

# Sound Off



## Mugwump Journal

By Susan Manzer

Congratulations go to Tom Benjamin. He'll take over the reins of the Brunswickan for the last issue March 14th. Usually the new editor begins in the fall but we decided to let the new executive in to get some experience before the first issue in September. Tom is a good man for the job and I hope the students at UNB will get behind him because the position is not an easy one; but with a keen staff (we train) things should really roll. Anyway, I'd like to thank Tom (I'll save the rest of the staff until the final issue) as Managing Editor for making my job this year a little easier.

And while I'm congratulating I'll make an apology. Apparently we ruined a certain person's weekend when we missed a typo and spelled her name wrong, which came out a name she absolutely hates. So sorrys go out to Joy, may your weekend be fine this time and your name never Joyce.

I received a card this week from an S.D. concerning an article (essay) he submitted to us and he decided to withdraw it because, from what we can tell, we didn't run it. Well, S.D. whoever you are... I did receive it and passed it on to my Features editor because I felt it may warrant the space, however there were a number of things that needed to be verified with the writer and we do know who it is. There was some information that Dave needed and we couldn't get it so we had to table it. If anyone in the future wishes to submit anything to us please sign your full name and where we can contact you. It makes things a lot easier for us and even makes it more likely your submission will be run if appropriate. Sorry S.D.

A few remarks about course evaluation. Having read Mike Mepham's opinion feature in the latest edition of University Perspectives, I have to wish them luck on their endeavor. The basic plans sound very feasible and seem to have been well thought out taking into consideration past "mistakes". There are a few things, however, that have always bothered me about course evaluation. It is good to see the results going into print but I hate to see professors having the chance to veto the results of his or her course. It seems that this is a cop out: what could be the reasons for a prof not wanting the results printed? It is an improvement that the names of the professors whose courses were not surveyed at his height, not surveyed by decision of the committee or not published by the prof's request will be listed in the booklet. But that really does not help a student that much when it comes to wondering what others thought of the course. Senate does not want the names of the profs printed if they did not wish their courses evaluated. What are they trying to do, act as a cover for these profs? I just can't understand why these profs are so "frightened" and why Senate is against printing their names. This is defeating the purpose of the whole survey! Apparently the SRC has some funds in C.E. and so there must be an agreement.

Mike said the committee worried about a criticism that students might not be able to rate professors objectively; that students may rate the so-called "nice guys" or "high markers" better than other professors. That's saying a lot for the profs, suggesting the "high markers" are giving students marks that are not deserved. Obviously students want a professor who is friendly compared to one who isn't. Let's give students some credit and professors too. My main complaint is professors who refuse the survey entirely. Are they that worried about their ratings that they will not allow it or are they afraid of a little criticism?

I think course evaluation is an excellent idea but I feel professors should not be given such special treatment when it comes to the survey and I think all findings should be published unless of course there is some reason the committee feels the results are not at all accurate. Students, especially freshmen, usually do not have very much information about the courses they are choosing, we should be doing as much as is absolutely possible to help out.

As you may have already heard Dean of Engineering Leslie Jaeger has been appointed new Vice President Academic of Acadia University, the story should grace the pages of the Brunswick this issue if Derwin has been doing his job. We wish him all the best.

Rumor has it Chris Pratt has been elected station director at CHSR, we wish 'em well up there...this seems to be a week of well wishes.

Again this week I have to remind everyone about the letters being sent to government officials concerning having the ceiling lowered on student loans and bursaries. They are available in the Brunswick office or Room 124 in the SUB (Atlantic Federation of Students office). Don't worry about mailing them, the AFS takes care of that. If you want any info about the situation call their offices at 455-4736. But please do it, it could mean a lot to you.

## Anderson defends no open rooms

Dear Residents:

I am replying to your respective letters of February 11, 1975 concerning the decision of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at its February 6 meeting not to approve the recommendation that a 24 hour open house policy be tried on a trial basis in the women's residence system for the remainder of the current academic year.

The decision was based primarily on two points. In the first place, while 65 percent of the girls voted for the recommendation in Lady Dunn, and according to Murray House the residence-wide figure is 59.6 percent, there is still left a significant minority. And secondly there was a strong feeling that the

University, to change its residence ground rules after the students had signed up to be part of the system, would be breaking faith with the minority who do not wish to see the rules altered.

I can tell you that the principle of trying out the open door policy met with considerable sympathy from the majority of members of the Committee. As indicated, however, the concern was that the timing was wrong. Should such an experiment wish to be tried out next fall, however, with this being clearly understood by the girls as being part of the conditions of residence life at the time they signed up, I feel confident that the Board would endorse such a move.

Speaking personally, I couldn't agree with you more that the

democratic process should prevail at U.N.B. The decision of the Board was in no way meant to be an anti-democratic step. Rather it was one that recognized the rights of the minority, and of U.N.B.'s moral, if not legal, commitment to this minority when they paid their not insignificant residence fees last fall.

The decision of the Board was not made lightly. It followed spirited discussion. I hope the above will provide you with an acceptable explanation for the basis of the Board's decision.

Yours sincerely,

John M. Anderson  
President

Lady Dunn House Committee  
University of New Brunswick

Miss Cheryl Patterson  
President of Murray House  
University of New Brunswick

## Thieves thanked

Dear Editor:

Once again dear ole UNB has reaffirmed my faith in the value of a Small-Town Education.

While on a trip to Montreal during Winter Carni week I was unceremoniously relieved of about \$200. Understandably I was quite upset. However, upon my return to UNB a series of events came to my attention that, well, just kind of shows the difference between them there big city folks and us here in the Maritimes. First, I left my canvas bookbag overnight in the offices of CHSR. When I returned the next morning some considerable soul had taken it upon himself to neatly stack the entire contents of the bag in the same place the bag used to be. Needless to say, the bookbag had disappeared.

It was just this past Sunday night that I discovered the second proof of my thesis. Having misplaced a note book on top of my locker for no longer than a day, I found that some again unknown individual had removed all the blank pages from it, leaving the notes intact.

So, whoever you two are, thanks for your kind consideration in your larceny. Those notes and textbooks would have been very difficult to replace; but through your foresight and obvious acquaintance with the student situation, I was saved a lot of grief.

Thanks again,  
Paul Haining

P.S. You can keep the bookbag and paper. It's nice to know that there's even a little honor left among local thieves.

## The Kept complain

Dear "Big Decision Makers"

We are little girls who live in Lady Dunn Hall. Our Mommies and Daddies sent us here to get learned. We are unable to make any decisions for ourselves, they must all be made by our "Keepers."

Of course we realize that it would be impossible for us to be given any reasons for the momentous decisions made governing our welfare, such would be muddled up in our little "FEMALE" minds. Undoubtedly YOU know what's best for the little girls residing behind the red brick walls of Lady Dunn.

Our Mommies sent us here to become women and learn to make decision for ourselves, but we don't have to because they are all made for us.

Is this 1975 or 1935 when "Children" were seen and not heard?

"The Kept"

P.S. We demand an explanation.

## Kennedy not censured?

Dear Editor:

Congratulations! Once again The Brunswickan has let their common sense be over ridden by their attempt at getting sensational headlines. This in reference to the article in your last issue concerning the alleged censuring of Gordon Kennedy. If one looks at the motion passed at the SRC meeting it is obvious that Mr. Kennedy was NOT censured. The motion in question simply asked the president to inform Mr. Kennedy that the council chambers was not the place for him to be making personal comments about his fellow councillors. Also I think The Brunswickan showed poor taste in printing the type of comments Mr. Kennedy was saying thereby leaving an excellent student representative (Ms. Barry) open to ridicule from the whole university.

It is also necessary to point out to

the students of UNB that the council was not trying to stop Mr. Kennedy from expressing his opinion, on any matter, but rather trying to stop his attacks on and ridicule of fellow members of council.

Yours truly,

Barry Harbinson, Educ. Rep  
Hugh Whalen, P.G. Rep

**EDITORS' NOTE - Mr. Kennedy made a big fuss over what happened to one of our reporters. We in no way meant to belittle Moyra who we feel is an outstanding councillor. If we gave that impression we apologize to her.**

## SOUND OFF

Due to the amount of profanity we have been receiving in letters lately, most authors wanting to remain anonymous, we feel readers may be identifying it with us. We do not believe in allowing people who wish to use four letter words to hide behind us. Therefore if profanity is used in a letter we must ask that the authors have their names printed. All letters, of course, must be signed but any OTHERS who wish to remain anonymous may do so on request.

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