

# EDITORIAL

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The last few years this university has seen the Student Union membership fees drop to a level that is competitive with the cheapest in the country.

Obviously this short term reprieve on the students pocket books is eventually extracted in many less apparent ways such as the decrease of student services, activities and special events.

We can not with good conscience malign the Student Union representatives if we greedily cling to the money we saved from having lower fees, and expect them to operate as if they had it.

Universities as close as Halifax and Montreal are charging two to three times our present fees and have reportedly an efficient running union.

## The SUB for the University students. Only.

The Student Union Building is owned and for the use of the students at UNB and Stu.

To what degree the building is owned by the students may be a point of contention for some, the fact that its use is for the university community alone, should not be.

This, previously thought, undebatable point was brought to a head three weeks ago when the SUB Board Committee approved, as an experimental project, the holding of an "alternative music" dance in the ballroom of the SUB.

Punk music (synonomous with alternative music) attracts its faithful largely from the local high school students.

During said events there were confiscated beer bottles, under age drinkers, police involvement, drugs, and numerous phone calls from concerned parents, a broken window, non-university students smoking on the carpeted area of the blue lounge, people being kicked out of the building, and finally reports of punkers filtering down to the first floor where they proceeded to "slam dance" with the formally dressed attendents to Caribbean Night.

In addition the event was aproved as a non-alcohol party. Some of these patrons had the audacity to take solace in such a fact and even wrote letters to that effect to me. Complaining that I had been harsh on them in the last Mugwump. The irony is that this event was a disaster without alcohol and if it, by some absence of God, was allowed to serve such beverages at the dance, proof of age would be required, all the high school kids would be turned away, the event would have flopped and no trouble would have ensued.

Regardless, such stupidity must not be allowed to occur again!

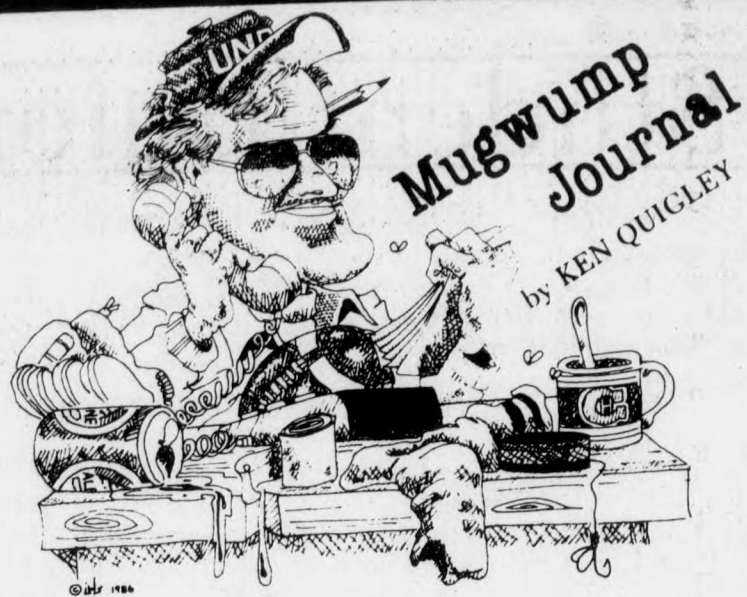
I do not condone the decision to hold the event in the first place. If the SUB Board had held the interests of the SUB and the students that pay for the priviledge to use it, they never would have let such an event happen in the first place.

However, it was permitted and now must be analyzed in the context it was first passed as...

An experiment.

One that failed miserably,

As students we must ensure that this costly lesson is not forgotten, and dances or events that involve such music, never be allowed to take place on this campus again.



For this week's Mugwump I thought of writing a rebuttal to the letters in the "Blood and Thunder" section, but I think on reference to Luis Cardosa's submission, I'll let the editorial speak for itself. I would like to make one small point about it before I drop it altogether, and it's addressed to Mr. Cardosa. If you wish to make a point to anyone, be it verbal or written, try not to spew out petty insults or pitiful attempts at belittling your opponent. It serves only to make you sound childish and eliminates any credence your argument might have had.

In regards to the letter by K. Nguru, I sympathize with his complaint and would like to offer an explanation that might answer other who are, or have been in the same situation.

The story you handed in was single spaced, difficult to read and could not possibly be passed to the typesetters with any love in our hearts. Robin Geneau, our News Editor, attempting to rewrite it in a form that was more legible, and inadvertently confused the context of some of your points. I apologize for any inconvenience or trouble this may have caused you.

Moving on, I see the Gleaner has once again kept its well earned reputation alive for delivering idiotic and slanted editorials.

In memory of the late Swedish President Palme, the Gleaner heaped accolades upon him. Citing Palme as a humanitarian, a peace loving man concerned with making the world a better place to live. Yet in typical Gleaner fashion ended off with the claim that his assassination proved that every country needs a good defence.

I don't see the connection either.

The next day, in an effort to possibly surpass such a gaf, they came out in warm support to Frank McKenna for his disciplining, in public, of two MLAs for travelling on non-business at taxpayers expense. Does the Gleaner swallow everything he says or do they just hate the alternative (what's his name) so much that they can't see through the blinders.

Well done boys.

I'd like to conclude this week's Mugwump with an address to all staff members of the Brunswickan who have let their loyalty to the paper slip with the running down of the year. Whatever frame of thought lead you to believe we need your support and help, any less than we did earlier in the year, discard it please. With a new Editorial Board, the demand for assistance has never been greater. Show your support to this effect, and show up at Friday's meeting, you won't regret it.

