

## Shooting animals unnecessary

Dear Sir:

I would like to reply to two letters in the December 1, 1972 issue of the BRUNSWICKAN concerning deer and deer hunting. First of all, I would recommend very highly to these writers, Farley Mowat's *Never Cry Wolf* which is available in the Nature section of the Bookstore for a very reasonable price. This highly lucid and entertaining writer hits quite squarely the reasons which allow justification for deer hunting such as the letter writers use. The wolf and caribou or deer are tightly involved in one of nature's food cycles. If Man had not tampered with this cycle by doing his best to eliminate that supposedly most fearful beast - The Wolf - then he would not now have to worry about relinquishing "...his role as the master predator without dire consequences on his economic and physical well being."

The aborigines who had to hunt wild animals for simple survival and not as a supplement to their regular fare understood and respected those facts of life in the wild world. But, the well kept civilized Western conqueror submitted these people to his way of operation and now, many once numerous species are gone or diminished to dangerously low proportions.

The point to be made is that today, for the vast majority of our society, hunting is not necessary and is usually or ulteriorly

done for the sake of killing and claiming the kill, likely a psychological satisfaction. Starvation is indicative of overpopulation and proliferation and unlike man who is intelligent enough to fear the unknown of death, wild animals can only be conditioned to accept it as inevitable in whatever form it should present itself.

Surely, death by starvation can be no worse than a long slow, agonizingly unfamiliar death from a fatal bullet would, which is the way too many of these animals die during the hunting season.

Shooting any wild animal by any person with association or relations with populated centres or places such as universities is not necessary. I would go so far as to suggest that man stop meddling with wild populations such as the wolf and the deer until he solves his own difficulties of proliferation.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Somerville



## Busing problem doesn't inspire reader

Dear Sir:

Last week, Edison Stewart bemoaned the poor participation in his busing questionnaire and asked at what point we, the students of U.N.B., get involved. I can't speak for anyone else, but the reason I didn't reply was that I had nothing to contribute. I live close enough to the university, to downtown and to the mall that I can, and do walk to any of these places. I saw no point in filling in 'no' or 'never', as positive information was needed.

As for the question of getting involved, there may be a

lack in me, but the busing problem simply does not inspire me to crusade. I tend to leave that to what I consider more important issues, such as discrimination on a racial, religious, sexual, or age-related basis. If I take a stand on busing, it will be in relation to the need for public transportation, the need to enact pollution control laws and the need to restrict the number of cars being driven.

Sincerely,

June MacMullin

## Yearbook criticized

Dear Sir:

Reference this years Yearbook. All in all, a rather lousy publication. But in particular I would like to mention the section on Business Administration Graduates. It will be nice in a few years time to be able to look back and try to guess what name goes with what picture. However, not being very good at guessing games, I would have appreciated it more, if the editor could have seen fit to place the proper names under the appropriate pictures. **THOSE WERE THE DAYS**, in the past when we had a Yearbook of which we could be proud.

P.S.

The Gold and Green of St. Thomas, makes a most unfitting combination for a UNB Yearbook.

Al Jones  
Bus. Admin. 4  
Harrison House

Dear Sir:

In regard to the 1971-1972 Yearbook we wish to express our utter disappointment in the organization and in particular the colors chosen for the cover. We were under the impression that our university colors were red and black, not the yellow and green as portrayed.

It shows a total lack of concern for the students who wish to look upon this as a memorable account of their years at university. While looking through the book we were appalled to see our friend's pictures incorrectly positioned not only by name but also by sex. If this is any indication of the work that will be done this year and in future years is there any point in producing a year book?

Sincerely,  
Linda Frost Ed.5  
Cecilia Trythall Ed.5  
Jim Sinclair Ed.5  
Sally Coughney Ed.5  
Rick Reynolds Ed.5

## Photo did indicate sick society

Dear Sir:

The two letters you published in last week's *Brunswickan*, under the heading "No basis for front page photo," completely missed the point of the picture. The last sentence of the caption read, "A proud and bragging hunter, having disembowled three beautiful animals, stood behind the camera." That, Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. Animal Lover, is the point of the picture. No one will argue with you that the deer population must be kept down at present, and no one will begrudge a poor New Brunswick hunter his family's food. Yet this particular hunter's attitude is not unusual. When the hunting season rolls around in New Brunswick each year, thousands of hunters do not wearily shoulder their rifles to go out and do their duty of keeping the deer population under control. Rather, there is an air of excitement about the approaching hunting season. Pictures of hunters wearing wide grins are published in the newspapers, and hunters drive down the main streets, not

once, but continually, until everyone has seen the "prize" tied to the trunk of the car. What greater sense of power is there than to be nestled behind the barrel of a rifle with a moving target in the scope.

The hunter in New England

who stood behind the camera was proud and bragging because he had killed three deer.

I feel that there was every basis for your front page picture, and that you are right. It is indicative of a sick society.

Clare Galloway.

## Foreign students plan Xmas activities

Dear Sir:

In the past few weeks, many columns of the *Brunswickan* have been devoted to X-mas for foreign students at the UNB campus. I would like to congratulate the *Brunswickan* for its initiative to bring this matter up at the right time, since I know some positive results have been in progress.

However, many comments and criticism, especially from international students themselves have been provoked by this article. As a foreign student myself, I understand the "fierte" of the international students who accept the

challenge of getting an education abroad. I understand the emotional tide rising when the overseas students learnt that charity organizations came to them at Christmas, and people are "approached" to take one or two students to their home at this time of the year. I myself would have had strong resentments about this. However, one should look at this as a "good gesture" of Canadians towards international students. They should be thanked for their hospitality, however unintentionally hurting the students feelings. I would however question the competency

of the persons who are responsible for the overseas students welfare. If they approached the charity organizations and made such artificial relations, they did not understand foreign students at all. The overseas students adviser has done many things for foreign students here at UNB. I would praise her for her efforts in helping the students needs such as housing, hospitalizations, medical and legal aids etc... However, some aspects are neglected, and some others are overhelped. I have the feeling that foreign students feel that their privacy is also looked after.

By the way, a group of international students are planning a X-mas supper and party in cooperation with various international student organizations, with the financial help from the SRC and Mrs. Stocker. Let's hope this is an all-student effort, and if you stay in Fredericton this Christmas, you are welcome to attend. For information contact 455-7628 or 454-6472.

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party tonight