

EDITORIAL

As this editorial is being written only the advance ballots for the Student Union elections have been cast. Yet it is already evident that something sets this election apart from those of the recent past. What's so different about it?

Well, for starters, this election is probably the most publicized SU election I have seen. The outgoing SU has actually put an effort into letting students know about the election and generate interest in it. Has it worked? To answer that you only had to look around during the campaign, the time and money that went into some of the candidate's efforts were obvious. The interest amongst the voters was also clearly demonstrated at the "Meet the candidates" events held in the SUB cafeteria. The crowd at both of these events appeared to show a genuine concern towards the candidates' positions on various issues. Many questions were asked, perhaps not quite so many answered, but the audience certainly demonstrated its interest in what was going on.

Interest in student affairs? At UNB?? Could it be that our sagging school spirit is on the rise? The feeling amongst those involved in the actual running of the election, after seeing only the voter turnout for the advance ballots, seems to be one of confidence that this election will see more than 8% of the students voting. This is hopefully the beginning of a movement that the new SU will be able to maintain while in office. Whether this happens or not will be up to them. I wish them the best of luck in accomplishing this and as Editor-in-Chief of the Bruns I will do my best to help, short of compromising our journalistic integrity and our role as a forum open to all students, of course.

Stephane Comeau



Mugwump
MIKE
ROBICHAUD **Journal**

Once again Mr. Traer is too busy to write the column this week. It appears that the strain of being Managing Editor, Advertising Manager and working at McDonald's has proven to be too much for our resident capitalist. Bill wandered into the office this morning wearing his McDonald's uniform and proceeded to stuff old "Brunswickans" into Big Mac cartoons singing "Mac Tonight" at the top of his lungs. We wish Bill well on his vacation in Saint John.

Tis no joy in Mudville today. Spring has arrived at UNB and the infamous rite of spring (exams time) is just around the corner. If you still do not know which rooms your classes are in, it is time to start worrying.

By the time you read this, Election '88 will be over. It was refreshing to see that the biggest controversy was the free beer given out by United '88. Finally, politics we can identify with. (Special note to Brunsies and other interested parties: I have heard from reliable sources that Ernie is hoarding again. This calls for the re-establishment of the S.L.A. Next meeting will be at Pete's Place on April 9).

We cannot let a week go by without mentioning Marc Braithwaite. Well, today is his birthday. If you see him, be sure to wish him a "Happy Birthday". You can't miss Marc, blonde hair and looks like he belongs on Family Ties.

Believe it or not, this is the second-last issue of the year. That means that next week's issue will contain the "spoof". Due to last year's mixed reception to our version of a university publication, this year we will be doing Fredericton's last bastion of journalistic integrity, [REDACTED]

Fearless prediction time. This is being written on Tuesday night, so I have no idea what voter turn out will be. However, I predict that it will set a new record, easily breaking twenty percent. If I am wrong, I'll be the guy standing in front of the SUB at 12:30 eating 8000 copies of this column.

On a final note, good luck to the people writing the Phys. Ed 3052 final. I hear that there was a seventy-three percent failure rate on the last midterm. Who said that all Phys. Ed courses were birdy?

Word of the Week: Procrastination - What most of us are majoring in.

P.S. Congratulations to Arlene on her great presentation in CS 4993. Thank God it's over, eh?



Have a good one!