

# more letters to the editor

A THANK YOU

Editor:

I am writing to thank all of the many people that made our October 21 confrontation in Washington the great success that I believe it was. First, and most important, I want to thank the 146 people that went to Washington — thank you for going, and thank you for doing the good cool job that you did. Special thanks go to the eight people that were arrested at the Pentagon Sit-in. Second, I want to thank all of the many people in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia who donated the money that made our trip possible. I am impressed by what a large number of donations there were, by the large size of many of them (up to \$100) and by the wide spread in geographical location of the donors. Much thanks is also due to the many volunteers who helped with ticket sales, posters, clerical work, etc.

I also want to thank all the people who have expressed their support to me since we returned. Although many of these supporters are UNB faculty members, it is particularly interesting to note that many of them are people from Fredericton and environs who were formerly complete strangers to me. It is heartwarming when a waitress at a lunch counter, or a farmer in the countryside, comes up to me and tells me that they are glad that we went to Washington, and that they want the war stopped, and that they want the killing of Americans and Vietnamese ended.

Finally, I would like to pass on some of the expressions of thanks that I have received

from Americans in Washington. These Americans were very favorably impressed by our New Brunswick — Nova Scotia contingent — partly because we had so many people and came from such a large distance, but, more importantly, because our presence helped to emphasize the international character of the war; a devastating war 8000 miles from America is not an internal American problem, but rather concerns all human beings on this planet. The presence of international contingents on October 21 showed that people all over the Earth are profoundly disturbed by the Johnson government's policies toward the rest of the world.

Among the people who have expressed their thanks to our marchers and their supporters are: Jerry Rubin, the Director of the October 21 confrontation; Father Berrigan, the world-renowned anti-war Jesuit; Marjorie Heins, Ruth Gallo and Stu Albert, of the staff of the National Mobilization Committee; and several members of Veterans For Peace, Women Strike For Peace, SANE, The Resistance, and the Committee for Nonviolent Action. From my own experience, and that of other marchers who have spoken to me about it, I also believe that our Maritime Contingent and its supporters are warmly thanked by a great many ordinary Americans that we met on the trip down and in Washington itself. The friendly reception was exceptionally strong among the people of Washington's Black ghetto.

— Norman Strax  
The Mobilization

# JELLYBEANS

by Tom Murphy

"I saw her with my own eyes, half a mile off the shores of Prince Edward Island. At least a hundred other witnesses swore they had seen her too. She was a passenger ship with lights blazing behind every port hole, and she was steaming at a speed of about ten knots up the Northumberland Strait. Yet one minute before, there had been no such passenger ship in sight . . . As I gazed, the vessel sank. Not a ripple marked the place where she disappeared and absolute silence blanketed the whole spectacle." So writes Paul Brock.

Ghost ships have existed almost as long as ships in every seaside country, and in a few legends, such ships have floated across waterless desert sands! They have been the object of poets' eyes, notably Coleridge, in "The Ancient Mariner" and Longfellow in "The Ship of the Dead". And what person has not at least heard the name of the most dreaded ghost ship of all — The Flying Dutchman.

Today the spotlight has shifted emphasis from sea ships to space ships, and the magic letter combination is U.F.O. Virtually everyone has a friend who has a cousin who has been able to identify an otherwise unidentified flying object. Some are firm believers, others are extreme atheists when it comes to ghost ships and U.F.O.'s. Most however, lie in the vast galaxy in between. We never quite accept these strange phenomena, but on the other hand, we never quite reject them. Upon picking up any magazine with an article on the supernatural within its covers, chances are quite great that it will be read first and read most.

Why not? On what grounds can we say that there are no ghost ships or U.F.O.'s? Though they have not been proven scientifically, they have not been disproven either. Is science capable of dealing with the irrational anyway? After all, science is a thing of the mind and not of the heart. What happens the day when you, a member of the pseudo-sophisticated college culture, spot a U.F.O.? Do you classify yourself as "nuts", or a victim of mass hysteria or what?

The one thing we all have to learn in this day and age is never to laugh at the unexplainable. Someday, it might be explained in terms of relationships unthought of. For example, the farmers of Western Canada laughed at the few farmers who insisted on planting their wheat in rows pointing toward magnetic north. When quantitative analysis demonstrated that these few farmers had a yield nearly ten percent better per acre than the doubting farmer, wheat fields soon made an "about north".

The mysterious, the strange, the enchanted, the irrational, the unexplainable can be found in a great many things — most often in man. So don't knock it, man.

## UBC Senators Refuse to End Secrecy Policy

VANCOUVER (CUP) — UBC Senate refused to act Wednesday night on a move by student senators to end its secrecy policy. Graduate student Senator Mark Waldman moved that an open gallery be allowed in senate meetings.

Only Waldman, Ray Larsen and undergrad senators Gabor, Mate and Kirsten Emmot opposed the move to refer the secrecy issue to the Committee on Role and Organization of Senate.

This was the first appearance as members of UBC's top academic policy-making body of the student senators elected last week. Committee appointments for Larsen, Mate and Miss Emmot were deferred after Larsen indicated the undergrad senators did not wish to sit on committees dealing with ceremonies on athletics and university art.

They indicated they were interested in seats on the new program, curricula and library committees.

The discussion sparked angry comment from alumni reps Stuart Lefebvre . . . "I've been here for a year and have never spoken before," he said. "I am amazed at the new tenor of senate that after being on senate only ten minutes students are receiving such consideration".

Mate said he was amazed the senator would break a whole year's silence to say students are being given too much consideration.

## NO POT LUCK

VICTORIA (CUP) — Research on marijuana has been vetoed by the narcotic commission in Ottawa.

A request by a University of Victoria professor Gordon Hobson was turned down by R. C. Hammond, chief of the division of narcotic control.

## GSA ANSWERS FLASH

Editor:

The most recent "Flash" from the Brunswickan concerning the "Disintegration of the SRC" so completely misrepresented the case for a separate identity for the Graduate Students' Association that one can only conclude that it was an attempt to cause bad feeling, and misunderstanding, between the two organizations. As anyone who was at the meeting of the SRC knows, there was no discussion about money or of withdrawing from student activities. In fact, the essence of what was agreed upon by the Council was that Student opinion would be more effectively expressed at all levels, and Graduate Students encouraged to participate more actively in Campus life by the creation of, or recognition of, a separate identity for the organized body of the students of the Graduate School.

The primary objective of the GSA is to create a greater awareness of the fact that UNB in spite of Maclean's Magazine's opinion, does carry on Graduate Studies in a wide range of academic disciplines, that these studies are of

a high quality, and that this University in fact ranks in the top ten. If this can be done, and we think that a separate and autonomous organization of Graduate Students will contribute to this end, then your degree and mine will be worth a good deal more in terms of relative prestige than is apparently the case at present. It should be remembered that one of the first criteria generally accepted as being a factor in the making of a prestige university is the existence of a Graduate School. If the above proposition is true and we are successful in our efforts then everyone connected with UNB will benefit substantially.

The one organization that received any mention whatsoever during the SRC discussion was the Brunswickan and it was the GSA's express wish to participate more actively and effectively in that worthwhile undertaking.

Alfred Morrison, Co-Chairman  
Committee for a Separate  
Identity for the Graduate  
Students' Association

## NEWSPAPER STOLEN

MONTREAL (CUP) — Over 5,000 copies of the McGill Daily were lifted from the stands Friday.

Business Manager Elly Alboim told CUP he suspected a group of students took the copies, part of a press run of 11,500. There were no copies left on campus after 9:30 a.m., Alboim said.

Rumors circulating on campus in the morning said the Montreal Police morality squad had seized the copies, but police deny this.

The only explanation offered for the theft is that the supplement carried a reprint of an article from the May, 1967 Realist which Realist Paul Krassner claimed were sections from the original manuscript of William Manchester's controversial "Death of a President."

In a later issue of the Realist Krassner said the article was a hoax, that they were not sections of the original Manchester manuscript.

The Realist story describes a scene in Air Force One, the U.S. President's private jet, just prior to President Johnson's swearing in as President of the United States, after Kennedy was killed in Dallas.

It describes Mrs. Kennedy seeing Johnson defiling Kennedy's body.

Daily editors discounted any possibility of university administration or student society involvement in the theft.

At a regular open meeting of the McGill student society Friday a motion censuring the Daily for reprinting the Realist article was defeated after some debate.

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