

Mugwump
By TOM BENJAMIN
Journal

Law and graduate students laid on a warm and friendly reception for newly-elected council president Jim Smith during his first week of office last term.

Many law students attended an SRC meeting Dec. 8 to request a \$1,000 grant from council to assist in forming a lounge for Law and graduate students.

After a long discussion council decided to refuse the request for funds.

The Law students at the meeting apparently felt they deserved the funds for a separate lounge because they really do not have that much in common with undergraduate students.

After their performance at the Dec. 8 meeting I tend to agree — the ones at the meeting were allegedly much too childish to associate with impressionable undergraduates.

Having been refused funding through conventional channels, the Law students decided to put their newly-acquired legal knowledge to a practical purpose.

Quite simply, they threatened to "slap writs" on the president of the university, the president of the student council, and the council comptroller; apparently in an attempt to prove that they legally do not have to pay SRC fees.

Since council had been disbanded for the Christmas break it became necessary for council executives to make a decision on the matter. Now comes the surprising part — instead of either giving the \$1,000 or refusing to do so the executives arranged for \$3,000 to be given towards establishment of the lounge.

Well, well it certainly does pay to be a Law student doesn't it? Not even the junior entrepreneurs in business administration know how to ask for one and get three.

Hopefully when council is seated again the councillors will have a few pointed questions to ask the executives about the matter. The explanation should be quite interesting.

The club, according to Law and graduate students, will be open to all students, even those lowly undergraduates. However, all applicants will be screened by a committee composed of — you guessed it — Law and graduate students.

It will certainly be interesting to see how many undergraduates are actually admitted as members of the club.

By the way, Law students, before you reach for those Law texts, there is nothing which can be construed as either libel or slander in this column. Just thought I'd save you the time.

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For those of you who are disappointed that you won't be able to imbibe your favorite fluids with the upper echelons of university society — don't despair.

Plans are in the offing to establish a coffee house in the SUB which ALL students will be allowed to attend. As envisaged, the club would emphasize entertainment more than alcohol. With the present focus on alcohol for entertainment the club could provide welcome relief for those on campus who do not drink.

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Air Canada, the country's official Loser of Luggage, has added a new twist to its passenger relations game.

Get up early on a snowy Monday morning, clutching a round-trip ticket to Halifax in your sweaty hand.

Call the airport's flight arrival and departure information number.

A recorded announcement assures you that all flights are arriving and leaving according to schedule.

Call again an hour before you flight and get the same results.

The cab you called earlier doesn't arrive in time for you to catch the bus to the airport.

Take the cab to the airport.

Pay \$7.

Show your ticket to the ogre at the ticket counter and request a boarding pass.

The ogre tells you the flight has been cancelled, but does consent to booking you a seat on a flight eight hours later.

Go home and think it over. The snow continues.

Drive to Halifax.

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Food contract negotiations are opening again with Saga Foods for their operation in the SUB. Anyone with complaints — or praise — about the operation should make their feelings known before the negotiations actually begin.

SUB board of directors chairperson Dave Miller is the person to whom the comments should be forwarded.

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School of Administration chairperson and Board of Governors member H.A. Sharp made some interesting comments about the BOG earlier this week.

Sharp said the board does not meet often enough, and many of its members are not keeping in touch with the total operation of the university they govern.

Admittedly it would be difficult for the board to hold meetings very frequently, but I feel the importance of the business of the board warrants at least some consideration of holding more meetings each year.

Dalhousie debate planned

Dear Fellow-Debaters:

Just before the postal workers went on strike, the Sodales Debating Society of Dalhousie University sent you all a letter asking you to share in our plans for the year. Unfortunately, communication is a difficult thing these days but we do hope your club has been active and that you have not forgotten our invitation to participate in our tournament January 30th, 31st, and February 1st.

The debates will be held in the Weldon Law Building on the Dalhousie campus. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. Friday in the front lobby with the opening debate beginning at 8:00 p.m.

After the debate that evening there will be a wine and cheese party to help break the ice and give

us a chance to get to know each other better.

Saturday morning and afternoon are the debates — two rounds on the prepared topic, "Canada should severely restrict immigration", and two rounds of impromptu debating. All debates will be with two-person teams and conducted according to the rules of the Parliamentary Style Debate. Each person will have up to ten minutes to speak on the resolution except the Leader of the Opposition who has fourteen minutes and the Prime Minister who gets an extra four minutes for rebuttal.

Saturday night we have arranged for a banquet followed by a party. A model parliament will be held Sunday to give our official tabulators time to re-check the score additions and decide the top

individual speaker as well as the top two teams. These two teams will then compete for the trophy in the final debate.

We are also considering having debates in French this year if enough interest is shown.

The registration fee is \$25.00 for the first team, \$20.00 for the second team and \$15.00 for the third team. We are hoping to get discount prices for the rooms at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Since a lot of our plans cannot be finalized until we know how many people are coming, we would appreciate it if you could let us know at least two weeks before the tournament if possible.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
Yours in debating,
Cyndi Jordan,
Secretary, Sodales Debating Society
169 Melrose Ave.
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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P.S. If you stay at the Lord Nelson Hotel, the cost is \$9.00 per person per night.

Raiders said 'dark horse'

Dear Editor:

The 7th Annual Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament is underway this weekend at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Until last year this tournament was traditionally held during the Christmas holiday period. Last season, with the survival of the Classic in jeopardy, the dates were moved to the second weekend in January to involve student support.

This move proved to be the salvation of the event as student support was tremendous with all games being played before a full house at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

The 1976 Classic should be one of the most exciting in years. Carleton University has entered National prominence with victories over Toronto, Waterloo, and Ottawa. McGill is challenging

Concordia for basketball supremacy in the Quebec Conference. Main Portland-Gorham is one of the best small college teams in the New England area. The University of New Brunswick Red Raiders are the tournament "dark horse", however, with the home court advantage anything could happen.

The 1976 Tournament Committee has worked long and hard to bring basketball fans a line-up of great teams for this year's Classic. I look to exciting competition and ask for your support at the gate as we strive to bring the best of basketball to our University of New Brunswick Campus.

Most Sincerely,
Donald K. Nelson
Basketball Coach
UNB Red Raiders

NFSA up in arms

Dear Editor;

Proposed gun-control legislation by the Federal government faces the similar problem long felt by gun-control supporters in the United States — powerful gun and hunting lobbies here oppose any gun legislation measures which may restrict the ever increasing availability of handguns and longguns to the public. In Canada, much of the pro-gun legislation is supported by U.S. gun magazines and large retail outlets which

benefit by the large sales of firearms.

Thus it is imperative that the majority has an organized voice to support the need for firearm legislation. Readers interested in further information may write to:

National Firearms Safety Association,
7 Galt Street,
Ottawa, Ontario

Sincerely yours,
David Murrell

*All letters to the editor
must be signed, although
a pseudonym may be used
if a reasonable excuse is given*

**Victoria High
grads to meet**

Dear Editor:

May I, through the letters column of your publication, make an appeal to all former students and staff of Victoria High School in Victoria, B.C.

In 1976, Victoria High School, the oldest Canadian public high school west of the Great Lakes, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its establishment. A Committee has been formed to plan suitable centennial celebrations, and we are now attempting to locate all who attended V.H.S., either as a student or a member of the staff. Celebrations will begin early in the New Year and continue through to the end of the school term.

Many events are being planned for the Homecoming Weekend, May 7, 8 and 9. A registration fee of \$3.00 is to be charged for this weekend, entitling those who register to attend events at the school on May 8, and a garden party on May 9. They will also receive full information on other celebrations, although an additional admission fee may have to be charged for some of these.

Anyone eligible to register should write to P.O. Box 1976, Victoria, B.C., for further information, or send their registration fee now, along with their name, maiden name if applicable, address, and dates of attendance at Vic. High.

Former students and staff who read this are urged to register now, and help the Committee by passing on news of the celebrations to others they know who are eligible to take part.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

L.J. Wallace
General Chairman
Victoria High School Centennial
Celebrations Committee