

Kennedy demands investigation of local police

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was submitted to the Brunswickan on February 18th by SRC vice-president Gordon Kennedy:

Chief Ronald Goodyear,
Chief of Police,
City of Fredericton

Dear Chief Goodyear:

I am writing you concerning a very grave matter. During the recent student demonstration for student aid at the Centennial Building, one of the members of your force acted in a questionable manner. When requested for his badge number (I might add it was not exposed - from my understanding this means the policeman was out of uniform) he refused to reveal it to at least two people. On behalf of myself and the other

person who requested the same information, and three witnesses, we respectfully request you and your department to immediately initiate an investigation into who this constable was. Myself and the others are willing to identify this policeman during your investigation.

The questionable manner in which he handled himself was on the day after the students of New Brunswick were expelled from the Centennial Building.

I, in the capacity of my office as vice-president, have had many meetings all year with Evelyn Briggs, and Bill White of the Student Aid Department of the Department of Youth. When myself and a student who had requested me to go with her concerning problems with her personal student aid appeal, were

refused entry before the policeman asked us our names, our reason for wanting to enter the building, or even for any type of identification. When I asked another policeman who was more cooperative than the other member of your force what I could do to enter the building he suggested that I go see the Assistant Chief of Police, which I did. After a few minutes of discussion with the Sergeant at the Station and then the Assistant Chief who in turn made a phone call to the Centennial Building I returned to the Centennial Building to carry out my business with the assurance of the Assistant Chief of Police that I would be able to enter the building. When I returned to the Centennial Building I was again refused by the Constable in question entry to the building. The building is a Provincial Building

open to the public who indeed has business to be carried out there. Twice I was refused, even after the Assistant Chief of Police granted me permission to enter.

Again I respectfully request of you that an immediate investigation and subsequent disciplinary

action be carried out concerning this officer. I am anxiously awaiting for your reply concerning this matter.

Sincerely,
Gordon Kennedy,
Vice President.

Bank refuses change

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was submitted to The Brunswickan by Jim Smith in reference to Smith's campaign for extended banking hours.

Dear Jim:
Extended Banking Hours

With reference to our meeting in December regarding the above, we are writing to confirm for you the details of our discussion.

We have discussed the matter of extended banking hours with our District Manager and advise that it is not feasible to extend our present hours of service.

Our branch has been operating in a loss position and extended hours would only increase the loss in important figures. We are aware that we would be required to provide full banking service during

the hours of our operation which would necessitate a total staff complement at all times.

As you are aware, we are very pleased to be able to serve the campus community and feel that with our regular hours of 10 until 3 and our Friday service of 10 until 6 that it is possible to arrange one's banking during our present hours. I also wish to assure you of our desire to give the best possible service for our customers at all times.

I would like to thank you for your interest in this matter and to say that we will be happy to co-operate with you in your work with the students.

Very sincerely,
Miss R.E. Watson
Manager

Theme of Marglin address missed

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed with the article on Steven Marglin's lecture given at UNB on January 28. Unfortunately, your reporter missed the theme of Marglin's address.

Marglin is a professor in economics at Harvard University and a Socialist. He believes that the current economic crisis of the Western Capitalist world and particularly the United States has its roots in the economic theories and policies which have been

applied to alleviate other economic problems. More explicitly, there have been two previous economic crises in the United States and in the capitalist world in general which were severe enough to warrant drastic government intervention in the economy.

The first of these, in the early part of the century, involved the establishment of the central banking system to protect banks from going under, and through a chain reaction creating economic havoc. Marglin contends that while

this did prevent the banks in the United States from going under, as some would have done during a downward swing of a business cycle, it also increased the intensity of the business cycle culminating eventually in the stock market crash in 1929 and the subsequent depression. Out of that economic crisis came a new economic theory, the Keynesian Theory, which was finally accepted by governments in the western world between the period 1945 and 1950 and has formed much of the basis of government economic policy since then.

Marglin's thesis then goes to state that this theory while solving one problem engendered another one and that is the current crisis of high unemployment and high rates of inflation occurring simultaneously. This type of economic behaviour runs counter to the conventional wisdom of economics and there is no developed theory to explain it and suggest policies for alleviating it.

Marglin sees the next step of the capitalist world to alleviate this crisis as being a planned economy - a capitalist planned economy which should not be confused with a socialist planned economy. In a capitalist planned economy the means of production would still remain in the hands of a relatively small portion of the population and they would still receive a disproportionately large share of national income in the form of profits. Just as each previous solution has precipitated a new problem so would the solution of a planned capitalist economy have within it the seeds of a new problem. This time however, the problem would not manifest itself in economic terms so much as it would in the political arena with the very real prospect of deep rooted social unrest. It is Marglin's hope that such politicization of a heretofore economic problem would result in a socialist planned economy.

Briefly this is Marglin's analysis of modern capitalist economic history. It is of substantially more consequence than the list of facts and opinions which were attributed to Marglin in the newspaper article.

Yours truly
Dan D. Horsman

Mbiza article praised

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank the writer of the article on Jack Mbiza for bringing the full story of his disappearance to light. Before this detailed account - I had read only statistical reports about it - concise enough, but quickly passed over. However - after reading the details of his disappearance presented in a sympathetic, yet rational way, I

am more aware of the sadness of the situation. The article stirred me, and I think many others, to think about Jack Mbiza, to wonder about him, and to hope that the end of the story will not be tragic. As a result of reading this account, Jack's story has become real.

Yours faithfully,
Paula Owen Read

Games Room meeting planned

Dear Editor:

This letter is also in response to the news that the games room is to be turned into a coffee house.

As Pete Stillwell stated in an earlier issue, this move will be totally useless and will leave very little entertainment for the resident students. But this letter is not to voice a serious opinion in the matter but to announce that anyone interested in meeting with other concerned students should

come to the SUB Blue Lounge, Tuesday, February 24, 1976 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested in voicing an opinion in the matter please come.

Also, I feel that if another coffee house is necessary, our beloved vice-president can move his office into the nearest can and his office will be turned into an informal "coffee house type lounge".

Submitted by
John Downing



Mugwump
Journal

will be back next week

Spending limits urged

To the editor:

Currently in Canada all levels of government and their respective electorates are faced with problems concerning campaign spending. The big problem seems to be the large amounts of money spent on posters, buttons, media advertising, etc., which only publicize the candidate's name (and possibly political party) and say nothing about the candidate's platform, experience or intentions. This causes all candidates to be necessarily well-financed, whether out of their own pocket or someone else's.

If someone else is putting up the cash once a candidate is elected commonly (let's say in the federal or any provincial government) he may return the favour and the unknown financier gets a good return on his investment. We commonly call this practice bribery or corruption.

Assuming the candidate finances his own campaign, public office then becomes the preserve of the rich. Hardly a democratic situation either.

One proposed solution has been that campaign expenditures have a ceiling set on them, but this is not very fair or efficient because, assuming a candidate has a lot of popular support and is well-organized (owing to hard work), he is limited to spending the same amount as someone who has little support or organization. Thus Darwinian competition has been eliminated aside from the public paying for it. The solution of government funding for political campaigns is objectionable because of the same reasons.

A solution to this problem may exist despite these failures. Simply if the amount which could be

contributed to a campaign by any individual were limited the problems are solved. No rich man can buy an election. No company can contribute large sums of money to a campaign expecting favours in return. Only candidates with wide popular support will receive enough money to run an effective campaign. How does any candidate get wide popular support? By going to the people and talking about his platform, his intentions, and his experience. And remember the people will only contribute if they like what they hear. So we may end up a bit closer to government by the people, for the people, and of the people.

Alan Hildebrand

P.S. This proposed solution may soon be brought before the SRC for consideration as a means to end some campaign spending problems which seem to exist on campus.

Male chauvinist pig fears for his life

Dear Editor:

Permit me to say that "Women's Liberationists", which appeared in the Brunswickan recently, was written during a periodic attack of acute hysteria. (And God help you, Tom Benjamin, if this letter is headed "Male chauvinist pig fears for his life"!)

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro