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Mugwump By EDISON STEWART Journal

.. Good morning. And how are we today? (I say 'we' because research has proven at least two people read this thing, and I'd hate to use poor grammar just when I've finally reached the big time.)
 .. Read College Hill Report lately? CHR is a university publication. In it, they review and concentrate on stories that will make UNB look good to the students, faculty, and the public. This week they ran a story on the "traditional" presidential installation ceremonies slated for Oct. 15.
 .. Well that press release was printed almost verbatim by The Telegraph Journal and the Daily Gleaner. But nobody asked what "traditional" means. Traditional to me means something regular and accepted - a custom. The UNB Information staff either neglected to mention (or, more likely, were told not to mention) the fact that the last "traditional" ceremony was in 1948. We've had at least two presidents since then.
 .. What's even more interesting is the little quote on the front page of CHR taken from the inaugural address of UNB President Albert Trueman in 1948. It almost seems that the university is attempting to justify the expenditure of over \$7,000 on ceremonies that will officially make Dr. Anderson president of this university.
 .. In case you haven't read it, the quote says "it is necessary" for the university to appear before the public "in the splendour and dignity" of academic ritual. The quote then goes on to say how these ceremonies remind us of our solemn dedication to that great enterprise in the sky - education. (What the report does not say, however, is the cost of Trueman's inauguration. But it couldn't have been a helluva lot - enrollment at that time was 1356.
 .. Think about it. What may have been "traditional" in those days may also have been very cheap.

.. Remember all those stories you've grown accustomed to reading in your local newspaper about how lazy and shiftless the young people of today are? We're supposed to be a pretty rotten bunch, aren't we? Long hair, rely heavily on drugs, no will to work, constantly on unemployment.
 .. The Department of Manpower released a study last week (I'm sure you didn't read about in the TJ or Gleaner) which has this little number to lay on you:
 .. By the end of July only one percent of those students eligible to apply were actually on Unemployment Insurance. Even with the new "improved" unemployment insurance, students still apparently flocked to jobs.
 .. Another interesting statistic this fellow has was this: Only 34 percent of women are in the labour force now, but by 1980 - seven years away - this is expected to rise to 45 percent. All of which is nice, but it still means 55 percent aren't in the labour force. Women's lib certainly has its job cut out for them.
 .. So next time some oldster gives you a heavy about being shiftless and lazy, tell its his generation that's on unemployment, not ours. Tell him to clean up his own act first, ok?

.. Well Canada's finally recognized the military regime in Chile. Didn't take too long, did it? A report in the Glob and mail this week (once again the Gleaner and TJ let it slip by) said Canada wanted to recognize the new "government" right away. Why? Because DeHavilland Aircraft Co. has a big contract there, that's why. And ol' John Canuck still listens when money talks.
 Another report, this time in The Toronto Star, was also ignored by the local papers. Canada's ambassador to Chile told Ottawa just after the coup that the military had done a necessary but "thankless" task, but Ottawa shouldn't delay recognition of the new regime because "it could delay the return to the democratic process."
 .. What the good ambassador failed to mention was before the coup, there had been a democratic process, one that was later crushed by the army. Incidentally, you might have noticed all those reports coming out of Chile which state the new government wants a return to democracy.
 .. If that's true, why are they burning literature in the streets (much like Hitler did) and why are they killing people because of their political views. That's democracy?

.. I've got two things to recommend to you this week: One, get off your useless butt and help make some funnies at Red and Black. Rehearsals and staff meetings are underway and they need your help bad. Two, the Conservation Council in N.B. has started a glass recycling project here. No idea how long it's going to last, but the pickup cans are just beside the SUB traffic circle. Perhaps the residence councils could sponsor something like this in each residence. It certainly would be worthwhile for our environment. Besides, I contributed my three bottles already this week, and you've got to do your part.
 .. Have a good weekend.

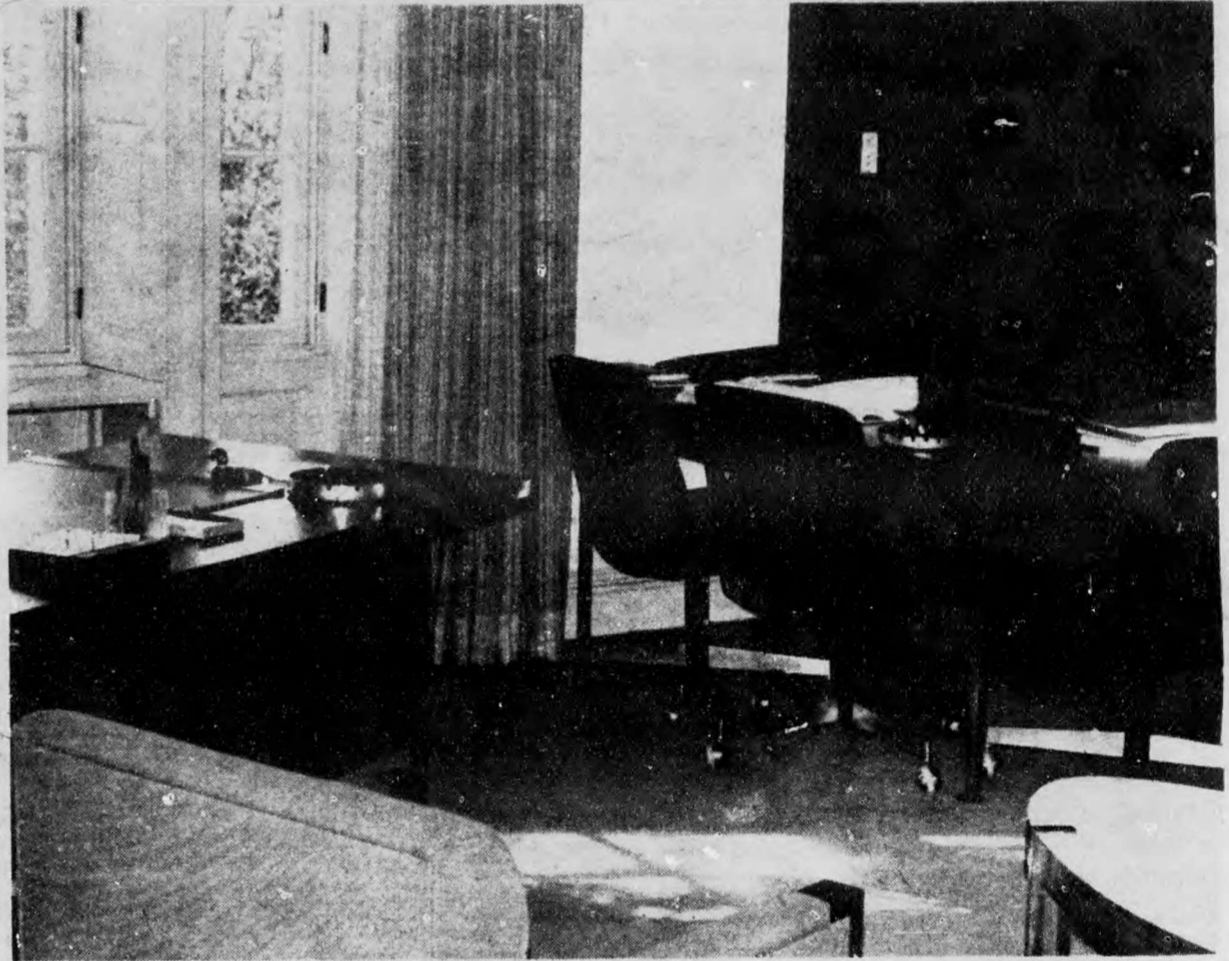


Photo by Mike Carr

Cathy Baker writes that UNB has become accustomed to pomp and ceremony, and for that reason spent \$10,000 on the president's office, above. President Anderson is also the first in many years to have an official installation ceremony, she notes.

UNB dedicated to pomp, ceremony

Dear Sir:

About our President, John M. Anderson:

- 1) He is the first president to have an executive assistant (with his own carpeted office and salary).
- 2) He is the first president in 18 years to have his office renovated and house repaired (for \$20,000 or so).
- 3) He is the first president to be installed as such at a formal ceremony since Dr. Albert W.

Trueman in 1948 for how many thousand dollars? But the, what price can be placed on the splendor and dignity of academic ritual?)

Isn't it comforting to know in these days of swiftly changing values that we have an administration which is so dedicated to (it seems) one goal: maintaining the pomp and circumstance of the office of President? How reassuring to know that the administration cannot be distracted from its traditional orientation by the needs and concerns of the student body

(i.e. cheaper tuition and books, more adequate cleaning and maintenance services, more student scholarships, direct involvement of students in the planning and completion of campus and local projects, etc. etc.) In its wisdom, the administration realizes that if we keep hailing "Universitae Novae Brunswiki" the student will get along somehow.

Cathy Baker

GM car owners continue protest

Dear Students:

The Dissatisfied Firenza Owners are continuing in their efforts to get fair compensation from General Motors of Canada. Up to date, the response from General Motors has been an insult to the intelligence of these owners.

In the absence of any effective legislation at either Federal or Provincial level, which could be used to help dissatisfied automobile owners, the only recourse left for consumers is through publicity to counter the huge advertising campaigns of the big corporations. Only if the consumers themselves are concerned enough and the 'Media' interested enough will these corporations be pressured into more responsible marketing practices.

Perhaps as a contribution to our efforts you would be prepared to publish the enclosed verses to be sung to the tune of "The Wearing Of The Green".

If people have complaints about automobiles, please write to the Automobile Protection Assoc., P. O. Box 117, Station E, Montreal, Quebec

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth N. Cook

- (1) If it's fun-fair stuff you're seeking, sure G.M. has something new; They mass-produce a line of jokes built specially for you. They call these items 'Fun-cars' for they're made to fall apart, Completely unpredictable 'bout when they'll stop or start.

Chorus Oh the Envoys and Firenzas
And now the Vegas too
Make a circus out of motoring
A monkey out of you.

- (2) If you buy their little fun-car there'll be many shocks in store, So be prepared for thrills and spills, catastrophes galore. Like any other fun-fair you will lose out in the end, They'll rook you sides and centre so you cannot win my friend.

Chorus Oh the Envoys and Firenzas
And now the Vegas too
Make a circus out of motoring
A monkey out of you.

- (3) You are just the poor consumer and a pawn in G.M.'s game Another fool to be ripped off - Nonentity's your name. If you're fond of peaceful living, then you'll take this tip from me Stay clear away from Oshawa - they're not your cup of tea.

Chorus Oh the Envoys and Firenzas
And now the Vegas too
Make a circus out of motoring
A monkey out of you.