

THE OLD AND STALE

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Why is smoking still legal?

For centuries, non-smokers have been subject to the weaknesses of people who will do anything for a cigarette. Why is smoking still legal? Even the airline companies have realized that smoking is hazardous to society. In fact, some American cities are starting to ban smoking in public-anywhere. Banning things have become a tradition. In any decent city dog owners are banned from walking their dogs if they don't have one of those things to pick up doo doo. However, walking one's dog should be illegal. So should smoking.

So why is smoking still legal? Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that millions of dollars are being made everyday from an addiction. For example, many people enjoy sweets, yet some people eat too many sweets and all their teeth start to rot out. Thus, their dentist will advise them not to eat sweets. However, eating sweets should be illegal. So should smoking.

So why is smoking still legal? Maybe it has something to do with people's rights. Recently, gun laws have become a major issue and advocates for more gun control believe that there should be less violence and every city should look like Disney World. Therefore, they argue that safety in society is a right everyone should have. However, gun owners feel they have the right to bear arms like John Wayne. Indeed, there is a big problem here. But there is no problem with smoking. Smokers should not have rights and smoking should be illegal.

So why is smoking still legal? Everyone inhales exhaust from cars. Everyone has eaten food which is not healthy. And everyone has tried sitting in the kitchen sink. All these activities are detrimental to one's well being, but everyone has tried them. But not everyone smokes, therefore, smoking should be illegal.

So why is smoking still legal? It might have a lot to do with our work force. Many smoking workers argue

that they are good workers and they deserve a smoke break just like non-smokers deserve a coffee break. However, many smokers who are supposedly on a smoke break also drink coffee. Why are such actions tolerated? Furthermore, some smokers feel they are an asset to their company and know that no one will complain about their unCanadian habit. But I also feel I am an asset to my company, but I don't try to test my boss and see if he/she will tolerate some of my actions. While I have no intention of smoking on the job, I'd love to run around in the nude and show off my heart tattoo or make funny noises during conference meetings. But I do not engage in any such pleasurable behavior, so why should smokers? Smoking should be illegal.

So why is smoking still legal? Maybe it has something to do with the fact that millions of non-smokers are just too wimpy to tell someone who is smoking that they will have to put out their cigarette if they want to live in this healthy society. Of course, most people do not want to involve themselves in what could become a very uncomfortable situation. Therefore, some things to remember if the person is not happy with you asking him/her to put out their burning stick of filth.

First of all, reassure them that everyone in society has to take on responsibilities. For instance, we cannot run around in a our nude or make funny noises because we feel like it. Secondly, let them know that they can do activities which are detrimental to their health and also fun, such as sitting in the kitchen sink. And thirdly, ask them to pretend that they are on a plane which does not tolerate smoking and if anyone is caught smoking they are immediately thrown off.

By taking such measures we can make our country a better place for kitchen sink sitting, coffee drinking and all those people who don't own dogs but walk in the park anyway.

Separation and potholes

The separation issue has gone on long enough. It is time for the country of Canada to say no not only to drugs and smoking, but also the province of New Bumswick. If New Bumswick wants to separate then let them go. Unlike their new nearby country, Kebec, New Bumswick has nothing to manipulate and scare other Canadians with, therefore we can tell them to go to hell. And like Kebec, no matter what the rest of Canada does, New Bumswick still

would not be happy.

No, separation is up to them and if they think they will be able to get funding from the federal government for a Trans-Canada highway after they separate, they are highly mistaken because with separation comes potholes - just drive in Kebec to have that notion confirmed. Thus New Bumswickers better think twice about separation or bad roads will become a horrible part of life - forever.

I DON'T THINK I LIKE WHAT I'M SEEING
GRAMPA, I NEED YOUR - WISDOM AND GUIDANCE.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sickening! (sic)

You could never imagine how royally pissed off i (sic) am with that incredibly pompous (sic) rag the Bumswickin (sic) based in New Bumswick. I wrote a letter to that (sic) paper and was horrified to discover a plethora of sics (sic) all over my goodly work. Is there a problem with being human? I make mistakes, they make istakes, (sic) but do they have to announce it to the hole (sic) world. How can we begin to teach good writing skills if the vcontnue (sic) to show such (sic) scant disregard for the editing process? Thank god (sic) for the Old and Stale. Please treat my article with the kind (sic) of conscientious (sic) care that (sic) you are known for.

Peeved Trillions, New Bumswick.

Sic.

We have learnt that people are upset that we use too many sics in their letters. It seems only fair that we explain why sics are used.

1. We use sics when the word used is too long and unfamiliar to us. If the word is too complex for us Editors why should anybody else understand it?
2. We use sics if we are really pissed off at the writer. So write bad things about the paper and you get sics.
3. We think sics are kind of cool especially when letters are very boring.
4. We have found that sics add to copy. Sics usually get into really short letters.
5. We use sic when we find a statement that is very brilliant. We figure more people will read sic marked letters.
6. We are not sure what sic stands for so we have decided that it means special reading skills required here. I just made that up, but that is the nature of sicology. (sic) hey, in the Bible they use selah, nobody complains about it, so why

the sic can't we use sic when we sicing well feel like?

Al Martyr Editor (sic) in (sic) chief, the b(sic)umswickin.

Thank you, thank you!

I am writing to thank the author of Mugwump for what his wonderful writing has done for the Harried Irbing Library. When he referred to our illustrious leader as one looking like a bum, it peeked the conscience of thousands of alumni from all over the world and the donations began to flow in. We have been showered with gifts of money, food, and clothing, and we can say with full satisfaction that we have the best dressed and best fed library staff in Canada today. However, we are asking that people stop sending suits for the Head of Libraries, now. He has enough and we assure you that he looks wonderful these days. Thanks again to the thoughtful Mugwump writer of the Bumslickin.

L.S. Dee
Head Special Relief Project, Harried Irbing Library.

President should quit

I am most upset with the members of the Stupid Union Executive who have been uttering disrespectful words about our illustrious president. I was in the women's room recently when I heard two people, a man and a woman, discussing the president behind his back. They said he did diddly-squat all year! They actually said that! It was a good thing that I was in the perfect position for such stomach churning and vitriolic outbursts. My constipation cleared at once. I am appalled. I think he should resign out of anger and indignation. Those awful executive members don't deserve our president.

Alice Kissingass, New Bumswick.

New name, new look, Kudos!

Finally, finally! Kudos to the staff of ENG for their latest issue. The new name is perfect, I always found *Enginerds Rule the World* a bit vain. *Bumswickin* is like, most witty and perfect, and it shows that these enginerds are looking in the right place for role models. I know, I know, some of the layout is almost *Old and Stalish*, almost; well, almost *Bumswickianish*, but, hey, that is fine, heck, they could have picked a worse model, you know. But its like some of the old guard is still there, and, well, like what was it with all that old format in the middle? Don't be afraid, kids, we love the new format, and I am sure the Bumswickin will help you perfect it, just ask them. Go for it. Arts watch out, the enginerds are coming! Wowee!!!

Chris Like Cool Jones, Ont.

Position now open

Staff and workers at the bumswickin a asking for your indulgence as we write this brief advertisement for a vacant position in the paper. We are looking for a lazy, obnoxious, foul-mouthed, incredibly insensitive, tasteless, wry humoured, profoundly pathetic, beer guzzling, spit drooling, sports loving, ice skating hating, baseball adoring, noisy, bambi killing, columnist who will be willing to fill the able and admirable shoes of our once illustrious sports editor, Marred Goodes AVOID. The paper has not been the same without him. People actually say good morning to each other; no one laments how much they hate life, people are actually being called by their given names, and the plants have discovered the meaning of clean air. The Bumswickin is accepting application. Please us toilette paper for stationary.

Amie Phillips, New Brunswick.

BART SIMPSON

Awttawa's education policy: ignore the provinces and store up trouble

Despite all the talk of needed reform at the post-secondary education level, the edges have already begun to tatter, and the signs are foreboding. It may not be too late, but that which is most feared is seemingly becoming a reality.

In a case that could rock the education establishment nation-wide, a student is suing a university for failing in its intended task: to prepare young men and women of our nation for their lives ahead. He has said that the university has failed, and as a result fears a life of obscurity and destitution on the fringes of society.

That this can happen in system that has invested so much is astounding. A high school graduate, full of energy and ready to take on the world, should rightfully expect

upon the arrival at one of Our universities to have the life blood drained from them, preparing them for a life of service to the Canadian Corporate Establishment.

Specifically, the accusation centers around a small but growing number of professors at the University of New bumswick, who, having had their own way without proper supervision, have been teaching irrelevant material about the way the world really works. Nowhere is there any goal to creating subservience in the student, a sense of ingratiation and brown-nosing that is the essence of the corporate lackey.

How accurate is Linda Frump's assessment of UNb! In her book, *A Guide to Canadian Corporate Prep Schools*, she identified UNb as a school where "a student could only get an education if they really

wanted to." In retrospect, this is not as fitting as it seemed at the time. That UNb could indoctrinate Kebin Burk, recent winner of the Dr. Jim SoSoft Student Leadership Award, is indeed a testament to the school's abilities. But they have to be able to do it for the thousands of others as well, year in and year out. One supremely ingratiating, brown-nosing lackey is simply not enough.

In responding to the accusations, a private source at UNb, who works in Dean of Conformity's office, said that they have indeed been doing a good job. They pointed to their Engineering program, describing with pride "the inane value they place on that stupid iron ring. They [enginerds] conform in every way to what corporations expect: better than any well-trained army group!" They went on to say they were also

doing a fairly good job in Business Prostration.

None the less, that a student, even a single one, could somehow have slipped through the cracks is disturbing. The legal action must have some validity, since it has been accepted by the courts. While there is no doubt that the case will be quashed, the issue is still with us.

It is imperative that our young leaders of tomorrow do not begin to perceive of this country as operating under an ideology. For if they do, the percentage of unemployed requisite to the proper functioning of Our State could conceivably cease to exist. Indeed, people such as this student could subvert Our noble populace into realizing that the petty problems of poor health care, poor education funding, improper daycare,

etc., are actually fictions of a created cash-crunch. (Even worse, people may come to realize that the present recession is actually a massive cover, created to hide the movement of Our factories to Barf-allo, NY).

The problems of post-secondary education have been left to fester long enough. This will prevent Us, oops, I mean Kanada, from competitiveness on the International Playing Field. It is time for Awttawa to deal with the problem. Obviously the lack of standardized education at the national level has allowed this to happen. Further deterioration will no doubt effect the economy adversely. If you look at a map of Kanada upside down, you will see that the East is actually leaving, if not already LEFT. We must not allow it to drift any further.