



Mugwump
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Journal

By now all you folks out there must know what next Tuesday means. That's right - it will be November 9, known affectionately by students across the country as National Students Day (NSD). And how are all your plans for this day coming along? I wonder. How many of you have talked to your profs about it? Did the students get cooperation from the faculty? Are YOU planning to turn out for this major event - or are you going to just take the day off and say the hell with all this "solidarity" crap?

The reason for all these questions is simply that I, for one, am concerned about this whole thing. I would really hate to see NSD go down the tubes, as it were. For my money, it is important. It's not often that we, as students, have a chance to organize for one day [at least] and show the university and government that we are "concerned citizens". After all, students are not second class citizens - in fact, a lot of us are first class taxpayers!

So I would suggest that all of you get out next week and support NSD. Do not bend at the whim of your profs or government. They are not your superiors - they are your teachers and leaders - they are there to guide you and look after your interests. And I might add, they haven't been doing too good a job in many cases. That's what NSD is there for. It's your chance to voice your displeasure. If you don't take advantage of it - it's your loss!

How else can I say it?

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I must commend that gracious student who came in on Monday of this week to bitch about our bitching about having no support for this great newspaper. And he did have every right to do so. As you may have noticed, we at The Bruns have devoted a lot of space in the paper the past few weeks to write of our complete disgust in lack of the support we need.

But as this fellow suggested - by stating that "The Brunswickan may die" and then coming out regularly on Friday mornings is just defeating our own complaint. In other words, we've come across as being full of "crapola". I suppose that is true. He suggested, too, that the staff (not to mention the editor) was acting just a bit negative. And I suppose that is true, also.

So went the discussion. When I asked him to join us, he flatly refused. "Nuff said for that fellow."

But further to all of this, I must make a few comments. Indeed, we did experience a drastic loss of staff last week - and I still say that last week's issue hit the stands on Friday by some small miracle. But when I thought of it more, I figured this lack of staff was due to the Roy Charles concert on Wednesday night and mid-terms. (Notice I got those in the right order!)

This week, however, is different. I really think all our crying helped. A lot of new staffers showed up, and all the regulars as well. So this issue you are now reading went off to the printers on time . . . in fact, everything went on schedule.

So enjoy!!

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Now for the bad news. Half the machinery at the Bruns office is broken.

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It has been suggested to me that The Brunswickan start some sort of a "consumer rights" type of thing. More specifically, it was suggested that we ask our readership to send us any type of product on any market for trial purposes. (Send them in care of Bev Hills, to be even more specific)

These products will be tested on their social and aesthetic values. After a reasonable length of time, we will report to the readership the results of these "consumer" tests.

We are especially interested in BMW's, Mercedes Benz's and possibly Nikon camera systems. But please, no propholactics - we know they're not safe.

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Hello, Gene! So sorry I didn't say "hello" last week. I had to cut some copy from the column . . . and I really didn't want to cut my message to you. Honest! (But in the end, I had to.)

Rape rampant on campus

Dear Editor:

I was very upset by Barb Clerihue's article ("Streaking just a 'flash' in the past?") in last week's Brunswickan. It seems that Chief Williamson is the only person on campus who is unaware of what goes on - certainly not a desirable trait for someone who is supposed to be in charge of "security". He really hasn't heard about the friendly little residence "parties" consisting of several men and one woman?? Or about the guy (medium height, slender, sallow complexion, black hair and mustache) who "recognizes" and paws at "old friends" and then is very apologetic about the mistaken identity? I wonder how the investigation of the incidents in the path behind the SUB was conducted. Did Security talk with any of the female students involved? Or did they just talk with the man and accept his story that he only asks the girls but doesn't bother them if they refuse. What has Chief Williamson done to see if there is a problem? Has he checked with Chimo or the Rape Crisis Centre to find out how

many of the sexually assaulted women are university students or to find out if any assaults happened on campus? Has he talked with any of the local doctors who treat rape cases? Has he talked with the Counselling Services?

There have been several theories advanced to explain Chief Williamson's lack of knowledge (after all, we don't want to believe that campus security is in the hands of incompetents): Perhaps there are no records kept of the sexual assaults reported to Security Guards. Perhaps Williamson's staff doesn't keep him informed. Perhaps women don't bother to report to the Security Guards, knowing as we do that they (to be fair, not all of them) don't take us seriously or else believe that we probably "asked for it". (We have been known to walk around without large dogs or escorts, even at night. Some of us even have a couple of drinks.)

But I also wonder how effective Chief Williamson would be if women reported to him in person and demanded to fill out a report

form. After all, the only reason Security "gained possession of his (the man with the green ski mask) headgear" was because they managed to let the man slip through their fingers and out a window (after they had "captured" him).

Despite what Chief Williamson wants you to believe, these things do happen, and to a lot of women. It isn't just you and therefore somehow your fault. Considering the reluctance of "security" to recognize that there is a problem, it's fortunate that there are other agencies in the city that do take women seriously. If you want help and/or someone to talk to, contact the Rape Crisis Centre (454-0437), Chimo (455-9464), Counselling Services (Annex B, the white building across the street from the Nursing building), or one of the very few sympathetic doctors in Fredericton (luckily, at our own Infirmary, in the same building as Lady Dunn and Tibbits).

Sincerely,
Margaret MacWilliam

Questions serious concerns of GSA

Dear Editor:

The following is a form letter I received from Allan Brookes, President of the Graduate Student Association.

Dear Graduate Students:

A second attempt to hold the Fall General Meeting of the GSA will be made this coming Thursday, November 4, at 8 p.m. in the Tartan Room, STUD. The failure to obtain a quorum at the GSA meeting held Thursday, October 21, was, to say the least, disappointing. The attendance of 25 persons was especially disappointing when compared to the 200 plus crowd which managed to drag themselves along to the "free food and drinks" reception held earlier this fall!

The failure of the Graduate Student body to support the more serious concerns of the GSA is typical of the past. It must be realized that the Association represents the interests of the

Graduate Students and only with YOUR support can the GSA continue to function. Consider, for example, the success of the GSA efforts to obtain graduate memberships to the Faculty Club. Also, our present attempt to implement graduate programme evaluations.

So come out this Thursday and show your support for the GSA. This is an important meeting as the executive positions of 1st Vice-President, Secretary and Publicity Officer will be up for election. (Nominations for these positions should be submitted prior to the meeting.) As a final incentive, the refunding of the \$5.00 Faculty Club membership subsidy will be made during the meeting. If YOU are not prepared to make an effort, I fail to see why I should.

Alan A Bookes
President

I would like to take this

opportunity to reply to Mr. Brookes.

Dear Mr. Brookes:

At this point I also fail to see why you should make the effort. As a graduate student, eligibility for membership in the Faculty Club is nice, but hardly one of my "more serious concern(s)". Furthermore, the manner in which you have conducted the pilot evaluations has not only betrayed the confidence of those you claim to represent, but also has proved to be a considerable embarrassment to graduate students in psychology.

While I can sympathize with your frustrations and disappointment, I object to being subjected to your diatribe. I suggest that the lack of support on behalf of the Graduate Student body is perhaps not a failure, but rather a comment.

Sincerely,
Christopher Earls

Residences should be self-supporting

Dear Editor:

As a result of the "Viewpoint" question in The Brunswickan last week, I have been doing a little research and a little thinking on the general area of lack of services to the off-campus student. The question could have better read "As an off-campus student what do you feel about the fact that you are paying DIRECTLY out of YOUR tuition \$70-80 to subsidize the residence system?" The response would have been

more emphatic. Any off-campus student that I have spoken with has been, on the average, unaware of this fact and displeased with the implications. The residences MUST be self supporting, and the only people to be called upon to make up the deficit should be the residence students. Period.

Part of the life of the residence student includes House Socials. These socials are closed to residence students only. This becomes more annoying when the

off-campus student becomes aware of the \$70-80. he pays to allow the residences to be in existence in the first place.

The off-campus student this year, for the first time, can enter the Intramural Leagues representing himself and not a faculty or a residence. A group of concerned off-campus students started last year what turned into a campaign to set up a third Intramural league

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