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Dear Sir:

To say the least the recent STU protest to get open rooms for their residences was astoundingly ineffective. The protest consisted of cookie-pelting, tapping table tops with kitchen utensils and segregation of the sexes during mealtimes.

I should like to congratulate the persons responsible for this fiasco. They're certainly come a long way on meagre mentalities to get as far as university.

First of all I fail to see any logic to the segregation of the sexes. Whoever arrived at this idea forced it upon the general population unquestioned - I do not recall being asked to vote on this measure, which appears to me to be more authoritarian than that which we are supposedly fighting, and less democratic. Students are embarrassed and more often badgered into sitting at their designated half of the cafeteria. Segregation is hurting no one save ourselves and is not conclusively to a unity we should have, are we to fight a common cause and issue.

Pelting cookies at the figure of authority definitely showed a lack of proper respect, but there seems also a great lack of respect for one another. The first eve of the segregation half a dozen cookies were propelled across the caf to the female side and someone had to remind everybody that we were

battling a common cause, before it ceased.

One could almost cut the tension in the air with a knife that night. As it built to a climax the junior revolutionaries mushroomed up through the rabble to champion a cause, not the cause, just a cause; any would satisfy their famine for one. They were joined by their counterparts. ('The dogs that are caught are the ones that bark the loudest' is how the old cliché puts it). It appeared from some of the behaviour that night, that certain individuals didn't deserve an open room or a closed one for that matter either. A cage would be more fitting, for they were strictly animal.

The traditional meeting followed this miserable protest and the traditional committee was formed. The longest ultimatum in history, was issued to the President of the University. (Would you believe two weeks?); a world war was initiated in less time than that. In two weeks time most freshmen will be up to their ears with examinations to give half a thought to anything else. Publicity to the outside world was shunned. Why? Radio, TV, and newspaper coverage should be to our advantage, one would think.

And what are the issues? Just what are we fighting for or against? The Deans and proctors

of the residences do nothing that is not legal according to the system. The system was here in September as it was here for some years now. Pre-Christmas strikes me as a most inopportune time to start bitching! And what exactly do we want? I can recall a referendum a few years back that resulted in about 80 per cent of the female residents of this university voting against open rooms for the Women's residence.

It might be a wise move to find out exactly what is wanted and the most effective way of going about getting it. It seems as if the so called organizers of the protest are afraid of actually dealing with this problem's solution and they project their frustration on one another. So it is we must suffer unpleasant "vocal disturbances" at mealtimes, for the time being.

I suggest a little bit of rationalization and maturity be used to replace the cookie-throwing, table-top tapping and ridiculous segregation of the sexes, and criticize the gross ineffectiveness and lack of sound direction of the protesting. People are psyched; the proper channelling of their enthusiasm for this common cause is required before anything will be accomplished, else it may die. It has before - remember. A S.T.U. Resident Student

Dear Sir:

To last week's anonymous detractor of E. Stewart's Muggump Journal: Whether or not you are a UNB student you cannot help but have noticed, as the editorial above your letter also pointed out, the apathy, small 'c' conservatism and staid qualities of many of this university's so-called students. Over the past weeks, I have been grateful for Mr. Stewart's efforts toward drawing a reaction from the readers of the Brunswickan, and appreciated his statements as perhaps being oriented more towards evoking response than merely expressing something he felt like saying. To that extent they have been moderately successful, providing a welcome alternative to laudatory articles concerning the fatherly Fredericton police dept., or the role of religion in young people's lives, etc. You reflect in your desire for "trustworthy items which will lead to student interest and comment without ... ruining your paper's credibility" something of that aforementioned staid quality. Might I suggest some replacements for your reading list; Canadian High News, Watch-Tower, Dilton's Elementary Crossword, Roget's Thesaurus (it lists synonyms for infantile) *..... (*see under 'childish')

Stewart's errors upon the credibility of the remainder of the paper, which I incidentally do not read purely for its respectability. Student newspapers are one thing, capital 'R' respectability I can get from the Financial Post whenever I feel the need.

Sincerely,

Henrik Kreiberg

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