



Mugwump Journal

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The transportation problem to and on campus appears to be as bad or worse than in previous years.

The city revised its municipal bus routes, apparently in an attempt to help alleviate the shortage of off-campus student housing. I know that service to some areas such as Silverwood has improved, but the system still leaves a lot to be desired.

What used to be a fairly direct bus ride between Lady Dunn Residence and Forest Hill has now been re-routed through the Fredericton Mall on one trip and Queen Street on the other.

Maybe if an equitable system was devised more students would use the bus system.

An improved bus system would have repercussions in other problem areas on campus - parking for example.

Parking has been a perennial problem on this campus, and it looks like it will continue to plague us each year. A high percentage of students, faculty and other university employees drive to the campus, and there simply aren't enough parking spaces.

Anything that would persuade people to leave their cars at home - such as a better bus system - would help to solve the problem.

Another thought that would make walking to classes a lot more enjoyable would be to decrease the amount of cars on campus by establishing a shuttle bus service to academic buildings from large parking lots in the outlying areas of the campus.

It's a concept that has been successful on other campuses, and should be considered here.

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The parking problem becomes even more apparent when special events are held on campus - like the Progressive Conservative meeting held here last week.

Several students were quite displeased on Saturday when they found the delegates to the meeting had used all the available parking spaces near the SUB, and in many cases blocked access to the building itself.

UNB security did not seem too anxious to enforce normal parking regulations, and apparently allowed delegates to park where they pleased.

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I had a discussion a few nights ago with a person who was very critical of this newspaper. While discussing a particular story, the person mentioned his own experience with a newspaper of some sort and indicated that he felt such a story would not have appeared in the publication he worked for.

However, he said he "did not have time" to work on the BRUNSWICKAN. Apparently he would rather sit back and criticise rather than offer his assistance to the paper.

THE BRUNSWICKAN always welcomes constructive criticism, but I find it infuriating for people to sit back and criticise when they could be helping us in our constant struggle to improve.

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The provincial government has just weathered quite a blow to its credibility with the announcement that Bricklin Canada has gone into receivership. The more than \$20 million pumped into the company certainly could have been used in a way that would have been of more benefit to the people of this province - student loans for example.

Lets just hope the premier can find a financier for the operation during his trip to Japan and Hong Kong.

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With the National Union of Students referendum only a few weeks in the future, its a relief to see NUS executive secretary Dan O'Connor arrive on campus. O'Connor plans to stay here until after the referendum, and hopefully he will be able to clear up a lot of the misconceptions about the organization that are presently flooding this campus.

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This week we run a story describing the problems nursing student Janet Wright has gone through getting a student loan. Her father is a potato farmer with an income which characteristically fluctuates and this year it dropped far below last year's. Originally he was assessed for a parental contribution of almost \$4,000. Last week the government awarded her loan on appeal and in a quick about face assessed his contribution at slightly over \$1,000.

He's still had to borrow to meet the calculated assessment, reflecting that it is not really a true indication of his gross income.

Once more some of the injustices in the student aid system becomes apparent: it seems the government has no way of taking into account that an applicant's parents income may fluctuate radically from one year to the next and therefore they cannot rely on a 1974 tax return to assess what their 1975 income will total. Will this be caught at the appeal stage in every case?

And even without the parental contribution, Janet has a debt after her third year of over \$6,000 which could conceivably total \$8,000 by the time she graduates. This appears to be a case of both an individual and her father being penalized for trying to get an education.

Council chairman criticised

Dear Editor;

As will be reported elsewhere in this paper, last Monday's Student Council meeting was quite chaotic. Being a Law and Order man, I would note the order, or rather the lack of it at Council. Cries from various Councillors as to "What are we voting on?" take on, at the time a comic air, however, in retrospect, they are well justified. A regular spectator at council meetings will know that at times certain councillors are ridiculed for their failure to understand

simply what is going on. I say this lack of understanding is easily understood as it is difficult to perceive virtually anyone who has a grip on the situation.

In meetings such as an SRC meeting, it is incumbent on the Chair to provide some leadership towards the methodology of making a useful decision and to protect both councillors and observers from unnecessary comment.

During the rather heated debate on the question of increased honoraria I had to admire the

tenacity of councillor Brewer in getting her point across in the midst of a vortex of rather overwhelming procedural confusion.

There is no question in my mind that a good Chairman for the SRC would make their meetings much more rational. There is also no question that it takes experience to be a good Chairman. I would hope that these two concepts could be brought together as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
J. David Miller

Cine campus profits increasing

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the article that appeared in last week's Bruns about Cine Campus. Mr. Gerald Breau who runs Cine

Campus is a full time employee of Audio Visual Services and operates his business out of the A.V. offices. Mr. Breau who is also doing his masters with the assistance of a \$3500 fellowship stands to clear

over \$5000 from this film series this school year.

This money will not be supporting any university organization or student interest, instead it is going into Mr. Breau's pocket. The profits are by no means "negligible" as mentioned in the article.

Mr. Breau is also in direct competition with student organizations like EUS and STU Cinema, and they are suffering because of him. I do not know why the Film Society was interviewed about competition considering they sell yearly subscriptions in advance and they aim at a different clientele. Why weren't the EUS or STU Cinemas interviewed?

From his recent show "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz", Mr. Breau cleared over \$300 for his own use. Should money like this not be going back into the student body?

And yes Mr. Breau, "it does look like an exciting year."

Geoffrey L. Gammon
Ex-Partner

Mortgage mistake explained

Dear Editor:

It is a pity that your reporter, Bev Hills, did not check the accuracy of the report on the SUB mortgage "overpayment" with the UNB Comptroller instead of talking only to the SRC Comptroller. This simple expedient would have ensured that the facts were available to you.

There was indeed an "administrative error"-but on the part of the SRC Office, not the UNB Comptroller's Office. The interesting fact is that the amount of this

error corresponded almost exactly with the accrued interest outstanding on the bank loan and was, therefore, accepted by my staff in good faith.

If Bev is interested in the facts, I am available to provide them and would hope that you might consider giving them as much prominence as you have awarded to the story in this week's BRUNS.

Yours truly,

S. S. Mullin
Comptroller

Film society serves students

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Brunswickan for the article printed on Cine-Campus in last week's issue. There are, however, just a few points which I would like to clarify.

First of all the UNB Film Society was quoted as having 'five' films shown on Saturdays and Sundays. Actually there are 12. It should have read, their "fine" films which are shown on Saturdays and then repeated on Sundays for those unable to attend on one of the days.

The article also did not touch upon one of the central themes which both Marion Owen-Fekete, of the Film Society and myself hold in common. That is that quality entertainment can serve as more than mere escapism. It can aim at heightening the awareness of the viewer to appreciate film as an art form, to develop a critical approach to film, to think as well as feel when in the theatre.

The UNB Film Society has been improving each year with its well received selection of films in their particular genre. Cine-Campus, running for its first time this year, although offering very current films, has selected it's program, as does the Film Society, for their particular characteristics - use of photography, theme, effects, plot, acting and so forth. In this manner, the viewer, over a wide spectrum is offered films which may be appreciated or criticized from a variety of points of view.

Cine-Campus, although presently self-supporting, encourages students to take in films offered by the various groups on campus, each of which offer their particular value to the viewer.

Jerry Breau
Film-Coodinator
Audio-Visual Services
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Stairs retracts criticism

Dear Editor;

After consultation with a fellow counsellor, I have reached some new conclusions:

1. Apparently the feelings conveyed to me by Bob Buckingham, (general secretary of NUS last year) were not those of the

Central Committee. We were invited to the conference primarily because we represented six thousand students.

2. There are four other regional organizations. Ontario has a federation, and British Columbia has a provincial caucus.

3. Many delegates will be in attendance other than Prairies representatives and upper Canadians.

4. McKenzie, McLean and Bantytia have very different minds; since they all have unique political objectives.

5. Jim MacLean is not yet a lawyer.

Sincerely yours,
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Vice President SRC

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