

Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

..It's been a while, you know, since I laid some heads on the line and did a little chopping. For those of you who enjoy that sort of thing, read on. Everyone else may as well skip a few paragraphs. ..The UNB Bookstore and the books therein have been a constant source of problems for students. Granted its close and convenient, and annually we are given figures showing their prices are lower than everybody elses. ..Fine. So why did one Brunswickan staffer pick up a book in Saint John two weeks ago that costs more at the Bookstore? And howcum they purchased several new cash registers for the store this summer? (Perhaps it wouldn't be so bad if these were ordinary cash registers. But they're not. We understand they're the only ones of their kind in the province. Take a good look and you'll see why. Nobody else can afford them.) ..It seems that for UNB money isn't any problem. ..This next problem is one we all run into: professors changing texts for courses from year to year, thus ruining whatever slim chances you may have had at selling your used text back to the bookstore. (What bookstore in its right mind wants a book it can't sell???) ..Now I realize man is making tremendous advancements every day, but do we really need a new textbook every year? Can't the one be used for at least a few years? It would save students a lot of money and perhaps even more frustration. How about it profs? Give us a break.

Red and Black

..So there you go, folks. I've run completely out of nasty things to say this week; guess I'll have to be nice for a while. ..Red and Black is trying to get organized for several days of shows sometime in November. They really need a lot of help. The last I heard, there isn't any director (though there may well be by now). In any case, they could certainly use your body. I understand they're meeting Wednesday nights, so watch the bulletin boards for times and places and try to get out and help.

Student Representation

..For your information (and you're probably not that interested) I've got a little typewritten message in front of my desk that reads as follows: "The university is composed of faculty, students, books and ideas. In the literal sense, the administration is merely there to make sure the sidewalks are kept clean..." ..It was taken from the Berkeley Free Student Movement, presumably sometime in the 1960's. When you think about it, it's really fairly accurate. Administration is needed for planning, budgeting and expansion. Anything else is unnecessary and probably unwanted. While I'm not one to suggest that students take over the Senate (we have trouble enough filling the seats we have already) I do believe student voices (plural) are necessary in the formation of university policy. ..Speaking of student voices, student representation at UNB seems to me to be woefully inadequate. Let's look at them for a moment: ..On the Students Representative Council, the executive still lead the blind onward and supposedly upward. Centralization is the key word here, and don't let anybody tell you it isn't. ..On the Senate, we have six people who represent us. About all they seem to do is ask if a student can get on any committee that's set up. Any deep thought seems to be lost on them after that. ..The Board of Governors is a rather unique case, as students have only been on there for less than a year. ..Ken De Freitas, one of the governors, is no longer attending UNB. He's in Trinidad. So far, Mike Richard seems to be doing best at professional seat-warming. These expenditures of the past several months have gone past his eye without so much as a blink. ..There's a vacancy on there now. Rumour has it Roy Neale will run. For Neale — who's already SRC president — this would mean even greater centralization. (Not bad, eh Roy.) ..Neale quite understandably wants the SRC connected in some way with the student senators. True to form, the senators are ignoring the council meetings (for what purpose we'll never know).

..And frankly, I think the SRC and the other student representatives should be linked in some way, though not as concretely as Neale does. Our student senators and governors could use some sense of responsibility and co-ordination. And Lord knows our councillors need some direction, other than that they're already getting from the executive. ..Personally, I don't feel Neale should get the job. The man has talent — I'll grant you that. But his election to the Board would be even further concentration of power in his hands. Would he not be placed in a rather delicate position on the Board? Would they tell him everything if they knew he would toddle back to the SRC and spill the beans? (They wouldn't need to worry if the meetings were open, but they're not.) ..As far as I'm concerned, the senators and governors should be made reps at large at the council, and would therefore have some responsibility in that direction. ..Think about it.

Ministers say Hollander glorifies prostitution and drug-taking

Dear Sir:

It is our understanding that Miss Hollander, author of the "Happy

Hooker" has been invited to speak on the UNB campus in the forthcoming week. The "Happy Hooker" is so notorious in its



Xavierra Hollander

Photo by Mike Carr

glorification of immorality and drug-taking that it has been banned in Toronto and in St. John. With drugs and immorality a constant threat to both city and University, we strongly deplore the crass lack of conscience of the inviting student authority, or University authority to even allow Miss Hollander an audience of impressionable youth at this institution of higher learning. Surely this is liberty turned licence in the subversion of decency and community morality. Surely, we want something better than prostitution and drugs for our young people!

Yours very truly,

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Rev. L.W. Matheson, First Calvinist Baptist Church; Rev. Ken Yeo, United Baptist Churches of Rusagonis and New Maryland; Rev. Clare Mullen, Evangelical Pentecostal Assembly; Rev. Norman Trafton, Marysville Wesleyan Church; Rev. Lloyd Pangburn, First Pentecostal Church Nashwaaksis; Rev. James Doohan, Mauderville United Baptist Church; Rev. Charles Bain, Barkers' Pt Wesleyan Church; Rev. E. Wickens, United Pentecostal pastor-at-large; Rev. Trevor Baetz, Missionary Alliance Church; Rev. Don McDougal, United Baptist Church Jemseg; Rev. Robert Reed; Rev. Ches McKenzie, Nashwaak Bridge Baptist Church; Rev. B. Cochrane, Wesleyan Church Fredericton; Rev. Bruce Moore, Union St. Baptist Church; Rev. Howard Post, First Pentecostal Church; Rev. Ron Stanley, Cross Creek United Baptist Church; Capt. Albert Verhey, Salvation Army Citadel; Rev. James Stephenson, Primitive Baptist Church.

Hats off to Dean Wilson

Dear Sir:

The Brunswickan has, from time to time, published various articles pertaining to our Dean of Students, Dr. Frank Wilson, and the many varied functions of his office.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise my colleagues of just what an approachable, intelligent, and interested gentleman Dean Wilson really is and how instrumental he is in bringing about some of the many changes on this campus.

Last spring, I was a selected member of a five-member committee representing the 160 students of Biology 2-3791. To make a three month story short, it was through the able assistance of our Dean of Students that we were successful in winning our plea against the University and, as a result, were successful in bringing about a major change in our marks, have a ridiculous marking scheme defeated, and a certain

professor (who shall remain anonymous) severely reprimanded for his actions and attitudes concerning this course. It was Dr. Wilson, acting in his official capacity, who saw to it that we students were not subjected to this type of ridiculous treatment. Without him, we would never have won our case.

Towards the termination of this "dilemma", I complained endlessly to Dr. Wilson about the "red tape" involved and the utter hopelessness of getting anything done on this campus. I brought up the subject of Health Services (which is being successfully improved by Dr. Wilson) and, in particular, the question of an ambulance service on campus. He assured me that an ambulance service, owned by UNB and operated by Security Services, would be a reality by Christmas of this year. Knowing the "red tape" involved, I bet him \$5.00 that it was impossible. Well, mark up another one for the Dean of Students.

Thanks to his endless efforts, we now have an ambulance operated under the above conditions, and Dr. Wilson is \$5.00 richer!

As a student of UNB, I wish to express my most sincere congratulations to Dr. Wilson. It's good to see such an intelligent and responsible gentleman in such an important and instrumental position. I can assure you that UNB made no mistake when they elected him to that office. It's so reassuring to know that our academic survival rests in the able hands of such an open-minded, approachable, and decisive gentleman such as Dr. Wilson.

Hats off to one of the best faculty members on campus. Keep up the good work, Dean!

Yours very truly,

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