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Continue to Argue

In your editorial on "Truth and the Information Age" on January 10, 1992, you made some interesting and keen observations. For example, "*How unnecessary and insignificant most of us are to the whirlwind of events and happenings that make up our daily dose of 'news'.*" Or, in the context of reading editorials and columns, the necessity "*to find out where the writer's personal bent or bias lies.*" It reminded me of selling the subscriptions to Time magazine in Chicago, many years ago, with the comment "This is a good biased magazine. It is very well written". Of course, the reader had to know the nature of the bias.

However, I must say that serious and logically consistent arguments are worth getting excited about even if they do not affect the price of tea in China. Some of you are the future Bushes and Mulroneys of the world, and an experience in logically consistent argumentation and with a little bit of honesty, you might be able to create a better world.

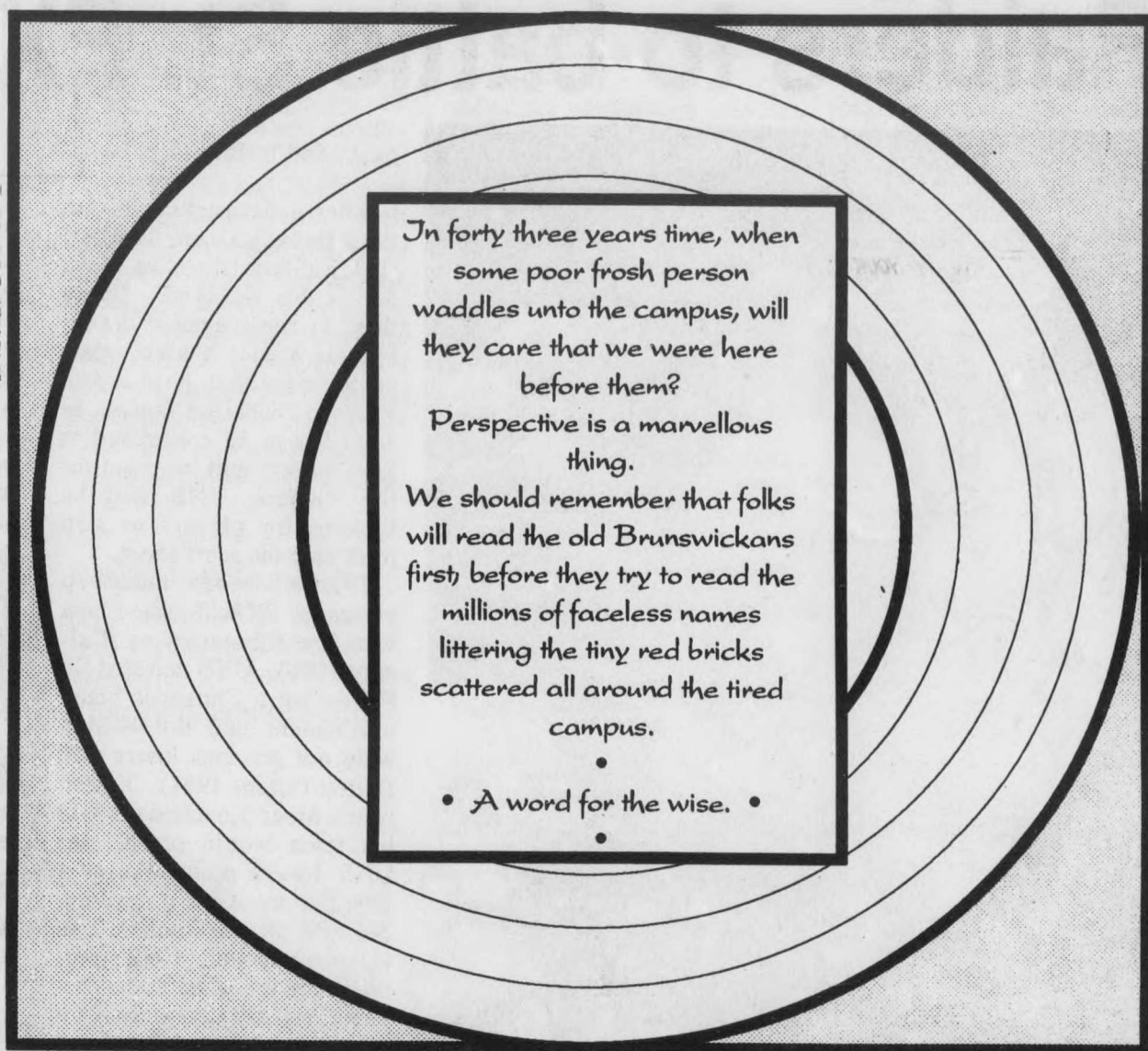
The reasons most arguments

don't lead to consensus, are lack of agreement about the precise meanings of the words used, and lack of logicity. Even mathematicians can become illogical in dealing with non-mathematical subjects. Only in pure mathematics, the arguments do not lead to fist fights or armed attacks to prove a point.

Intellectual arguments should be the hallmark of university life, and, therefore, here is wishing that you will continue to argue...

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