

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The long Thanksgiving weekend has come and gone and now midterms are on the minds of many. In the midst of your studies the Campus Ministry Team (Barry Hollowell 454-3275 Monte Peters 454-3525 and Marilyn Rose 454-1093) hope you will find the time to take a break and enjoy one or more of the activities which are listed below.

Saturday, October 15th - Birthright Training Sessions. Your caring and sharing can provide a positive alternative to abortion. Sessions will be held at the Dr. E. Chalmers Hospital (second session on Saturday, October 22nd). For more information call 454-1890.

Saturday, October 15th - The fourth annual New Brunswick Choral Fredericton Youth Choir Weekend concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Tom Morrison Theatre, F.H.S. The concert will feature a massed choir, individual performances, etc. Cost - \$3.00 and \$2.00.

Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th - The world renowned Vienna Boys' Choir will be performing at Wilmot United Church under the sponsorship of the Fredericton Council of the Arts. Ticket for October 18th are still available at Westminster Books on King St.

Thursday, October 20th - Creation vs. Evolution, a presentation and debate between Dr. Gary Parker, Creation Scientist from the Institute for Creation Research, San Diego, California, and Dr. Michael Burt, Head of the Biology Department at U.N.B. will be held at 7:30 p.m. in MacLaggan Hall.

Thursday, October 20th - The annual Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Memorial United Baptist Church (corner of Westmorland and Northumberland Sts.) A full course turkey dinner will be served and there will be news from IUCF staff and students concerning their ministry. The cost is \$5.50 per person. For more information call Shawn Cossey at 454-8577 or David Haney at 455-4035.

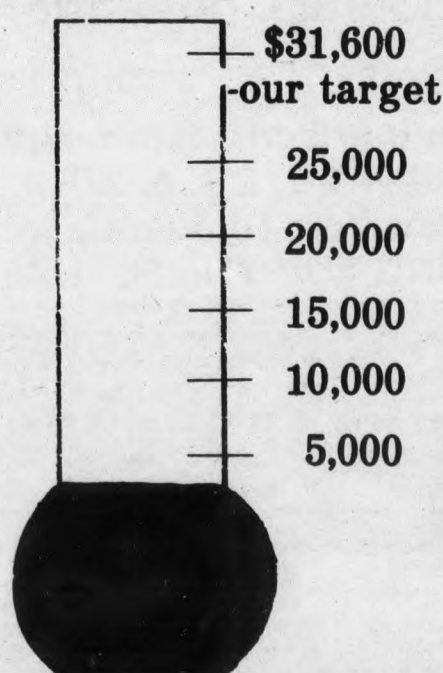
Sunday, October 23rd - 'Forum on Faith' - The first of six 1-hour sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church (corner of York and George Sts.). These sessions are intended to explore what it means to believe and are open to everyone. The format will be a 20 minute presentation followed by coffee and discussion. This first session will be entitled 'Faith and Compromise: Is Jesus' standard for Christian living attainable? (Reflections on 'The Sermon on the Mount' with Dr. Edgar M. Baird, former Professor of New Testament at Vancouver School of Theology.

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Political Perspectives

One of the contemporary issues debated by major parties, and private and public interests nation-wide is the involvement of big government in key sectors of industry and their seemingly inept style of management of these industries.

Crown Corporations such as Petro-Can, Air Canada and CN have been continuously attacked by opposition for their inefficiencies and inability to sustain a profit with tax payers' dollars. The private sector is still howling over the National Energy Policy and strict government regulation of other key sectors. This analogy seems viable if you consider the private sector argument of free competition being more efficient and legitimate than government monopoly.

On the other side of the coin it is argued that private sector interests follow the time-tested cornerstone of capitalist economy; that is, profit-motive. The profit motive can often be insensitive to peoples' security needs and desires. For an example if private interests were to take over SYSCO in Cape Breton, no doubt a concerted modernization effort would be implemented and more cost-efficient oriented management installed.

Reality, however, would dictate that if in the course of time the company could not turn a profit it would be closed and the private investors would undoubtedly move else where in search of profits. The social and human consequences of this outcome would be devastating for the people of Cape Breton.

So in this situation could the government subsidize a faltering industrial interest? If you ask a worker from Sydney you already know the answer!

There is no direct law in our society that says business interests are directly responsible for the towns and cities they are located in and as we have seen with many of the mills and mines in New Brunswick a down turn in the economy means an automatic rise in unemployment and hardship.

To this end I support government (if efficiently applied) involvement in key sectors of the economy as being more humanistic and responsible in its logic. As is quite obvious a loss is incurred in most of these interests but the Government at least is directly elected to protect the human interests of constituents and not only profit motivated.

I am by no means supporting the total inefficiencies associated with government control. I acknowledge that private sector interests for the most part run industry and business much more effectively but as I said earlier they are not directly responsible to the workers' security needs.

As we have seen in the U.S., recovery through faith in the private sector has led to a rise in unemployment. Although this is seen by the government of President Reagan as temporary the hardships being suffered by 20 million Americans are staggering!

The bottom line to this article is that employment is the utmost priority to be considered. If the private sector cannot sustain full employment then government subsidization is needed. The money for such subsidization will need to come from taxation applied to the 85% of working Canadians. Agreed an increased tax load is tough but not as devastating as being unemployed!

I acknowledge that much of my argument is blatant idealism. The government we now have is so elitist and inefficient that any possibility of recovery through the public sector is minimal.

I do however feel that faith in the private sector must be accompanied by a certain degree of regulation and subsidization to ensure no further rise in unemployment occurs.

As a final thought (being a fervent anti-Reaganist) as in the United States to coincide necessarily with a rise in unemployment?