

# MUGWUMP

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Hi-Ho-Hum. . .SUB staff has been very diligent lately in their pursuit of open liquor in the SUB. Last week, it was CHSR, this week, it's the Student Union. . .yes, the boys from the Student Union are indeed rumoured to have been caught dabbling in yet another (ir)responsible alcohol-related venture. Tsk! Tsk! How ironic.

The UNB's varsity hockey team, the Red Devils, held their annual Chippendevils show at the Social Club on Monday night. Apparently, the place was packed with appreciative females. Just out of curiosity: would these same avid females be in an uproar, screaming "Sexual Exploitation, sexual exploitation!!!" if a women's team were to put on the same sort of show to a crowd of oogling males? Oops, forgot for a moment that it's all in fun, right? Right.

Winter's here. How depressing! The wooden platforms they strew around campus are late this year - our illustrious Editor-in-Chief slipped at the library entrance the other day. Speaking of slipping, I remember running home barefoot after the first heavy snowfall last year, because my shoes were so tractionless I was sure I was going to fall in the snow and break my back. . .(hey, I didn't grow up in this awful climate, so I'm not expected to be able to deal with it). Of course, it took about 2 hours of intense pain before my feet defrosted. . .can you say STUPID?!? (But my back was fine, that's all that counts).

The 44th Annual Red 'n Black wasn't too professional. It wasn't supposed to be, everything in the spirit of good, old-fashioned fun. Just fun? Fun? Come on guys.

As interesting little statistic: women in the Arts Faculty are the most sexually active on campus. Apparently these are true words, man!

Students seemed really informed about the SU/CHSC issue. There was quite a crowd at the meeting on Tuesday night. Just wondering: why don't students display this much interest in the SU about other issues: tuition, the GST, discrimination of all kinds? I suppose being able to discuss these issues over beer matters more.

### Alternative captions to those on Page 1:

### Three hour long debate:



Kevin Bourque: But I want to be President! I wanna, I wanna, c'mon Mark, move over.

Randy Hickey: Duh, duh, duh. . .I don't know, ask Matt.

Matt Harris: No, our reporting that the SU would raise beer prices in no way means that we won't.

Mark Braithwaite: Wanna see some magic? I can turn myself in the SU President! Yep, just like that!

Beth Galley: Social Club Eyes. Can cut through rhetorical bulls--t.

# OPINION

The opinions found in Opinion are not necessarily the views of *The Brunswickan*.

*Below is an Opinion published in a Brunswickan of some thirty years ago. Things have changed much since then but reading this should give us a perspective on the advances that women have managed to achieve over the years. Sadly, the remnants of the attitudes expressed haven't been totally eliminated at UNB. But this may be entertaining read it. Enjoy.*

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Will "The Lady" be skirted

by Ed Bell

There has been an unpleasant rumour circulating about the campus lately. What makes it unpleasant is that this particular rumour will almost certainly be borne out in fact. The rumour - The Lady Beaverbrook Residence will soon cease to be a men's residence, becoming instead a residence for women! This is part of the long range plans for ten new men's residences within the next ten year. both Dan Shaw and President Mackay have outlined this plan to the residents of LBR in the last few weeks. This has caused some serious consideration among the members of the House, and some aspects of the plan seem to meet with disapproval.

Nobody disagrees with the plan in general. It is a fine plan, calculated to give us a bigger and better University. What meets with the opposition is the plan for the future of The Lady Beaverbrook Residence, and for its residents.

This residence has become to many people more than just a residence - it has become an institution. Some of our most outstanding students, including our present President, have resided here. Down through the years, academic distinction has become associated with the members of the House, and it has developed traditions and customs that cannot even be approached by those of the "new" residences. The Lady Beaverbrook Residence has gained an exclusive reputation as "THE" Residence of the University of New Brunswick, and being accepted as a member of it is a cause for pride and celebration. What will happen to all this if LBR is converted into a women's residence? Will thirty years of accumulated tradition be uprooted and destroyed?

The idea of moving into a brand new residence presents a paradox to the men of LBR. Bigger and quieter rooms, fluorescent lighting, and better heating appeal to all. But on the other hand there is a lot to be given up; and attached dining room, the ivy vines on the front wall (so who's a botanist!), the swimming pool, the fireplaces in the rooms, and all the other advantages. What will become of our traditions; the Jones boys in the Clock Tower, and the ties and collars at meals.

From a different point of view. Is the Lady Beaverbrook Residence suitable for a women's residence? The answer, at least in my opinion, is - not particularly. We have no laundry room, an absolute essential for a girl. And the building is more or less open; people are constantly coming in to swim or play squash; not a good feature for a women's residence. Also, the building does not have a reception desk at a central entrance, as in the women's residence. Finally, the decorations in the rooms, pleasing as they may be to the masculine mind, would seem rather austere to co-eds. (This refers to the permanent decorations).

What will be the effect of such a change on the morale of the LBR men, past and present? Imagine the shudder of an LBR "old boy" as he envisions nylons hung to dry in the showers, the giggles of feminine laughter instead of somber silence at the breakfast table, and cosmetic bottles littering the windows from which came wolf whistles in former days. The LBR spirit of leadership in academic studies, in sports, and in other extra-curricular activities will be gone; so will a lot of memories.

It may seem that we are greedy, and do not want the girls to have the advantages we enjoy. This is not so. We have always welcomed the chance to share our spare time and our residence (part of it) with co-eds. What we don't want is to be ejected into a new super-efficient building, losing our traditions and our individuality. We like it here and we want to stay.

"So" asks the skeptic, "what would you like?" The answer, in this writer's case, is "I sincerely don't know". We don't want to stand in the way of progress. And we don't want to leave our residence. We shudder at the thought of "Sigma Lambda Beta Rho" becoming a women's club, and we think that those who have gone before us are shuddering too. so, in the words of one of our House cheers, "Here we are, there we are. . .?"