



Mugwump
Journal

By EDISON STEWART

Is there any way that someone around here could improve transportation in this taxi-locked city? I know I've been subjected to poor service and a grand tour of Fredericton, and I imagine a good many of you have. Let's face it - the taxi companies in this city are terrible. You are not one of their interests. Your money is.

According to officials knowledgeable in their field, the Fredericton transportation system is not likely to improve for sometime. It would seem, then, that any improved system solely for students would have to be responsible to either the SRC, the university administration or both. Would it not be possible for these two bodies to get together and buy (or rent) a small bus seating about 25? The bus could make regular runs from UNB to downtown and vice-versa - it might be a real help to those of us who otherwise would have to chance it with the taxis here.

Speaking of taxis, one company offers a 10 per cent student discount FROM the SUB, (not TO, mind you) and to get this discount you have to use some sort of magical telephone in the SUB. Discounts aren't a bad idea, both TO and FROM the campus, but I think instead of a taxi service they all should join the Cook's Tour team and begin announcing their "taxi trips" as grand tours of the city and environs.

The yearbook has just arrived, and from all appearances, we might have been better off if it had stayed in Winnipeg (at the printer's). No student groups, other than athletics, the BRUNSWICKAN and the Young Socialists are represented. What happened to CHSR, the Student Liberals, the IVCF, Actions Corps and all of those other organizations that make this campus what it is?

No one can tell me that there wasn't room for them. Ask the yearbook editor why he saw fit to use about 5 pictures twice. (at least in one of those times, the picture was enlarged.) Why was one picture SEVERAL YEARS old used? There are few descriptions of pictures in the book, and this makes it almost impossible to tell, for example, what team is playing, who is carrying the ball and other such "trivia" that the Yearbook people didn't bother including.

Don't get me wrong, now folks, complaining after the fact is really of no good. I suppose it doesn't really do anyone any good to criticize now, but I felt that things needed clearing up. The people who put it together are students like the rest of us, and like us, they make mistakes. The thing that bothers me is that why were so many mistakes made?

The photographic effects of the book were excellent and overall the book looks beautiful. It obviously took skill and a great deal of time to put it together, and for this I am grateful. It's a thankless job to do something like that. It may seem strange, but for the good you have done (and there is a great deal), thank you.

Someone, maybe even me, is going to get themselves killed as they go to classes in Tilley. Right above the door facing the SUB, the designers forgot to put an eave. Fun, right? So now the snow and ice on the Georgian-style roof slides right down on people's heads when it gets heavy enough. Maybe someone in the works department of this institution could fix it up for us. How about it, fellows?

My counterpart in the sports section is fuming this week because the Argo fan club has disbanded. Their member left town.

He's of the belief that he'll talk to you if you'll buy him a coffee. Being a generous soul, I'll buy you one if you'd like to talk for a while. This offer subject to change without notice.

I'm sorry, foresters and engineers, for saying last week that only the Arts SRC reps were meeting with their constituents. My mistake. Keep up the good work.

It's almost certain that Carnival will be having the Five Man Electrical Band in to play on Friday, February 4. They're real good, and for \$2,000 or less we won't lose much, if any, money.

The SRC brought in a black poet, Edward English, for this week to enlighten us all. Problem is, it cost us \$200. That's even worse than spending the same amount on a PR man. The BRUNS is carrying a story on this rip-off artist this week. It's worth reading.

I haven't knocked Santa Claus this week, you'll note, because he, like mugwumps and tooth fairies, is a sacred cow.

Merry Christmas.

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Dear Sir:

What a 'clever' letter was published last week in the Bruns on the subject of open rooms in the women's residences! While pretending to advocate a more liberal open rooms policy, the writer was obviously trying to persuade the Administration to keep them as they are at present, or even stop them completely. What other explanation could there be for his inane (not to say incoherent) letter?

Contrary to the implications of his letter, many of the female residents who have been advocating a more liberal open rooms policy do not have as an ulterior motive "physical union". (My, what tact!) Our reasons are far more mundane. Many of us who were in Tibbits last year before the intercom system was working, grew accustomed to having our callers come up to our rooms for us. When the conditions returned to normal, we felt we would like to see the open rooms policy extended to weekdays; perhaps from noon to midnight. We have not been pushing for all night open rooms.

Most of us realize that a very few years ago, open rooms were not a regular feature of the women's residences. We also know that many problems would have to be considered - theft, vandalism, the roommate issue, adequate protection for the residents, etc. - before the women's residences could be given a twenty-four hour open room policy. This is not the goal for many of us here who would like the open room policy extended.

However, letters such as the one last week are not helpful to any extension of open rooms. Such a view can even harm the present policy. Surely the writer could find a better place for "physical union" than the women's residences?

The reference to homosexuality flourishing in the residences was inane - a mere clutching at straws! There may be a few whores in residence, as a wide segment of the population is represented by nearly 400 girls, but the residences are not "whorehouses". They are not "nunneries" either - they are women's residences. It's as simple as that, and that's the way I think most girls here would like them to stay.

Many of us would like to see some extension of the open-room policy, but it is very doubtful that such letters persuade the Administration to give any extension favorable consideration.

By the way, if he considered his views so honest and reason-

able, why did the writer have his name withheld?

Dee Austin
Arts III

Dear Sir:

In the past, I have enjoyed very much the column, "Among Ourselves" by Russ Crosby. Thus it was with surprise and disappointment that I read the column for November 5th. It seems you felt justified in omitting the best part. Was there no better place for the advertisement?

I feel you owe Mr. Crosby an apology and a reprint of his entire column.

Sincerely,

Shirley Taber A4

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