



mugwump journal

by Mike MacKinnon

I would imagine by now that Ann Harmon is pretty hungry and if she would like her meal ticket she can come by the office and pick it up. It was turned into the office by someone who found it.

Joe Clark certainly got a boost in his election campaign with the successful smuggling out of Iran of the six Americans (four of which were diplomats; through the Canadian embassy. This was done by issuing false passports to the Americans.

This could be what Clark needs to win the election. A few speeches about unity and fighting to reach a common goal he could win those undecided voters and maybe even sway a few Liberal and NDP voters. It should add some more interest to this campaign.

Another nice point about the escape is that our neighbors to the south have put us in their good graces. People were phoning the Canadian embassy in Washington and the White House thanked the Canadian Government. One radio announcer advised his listeners to go out to buy a six pack of Molsens in appreciation. If nothing else, Molsens should make a mint out of this.

On the topic of elections we have some of our own coming up soon. The elections are on February 20th and there are a number of seats that need candidates. The following seats are open: one business seat, one science seat, one computer seat, two engineering seats, two education seats, two reps-at large (all full term) and one law seat (half term)

Also open are three Undergraduate Seats for Senate and the Graduating Class Executive.

Lets get some people out running for these positions and hope that we get a good turnout at the polls.

I see that there have been a few changes in who will be allowed in pubs. Previously people under-aged were allowed but were not able to buy tickets for drinks. Now anyone under 19 will not be allowed in. The only problem with this is that this eliminates most first year students.

Don't let anyone tell you that Ontario and Western Canada have the monopoly on rapes, murders or beatings. In this week's issue you will find a letter to the editor and a story regarding the beating of a student at the Arms by one of the bouncers. I have heard various versions of what happened both in favor of the bouncer and the student so it is hard to take a stand on this issue. Just the same however, in all the stories there appears to be no apparent reason to beat the guy, least of all cut his face up enough to require 14 stitches.

And we have yet another in the fast growing list of nuclear "incidents" with the accident at Point Lepreau where two men were exposed to levels of radiation above the safety level. This raises the question of whether we want to use nuclear energy as our future energy supply at a very opportune time. The Saint John Construction Association is looking at the possibility of having a second generating unit built.

Looks like we are going to have to shell out a few more clams to go to university next year. Tuition fees could go up, residence costs may increase, apartment rent can go up and there is a possibility of books jumping from 20-30 per cent in cost. It is getting harder every day to attend university.

Things are getting really bad around campus. A few weeks ago someone came into the office here and spilled beer all over some books and generally made themselves disliked. That can be overlooked but what cannot be overlooked is someone coming and stealing a cassette recorder which was valued at about \$250. You have to be pretty low to do something like that not the actions of someone attending university. So one would think.

Thus ends this week's column

PS Check out the entertainment section for the Nite Cap contest. Should be interesting.

soundoff

Arms incident leads to a boycott

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Dear Editor:

Well, I've been at this university for four years now, and I have enjoyed many a sound-off column. I've at times told myself I would write in and "Sound Off" but I've never actually gone about doing it. Now I'm finally pist-off enough to do it.

My concern is the rights of bouncers of taverns and/or the patrons of taverns, us. I am talking about an event that occurred at our beloved (?) Arms on Thursday Jan. 24 that no doubt some people reading this article witnessed for themselves. (But I will talk about the event later)

After the incident I called the police from the tavern and I tried to explain what happened over the noise from the bar. I was not listened to at all, just some drunk trying to make trouble, the officer probably figured, WRONG! I was neither drunk nor trying to make trouble all I wanted was to see justice done.

Well, being angrier now, I hopped into my car and set a new speed record driving from the Arms to the police station. (wonder if anybody else has ever done this? Drive from the Arms to the police station willingly) Arriving I went into the police station and talked to an officer who I might add, listened now, and talked to an officer, who I might add, listened now. He informed me, and I quote, "that a bouncer

can forcefully put you out" but he also added that "the bouncer cannot use excessive force" The problem is now what are the limits of these 2 statements? Now lets talk about the event that occurred.

My friend, very drunk friend was asked to leave the Arms by a rather large angry looking bouncer. Over the noise of the band and the people in the bar my friend did not hear the bouncer and stood up to talk to him (beer in right hand) (I learned later that my friend used to know this guy). The bouncer told him to leave. Whether my friend heard him or not I do not know but I had heard what the bouncer said. I told the bouncer that my friend would sit down and be quiet (assuming that the bouncer figured my friend was making too much noise, in the Arms of all places). The bouncer looked at me and said that my friend has five seconds to leave. Friend number 2 stood up and starting to talk to friend #1 (I think he was explaining to friend #1 that the bouncer wanted him to leave). Suddenly the bouncer hit my friend with four hard fast blows to the face. Mr friend with beer still in hand fell into his chair only to receive another flurry of fists to his face. Someone pulled the bouncer off and all was over. My friend lost. He now has four gashes to remind him of the night (fourteen stitches worth) Now we go back to rights.

NEVER did the bouncer with or without other bouncer buddies, make an attempt to forcefully remove my friend which would have been easy as he was so drunk. NEVER did my friend raise a fist to the bouncer (actually I don't believe he could have if he wanted to) which rules out the bouncers right (?) to fight with my friend.

As a result my friend and myself and others who were there are working to have charges laid against the bouncer. If nothing is done about this, does it mean that any bouncer can literally "beat the hell" out of any person he feels deserves it? If this is so, the least we could do for these bouncers is get them their own baseball bats as so they don't hurt their hands and so they can also more effectively rid the taverns of drunk disorderly, trouble-making people.

As for the owners of these taverns how could they allow for things like this to happen to their patrons? Surely it doesn't boost business. I don't know if this happens often or if it has ever happened in the past buy lets not let it happen again.

As for my small part in this I'm going boycott the Arms. I only regret that I don't drink a lot more and more often so maybe they would notice that the consumption of draught beer at the Arms has dropped in the upcoming months.

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New soup diet curbs the appetite

Start off your meals with soup and you'll lose weight.

That's the word from the University of Pennsylvania's Henry Jordan, who says while you're

slurping the brain has time to switch off your appetite. That Jordan says, slows your pace and means you'll eat less. (News-crypt)

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2 for 1 from 9-10

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