

OPINION

The sequel



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Last night while catching bits and pieces of the presidential election returns, I began to write a slightly irresponsible article; a sort of "what's-wrong-with-the-US-anyway?" diatribe - most unfitting for a rag of the Brunswickan's calibre. Having absorbed the Reagan/Helms/Republican victory, I think I can actually do some coherent analysis/speculation.

For those of you who haven't been paying attention, Reagan picked up 49 states, something like 3 more governors, about 12 Representatives and held on to the Senate. Where do we go from here? Should we bury our collective heads for "4 more years" or is there some hope of progress? Do we resign ourselves to more of the tense journey into Reagan's atavism or can we work towards something reasonable? (Careful now; you're beginning to get irresponsible again.)

Obviously, there are going to be some pretty bad times up ahead. Well...we would have had alot of them even if Reagan had been defeated. Perhaps the worst things on the horizon are those activities of the "religious right" - people like Jerry Falwell. The issue of prayer in school seems to be a representation, a symbol of an increasing intolerance of differences, be they moral,

political or social.

Reagan will have the opportunity to select a number of Supreme Court judges in the next 4 years and they will probably be right-wing. Assuming that they make it through the Congressional screenings, these judges will make it possible for Reagan's influence to go far beyond 1988. With all the complex questions concerning the legal aspects of, for instance, bio-medical advances, we can all guess what the effects of narrow-minded ap-

proaches/decisions will be.

Perhaps, however, we should try to find something to feel happy (or at least non-suicidal) about. It is possible that, freed from the possibility of another election campaign, Reagan will implement some politically unpopular, but necessary policies. Taking out some of the budget deficit comes to mind. On the partisan side of things, maybe this defeat will get the Democrats in enough of an uproar that

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(PALE) says:

If you use it,
don't abuse it!



they will sit down and try something new in the way of policy. The Democrats have a fair bit of talent which could set them up with a decent ticket in 1988. It is likely that we will all be hit with another recession by the time the next election comes around. Combine that with a re-appraisal of Reagan's record (the EPA fiascos, Stockman's job on

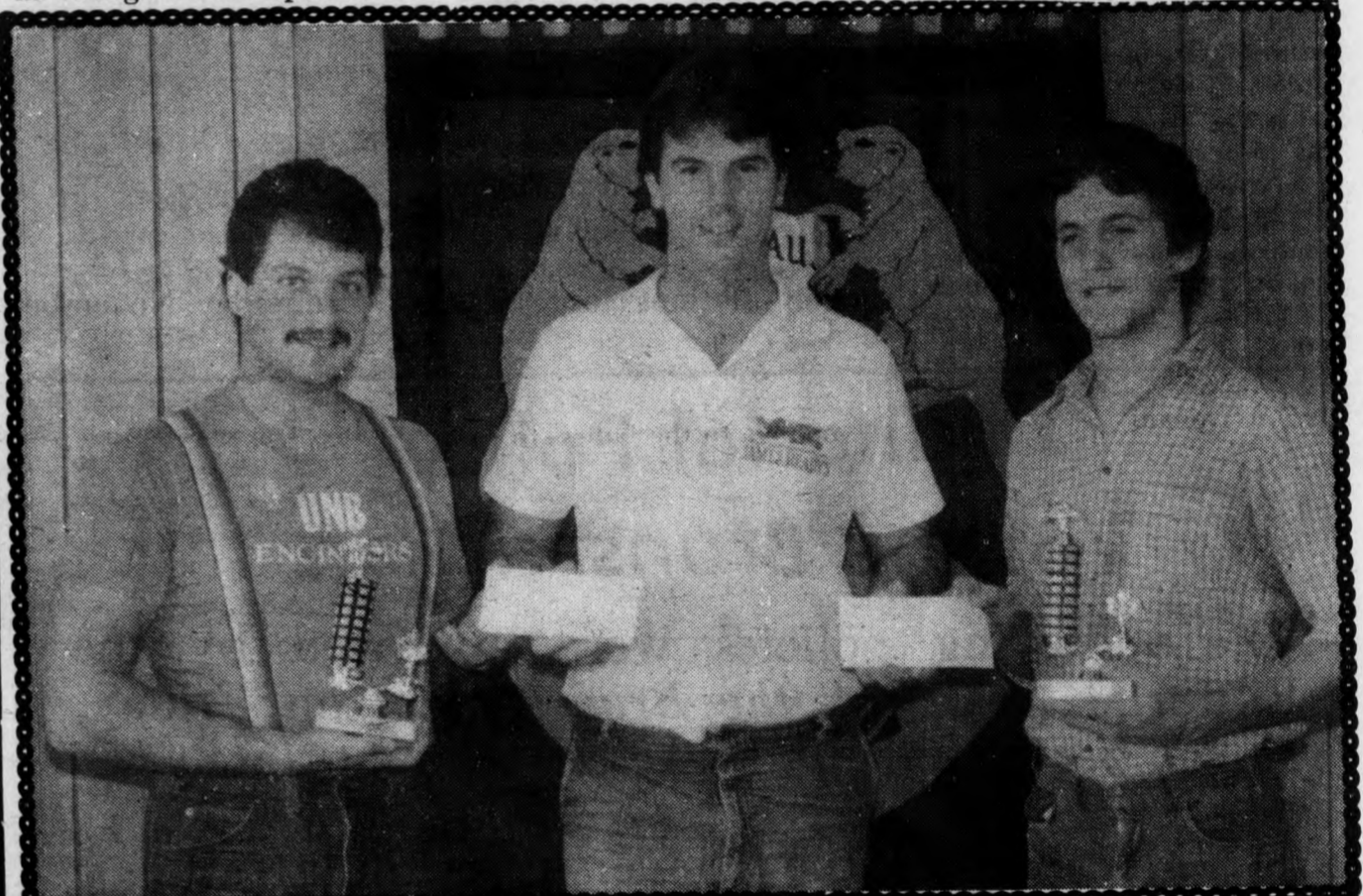
social programmes, various little scandals) and another 4 years of disasterous foreign policy and the Republicans will have alot to worry about.

Yes, Reagan is back and still bent on making the world safe for Norman Rockwell. There's not very much one can do about that, except wait it out and try to muddle through. Good luck.

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Room 103 SUB
8:00 pm

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