

Mugwump

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Did you ever have occasion to rent a car, truck or any motor vehicle? Well, we all know of the little problems that sometimes arise with such vehicles but this weekend when I rented a car from what I thought was a well respected and trustworthy firm I got the surprise.

I guess my 'Problems' began when I went to get the car a week ago today:

"You must be from the university or somethin' eh?"

"Well, I'm with the Student Union Inc. and . . ."

"Hold on, I'll see if we can find you something!"

And with that the young lady was gone off into some unknown place from whence she did not reappear for about 15 minutes. But I did get a car and was able to do the job which was behind the entire escapade. [except that the Phone company screwed us in that they just happened to forget to install the line to Mt. A. and so we didn't broadcast the ladies basketball.]

When I attempted to turn the car in, I got a real surprise. The 49.95 weekend special turned into an \$85.75 special. Someone forgot to mention to me the added costs, which were incidental, eg. insurance? And what ever happened to the old idea if you turn a car in they'll give you a drive down the hill? Har Har!! I ended up hitching a ride with a group of ladies who were turning in another car. Thanks for the ride but I'm still annoyed at the company.

The point here is not just this case in point. Talk to a few of the people at CHSR for example who journeyed to Halifax for a remote one time, on summer tires in January in a storm! Or the continuing saga of loose fan belts, etc. I think that it is about time that the SRC seriously considered the purchase of a van or other vehicle which could be used for hauling the Bruns or CHSR to places hither and yon, and which could be shared with the SUB. Students who rent, and pay for their cars, have in the past, been continuously burned by this company, and its associates in this city. It's about time that our union fees went to a good cause. What better one than good transportation.

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Got a call from Jack Smith last Friday about my fantastic column. It seems that the lights are on early in the morning to facilitate the janitors who, instead of coming in at midnight, come in at 7 a.m., thus saving 7 hours of lighting. Well, c'mon, I mean nobody's perfect, and those who know me will attest to that. One thing, at least, I know that somebody is reading the column.

Nobody has explained to me though why physical plant ploughs cars under though. They do a good job of ploughing but I do wish that they'd leave the cars be.

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The grade point average goes from 0.0 to 4.0. As that is the case in regards to departments, this week I visited computer science and found a busy atmosphere. Busy but nice, scores 3.1.

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The Brunswickan was guests of CHSR in a very enjoyable ice-skating party on last Sunday evening. This was the time that our new friends CIHI were supposed to play the CHSR CZARS in an ice-hockey game. But of course, playing traditionally, as is their style, the people from CIHI copped out.

It was a good time though for the 20-25 people who did show up and the winner of the doorprize was not disappointed as it turned out to be a very large bottle of vodka. [what else could the CZARS give as a door prize?] I understand that a repeat of this evening is planned in the not too distant future. That is, if Doug Varty can find some money to pay the rental fee.

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This week is the last before March break. After that we have just five more weeks before exams and then graduation, at least for those who hope to graduate. As for myself I simply am just trying to keep going at the studies until that day [May 18th] comes and then we will be able to kiss UNB goodbye.

By the way, do you know of someone who is not really getting what they deserve. Well, if you read UP last week, then you saw the ad looking for nominees for honorary degree candidates.

The way it works is that as a human, you can take the name of the person whom you think should be awarded an honorary degree and list the qualifications and then send it into the university secretary before March first. [that's next Wednesday] I've been thinking [can you smell the burning dust] and have come up with a couple of my own.

To James Murray, The Harry Houdini degree, for his amazing disappearing act.

To Charles Ackerman, an honorary degree in sociology for the betterment of that department.

To Jeff Irwin, the Tex Ritter degree, for his amazing take-over of the music industry.

To Physical plant, the Masters of Ploughing degree, for not only [you guessed it] ploughing cars, but also for burying all the stuff the administration wants hidden.

To the M.P.H.E.C., the Bachelors of cheap skate degree, not funny? you'll think different when tuition goes up!

To Mr. Richard Hatfield the honorary PhD in Pie Catching.

Enough, maybe more will be included, we'll have to wait for the late entries!!!

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sound-off

Further discrimination evident

Dear Editor:

I applied for a Fred Magee Loan which is available through the university. As I understand the basis of awarding such loans, financial need is of major importance.

At present, I am a 3rd year law student. I borrowed the maximum Canada Student Loan while at UNB. Consequently, I do not have a student loan this term.

I was informed by the N.B. government I would be receiving a bursary of \$580.00 this term but I am being re-assessed and perhaps will receive nothing (which is what I have at present). I was told by the student youth office that it could take up to one month for a re-assessment.

After applying for a Fred Magee Loan I received notification last week that my application had been rejected. I received many reasons for the rejection: (1) there were many applicants (2) there is little money in the trust (3) there was a policy decision made by the administrators of the fund not to give any loans to 3rd year law students because of the recommendation by a Law faculty member that the job market for lawyers is good and that 3rd year law students are in a better position than other students (why I

don't know) and should be able to raise money to put themselves through their final year.

I was particularly disturbed by the so-called policy position statement since it came NOT from a student but from a faculty member. It is obvious that such a view is discriminatory as a faculty member is NOT paying my tuition fees or residence fees. What does he know about the job market or for that matter, why should reliance be placed on his opinion, since he is not the one paying tuition, residence and other university fees? I don't imagine he is looking for a job as a lawyer either! It seems ironic that the administrators of the loan fund in question did not ask the students concerned about the so-called good job market for lawyers and look into their financial positions.

I would also like to mention that I have previously had two Fred Magee Loans (each \$300.00 and both of which have been repaid in full). Despite this factor and the fact that I am in financial need, I still did not receive a University loan.

I realize that many other applicants were also rejected but it seems to be a biased and discriminatory policy to turn down an applicant based mainly on the opinion of a law faculty member

(who is not paying fees) based on his opinion of the financial need of 3rd year law students. In essence, I, as a student, am paying his salary! He is not paying me to be here!

I talked to an awards officer and to the Dean of Students and will be talking to the President but I tend to believe I am fighting a losing battle.

In case other university students think law students are rich, they should think again. I (for one) am not rich nor do I know any wealthy or political heavyweights (I am told that such connections are very valuable.)

It should be noted also that 3rd year law students, in addition to paying the regular university fees must also attend bar admission for the months of May and June. This is an additional expense which is NOT considered by Canada Student Loan and for which it is a necessity if one wishes to be admitted to the New Brunswick Bar.

All I can say, in conclusion, is that such a policy being adopted by the people responsible for awarding such loans needs to be seriously overhauled and revamped. As the last writer said in writing you you: "If this is not discrimination, what is?"

Signed: A poor law student

Vaseline on toilet seats mature?

Dear Editor:

This is a response to the "mature ladies" by one "immature boy" referred to in the last issue of the Bruns. I would write to you directly but you failed to identify yourselves (probably due to your embarrassment at being overly mature).

Your efforts at decorating Harrison House were quite impressive. In the morning several residents greased their palms with the margarine left on the room door knobs. Undeterred, they trudged through the bran flakes, soup mix, paper scraps and toilet paper to the closest washroom.

There the margarine was partially exchanged for the marmalade on the door handle. The vaseline on the toilet seats didn't really matter; all the toilet paper was strewn in the hallway anyway. The first person to shower in each washroom had the enviable task of cleaning the shower handles and removing debris from the floor. Some persons strained their eyes (and cut their faces) trying to peer through the syrup on the mirrors while shaving. At this point a few members signified verbally that they were less than ecstatic, thereby revealing their immaturity which you were so quick to perceive.

To your credit no damage to the residence was evident. The wall posters were considered to be of the highest quality available at the price. You expenses for syrup, bran flakes, marmalade, face cream, shaving cream, vaseline and soup mix must have been quite high. Although some of the cans looked identical to the brands carried by UNB's leading food caterer, I'm certain that you

mature ladies purchased them elsewhere rather than stooping to theft.

I hope that you ladies are endowed with sensuous bodies, or that you can change truck tires, or that you have some other marketable quality to attract husbands with, because through your raid you have displayed a definite ignorance of what is involved in cleaning duties. I can only speculate that this ignorance may extend to other domestic chores' also. It took 14 man-hours above regular cleaning time to clean up the mess. At a rate of \$4.50 per hour the cleanup cost was \$63.00.

Some of the womens' residences sent us Valentine's Day cards. We, in our immaturity, found this preferable to vaseline on the toilet seats. I rather doubt that those who sent cards wish to be grouped with those of you who wrote the article, so I think your use of the term "the girls of UNB" is most inappropriate.

All residences have problems with non-resident students displaying poor manners and disregard for property. It is my understanding that in the womens' residences in the campus complex male guests don't stroll in at their leisure and pick a choice piece of broodloom to throw up on; they must be checked in by a house member. The obvious conclusion is that you display poor taste in guests. Because your guests are less than desirable does not mean the entire UNB male population is immature. The fact that you "silently endured these incidences" indicates to me either that you condone the actions or that you lack resolve; i.e. you find it easier to attack the male

populace in general rather than to deal with the few that create your problems.

The house members, especially those involved in cleaning up, did indeed think of you on Valentine's Day. Their thoughts would be enough to cause Cupid to puke on your carpet.

"Immaturely, yours,
William Baker
Student Cleaning Supervisor
Harrison Janitor Services

Rebuttle....

Dear Editor:

This is a short rebuttle to those bible thumping, philosophical wizards, such as Waweru Kaiuki. Who have the unsurpassed pleasure of being able to say their immortal souls will be protected forever by his Almighty Impotence. Thump yourselves all you want in private, nobody cares. However when you begin whining to the press about relatively normal vocabulary and how it offends your precious morals, then its time somebody put you back in the closet. If you don't like what you hear in public there is only one logical solution. I don't think Sobeyes would mind hiring a mute to deliver groceries to your retreat, if you need money, well, get on your knees open your mouth and pray.

The only difference between a Jesus freak and a Junkie is the shape of the needle.

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