



Mugwump Journal

By EDISON STEWART

Some of you may be interested to know that the student council dropped the idea of a bussing service to and from this campus. Lest I be charged with beating a dead horse, I intend to let the matter drop. Death should come peacefully, if it already hasn't.

Now that the council has dropped the idea, I thought I'd relate to you a bit of news: Fredericton city council approved the first reading Tuesday night of a new bylaw which would in some cases double taxi fares.

How's that for fun?

Bylaw 110, which still has to survive two more "readings" before being declared law, cuts the city and environs in several areas. As an example of these new charges, here's a few figures: Take a taxi from Aberdeen Street to Queen Street and you pay 75 cents. Take one from UNB to anywhere below Beaverbrook Street (just in front of the University gates) and you pay \$1.00 (double the previous rate) Take a taxi from downtown to the mall and you pay \$1.50.

Presumably you'll still be crowded into a taxi with three or more other people going in diametrically opposed directions. Presumably you'll still have to wait 20 minutes or more for service (which even at the best of times is not all that hot). And presumably, without getting any better service, you're going to pay double the rates.

Now you'll note that this bylaw has only received first reading. That simply means that there is still time for students to make their views known on this little matter. Now it could be that our SRC won't do anything about it, but somehow I don't think so. With all of the politicians getting ready to get elected, one would think they'd at least write city council a polite but firm letter opposing the increase.

If they don't at least try to do something, then council will be as useless as many of us have suspected for a long time.

Here are a few SRC tidbits: Last year, when the constitution was revised, our council allowed for what is called a sabbatical president. All that means is that if the president wants to take a reduced course load and spend more time in the office he can be eligible for a salary. Currently Roy Neale gets \$75 a week.

Here's the rub: Business Administrator Wayne Charters discovered Wednesday ("as I suspected all along") that whether Neale is re-elected to the position or not, he's on salary until September. How do you like them apples?

Meanwhile, SRC Comptroller Chris Fisher notes that the council's Administrative Board (which deals with finances) doesn't have to be made up of council members. Only the Comptroller and the Finance Chairman have to be on the Board, says Fisher. Technically, anybody else can be appointed to the job.

Word is that there's going to be a charge for parking close to buildings on campus next fall. How does \$3 a month (\$24 a year) sound to you? Actually I'd like to see it at half that much. But then I'm only one person. If anybody else out there agrees with me you're going to have to let somebody know.

Security Chief Williamson informs me that any of you seeing potential ice hazards on campus should phone him, day or night, at 454-4242. That way, he says, we'll be able to reduce the falling ice hazards around the campus.

The idea has merit, but it won't work as well as it should. Ice fell in front of the library last week within a foot and a half of an unsuspecting pedestrian, and large chunk of ice broke off pieces of cement on a door down at Memorial Hall.

Assumption Mutuelle Vie Ltee of Moncton, which owns Place Assumption Ltee, had a little fun in The Big City recently. Place Assumption owns Moncton's new city hall complex, and as landlord made the city remove an English-only crest from in front of the building. According to the lease, only bilingual signs are allowed on the exteriors of the buildings.

Mayor Jones, after realizing that he had his back to the wall, put out that Moncton might have to build its own city hall if the landlord was going to act so "childish".

Looks like a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Finally, carnival starts this week, so do the best ya can to have a good time. See you next week.

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Devils need more fan support

Dear Sir:

I just got back from witnessing a fine display of hockey talent and spirited action at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink as our own Red Devils beat the UPEI Panthers. I found it hard to believe that so many of my fellow UNBers were absent from such a fine effort by our hockey players. The people on this campus appear to want teams which will win for them yet they won't get out to support a bunch of guys who give so much of their time and effort to do just that, win.

Last night I was also present when the Panthers came storming back to beat us as we seemed to let down in the latter half of the game. I don't believe that this would have happened if there had been a large gathering of boisterous fans on hand to urge the guys who were giving so much to give just a little more and hold on when the Island team were coming on with all their effort. It's common knowledge that a competitor needs a following of fans to stick with him when things aren't going so well and lift him back to winning ways, to give him the feeling that if he wins, it will be more than a personal achievement but a lot of people, whom he feels are his friends, will be happy for him.

The fan support the Devils got this weekend, and this year in general, was ridiculous both in quantity and quality. This does not include all the students here of course as some of us went down and tried to let the guys know that we were behind them but half of the few who were there were booing the guys and they may as well have stayed home.

If this was the only weekend, such a horrifying turnout was in evidence I could see an excuse for it. It is possible that some people didn't know about the games as they weren't announced in the Brunswickan which is supposedly the student paper which lets us know what's happening. I wonder how many people know that last weekend the Devils went to Nova

Scotia to play games with X and Dal and that in the X game our captain and leader Bob Keefe suffered a broken arm, however not so much as a line was given in our student paper to inform us of this happening.

Therefore let's have a little more loyal fan support for our fine hockey team and I beg of the Bruns to please let us know some of the happenings in connection with the Red Devils because there are still a few of us who are proud of their efforts and wish them well and who will still proudly call them our University team if they don't win the Canadian Championship.

A Devil Fan

Louis Shea

Brunswickan staff meeting

Sunday at 7p.m.

All staff please attend

plus anyone interested in helping us.