

# sound off



## Mugwump Journal

By Matthew Penny

Hello, they let me loose before a typewriter again. A stupid question to ask... but... have any of you undergraduates read the latest edition of the Alumni News? This publication is released once in a while, designed especially for those who have left these hallowed halls of learning and re now out in the cruel world. In the past, this paper has been concerned with bringing the alumni up to date with where their classmates have gone, who they married, and why. But with the latest edition things seem to me to have changed, and not just a little. The headline "Alumni Power Conference Pays off in '77" sort of scared the unmentionable out of me. It seems that the associated alumni of this campus wish to redefine their role on the campus and the running of it thereof. I thought I was biased until others told me what I thought of the article was true. It seems like an open bid for power. There is evidence quoted to prove my point.

- They changed the STUD to "Alumni Memorial Centre".
- Got the alumni director on the board of governors as an ex-officio non-voting member [next he'll want a vote].
- 6 of the members of the board usually appointed by the provincial cabinet would be appointed by the alumni.

What does it look like to you?

There is more. The Alumni also want the power to appoint four members to the honorary degrees committee; have alumni nominations to major policy committees; and get alumni nominated for the rank of Prof. Emeritus.

Perhaps I am being biased, but I do not think it is proper for a person who has received [or not] his degree, once he has left the campus to come back and raise trouble for those of us still struggling through. I mean, after all, we undergraduates are the ones these changes will affect. Should we not have a say in what comes down? Think about it, I did.

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Note the dollar signs? Yes it's my weekly beef about the monetary cutbacks we are being forced to struggle under. I saw a complaint the other day which was not really out of the ordinary but which had a reply causing a laugh and a scream at the same time [a scream of anguish]! Well, it seems a frustrated student asked the library, via their complaint box, why the clocks were not all on the right time. Reply: the staff would put out of order signs on the clocks stating the incorrect time but could not request physical plant to repair the clocks due to budgetary cutbacks. Maybe the time will slow down so we can all get our work done in the shorter hours.

While on the subject of the library; did you ever wonder about who pays for it, and who uses it? I always thought that with the help of the MPHEC and our tuition, we, the students go to use the thing. Wrong again. A person who knows told me a great deal of non-students were getting free use of the library. Absurd I say, nope! I rang up the circulation department and when I politely asked what the policy was regarding the use of the library by non-students I was politely told that all one had to do was come in, fill out a card, and be assigned a number, there would be no charge! KAZOOKS. As well, if you are a poor [ha] writer and want to research a lot of material for your next book, then don't worry, you too can get free access to what we students pay for. It hardly seems fair in this time of cutbacks that we, the students who are having hard times as it is, should be supporting non-students who use what services we need and pay for. It would be feasible for the administration to ask these non-students to pay a yearly fee of \$5.00 to cover costs. I have no objection to secondary school students coming in and using the library; I too would have enjoyed such a building in my high school years. But at the \$5.00 rate, if 200 people used the library, and I'm told there are more, then \$1,000 could be raised. Then, perhaps we could get physical plant to set the clocks.!!!!

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There is a media social tomorrow night. I will be there! Derwin said I didn't stay long that night, the truth being I wasn't there at all but did spend an enjoyable evening at the E.C.H. learning all the ramifications of being x-rayed. Sorry Der, but I had to clear my name. I hear Sarah will come this time fully bunned. Carol, how did you get a snake in your room, the cat prefers mice!

## Flog Ford already

Dear Bruns:

flog their dolphins over Ariel Ford.

Dave MaLaer

P.S. How come she sounds so much like Joan Clogg?  
P.P.S. I certainly flog mine.

You are flogging a dead horse trying to get the guys of UNB to

## What's going on at the SUB?

Dear Editor:

I have before me an amazing document. It's an estimate for a four hour rental of the SUB ballroom for the Engineer's Ball. It's a prime example of why the SUB keeps losing money. The SUB is being choked by its own bureaucracy.

First let me tabulate the costs as they were given to me:  
Room Rental: Ballroom \$30.00 Rm. 203 \$10.00  
Staff: 7 Senior Supervisor (6 hours at \$4.20/hour) 25.20; 3 door; 1 coatcheck; 2 ticket sellers; 4 bartenders; 2 floaters; 0 security (12 x 6 hours at \$3.25/hour) 234.00  
Equipment: 10.00  
Consumable Supplies: 40.00  
Estimated total 370.20

Quite frankly I am astounded by this estimate. The costs seem to be away out of proportion to what they should be. The ballroom rental seems to be too low - away too low - while the staff costs seem much too high.

Something seems to be remiss here and it's obvious what the problem is: at a time when the SUB needs funds badly it is spending most of its income on labour costs. It is no wonder that many of the campus clubs are taking their business elsewhere because \$234 is a high price to pay for needless SUB staff. And why are they needless? Because the work could be done by volunteers. The priorities seem to

be mixed up on the SUB board. Who is serving whom here?

For years now we have heard about student apathy and the SUB's financial problems. Like a broken record, we have heard it again and again: 'the students don't care', 'student organizations are in deep trouble', 'the SUB is going broke'. Well it seems to me that in this case anyway the solution is simple. For the benefit of all those people who complain about bitches who tear things down without offering anything in its place, I offer a solution. Not the solution but one well worth thinking about. Here is the 'Bitcher's Solution':

Give the students a break. Let the Business Society, the Engineering Undergraduate Society etc. supply their own labour. It doesn't take any great skill to be a SUB bartender, a coatchecker or a "floater" (whatever that is) and it is likely that these societies could provide volunteers for these tasks and save themselves a lot of money as a result.

I am not saying that SUB staff shouldn't be present at all. It's possible that a good case could be made for having a senior SUB supervisor around to insure that things run smoothly. However it smacks of 'babysitting' when groups of student which organize their own ski weekends, smokers, newspapers, and yearbooks are not allowed to check their own coats or sell themselves beer

With a reduction in SUB labour the ballroom rates would become extremely reasonable. As a matter of fact, the SUB could easily double its room rates and the student groups would still save \$200. What could be simpler? The SUB doubles its revenue and the students save money, money which could be spent on faculty yearbooks, newspapers and so on.

There would be an additional benefit from using volunteers. Stated simply more people would become involved in campus activities. With 12 different people working every pub or faculty ball, the amount of campus involvement would increase drastically. In addition, the funds saved from volunteer labour could be used to support yearbooks, parties or newspapers which would, in turn, get more students involved. The entire campus structure could be loosened up, the money would go further, everyone would benefit.

I don't claim to have a perfect solution here but I am willing to defend it because I feel it has merits. I also realize that this would only be a beginning, but Lord knows we have to begin somewhere. I would appreciate comments, criticism and support, especially the latter. I am the new full term Rep-at-Large and I can be contacted through the SRC office or at Room 306 in Head Hall.

Yours truly,  
Andrew Steeves

## Get your shit together

Dear Editor:

Just asking around during these election times here at UNB I have come up with the realization that most people don't even know there is an election taking place. I find this most depressing. If students do not care to find out if the people holding SRC positions

are people who are competent and able to voice and uphold the opinion of the students then why bother to hold an election. The SRC is composed of ELECTED officials, not appointed officials, and if any one cared to note in last week's Bruns most of the open offices were elected by acclamation. This demonstrates the age-old problem

of apathy present here at UNB, a problem that has been here for too long. An interesting fact can be noted here that scientists in the mid-western U.S. discovered a cure for apathy but no one appeared to be interested. Thanks for the space.

A concerned Student

## It happened at UNB

Have you ever wondered what University life was like back in "the good old days"? If so, read on. The following are excerpts from the October 22, 1931 issue of The Brunswickan.

Room No. 301 in the Residence witnessed another wild party on Friday evening, when the Sophomore Foresters gathered and imbibed deeply of toast and milk amid songs and fairy tales, as told by "Daddy" Mix and Prof. Fleiger.

The Sophomore Foresters are to be congratulated on their efforts to become an organized class group, an effort which until now has not been yet attempted by an single class within a faculty. The aims of this group are to bring the members together in a closer friendship and to stimulate interest in their future profession.

In an informal manner, D'Alt Mix, the organizer, is president;

Prof. Fleiger is honorary president with Tommy Stephens as keeper of seals and shekles.

These brawls are merely necessary stimuli to all Foresters, a sort of monkey gland affair to rejuvenate the individuals.

The University of New Brunswick claims a Dominion record for average student participation in athletics. No less than 74 percent of the entire student body are at present engaging in supervised games of one type or another according to statistics compiled by Coach Ted Coffey. This is believed to be far in advance of participation in other non-military universities of the Dominion and the United States.

The Freshmen with a percentage of 95 are either the most athletic or the most enthusiastic of

the students. The Juniors are next with 71 percent, the Seniors show a 65 percent turn-out, and the Sophomores trail with 62.5 percent. The percentage check-up was made by Coach Coffey on football, track, softball, tennis and golf participation in both intramural and varsity sport being recognized.

Coach Coffey is to be congratulated for the energy and capability with which he has handled his games program this year. Through his effort and encouragement, a very large section of the student body is getting direct benefit from athletics. The busiest man on the campus, Ted is being recognized as a genuine asset to the University. His achievement is one which might be emulated to advantage by other Canadian Universities.