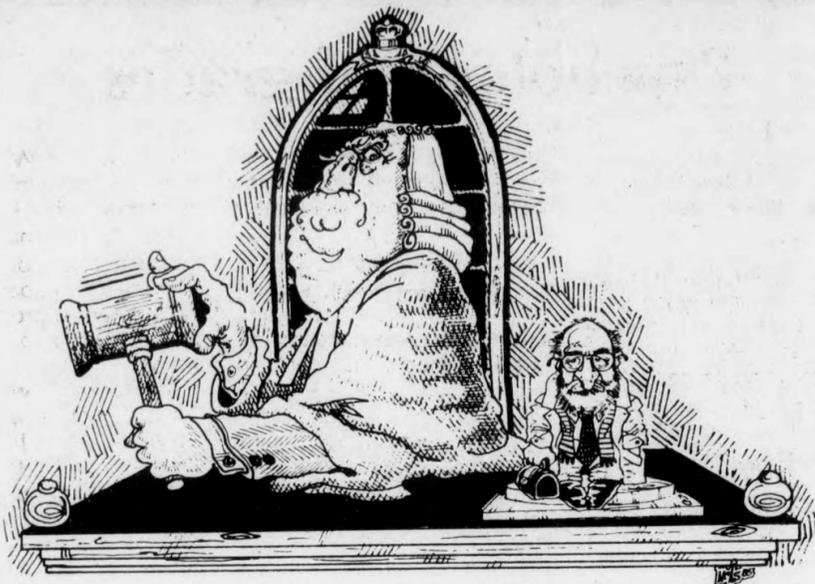


EDITORIAL



A matter of choice

'I do not believe in God. I am a humanist. I believe in people.'

Dr. Henry Morgentaler

Dr. Henry Morgentaler's lecture at UNB has sparked debate over the issue of abortion.

Currently two out of every three pregnant Canadian women have abortions and because Canadian hospitals grant therapeutic abortions only to those women whose 'physical and / or mental health are endangered', the majority of women travel long distances to the United States (where abortion laws are not so antiquated) or to Morgentaler's Montreal clinic.

Doctors like Morgentaler are responding to the obvious need for safe and legal abortions in this country.

The statistics speak for themselves. Women feel they have the right to choose whether or not they will have an abortion.

And so they should.

A Pro-Choice advocate is not necessarily pro-abortion. These people (and I include myself amongst them) believe that women should have the legal right to make a choice. They should not be dictated to by any government about what they can or cannot decide to do with their bodies. And they should not have hospital boards determine their eligibility for a 'legal' abortion.

I do not condone abortion. I am not condemning abortion. It is a traumatic and difficult decision for any woman to make, however the democratic right to make that decision should not be denied any individual.

Until Canada provides free birth control, improved sex education, and until men assume an equal responsibility as sex partners, abortion will continue to be a social reality.

And until this changes and our government takes affirmative action, humanists like Dr. Morgentaler will provide the services that our government ignores.

Brenda Paul

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by Calum Johnston

MUGWUMP JOURNAL



Good morning, afternoon, whenever you read the Bruns. In case you didn't notice, this is Monday, not Friday. For the second time in over 100 years, the Brunswickan is late in publishing. (It happened once before in the 40's or 50's.) No excuses, just very good reasons. Last Monday was a holiday and very little could be done during that time, bad goes to worse, our typesetter, Wendy, calls in sick. She has the flu, I think, and won't be in all week. Well, hey, what the hell. So there won't be a Bruns this week. We've got some pretty big problems. Why the hell should we bend over backwards trying to put out a newspaper that will be picked up on the way to class or breakfast, scanned over, and thrown aside. Would anyone really miss it? Judging from some of the no-minds on this campus who get into positions of power with little or no opposition from the students in general, I doubt it.

Anyway, we did go all out. Steve Boyko, our part-time typesetter, did an incredible amount of work, and managed to typeset almost the entire issue by himself. Karen Mair, one of the Entertainment Editors, volunteered to typeset all the entertainment stories even though she'd never used one of the machines before. Give her a big kewpie doll. Last, but not least is Cindy Davis, the person who puts together all the ads. With Tim and Kelly having to go to Saint John on the weekend when we produced the paper, no one was left who had the time or experience to do offset. Cindy didn't quite volunteer, but she did a lot of the work and for that, we thank her.

Well, that's the story behind the issue, in case you wondered. Before I ramble on to something else, I just want to make it clear that the Brunswickan is always open. Open to letters, submissions, cartoons, jokes, photos, ideas, news leads, subjects for our feature section, new people, everything. From each of your student fees, about three dollars goes to the Brunswickan. Are we worth it? Any ideas?

The winners of the "What's Missing?" contest will be announced next week due to all the difficulties we had this week. Make sense?

Now, on to the juicy stuff, the election. First off, Marc Braithwaite. He's either very foolish, or is scared of an election campaign. Braithwaite pulled out of the election for VP Services, which lead to Hugh "funny nickname" Brown being acclaimed. A member of the SU executive acclaimed! No competition. No chance for students to make their own choice. I don't like any position being uncontested, but especially not an executive position, and especially not by Brown!

The fight for VP Administration is an interesting one. Ollie Koncz versus Al MacDonald. One's been on council for years, yet rarely elected, and the other is a relative newcomer, having been on council for only a year (I think). From Koncz's experience in assisting in getting yearbook's out on time, I wonder how he'd do in the VP spot, seeing as how no one seems to know what a VP Admin. is supposed to do. MacDonald seems okay from what I've seen of him, but he is from Mackenzie House, rather was, and you know how they are.

Mike Bennett and Ashok Kuruganti are running for VP Academic. Both of these guys would do the job competently. They're both bright, and seem to be hard workers. The only thing against Kuruganti is that Bennett's already been VP, and is known a little better than he is. Bennett still has the stigma of being a "Bosnitch brown-shirt", whether that's a good point or not is up to the voters.

Tony English and Tim Lethbridge are the VP Finance candidates. I've known Tim for a year or so, but only met English recently. "Word on the street" (as they say in all those video-cop shows) is that both are well received, and, like Bennett and Kuruganti, both would be suitable for the position. The only factor involved here is that Lethbridge seems to be better known than English, having been involved in SU politics for a few years now. This, of course, can be as negative a factor as it could be a positive one.

Finally, the presidential candidates. Bosnitch, Daisley, and Blair. Bill Daisley started last year off as the assistant VP Admin., and took over the services of the SU after Spurles resigned. During this time would have been the best possible time to run for election. Start up a few ideas, attempt to get a "brand-name" group into UNB, and then during the election say, "Look what I've started. Vote me as Prez, and I'll do lots more stuff." This, I think, would have almost sewn up the election. As it is, he's got a fight on his hands. Bosnitch still has some support and is probably going to run on a campaign of change, "I'll change this, and this, and this, and this, etc." If the election were between these two, it would be a good one. One on one debates, and all that other neat stuff. Blair, however, is an anomaly. I have my own ideas on the seemingly unknown Blair. He was once Ollie Koncz's roommate and thus the Bosnitch connection is made. Dun-du-dun-dun. (Dragnet theme music.) During the CHSR-Brunswickan telephone survey on the election, a number of people said, "I don't know who I'm going to vote for, but definitely not Bosnitch." This leads me to believe that Blair is a vote-splitter, in the race to take votes away from Daisley as a number of students might look at the ballot thinking, "I don't want to vote for John because he's had his chance, but I don't really know either of these other fellows, so I guess it doesn't matter which one." If this is the case, then any votes that normally would have gone to Bosnitch's opponent will be split between Daisley and Blair. The lack of campaigning on Blair's part lead me to believe this. Everyone who wants to run in the presidential election certainly should, I just question Blair's motives.

That's it. End of sermon. One last thing, Tom Evans asked me to remind students that every Wednesday night from 7-8 for free preliminary legal advice in room 30 of the SUB. That's all of'er. See you on Friday. That's right, we'll be out on Friday as usual. We'll have to work hard, and put our fun aside, but the feedback that we get, the wonderful thanks we get from students who don't seem to give a damn, and criticize without knowing what the hell they're talking about. Hey, that makes all the time I put in here really worthwhile.