



mugwump journal

by Deborah Geneau

Hi there Kiddies! How is everyone this week? What's that you say? Your student loan has finally been processed and you've actually moved into an apartment? Hard to believe...

There are all sorts of things to write about this weeks. Where should I begin? How about the housing problems of foreign students? That sounds like a good one.

Foreign students not only have to contend with a severe lack of accommodations in Fredericton but, it would appear the prejudices of some landlords as well. The Aquinian unearthed suprising and disheartening facts about the true nature of landlords in their paper this week. Good job guys!

The worst part is there is a possibility Off-Campus Housing has been screening students for racist landlords. If this is true one might ask why bother sending black or East-Indian Students to a building where the landlord has stated that they will not be accepted as tenants? It would be wasting the student's time. True. The fact is any landlord who contacts Off-Campus Housing and states that no foreign student will be admitted into their building should be reported immediately to the Board of Human Rights. The University should refuse to advertise apartments with such restrictions.

It will be interesting to find out exactly what has been going on over in Off-Campus Housing. Have they been screening tenants for landlords. Why did Off-Campus Housing Officer Stewart refuse to answer this question when approached by the Aquinian?

The SRC has set up an Investigative Committee to determine whether or not screening of students has been going on. Hopefully they will be able to get to the bottom of this mess. Even if they do, however, the problem will still be there. We can stop screening, we can stop advertising apartments for bigoted landlords, we can report them to the Human Rights but can we change their attitudes?

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The Third Century Fund is an organization headed by President Downey. The object of this organization is to improve the facilities of this university. At registration, every student automatically donated \$10.00 to this fund. Every student has the option to withdraw this donation. I personally, do not understand why any student would want to fill out those little forms to retrieve their ten dollars. Ten dollars is nothing! If the very students of this university don't care enough about it to want to improve its libraries, lab facilities and equipment, computer hardware (and countless other things) why should anyone else? What is wrong with you people? Ten dollars is not going to break you. In the long run, it could be the best investment you've ever made. Please, please reconsider if you've decided to fill out that little form. Think about what you're doing. We receive so much from university life - intellectually, socially, morally. It gives us so much. It changes our outlooks, experiences and expectations. Give something back in return. Ten dollars is so very little but it means so much.

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The mud wrestlers. Our news editor has asked me to write something about them in Mugwump this week. I must be honest, first of all, and admit that I did not see them. I don't believe I missed anything. Someone said the act (which is exactly what it was, I understand) came this close to being a skin show. Merely a matter of opinion, of course. There is an excellent letter to the editor on this subject. Read it.

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Here's hoping all you bums lucky enough to be going home this weekend and pigging out on Mom's stuffed turkey have a nice time and terrible indigestion.

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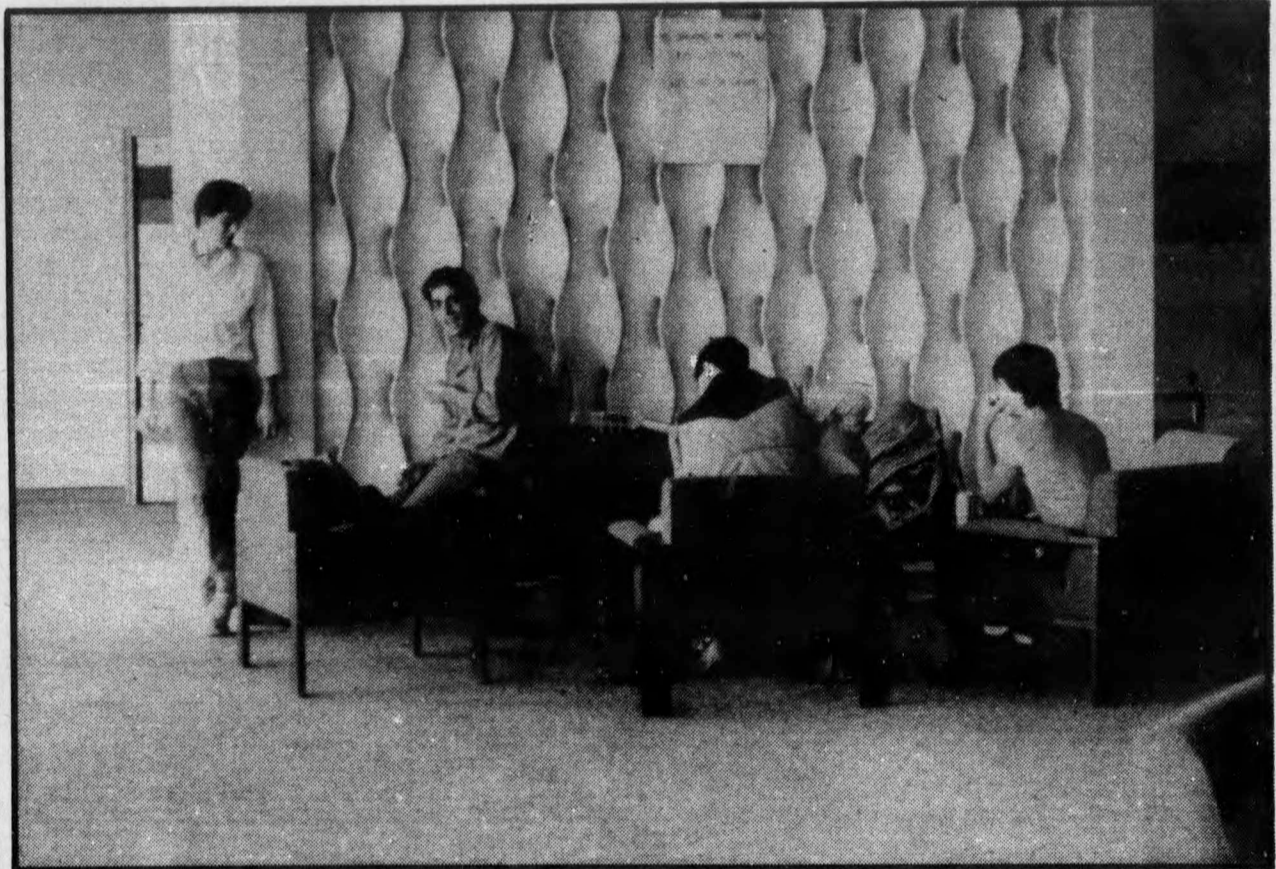
This marks the last week that I will yeild to fame seeking individuals who seem to crave seeing their name in print. This is it guys - no more.

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Think of it as home



Once again renovations have been made on the Blue Lounge for all of us to enjoy, but one has to wonder just how long we will be able to. Last week's opening ceremonies marked the second time in five years such renovations had to be made.

There is no question about whether the renovations were necessary because they were and those responsible should be congratulated for a job well done. What should be questioned is the reason it was necessary to install new carpet and chairs so soon. The obvious answer is the chairs were torn and the carpet a mess but how did they get that way?

The Blue Lounge is there for all students to enjoy but this does not mean butting your cigarette out on the arm of a chair and leaving chip bags and bar wrappers all over the carpet. It may be considered unreasonable but one would assume by the time you reached university you would have achieved some decent level of maturity. Would you sit in one chair with your feet propped up on another if you were living in your parents' house, would you grind your cigarette out in the carpet? Most people would not but then there are no parents here to remind us what is right and what is wrong.

Several comments can be heard about the condition of the lounge before renovations. comments such as "If there were more ashtrays, I wouldn't have to use the carpet." or "I just used the carpet as an ashtray after it was ruined". Poor justification for an act that ruins a facility intended for use by all.

Perhaps it is unfair, even unreasonable, to have such a pessimistic view of students here but previous actions support that view. It would be nice to look at the whole issue optimistically but one has to be reasonable. Already there are indications that this time around will be no different and not even "Heavy fines" will deter those who insist on ruining something for all.

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