Saturday each week of this term members will be forewarned of any exceptions.

Al Rioux of the UNB Alumni is a man behind the scenes who must be given credit for winning approval from the Alumni for the move. Mr. Rioux championed our cause, made it his own, and deserves the membership's thanks.

Secretary Treasurer of the Club Kevin McKinney has undertaken the tedious, compilation of all necessary documentation for the permanent license application.

Manager of the Club, Mike Inman, is responsible for the staffing, logistical supplying, licensing and operation of the Club when it is open. To him are directed the complaints and the blame for all foul-ups.. (some beyond his responsibility) To him goes the credit for the unsung nights when everything went well.

The students who are employed by the Club have the job of serving the membership and to them goes the credit for performing their functions in a responsible and reasonable fashion.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the UNB Administration who have devoted their time and provided the club with the approval and consent necessary for it to operate here on campus.

Bill Bancroft
President
College Hill Social Club

Disagrees with Rae

Dear Sir:

I have lived all my life (except for my years at UNB in Manitoba, and travelled around most it. The views that follow are centered around that province. However, I think that many of these views can be applied at least to the other Prairie Provinces.

In regard to the article about Prof. Rae's lecture on Western Canada:

I don't like to have to oppose the views of a lecturer I haven't had a chance to listen to, but this time I can't keep from putting my two cents in. (I had started this letter once before, but found myself writing an essay. I'll try to be as brief as possible.)

The "force of British superiority", as far as I'm concerned, couldn't light a two-watt bulb. Perhaps Prof. Rae really did see such a force – in some secluded community or some isolated group that has a self-impression of importance and was able to convey such an impression on an unsuspecting professor. However, a look at a broader spectrum within Western Canadian Society would reveal, I believe, that "British Superiority", if it exists at all, exists only in the minds of some old English men who are allowed the delusions and eccentricities of those afflicted by old age and senility.

I never saw any such force (and consequently never believed that it still existed) until I came out east. I didn't realize how far this country had to go until I met all these Sons of Loyalists.

I'm not sure why there is this lack of British superiority in the West I know, but I think it had something to do with the fact that there were too many immigrants with too many cultures coming in too quickly for the British to stay snotty; they were overwhelmed.

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