

Forestry Week now synonymous with vandalism

Well, Forestry Week is here again, as anyone on the campus can tell by looking at the buildings first thing in the morning. Once more certain mindless morons in the faculty have spread coloured enamel paint over most of the buildings on campus.

For the last few years, Forestry Week has been synonymous with campus vandalism. Unfortunately the entire faculty gets blamed for this vandalism, even though it is the work of only a few students.

Tuesday night they struck the campus again, painting slogans over windows and on buildings. They even painted the same security patrol car at least twice.

The BRUNSWICKAN was told Wednesday by the Security Office that more destruction is expected during the week.

A lot of time and money is involved in cleaning up this mess and we certainly hope that the expenses come out of the Forestry Association's budget. They did last year.

If these mindless idiots can read, we say this: if you're caught (and we hope you are) you will have to come up in front of the Student Discipline Committee. They have the power to fine you

up to \$100 each and recommend your expulsion from the university.

And while we're on the topic

Tonight will be Friday night on the campus again. A number of students will no doubt be going home for a visit if they happen to live within a reasonable distance of Fredericton. And some students will be heading off to PEI to see the football game on Saturday.

But the majority of students will still be in the city looking for something to do. Those in residence can get drunk with the boys again, for the third or fourth week in a row. Or, they can go up to the SUB and sit in the coffee shop waiting for something interesting to happen.

Doesn't it seem strange, with a campus this size and a Student Union Building worth over \$2 million that there is nothing to do on the weekends? Not everybody wants to go to parties every weekend and not everybody wants to drink alcohol either.

We have a nice large building with plenty of space for such things as dances and coffee houses but we rarely have them. The only

of Forestry Week, we might mention that the other faculty weeks are coming up. Engineering Week is in November. Let us hope that

the members of these other faculties can restrain their members enough so that this type of childish practice does not recur.

Nothing to do

campus group that regularly uses the SUB on Friday nights is the IVCF, and not everyone gets off on that.

We all pay \$35 a year to belong to the Student Union and believe me, some of it could be put to much better use than it has in the past.

Fall Festival starts this Monday and runs for a week. There will be

all sorts of things to do and there should be something there to appeal to everyone.

The next big event will be Winter Carnival. But what is being organized in between? Why are there not more activities on the weekends for students? Why should so much space in the SUB lie unused on Friday and Saturday nights?

Degrees useless

Over the past few years, a lot of disconcerted college students have been asking themselves "What good is a degree, anyway?"

And it's a good question, not only because a degree is not a free ticket to a job but because there apparently are much easier ways of obtaining one than spending four years in study.

For a case in point, let's take a look at some of the people who received "honorary degrees" (whatever that means) at UNB's fall convocation this week. Among them is an elderly fellow whose apparent qualification is the fact that he is our Lieutenant Governor - a position about as useful as the degree itself. Another recipient was a woman who, in our own words, "has devoted her life to teaching, volunteer work and business." And making money. (She's the president of the country's largest food processing company.) No doubt some of that loot has found its way to UNB at one time or another.

If these people have really done anything noteworthy, why can't they be rewarded in a more appropriate way - with a gift or plaque or with some sort of certificate OTHER than a degree? This, at least, might do something to halt the degree's continuing slide towards meaninglessness.

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