

Cynic-at-large

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For those of you who could not relate to my complaints about the public transportation system in Fredericton, it is most likely because you own your tailor-made student car. I am not so sure I envy you or your vehicle but I definitely do covet your sound system - for if you are a true student driver, your car tape deck is worth at least twice as much as the vehicle itself. I was beginning to believe the music was directly connected with the engine because it appeared you could not get the latter to operate without the former.

Student cars can normally be identified by a few very definite features. For instance, the less wise passengers can be seen shivering, their teeth chattering to the beat of the "Flying Lizards" or, God forbid, Donna Summer. The more knowledgeable of the passengers can barely be seen at all - their faces hidden behind yards of woolen scarf, their bodies immobile under layers of winter wear. They are the ones familiar with the fact that it is illegal to drive a student car with a heater.

Students' vehicles always have the same distinct shape - lumpy. The lumps and dents provide several topics of conversation as they are signatures of various attempts at driving over 20 foot snowbanks, through closed garage doors or at the professor who gave you an 'F' last term. It's sort of like comparing scars. But are you tougher if you get dented by an Alpha-Romeo that drove in front of you while it was parked at the grocery store or if you acquired a hole in your fender from the old woman that got in your way while you were driving across a pedestrian crosswalk?

Student cars always have the same distinct colour - various shades of rust. They generally have the appearance of a piece of American Tourister luggage on wheels - owned by somebody's grandmother who insists on packing three of everything despite the lack of room. It is an irony of the automobile industry that they obviously constructed Volkswagon bugs and Minis to hold a minimum of eight passengers stuffed to overflowing, while the businessman's Impala holds just the driver comfortably and you wonder why student car-poolers have flat knees and pushed in faces.

It is always easy to tell when a carload of these wild and crazy male students have recently passed down the street, for they leave behind a trail of shocked mothers and giggling, blushing young girls. It was not their faces these poor souls caught a glimpse of, but other anatomical parts hanging out the windows. I believe such a quaint practice is referred to so endearingly as pulling a moon.

Yet all is not fun and frolic for student car owners. There exists an enemy around every corner, whether it be the insurance collector, the student loan reposessor, the campus security man with watchful eye, overzealous pen and ticket pad, or the little man who sits in the cabin of his snowplow chuckling away in fiendish delight as he buries yet another parked vehicle under blankets of winter white.

Students can often be found sobbing helplessly beside the vehicle, keys and cheat notes for the final exam scheduled for the next half hour, locked inside.

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Harriet out of space

By LYNN REICKER
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The Harriet Irving Library is gradually running out of space. Just how soon this happens will depend on a number of factors. Dr. Gunn, university librarian said the determinants are these: the rate at which new books are added; the rate at which old books are suspended; whether some seating space

is replaced by shelves; and whether storage facilities can be found outside the building.

In the MPHEC's financial plan for 1981-82, \$4.2 million is allocated for library expansion: \$2.5 million for 1981-82, \$1 million for the following year, and \$700,000 for the third year.

However, Dr. Gunn said one

should not hold one's breath waiting for it to happen because library expansion has been at the top of UNB's list of priorities for three or four years now. One idea for expansion is to build an annex to the library. The cost per square foot is going up each year. Therefore, the longer construction is put off, the more expensive it will be.

Coffee Shop hours cut

By GORDON LOANE
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Coffee shop hours in the SUB will be cut back on weekends effective immediately. That's the word from Cindy Stacey, director of the SUB. In a letter sent to the *Brunswickan* this week, Stacey said "due to lack of participation the coffee shop will be closed at 10 pm each Saturday and Sunday for the remainder of the term." Previously coffee shop hours were extended to midnight Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Phil Bonin, director of Beaver Foods, confirmed last week the hours would be shortened on weekends. A survey was conducted to determine the level of business on weekend nights, according to Bonin. "Our sales just did not make it feasible to remain open the extra hours," he said.

Controversy concerning coffee shop hours surfaced the weekend of February 1 when the coffee shop was closed at 10 pm when in fact hours posted outside the entrance to the shop still read "coffee shop hours - closed at 12 midnight Saturdays and Sundays." After several complaints and inquiries were received at the *Brunswickan*, subsequent calls revealed the hours were changed after a meeting between Stacey, Bonin and Howard Goldberg, UNB manager of conferences and food services. The change in hours were made effective Saturday January 31.

After several complaints concerning lack of adequate notice and problems with certain procedures involved, the coffee shop was found to be open until midnight last weekend.

A reliable source told the *Brunswickan* that under the food services contract between the university and Beaver Foods, the food contractor must indicate in writing a request for permission to change any of its operations. This was confirmed in an interview with Bonin last week. In fact, the letter of formal application had

not been sent to Howard Goldberg who must approve all applications. The *Brunswickan* has now learned the formal application has now been sent and permission has now been granted to cut back the hours of operation.

The hours of operation for the coffee shop during the March break have also been an-

nounced. Cindy Stacey confirmed the hours of operation would be as follows:

Friday February 20th 7:30 am to 6 pm; Sat Feb 21 10 am to 6 pm; Sun Feb 22nd 10 am to 6 pm; Mon Feb 23 to Fri Feb 27th 9:30 am to 6 pm; Sat Feb 28th 10 am to 6 pm; Sun March 1st 10am to 10 pm.

SRC chairmen to overlap

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One of the two SRC chairmen will now be appointed in January it was decided at Monday's regular SRC meeting.

By-law IV, section 4 (a), which deals with the appointment of chairpeople has been changed to read: With the second to be appointed for a term of one (1) year commencing in January.

Rep-at-large Ross Libbey explained that by having the two chair positions overlapping, the SRC would always have an experienced chairman, and the newly appointed chairman would have a reference person on hand in case of difficulties arising.

In the president's report Kevin Ratcliff reminded councillors that missing three (3) consecutive meetings is grounds for dismissal.

A memo was sent to all student members on the SUB board of directors, the UNB SRC and the campus media, to remind them of a meeting being held Thursday evening Feb 12 (last night) to discuss the future use of \$15.00 in the SRC fees now being used to pay the SUB mortgage. The chairman of the meeting, Gordon Loane, was later to urge the councillors to participate in Thurs-

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