

Mugwump

by
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I trust that by this time everyone has successfully recovered from the 'rest' that they had over the March break. I do know of a few persons, though, that did not rest all but spent the entire time working on such things as theses and research; Ah, well the life of an energetic student, or at least one that wants to graduate.

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It seems that everytime I sit down with intentions of writing this journal of mine something about the physical plant comes to mind. Only thing is, whenever I make a comment about them, I somehow get my facts incorrect. Well, this time there are so many facts so, I can't get too many of them wrong.

Three weeks ago I wandered into the men's washroom on the mezzanine floor of the library for obvious reasons. I was quite surprised to find one of the stall doors hanging by one hinge. Security at the front desk collected up the screws and promised to see about getting it looked after. Fine, or so I thought. Well, the next day the door was back on the hinges until some poor soul tried to shut it and it came off in his hand. As a result of this, it has been hanging there on one hinge for over three weeks.

Also, I laboured under the misapprehension that I was the only person who thought anything of this until the other night when I had to travel all the way to the second floor looking for washroom facilities. On the second floor I found that one of the stalls did not even have a door to hang by one hinge, let alone two.

There is something wrong with this university when it cannot provide or maintain proper washroom facilities in one of the largest and most used buildings on campus. I believe that there is a law which states one should appropriate facilities for those who do require their use. As well, in the last couple of weeks I have heard some expressions, which should be kept in the washroom, used outside and on the stairwells due to this rather obnoxious inconvenience.

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As I am writing I can still hear the cries of students as they suffer under the instructors and professors, who knowing that we are entering the final stretch, as it were, have decided that the students in their classes did not work hard enough this year. The motions which were presented in the Senate to prevent this sort of thing were soundly defeated by those who run this university so one this is quite, and very nastily, obvious. The administration still has and intends to subject students to inhumane workloads and keep them in their places. Some of the faculty do have a sort of sympathetic ear to the problems which students have but it appears now, at least on senate, that the students count only as numbers; and dollars and cents. I wonder what and if anything is being done to alleviate this problem by our newly elected student senators and the SRC in general. I mean, we elected these people to represent us on such a Senate, and in the last year only one of those people did anything constructive for students other than themselves at all. Come on you people show us where your votes came from, we know, do you remember?

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As another year closes in upon the bureaucratic nightmare that we call the Student Representative Council, it becomes obvious that a few slipups have been made. Perhaps they are not the fault of those who work in the SRC office but someone goofed and all those people who were supposed to get something paid for them by the SRC had better check it out. Take me for example, a poor one I admit. As director of CHSR this year I was to get half my tuition paid. Fine, so I paid the other half in the fall, and it is a good thing I did. When I traversed the maze of hallways and doors to the business office to get my receipt for income tax purposes, boy did I get a surprise. I found that, as of the end of February, someone had neglected to pay about a quarter of my tuition. I was asked to pay up!! Well, flabbergasted I journeyed to the SRC office where I was sent down to the business office with a piece of paper supposedly to explain the whole affair. I am not sure now how it will come out, but I do hope they let me have my degree!!

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It's my turn to complain about CHSR and the Bruns now; not against them but on their behalf. In the past, these two organizations have literally become footballs in the political games which are played upstairs from here in the SRC office. I think that it is about time the worth of these two organizations was reevaluated. In the past the SRC has tried to keep the budgets of these large organizations down to what THEY consider a legal limit. What they have failed to realise is that the equipment owned by these organizations, more so CHSR than the Bruns, does not last forever. I remember a couple of past SRC presidents and a couple of infamous CHSR station directors showing people around the station bragging literally about how much each piece of equipment was and how valuable the station as a whole was. Is this the way CHSR is looked at? Just spent money with no return! If it is this is the wrong way to look at it. The SRC allows CHSR \$ much new each year, this year it was an ampex stereo tape deck. Even if in the future new equipment like this is bought nothing will save a radio station which is even now barely surviving. Why? Well, most of the time the reception in the residences is good, if you are lucky, off campus it is of course non-existent. The people who do listen think that the Deejays are paid, which they are not. In short something must be done. What? Well, I'll continue this line of argument next week. [Sorry Sarah]

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sound-off

Vive le Bruns libre

Dear Editor:

These are my plans for taking over control and sole proprietorship of the Brunswickan. It will be done in an honest and orderly fashion with only a minimum of shredded bodies lying about in the baking sun. The members of this staff and the students of this University will not be harmed in any way unless, of course, you attempt to impede my progress. In that case you will be exterminated along with the rest of the Irish.

God said in His book of Munitions "Blessed is he who shooteth the Irishman for there lies he seeds of man's destruction". Since the Lord has written it, it is my duty to carry out His wishes. At least to the extent of this campus, and maybe further.

First of all I shall give our present News Editor, who is Irish, and deserves everything she gets, a free swim in the St. John River with a cement bathing suit.

Agreed this is not a deserving punishment for her but we must be merciful for God's lesser creatures. After assuming her role as News Editor I shall then put my concentrations into the Managing Editor's post. I shall send my right hand man "Killer" Trifts to the notable gangster and Irish lover "Buns" Ingersoll to try to persuade her to relinquish her post. She will then decide to nominate me for the post. While parked in the Fredericton Mall parking lot at 4:00 a.m. one morning "Buns" will have an auto accident with four sticks of dynamite that she foolishly left attached to a detonator. She will learn the hard way not to leave things like that lying about, especially wired to her ignition.

After assuming the role of Editor in Chief along with my other two jobs, I will have "Killer" move the yearbook staff into the hallway and have that room lined with cages. Next "Killer" and his associates will round up all

available frosh and freshettes. They will be placed in the cages and only let out for air and layout night. After 4 years of layout nights these cagees will be released and given a Bachelors of Journalism degree and a bill for all the back fees they didn't pay while attending the University of New Brunswick.

The price of the paper will rise from nothing to 25 cents. All students upon registration will be forced at gun point to purchase a subscription for the year to the Bruns. Upon amassing my first fortune I will then convince the President of the university to sell out his interests to me or die smothered under a huge coconut-cream pie.

Those then are my immediate plans for the next month and a half. I wish to thank you all who are involved for your future help and understanding.

The Literary Assassin.

Dictatorship rule in America?

(Open Letter to America/World)

Dear President Carter & Fellow Americans:

What is happening to those great documents of American freedom — the very foundation of our country — the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? Not only is there dictatorship rule in America's Judicial System, but one of the most cruel, and inhumane acts ever used in all mankind... the Habitual Criminal Law. What crime have we committed to have judgment passed on our poor misguided souls? Saying we're not fit to live among society anymore!!!!

Now the Habitual Criminal Statute, court records, prison records will show that Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Texas and 36 other states are violating the 8th and 14th Amendments by letting one person, the prosecutor, use despotic dictatorship rule and pick and choose who to try as habitual criminals.

(Since the statute is used randomly and vindictively by prosecutors without guidelines or standards, constitutes Cruel and Unusual Punishment. The Eight Amendment prohibits Cruel and Unusual Punishment and incorporates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and requires that punishment be

handed out uniformly.)

In America, all citizens are created equal, governed and judged by the same laws... "Our Great American Heritage."

On behalf of America's founding fathers and all Americans past and present who have given their sweat, blood, limbs, very lives and "Sacred Honor", for those documents — I would like to issue a challenge to anyone in the "Whole United States Judicial System" to deny these allegations publicly. Truth Conquers All Things!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Thomas Joseph Smith, Jr.
Station A West
Tennessee State Prison
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Petition's value questioned

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few comments and suggestions on some issues faced by UNB students, and students in general. I was not particularly happy with the petition that was organized by the New Brunswick Coalition of Students.

I signed that petition, but not without second thoughts and disagreement. Rather, I signed because I support the idea of student activity, involvement, and especially of gaining student rapport and opinion. What I disagreed with was the idea of using a petition, (which is very one sided in opinion), to address an issue of many sides and shades, to gather student opinion.

A person being asked to sign this petition, and who disagrees with it in part or whole, and refuses to sign, will be labeled apathetic by the people who want to use it for lobbying. I am speaking specifically of the NBCCS and our student government. It occurs to me that possibly, the large body of so called "apathetic students" may not be all that apathetic at all, but rather, have

not had much outlet for their full views. An example in point is the very narrow nature of a petition in itself.

I very much applaud the non-apathetic actions of the self appointed NBCCS, and their attempts to represent the student body. I hope my views will be seen as a student's input, interest, and constructive criticism, rather than unfounded and ignorant criticism, as so often charged by the people so called "repressing" us.

I would like to suggest to these bodies that the apathy they encounter, is, in effect, saying something, and that something is not necessarily non concern. Perhaps, what it means, is another method should be used to elicit response. As stated before, I don't feel a petition gives enough varied input into an issue. A carefully designed opinion survey is one way to get good feedback, but we all know how these can be designed to get nearly the response the designer wants. As seems to happen all the time in this so called "democratic" nation, other people are deciding what is best for us. The only way to try and change this is through a lot of red

tape, which is not always effective.

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Sealers take note

Dear Editor:

A word to the sealers:
Who kills a babe in its mother's sight will never be my brother.

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro

Thank-you Marv

Dear Bruns:

I enjoy your INSIDE articles on what's coming up on CBC FM Stereo.

I hope you will continue to present their program announcements.

Yours truly,
Marvin Greenblatt

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