



mugwump journal

By MIKE MACKINNON

I guess that the first order of business would be to point out to the readers, especially Gerard Finnan, Sue Lynch and Andy Young, that the ideas and opinions of John Bosnitch, expressed in his column *Reaction*, are by no means the opinions of the *Brunswickan*. Allowing such statements to be printed is a mistake by us and we apologize to the people mentioned. We will insure that such remarks are never printed again, whether in *Reaction* or any other column.

By now you are finishing up your second week of classes. No doubt the professors have assigned readings and assignments. This means that the work starts and the partying stops, right? Well a little bit anyway. Should you find yourself sitting around with time on your hands and nothing to do (yeah, sure), then drop by the Bruns office. We can always use help around here.

I guess that takes care of my token appeal for new staff.

This week we have a new serial in the entertainment section. No it is not the kind you put milk and sugar on. Well, I suppose you could, but the paper would get a little soggy. We thought we would run the Brownsworth and Crown of Trent serials weekly to provide something for you to read besides reporting. Your opinions on the serials are more than welcome.

Well, the province is gearing up for another election. Who is it going to be this time? One thing is certain though. The mud slinging politics is for the birds. What happened to the days of empty promises? At least then you knew who to vote for... they guy that made the least promises. That way you wouldn't be too disappointed. I guess that kind of politics is like the dodo bird, dead.

I suppose many of you, at least some, are wondering what the word MUGWUMP means. I have heard of a number of definitions but the best is the one I heard on Benny Hill last Saturday night. According to Benny, the MUGWUMP is a bird that sits on a fence with its posterior on one side and its beak on the other. Neither side of the fence is particularly safe for the targets of its abuse.

There are a number of interesting issues going on, on campus right now. There is the issue of the SRC with only one of the original three members still retaining his position. I wish Andy Young lots of luck because he is going to try to take over the presidents' responsibilities. It won't be easy.

Another issue is the confrontation between Doreen Kissick and the foreign students. It will be interesting to see what comes of the affair.

Did anyone happen to be in the SUB Sunday afternoon? The Faculty Club was having its annual barbecue. Lots of people, especially kids. One interesting part of the event was the band. Even I, a person who is strictly into Rock N Roll, found the music enjoyable. I hope all there had a good time.

At the same time as this event, was folk on the grass. I happened upon the event while walking to Head Hall. There seemed to be a fairly good turnout and, once again, the music sounded good.

Work still goes on regarding the Social Club's move to the old ballroom. Having been out of university for two years I was quite surprised by the move. I suppose it is just as easy to get drinks two floors above the ground as one floor below.

Until next week. . . .

soundoff

Last note from Orientation

Dear Editor:

This is a letter to thank you for your comments on this year's Orientation Committee.

We were very happy with the way things ran so smoothly and this is attributable to my hard working executive: Nancy Forbes, Vice-chairman and Director of Shinerama; Hope Nagle, Treasurer; Mary Gange, Public Relations; Brent Blizzard, High School Relations; Joanne Calhoun, Secretary and Sharon Marr, Assistant Public Relations. Thanks guys, you did a great job.

Not to break arms patting ourselves on the back, but the success of Orientation can also be shown by the dedication of the hundred committee members who could be

counted on to give that extra effort to see that everything went well. Once again, a job well done.

Orientation also received support from the Administration of both the University and the Student Union. A special thanks to Dr. James Downey, Dean Barry Thompson of the University and to B.J. DeClou of the Student Union.

I would like to take this opportunity if I may to clear up a few points from last week's editorial.

1) Orientation is not associated with resident initiation. We are here to see that incoming students adapt to their new environment as smoothly as possible.

2) The actual value of the Frosh Pack stems mostly from the free admission into the

events. In addition to this, we do provide some material items in the Frosh Pack in order that some value does come from the Frosh Pack. If you ask upperclassmen from two years ago, you will see how good your Frosh Packs really are.

In closing, I would like to thank all those people that did help with Orientation. Believe me, it was greatly appreciated. I wish everyone a great year and I hope it is your best ever.

Sincerely,

Wayne Schreuer
Chairman, Orientation '82

Bosnitch's campaign ploy

Dear Editor,

What would happen if the students of UNB were witnessing strange financial dealings, mismanagement, political appointments of friends girlfriends, boyfriends, and relatives to positions within the SRC? It is my opinion that these very students of UNB

would look towards those within the SRC with much suspicion and doubt!

What if, also, only one person seemed to be unearthing of all this "corruption"? Then of course the students of UNB would be thankful!

But what if all the talk of mismanagement, political appointments and corruption

were only an exaggeration and opportune creation of one mans' ambition for total control of the student government? Then the students of UNB would be witnessing John Bosnitch's campaign for President!

We've been had!

Peter L. Thomas
U.N.B.

Mother expresses thanks

On June 28th, the Student Assistant at the Art Centre, Tom Riesterer, suffered an accident. After 7 weeks in Intensive Care in the hospital in Fredericton and Saint John, he died on August 13th. He was a PhD student in the English Department.

His mother has sent me the enclosed letter of appreciation and asked me to send it to you with the request that it be printed. I hope that you can help her to reach Tom's friends in this way.

Marjory Donaldson

Faculty and Students
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This letter is an attempt to accomplish the impossible - to express our gratitude for the kindness and help given to myself and members of my family during our stay in Fredericton and St. John when Tom was ill, by many members of the faculty of the University

of New Brunswick and by Tom's fellow students and friends.

The financial assistance rendered made it possible for me to be with Tom during the entire seven weeks of his illness and for his father to be there during the last 25 weeks, and for both of us to be with him during his last hours. What this means to us is beyond my ability to express and knowing Tom and how much he loved his family you will understand what it meant to him.

The help of Tom's friends in giving us rides, having us to meals, etc., was very comforting, but most comforting of all

was the knowledge imparted to us of the love and respect accorded to our dear son by all who knew him.

I am sure you will understand the almost unbearable sense of loss we are enduring, but we know how privileged we are to have had a son such as Tom for even part of a lifetime and we know because of his goodness he is safe and happy now and we will see him again. This will help sustain all his family who loved him so dearly and miss him so sorely.

God Bless you all.
Most sincerely
Gay Reisterer

What's going on ?

Dear Editor:

Do you remember last year? It wasn't that long ago.

It was a rare day that the campus didn't witness a brewery van in our fine campus parking lots.

This year all we see are vans

with speakers on the roof, stripes on the sides, and white bristol board with tape.
Why?

Signed,

Puzzled?