

Comments

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Rickards Raiders we would like to express our sincere appreciation to The Brunswickan for aiding in the crusade against the evils of alcohol by publishing an article about the UNB Temperance Union (Nov. 16). However we feel it important that the record be set straight regarding the connection between Rickards Raiders and the Temperance Union, in order to correct the false image given by Bible Bill MacKinnon as to how the Temperance Union was formed.

The implication by MacKinnon that the Temperance Union was formed to rehabilitate Rickards Raiders is completely false. In fact the opposite is much closer to the truth; the Temperance Union was formed by Rickards Raiders to rehabilitate Bible Bill.

One Friday evening, approximately a year ago, some members of the team were heading over to Henry Rickards, team owner, to celebrate another glorious victory and we noticed Mr. MacKinnon emerging through the window of the Brown Derby with the unasked for assistance of several of its patrons. After the five of us subdued his 12 burly assailants, we found MacKinnon trying to extort a

dime from a fire hydrant for a cup of coffee. We asked the poor wretched soul where he would like us to take him and he suggested we return him to the Elm City Foundation.

However we realized that his chances for rehabilitation were very low if we let him remain there. Seeing this we escorted him over to Henry Rickards in an attempt to dry him out. The noble example of Rickards Raiders and Henry's kindly advice succeeded in overcoming great odds and successfully dried out Bible Bill. It was at this point Henry decided that Bill should be placed in a position to ensure his sobriety, thus he made Bill chaplain of Rickards Raiders.

However MacKinnon, with his new found moral strength coupled with the experience of his sordid past, decided to make amends. Thus supported by Rickards Raiders Bible Bill MacKinnon began the UNB Temperance Union.

From this small but dedicated group grew the mighty legions of the Temperance Union, now over 400 strong.

To further straighten the record at the time that the Temperance Union was formed Rickards Raiders had a record of 23 wins and

2 losses, compared to this year's record of 22 and 1. As can be seen the Temperance Union had little effect on the performance of Rickards Raiders.

Finally we must emphatically deny any connection between Rickards Raiders and the use of alcohol as stated by Bible Bill in last week's article. As superb

conditioning is essential to our success each and every one of us have reached the peak of physical conditioning as exemplified by our honorary team president, W. C. Fields.

We hope that this letter will clarify any misconceptions regarding Rickards Raiders that may have resulted from the

Temperance Union story. Thank you very much for allowing us space in your valuable newspaper to clarify the situation.

Sincerely,

David Wiesel, Team Captain
Bruiser John White and
Don "Chickenliver" Burke, alternate captains
Perley "The Bear" Brewer

Survey "screw-up" not fault of computer

Dear Sir:

In your editorial of November 23, 1973 dealing with course evaluation, you state, "...due to a screw up at the Computing Centre the publication (of the results of the course evaluation) never became available".

We at the Computing Centre pride ourselves on our reputation for competent service and request an apology for this accusation which is at variance with the facts of the matter. The Computing Centre had no part in the survey.

The facts of the matter are simple. The failure of the survey can be laid squarely on the incompetence of those responsible for its design. They did not record the class which was being evaluated and now they have all those forms and no idea which course they refer to.

The presence of gross errors, such as this, in the survey design reflects a lack of concern for validity and proper controls on the part of the organizations sponsoring the course evaluation and will place in serious doubt the credibility of any future surveys.

The all too common inclination to make the computer and those responsible for its operation the scapegoats for the failure of a poorly designed system is strongly resented by professional people in the data processing area.

For the future I have two suggestions:

- 1) Those responsible for the course evaluation (or any other large survey) should avail themselves of the services of a competent systems analyst. In fact, certification of the appropriateness and correctness of the survey design and data processing operations by such a professional person should be mandatory before the results of any survey are published. (While the Computing

Centre does not supply this service, we would be happy to give advice if requested.)

- 2) The Editor get his facts straight before accusing someone of a 'screw-up'.

Yours truly,

David G. Macneil
User Services
UNB Computing Centre

Yearbook staff should not be grads

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago I passed through Fredericton, and dropped into UNB to see how our yearbook was progressing. I was told that it would probably not be ready until sometime after Christmas. This information was obtained from the Sub Business Office.

Once again our yearbook is being screwed up. Last year it was the complete book from cover to cover, this year it is the production process: I was informed that Ken De Freitas had sent in only 92 pages out of the over 200 required to makeup the book. I believe he

was connected to some extent with last year's snafu. I'm sure all 1973 grads would appreciate it if a letter could be sent to him telling him to get off his apparently useless ass and put a bit of effort into the yearbook. I suggest that in the future NO critical stage of the production be given to a graduating student. Far better control could be had if the complete staff were still at UNB.

Al Jones
Ex Harrisonian
BBA Grad. of 73

Student comments on Viewpoint

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the manner in which "Viewpoint" is conducted.

I was approached by a student purporting to be a Brunswickan staff member and was asked to state my views on the James Bay Power Project. Although I was a non-committal about the issue and could not, therefore, give a definite "yes" or "no" answer, he demanded one or the other and a supporting reason. I chose the cause which occurred to my mind to be the best at the time. This, however, was not my actual opinion but a mere facet of the problem.

Perhaps, in the future, these opinion surveys would not necessarily require a definite answer.

Dwight Mann
Business Admin. 2

Mr. Mann:

Thank you for your letter. Due to the small space available for each response, answers should be short and at the same time concise, i.e., representative of the opinions of the person questioned. However, I make a sincere attempt

to give each person as much latitude as possible and I do not influence his response in any way imaginable.

I apologize to those questioned who felt they were being pressured into giving an answer which was not representative of their opinions. Your comments, Mr. Mann, will be taken into careful consideration.

As to my "purporting to be a Brunswickan staff member", my Brunswickan press card was most prominently displayed in my hat band for all to see.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Corbett

UWO has interesting

shower rooms

Special to The Brunswickan from the University of Western Ontario Gazette.

A groundswell of protest is afoot, and its first indications turned up in the men's shower in the University Community Centre.

Females using the women's facilities in the gym complex have been complaining recently about the hot water in their shower rooms.

They have none.

Frustrated in dealing with the bureaucracy to do anything about it two women took matters into hand. Early in the afternoon, at the end of their patience, the two girls nonchalantly walked into the men's locker rooms.

They proceeded to undress and take a shower, oblivious of their surroundings.

When finished they just as quietly left, somehow making their point.

One amazed male patron of the shower rooms said it was the best shower he ever had.

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Attorney for the Democratic Party for Watertown.
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Bruns "errs" again

Dear Sir:

I wish to correct an error published in last weeks Bruns in the article covering the Senate meeting. I did not say that "We won't pay for it, if the students are not going to see it." The actual phrase was that council disapproved at paying for something which the students wouldn't receive and benefit from. Although I don't think the misquote harmful, I feel it is misleading and would like to correct it.

On another note, I would like to thank this paper for the effort they put into publication this past election.

Sincerely,

Valerie Jaeger