

Editor-in-chief fulfills dream of being Chris

Investigative reporting from a different perspective, on the scariest day of the year

By Cindy Brown

Two things have progressively made me jealous in my adult years. For one, I can't understand why we, as university students cannot go trick-or-treating. Secondly, why does the great news editor, Chris Wilson-Smith always get to write those great undercover news stories?

As Editor-in-Chief of this great paper, I do not have a great deal of time to waste, so, I decided to kill two birds with one stone: I would go trick-or-treating on Hallowe'en, and then write an undercover story about it.

When approached with this great idea, Wilson-Smith was shocked and disturbed. "Cindy, I am shocked and disturbed. How do they get the Caramilk in the Caramilk bar?"

Lucky for me, I was able to bribe Wilson-Smith with a couple of Caramilk bars and I was on my way to go trick-or-treating on Hallowe'en.

As I made my way to the mall to outfit myself with the best Hallowe'en costume ever, I realized how bloody cold it was outside. There is no way it could have been this cold outside when I was a kid. How do parents let their children roam around, house to house, in the freezing cold, just to get their candy fix?

Then it hit me, of course, chocolate, candy, *sugar*. That is what being a parent is all about. My mood got darker as I remembered waking up in the morning, only to find my Hallowe'en supply had diminished greatly. When my parents were approached, they often replied, "Oh, it must have been the dog" and "Oh honey, remember the fairy candy thief?"

I never did believe in the fairy candy thief and we never did have a dog...

All was forgotten when I walked into the department store and saw all the costumes. I could be a witch, a ghost, a



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Cindy Brown, *The Brunswick's* Editor-in-Chief, fooled many people with her Chris Wilson-Smith costume.

playboy bunny, anything I want. But then I screamed,

"Twenty dollars! You expect me to pay twenty dollars for this piece of cloth? My Grandmother can sew cheaper costumes!"

After fussing and yelling for a couple more minutes, I was briskly escorted out of the store.

What can I do? If I don't get a costume then I can't get candy and I can't write an undercover story.

Then it hit me. Yeah, can you believe it? The security guard, who had just thrown me out of the store, hit me with his pop bottle and grumbled, "Didn't I tell you to get outta here kid?"

My confidence was renewed. If the security guard thought I was a kid, then the people handing out candy at their doors surely would.

So, I ran home, grabbed an old, flowered sheet, cut eyes in it and ran out to trick

or treat. I was the garden ghost.

As I proudly walked up to my first house, I was looking around for other trick-or-treaters, wanting to compare costumes. But there didn't seem to be any. Maybe it was too cold for them, maybe Hallowe'en had been cancelled. If Hallowe'en was cancelled, then why did this house have a jack-o-lantern on its porch and a stuffed man sitting in a chair? This observation quashed any doubts I had and I ran gleefully up to the door and rang the doorbell, getting ready to make my most scariest face.

Wait a minute, I had a sheet over my head. Anyways, candy.

I rang the doorbell and stuck out my empty pillowcase and waited. Finally, the door opened.

"Hey kid, Hallowe'en isn't until tomorrow night - what are you doing here?"

Consul General of India lectures at UNB

By Chris Connell

For the past two months we have been told by political pundits, professors and pretty much anyone with an opinion on international affairs that, since September 11th, our world has been forever changed. In many respects, that statement may indeed be true. One need only talk to someone who has taken a flight (or an American who has received mail from an unknown sender) in the last few weeks to realize that a nervousness has pervaded many parts of "western" society. But many people in this world would argue that the events of September 11th, while tragic, are all too familiar.

This was the opening message of Chandra Mohan Bhandari, Consul General of India, in a lecture presented to UNB and the community of Fredericton on October 15th in Tilley Hall, and it could not have been more timely.

Bhandari was educated in India, and has served in the Indian foreign service since 1974.

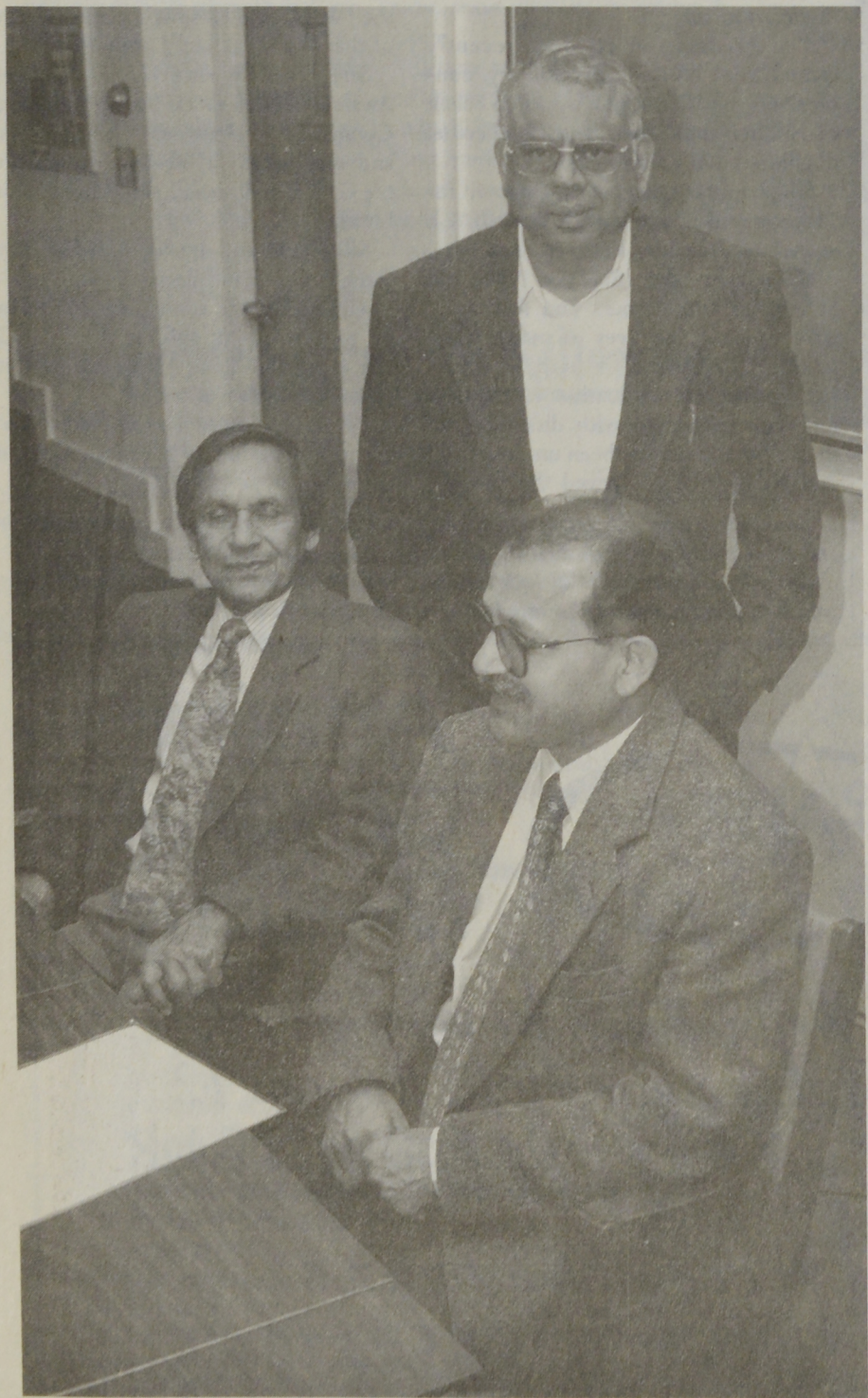
He has been India's Consul General since April 1998, and has taken a keen interest in "showcasing Indo-Canadian unity in diversity," and in educating Canadians on the political affairs of the world's largest democracy.

Bhandari opened his presentation by offering his prayers for those who were killed in New York, and by claiming that at least fifty-three thousand families in India have an even more intimate understanding of the pain that the victims' families are going through, "for that is the number of Indians who have been mowed down and blown up by terrorists in India over the past two decades."

It is Bhandari's hope that America and its allies can learn from India's problems, and from the way that it has chosen to deal with terrorists.

One thing that has become alarmingly clear, both in India and in the U.S., he claimed, is that terrorism is not selective of its victims. The families of the 53,000 victims of terrorism

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The Consul General of India lectured at UNB recently. Pictured above are (left to right): Himu Mukherjee, President, Association of Indo-Canadians; C.M. Bhandari, Consul General of India; Dr. P.K. Banerjee, Professor of Mathematics, UNB (standing).

Anti-terror bill (Cont'd)

liberties more than it is necessary and certainly one of the problem areas is the broadness of the definition," Schwartz said.

Winnipeg NDP MP Bill Blaikie is also concerned with the broad definition used to define terrorism and terrorist activities. He said the federal government's "sense of urgency" could push the bill through the House of Commons without proper review.

The government will be holding public hearings about the bill over the next several weeks. Blaikie said he hopes Ottawa will receive feedback that encourages amendments to the bill to ensure civil liberties are well protected.

If the anti-terror bill passes, the Criminal Code would be amended to allow for increased electric surveillance against suspected organizations and police would have the power to make preventive arrests of suspected terrorists.

The bill would also allow the government to withhold information about suspected terrorist groups from the public, as well as withhold the reason for a preventive arrest from the suspect.

Boyko said the bill goes too far. "It is a little bit scary when it comes to Canadians who exercise their democratic right. I think it errs too much on the side of a police state," he said.

Schwartz said persons detained following a preventive arrest may not have enough information to challenge their detention.

"You may not get the information that the government is using in order to reach the conclusion that you should be detained," said Schwartz.

"There may be some safe questions which need to be explored that a person challenging his detention or challenging his arrest may not have sufficient access to the information that the government is using."

Pat Chrette, spokesperson for the federal Department of Justice said concerns people have about the bill are addressed in the comprehensive checks and balances already in place.

Chrette said there are safeguards in place, including a parliamentary review of the legislation in three years and placing the burden of proof on the state to establish that the accused intended on taking part in terrorist activity.

Critics, however, say the bill also needs a sunset clause that would see portions of the bill expire after a set period of time.

Schwartz said a sunset clause would show that precedent-setting legislation like Bill C-36 should be reviewed before being incorporated in future bills.

"Anything that we can do to say that these are extraordinary measures in extraordinary circumstances seems to be a good idea," he said.

International News Bits

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AFRICA

MOROCCO: TALKS TO FINALIZE CLIMATE RULEBOOK Climate talks have resumed to finalize the procedures and institutions that will make the Kyoto Protocol fully operational. The world's governments are meeting here from today through November 9 to work out exactly how to reduce the emissions of six greenhouse gases that are linked to global warming.

The meeting is formally known as the Seventh Conference of the Parties (COP-7) to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The negotiators will work out how to limit the human contributions to global warming that is changing the environment by melting polar ice caps, raising sea levels, altering weather patterns and spreading tropical diseases to temperate climates.

The 15 European Union countries have expressed their intention to ratify the Kyoto Protocol in time for next September's World Summit of Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. The United States has not ratified the protocol because it claims that it would impact negatively on the U.S. economy.

(ENS) October 29, 2001

EUROPE

BRITAIN: NEW LOOK FOR ASYLUM SYSTEM The British government announced plans for a "radical and fundamental reform" of the asylum system, which has been widely criticized as unfair both to people seeking asylum and to the communities that house them. The government plans to issue identification cards with photographs and fingerprints to asylum seekers and house them in reception centers, paying for their room and board and giving them spending money to replace the current vouchers. More than 100,000 people sought asylum in Britain last year. (NYT) October 29, 2001

GERMANY: SHUTTING OUT EX-COMMUNISTS Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's Social Democrats chose to keep ex-Communists out of the Berlin city government, risking the loss of crucial eastern German votes in the next election. Mayor Klaus Wowereit said the party would seek a coalition with the Green Party and liberals instead. The Social Democrats won the municipal election eight days ago but are still far short of a majority. A link with the heirs of the Communists who built the Berlin Wall could have angered many western German voters. (Reuters) October 29, 2001

The Americas

WASHINGTON: Bush orders crackdown on foreign student visas President Bush ordered a crackdown Monday on foreign student visas - the documents that gave at least one of the Sept. 11 terrorist suspects free access to the United States.

"We're going to start asking a lot of questions that heretofore have not been asked," Bush said.

Bush gave few details about what changes foreign students might expect, except to say his administration will "tighten up the visa policy" and keep an eye on students after they arrive. "We're going to make sure that when somebody comes we understand their intended purpose, and that they fulfill the purpose on their application," Bush said. About 600,000 foreigners are admitted each year on student visas and more than 26,000 U.S. colleges and universities are authorized to enroll them.

Federal investigators have concluded that Hani Hanjour, one of the men suspected of hijacking the plane that crashed into the Pentagon, entered the United States last December on a student visa after promising to enroll - but never showing up - at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif.

(AP) October 29, 2001

MEXICO: With a liberal political party's backing, members of a coffee-growing syndicate attacked two hamlets controlled by Zapatista sympathizers over the weekend, throwing stones, smashing windows and threatening locals with machetes, authorities said Monday.

At a press conference, local police said dozens of members of the Regional Organization of Coffee Cultivators, based in the nearby city of Ocosingo, stormed the Zapatista stronghold of Ernesto Che Guevara late Saturday.

The attack, which authorities in Che Guevara claimed was organized by leaders from the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD), destroyed a mural in the central square, ransacked a general store and blocked the main highway so that police reinforcements couldn't arrive.

"We blame the government for allowing these types of things to happen," police said in a statement. A PRD spokesman said his party had nothing to do with the protests.

Democratic Revolution party leaders helped organize both protests in an attempt to undermine the support for Zapatista rebels, said Abilino Arcos, a spokesman for police in Che Guevara. Arcos said many supporters of the staunchly liberal party known as the PRD abandoned the faction in favor of the Zapatista movement, triggering an often violent feud between the rebels and remaining PRD supporters.

But Profino Incino, director of an Indian advocacy group, said Sunday's attacks grew out of a long-standing dispute over farmland on the outskirts of Che Guevara and Moises Gandhi, in the highlands of Mexico's southernmost Chiapas state.

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Asia

NORTH KOREA: OPEN TO TALK WITH U.S. North Korea said it did not oppose dialogue with the United States, reversing its earlier position. "It is good, not bad, to improve North Korea-U.S. relations," said Rodong Sinmun, the newspaper of the ruling Workers' Party. But North Korea reaffirmed its opposition to efforts to widen talks to include its missile program.

(AP) October 29, 2001

MYANMAR: GESTURE FROM JUNTA The Myanmar government announced that it had freed eight more political prisoners, bringing the total to 182 since it began discussions with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and leader of the democratic opposition in the country.

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WHEN MOM OR DAD HAS CANCER

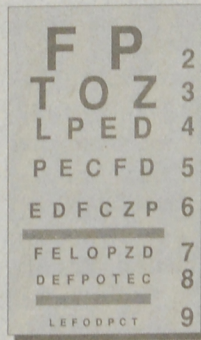
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