



In the past, the Sun, (as well as other members of CUP, the Canadian University Press) has run advertisements for the deBeers Diamond Company. At a regional student newspaper conference held in NFLD last weekend, it was decided that most Maritime campus newspapers would no longer run such Ads.

This boycott is a protest against the

objectionable practices of de Beers. Based in South Africa, it operates through exploitation of thousands of black workers, under a regime which allows and encourages such systematic oppression.

We do not owe anyone ad space, and possible loss of revenue is irrelevant in a matter of such gravity. This matter (a boycott) will be advanced at the national CUP conference in Ottawa next month. We urge all students to ask themselves which is more important, foreign baubles or human rights, and support and join in this boycott.

SUN Staff

Dear Editor,  
I presume that the reason the library is only open till 9:00pm on Sunday night is due to the cut-backs. This is a very legitimate reason but why cut back on Sunday since the library is only open for a few hours on Saturday. One suggestion may be that the library be open on Sunday till 11:00 or 12:00 pm with the circulation desk being closed at 9:00 pm. This would save 2 to 3 library staff payment for 2 or 3 hours. Perhaps this could then be adopted for the weekday night also. This way it would cut down on light use in the study rooms for up to eight hours a week. This may sound minor but it could

very well add up and result in saving a lot of money in the long run. Please reply Mr. Crockett.

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## DEATH AND POOR TASTE

The fourth era of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has come to an end with the death of Leonid Brezhnev, the 'moderate' who authored the doctrine of the Soviet right to intervene in Warsaw Pact politics with armed force whenever they wandered from party lines. Also a prime mover in detente, Brezhnev will probably be remembered as simply being more practical and realistic than his opposite numbers in the USA.

His replacement by the strange rising star of Andropov, supported by both the Red Army (and thus GRU, military intelligence), and the KGB, notorious for its disputes with the GRU. That, however, is not the really surprising news from the Soviet Union in the last few days.

In most civilized areas, it is considered to be in poor taste to discuss business at a wake or funeral.

In 1910, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany attended the funeral of Edward VII, the English king with whom he had had such disagreements. At the funeral, with the body

barely cool, he collared the French premier and suggested an alliance now that the "Satan" (as Kaiser Bill liked to refer to him) was dead. This, to anyone's mind, must seem a bit tacky - rather akin to proposing to a widow at her husband's funeral, and the Kaiser was quickly stopped by his advisors (who did a lot of that sort of thing in those days).

Here we are again!  
One sees, on NBC last

week, commentators proudly announcing that Vice-President Bush, head of the US delegation to the funeral, had taken the opportunity to discuss future relations with members of the Politburo! Congratulations, Bush, your negotiations over the newly-dead flesh of Brezhnev in an effort to undo some of his work marks you as the Hun of the 1980's.

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