



Mugwump
By TOM BENJAMIN **Journal**

Politicians on this campus aren't above the dirty political tricks marking the Watergate era. At least one candidate in Wednesday's presidential election faced attempts to sabotage his campaign. CHSR station director Chris Pratt's campaign was affected when someone circulated a memoranda on station letterhead giving the impression that Pratt was attempting to use his position with the station to influence the election. The memoranda said any station personnel failing to wear a "Pratt" button would find their air time in jeopardy. Pratt made no such statement, and obviously realized that a statement of that nature would have been very detrimental to his campaign. Voters in future elections here must be aware that political tricks of that nature are beginning to occur with a higher frequency -- even on this campus.

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The attempt by city police to have a certain men's magazine removed from newstands last week only served to give the magazine what every publisher loves -- free publicity for the publication.

The incident has repercussions involving freedom of the press. No authorization was given to the officer that requested the magazine be removed from the stands.

Apparently the officer involved was on vacation at the time. Not many police officers show that much enthusiasm for their work.

The force deserves a reprimand for attempting to remove the magazine before a formal complaint was even received.

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After much debate that only succeeded in splitting students along residence and off-campus lines the administration has decided not to follow council's requests for the use of McConnell Hall for pubs.

Council will be allowed to hold one event without alcohol there each month, and will be allowed to hold a limited amount of pubs there during fall festival and winter carnival.

That's a hell of a lot less than what council requested -- and later demanded.

The board of dons, which was instrumental in limiting the use of the building by council, has also decided that after Aitken University Centre is completed no council-sponsored events of any nature will be allowed in McConnell Hall.

The dons seem to think the AUC will be an adequate replacement for the residence facility. They don't seem to realize the high cost of renting the AUC for any student events. Students will not be given a preferential rate for rental of the new structure, and the rates will probably prohibit use of the building for all but the very large events.

The future of pubs on this campus looks about as bright as the chance of Dean of Men William Chernoff winning a popularity award.

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Some startling changes are in the offing for the operation of this university if the alumni association succeeds in implementing resolutions passed at the alumni power conference last weekend.

UNB's 14,000-member alumni association has had one of the highest participation rates in the country, and the association apparently wants to increase its participation even farther.

Resolutions passed at the conference indicate the association would like to move into areas of university operation which have traditionally been the sole responsibility of the administration.

Some of the recommendations arising from the conference will have direct repercussions on the present student body -- the body which, hopefully, will comprise a large part of the association in the future.

Serious consideration should be given to implementing all the recommendations discussed by the alumni association. The administration and students should also prepare themselves to living and working with a much more powerful alumni than ever before.

The association has already struck an implementation committee composed of several illustrious graduates, and it is likely the association will have success in implementing the desired changes.

With the decrease in student power on this campus its good to see another pressure group shaping up to step in and take some interest in the operation of this campus.

The alumni association here set a precedent in Canada by holding the first alumni power conference. It looks like they will have another first in the country by becoming the first alumni association to have such a strong say in university affairs.

I only hope students of this institution will follow the lead of the graduates, and will attempt to have a stronger voice on campus. The new student president should make every effort to work with the alumni association for the improvement of the campus -- to the betterment of all students.

Red N' Black -- Lack of polish evident?

Dear Editor:

John Lumsden's report on Red and Black in last week's Brunswickan which stated "lack of polish evident in some of the skits could have something to do with the untimely disappearance of Gordon Kennedy, Skits Co-ordinator," this implies that I took off leaving Red and Black high and dry at a critical time for no good reason.

Just to inform your readers - as I am sure John doesn't care to get the facts before he writes, I volunteered for Red and Black,

after accepting the position for that job last spring, I took on a new more important job, vice-president. My priorities are for the benefit of students as opposed to student entertainment in the form of Red and Black.

I did my best in the time available with practices of up to 6 hours per week, more than I can afford with the present load. The cast was great, I feel.

The reasons for it being what it was are many:

1) the fact five major skits were dropped in final weeks of production for many and varied reasons,

2) the inability to get people to play parts, for example we went through 3 playboys, 5 football players, and 3 drunks in the party skit alone, before the cast remained constant.

3) difficulty getting the very large cast, convenient practice time.

4) course loads of all students were heavy.

5) complexity of the skits.

6) the skits were changed in my absence to suit the replacement directors.

7) the "untimely disappearance" of myself.

I take full responsibility of the quality of the skits I was in charge of, but I have to take exception to the connotations of the words "untimely disappearance".

I was given a job on the SRC "unchallenged" in the form of vice-president a couple of weeks ago in that capacity, I represented UNB at the National Entertainment and Region 1 of the Association of College Unions International Conferences. The report on these conferences to be published soon, and distributed to the UNB SRC, Saint Thomas, Student Union Board of Directors, and Dr. John Anderson should be beneficial to all students at UNB. Trusting this has accounted for my actions fully, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Gordon Kennedy,
Vice-President, SRC

The Baha'i faith,

for the oneness of mankind

Dear Editor:

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion which had its beginnings in Persia in the mid-nineteenth century. Its founder, Baha'u'llah (Persian for the "Glory of God"), Baha'is believe, is the latest of a number of Messengers of God, which throughout the long history of mankind have provided him with spiritual as well as social teachings.

The spiritual teachings of each Messenger of God are similar to those of all other world religions but the social teachings are given to mankind according to his capacity and the needs of the time. For example, some of the principles emphasized by Baha'u'llah are:

1) Men must seek for truth in spite of custom, prejudice and tradition.

2) Men and women must have equal opportunities, rights and privileges.

3) The nations must choose an international language to be used along with the mother tongue.

4) Man must recognize that religion should go hand-in-hand with science.

5) Men must work to abolish extreme wealth and extreme poverty.

6) An international parliament of man must be established.

The oneness of Mankind is like the pivot around which all the teachings of Baha'u'llah revolve.

People find this a practical, spiritual religion with the mission of uniting the world in one common faith and one order. There are a number of Baha'is on campus and in the Fredericton area who would be pleased to help anyone who wishes to know more about the Baha'i Faith or its relationship to any other religious groups. The Baha'i telephone number is: 454-3133.

David Daley

Penpals are wanted

Dear Students:

We beg to inform you that our club, which is one of the many clubs in Chulalongkorn University, the biggest university in Thailand, has the main purpose to establish relationship between students here and foreign peoples by means of pen-friends. In this way, we can exchange opinions about each other's culture, way of living, etc. You can learn more about our country as well.

Please inform those students in your university who want to contact Thai students that they may send us their names and addresses together with some brief information, so that we can arrange pen-friends for them.

Your kind cooperation in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jenchitt Korveerakiti
Chief of the Pen-Friend
Department

Due to the quantity of letters to the editor received we are forced to ask that all writers limit the length of their submissions to the soundoff page.

Children exposed to violence

Dear Editor:

Last Sunday afternoon I found myself "up the hill" and decided to take in the movie matinee at the Famous Players Cinemas 1 and 2. Playing was an "R" rated movie, "Walking Tall, Part II". "R" denotes restricted; a card beneath the movie poster read - Adults only, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Well, there must have been at least thirty (30) unaccompanied kids between the ages of six (6) and twelve (12) who were running up and down the aisles, talking, giggling, shouting comments, and, in general, being extremely distracting. The fact alone that these children are being exposed to this film's excessive violence, harsh language, and one shot of woman's breasts doesn't put me off as much as this theatre, apparently not caring about the infringed rights of older people like myself, but just letting anybody in as long as they have the money.

It's bad enough that Famous Players charges more than the Gaiety Theatre downtown, doesn't have student prices or matinee discounts (the Gaiety has both), but subjects us to "commercials" before each film. Someone has to put them in line. They get away with this only because of a lack of competition.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen King