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Mugwump Journal

I think that was a good experiment last week letting the SRC try and put out a Brunswickan.

I was quite glad that Warren MacKenzie wrote my column and I think he did a good job of it as well. I tried to get him to continue to write it for the rest of the year but he wouldn't do it. It's not easy writing a column week after week.

The experiment tried last week gives you a pretty good idea of what calibre of work your SRC will give to any project.

The best article I think was written by Peter Galoska. I was quite surprised at his good writing style. He showed that he has alot of contacts and probably discovered an interesting problem while he was writing his story.

Chris Gilliss and Rod Doherty both wrote good stories but I think that both had slight problems. Chris is Comptroller and he was writing about Fall Festival and the path that it took, this is perhaps a little close to home. Rod wrote a little like he was a press officer and his story was a little backwards. He should have gone over the human element of the Registrar's life and then put the resume of his past achievements.

Easily the worst effort of executive was put forward by Gary Stairs.

At this point I will admit to you, Brenda Fraser, that I was wrong and what ever I saw before is sadly lacking now. My apologies.

It will be a surprise to me if he accomplishes a tremendous amount during his tenure of vice presidency other than messing up efforts put forward by other SRC executive SRC members, or any other student's efforts.

Other members also helped out by writing articles and a half dozen were in doing layout. This was unfortunate because this is perhaps the most important part of the Bruns.

Chris Gilliss also helped by doing a very touchy viewpoint. Hugh Whalen, Laine Carson, Warren McKenzie were in doing layout.

Some SRC members did nothing and a few were already members of the Bruns. I have probably forgotten the efforts of a few others, but I hope that those who did nothing for the SRC special issue do more for the SRC.

I think most unfortunate attitude of all was put forward by Peter Charron. Admittedly he must have been frustrated at being twice denied his SRCship but his lack of effort is inexcusable. He now has responsibility as an SRC member and in future when the Brunswickan budget comes up he will miss some knowledge he should have only because of bad attitude. It is this kind of attitude that will keep Peter from being a good member of the SRC.

Well the election is over and the big news item is the snow storms we have had of late. My skies are already to go and I think a few liberals might join me.

In all my election-watching the campaign run by the liberals has to have been the most totally differently run campaign by a contending party that I have ever seen. Bob Higgins seemed to have complete lack of the sense for political kill and going for the jugular.

I would some day like to see him Premier as I think he is an astute politician with what I think is good style.

The road for him won't be easy. Snow God Curser Art Doyle had planned a good campaign and I feel sorry for him that Bob Higgins didn't have total commitment to the goal. I also feel sorry for former Dean of Students Frank Wilson who lost in Albert County.

It used to be many years ago that pay raises were linked to productivity increases. If a company produced widgets and was able to reduce the cost of producing them they could give a pay raise and the price of the final product wouldn't go up. Today, with the inflated settlements companies have no choice but to raise prices. If the government has to give out more pay then either services are lost or they have to increase taxes to give out the same services.

A few weeks ago a Mr. Arafat addressed the United Nations on the subject of Palestine Liberation. To me he is nothing more than a disreputable terrorist, the same kind that threw bombs in Quebec, or Ireland or kidnapped people in South America.

He would like a Palestinian homeland and the complete destruction of Israel. Why, when there are 20 Arab states, can't there be one Israel. If I was the Arab states I don't think I'd want the Palestinians either.

I heard an interesting story about some people who work for your unemployment commission in Sherbrooke Quebec. Apparently after the snow storm last week the walkway to their building was not shovelled and they were perfectly within the contract to stand outside in the cold and wait until it was shovelled. It amazed me how these people could find other people jobs.

I must say that the classifieds romance of the mysterious Judy seems interesting.

Hope you placed your Grey Cup bets on the Als. I did.

He's unsatisfied with reply

Dear Editor:

I am an engineering student who has served on the Electrical Engineering Student Faculty Committee. I am one of many who are indeed concerned about both this university's policies concerning student participation in decision making and what has happened to the Engineering degree.

Concerning student participation in decision making, UNB students are, to use Dean Jaeger's words in a slightly different context, led around "by the nose". During the degree shortening discussions I and my colleagues continually approached many members of the department only to receive a very subtle brush off or possibly a lot of bullshit. I believe Jaeger, famous for his way with words, did a real job in his letter to the Editor in the November 22 issue. In the Electrical Engineering Student Faculty Committee meetings it was the same thing, a lot of bullshit.

About the degree in general,

according to the story that week in The Brunswickan, Jaeger said that UNB had a four year degree before 1950. I know two alumni of UNB, one who says that the class of '53 had a five year engineering degree, the other, class of '50, was in a five degree program.

I maintain that we, the students, do not really know why the five years was shortened to four. We couldn't for the decision makers won't tell us. Last year, when the idea was being discussed, of course by the faculty only, it was impossible for students to find out why the idea ever arose. As mentioned in the editorial, occasionally a professor would mention something about finances. Now there are deliberate mumbblings about the calibre of students etc. According to the story, Dr. Picot says it is ridiculous that the degree shortening could have been for financial reasons. The professors who did mumble last year did not seem to think so.

Picot also said that a student could take 16 terms to earn the

degree with no stigma attached. An interesting point is that 16 terms is the maximum a student can spend on any degree at this university. Reading the Calendar leads me to believe that this rule was made for the perpetual flunky.

It is apparent that the new four year degree is harder than the old five year one. This brings out one more important point, college life. Maybe the majority of the faculty forget what college life for the student can be like. Maybe they were one of those unfortunate souls who never come out of their protective shells and find out what it can be like. Much of my life, in fact I guess most of it, I wish I could live over in order to do it differently. Here at college, though, I have done things differently. I am considerably involved in college life and the experiences I've had and the people I've met because of this involvement are things that I believe I will never want to have been different.

Sly gives details to Politic issue

The Editor:

I noted with interest an article in the last issue of the Brunswickan about the conflict between the Toronto Star and The Body Politic, Canada's major gay newspaper.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide your readers with some of the details behind this controversy.

Early in 1973 The Body Politic attempted to place an advertisement in The Toronto Star soliciting subscriptions. The ad was refused in a letter stating that it was the Star's policy not to accept "advertising which identifies... a person as a homosexual or

to carry advertising relating to homosexual activity". The letter also hinted that the Star would be liable to legal action if it printed the ad. This was not the first manifestation of the Star's antagonism toward Gays. The Body Politic was forced to find a new printer after its regular printer, Newsweb Enterprise Ltd. was ordered by the controlling shareholder, The Toronto Star, to terminate the contract.

The Star's refusal to print The Body Politic's ad was referred to the Ontario Press Council, a regulatory agency created by

Ontario newspapers; the OPC ruled that the refusal was discriminatory.

The most recent battle in this war of words was joined after an editorial attack on The Body Politic in the October 19 issue of the Star. In rebuttal The Body Politic printed a special issue correcting the Star and explaining its position. This issue of The Body Politic is available from the office of the periodical section of the Harriet Irving Library for those who are interested in a complete account of the Star's anti-gay stance.

Thanks for the space.
Keith Sly

Paper said not reaching potential

Dear Editor

The Brunswickan is reputed to be Canada's oldest official student publication and even with its inflation bolstering prices, still remains to be on the short end of college level material. Volume one hundred and nine, issue twelve was very representative of "great" post high school literature. Why, I would like to know do they have some bullshit story, such as "SRC takes over Bruns" on the front page in headlines? This type of quality from a university paper is completely beyond me! A good laugh I don't mind, but on the front page in headlines? Another displeasing article in this paper is "Viewpoint". The students' opinions, I'm sure are appreciated, but wouldn't they be more valuable and/or entertaining with better questions being asked? There also seems to be a few (?) to many issues being printed as even after the weekend following there are many papers wasting away which were never even looked at. Do you have to print a certain quota to boost your egos? Your (our) paper is not read as widely as the number printed might suggest!

The paper is not a complete loss

and in fact there are many well written articles. I think that it is enjoyed by many, as it is read, but I see a great potential which should be actualized. I realize that you may have staff problems, (shortages), and that you are volunteer workers and I commend you on your efforts. I just think that this paper could be much better and should be! There is no excuse for our paper not being better than it is. I myself would help, but my literary attributions are severely limited. I know though that there are a lot of untapped literary potentials here and I would really

like to see more of these apathetic people turn out and donate some of their precious time and knowledge!

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P.S. If you decide to print this, please refrain from printing my name. Thank you.

EDITORS' NOTE--7000 copies of the Bruns are printed. CUP has four categories according to size of publication (we are in the bracket which is most beneficial financially for us--the UNB SRC appreciates that); as well we have 54000 students at UNB not mention
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He liked 'SRC takeover'

Dear Editor:

I cannot help but be appreciative of the big Joke of the month. This joke was cracked by Hugh Whalen last Friday. It ran with the headline "SRC takes over BRUNS." It was well-planned and quite pleasant (to me anyway!).

I hope this will not turn out to be a harbinger of 'potential reality'.

What do you think of your last Friday viewpoint question? I think

it added fun and flavour to the paper, (mark you, I am not answering the question I have put to you). I think, in that regard, the purpose of the viewpoint section in our paper was well-served. I imagine it is from answers to such 'viewpoint questions' that one can tell people's sense of humour. Let us have more views about things we know but usually don't talk about (especially 'in public').

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