

# Mugwump

by Jack Trifts Managing Editor

This is about the fourth sheet of paper I have shoved into this typewriter. The last three are now in the wastepaper basket and there is a better than marginal chance that this sheet may join the others. This is a poor time of year to start writing a column. This campus is hardly the wildest place in the world. Matthew, we should have given you another week.

During the upcoming year this column will be written by Sheenagh Murphy, our editor, and myself. Any comments will be appreciated. Just drop us a line c/o Mugwump, the Brunswickan in campus mail.

The time has come to break out those books you bought in January. One week from today classes are over for another year. The term has gone rather quickly and we can now look forward to another set of exams. You may have noticed that the library is becoming a popular spot.

I have just heard that inflation is really getting us where it hurts. The prices at MacDonalds have taken a jump. So the next time you get a Big Mac Attack it's going to cost a little more.

While I'm on the topic of fast food establishments, I had a chance to check out Captain Submarine last weekend. It's well worth your time. The prices are reasonable and the store clean and tidy.

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You may have seen a few Bruns staffers around campus handing out Questionnaires in some of the bigger classes. If you took time to fill one out, thanks. The executive positions have changed hands up here for another year. Over the summer we will be evaluating the past year and formulating plans for the year upcoming.

Any suggestions on how we can improve this rag would be greatly appreciated. Drop us a line in campus mail or drop in to the office on the ground floor of the SUB.

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Now I've seen everything. We have all heard before how vandalism is hitting an all time high, but there are some people who you would expect to be above this sort of thing. I must admit that I certainly was surprised when several members of the Brunswickan staff caught Mr. Howard Goldberg kicking in a plate glass door in the SUB. I suppose it could be the frustrations of the job [SUB Director] but I would think that there must be some other way to vent this feeling.

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When and if you return in the fall, be prepared for some changes around here. Residence fees are going up, tuition fees are going up and services are going down. Of course the administration, being the kind fair people that they are have decided to wait until May to announce tuition fee increases. But rest assured fees will be going up. What this University needs to smarten it up is a total enrolment of about twenty-five next year.

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The word is the social club is finally going to move downstairs and I must admit it's a welcomed change from the cramped quarters on the top floor of the SUB. It has been nearly impossible to get a seat in the club after 7 p.m.

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Well it's time to wrap this thing up and get it to the copy basket. Good luck on the exams.

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It is also very unfair of the Immigration Authorities asking us to produce proof of one year's financial funds when scholarship money or private funds are channelled to us only MONTHLY. Of course we have money in cash or in the bank to last for the next few months should our money reach us late.

Visa students on the average, I believe and experienced myself spend more money than any other Canadian student and please bear in mind the money we are using have to go through the process of

changing our own currency into Canadian currency before it is sent to us and this definitely brings more money into the Canadian economy and thus an increase in the Gross National Income.

Another thing is that Canadian students are opting out of Universities ever year, not because they can't afford to, because they chose to. They prefer to work because a University degree now doesn't promise them a job and they prefer to have work experience. Is there any evidence to prove that Visa students are taking away places of Canadian students in Universities just because the off balance is caused by an increase in the number of foreign students and the decrease in the number of Canadian students choosing to go to University? Please bear in mind too that Canadians can return out of University whenever they like.

I am writing this article not because I am opposing the new regulations recently imposed by Ottawa but because the reason stating its implementation are very vague and obscured. As a matter of fact the Immigration Authorities has the right to do what they thought is best to preserve the unity and integrity of Canadians. If I can into this country like all others, I have thought is over before hand to accept things and agreed to abide by the rules of the game. What I disagree, are the reasons the Immigration Authorities gave, in the past and previously, over the reasons for Student Immigration policy changes which will be imposed on April the 10th.

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Thank you,  
A Malaysian

### Jocks are wonderful people

Dear Editor:

It really is amazing to see the amount of fellow students who are involved with the infamous job of labelling. Being in university you would think that they have outgrown the task of name calling.

I am referring especially to that well know "jock" attribute people give to our "Phys. Eders". A jock has been defined as that piece of equipment worn by males to protect their genitals during physical activity, and if your fellow phys. eder reminds you of one, then you better see a pyshiatrist. I also suggest you take a closer look at some of our female phys. eders at UNB. They are intelligent, sociable and I must admit, good looking and in great shape.

Many people say the term "jock" is used for anyone involved in some sort of sport. In that case,

there is an epidemic of jockitis on campus. One does not have to be a phys. eder to play variety sports, intramurals or just go out for a run. As a matter of fact, anyone who cares about their body and the shape it's in gets an A plus in my books.

Another very ignorant fellow student admitted to calling phys. eders "jocks" because phys. ed. courses are "bird" courses and it didn't take much to get your B.P.E., so why not degrade them even more by calling them jocks. Well, I suggest in that case, if anyone who thinks: Biology, Anatomy, Kinesiology, Physiology, Exercise Physiology, Human growth and development, Motor Learning, Administration of Leisure Activities, Accounting, Outdoor recreation etc. are bird courses, then you try them out for 4 years and see how many A's you can

accomplish.

Well I can go on and on about phys. eders, ways and hardships of struggling to get their degrees just as any other engineer, nurse, forester or business student, but I'm not writing a novel.

I just want to put a point across. Phys. eders are wonderful people. Not only do they throw great parties, but they are easy to get along with and have just as many final exams to write as engineering, nursing, forestry and business students.

Next time you ask someone what faculty they are in and they say: "Phys. Ed", think twice before replying "Oh! You're a jock!". Remember, you can be one too.

Signed,  
An admitted jock who's in Business

### Mirror-polishes driving up costs

Dear Editor:

I am addressing these words to all those people - i.e. government, faculty and students - who are concerned of the price hikes in university tuition, residence and food costs. I have observed many articles written to this paper by students complaining of the cost of attending this university and the poor service received. It is often expressed that, while this university has one of the most expensive tuitions in this country, it has a rather debatable quality of degrees to offer. The blame for these problems have been placed on the extravagant faculty and an uncooperative provincial government, whose members do not realize the importance of higher education.

I suggest that the blame be allocated evenly between the government, faculty and last, but certainly not least, the students. I agree that the government is not cooperative in that it won't give

"working capital" to the university; I agree that the faculty have gone overboard on their extravagant style (i.e. polishing needless floors, hiring too many janitorial staff, etc.); but the student is not without blame as well.

Is it not the students who demand better treatment in the form of cleaner classrooms, cleaner residences, and extensions of the SUB? And where does this money come from? Certainly some of it comes from the student's pocket and the remainder from the provincial government. Our leaders demand more and more, supposedly because we are not getting our share, but this is the reason for the high tuition rates that we are experiencing, coupled with the recent trend of our ailing economy.

I suggest that this university is losing money because of the high degree of services it offers the students and faculty. With janitors

taking long breaks, and the needless cost of maintaining a

mirror-like finish of the floors of the buildings, students see tuition rises and wonder why. The demands that students and faculty have placed on the budget of this university simply to maintain a certain degree of "padding" in our armchairs is a bit much. The provincial government has realized this and has no choice but to remove some of that padding to balance its budget.

And so, as we have our mirror-like floors and overstaffed university, many of our aged citizens strive to balance their budgets on near poverty rations. They are too handicapped to protest this mistreatment, and their problem is one of survival...

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