



mugwump journal

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Last week *The Brunswickan* printed the tentative Christmas exam schedule. This week I have heard several complaints about the schedule. The chief complaint I guess is that the date for the final day of exams has been tentatively scheduled for December 17th. If you have a few minutes look in your calendar (you should have one from the first of the year). The last day of exams is listed as December 16th. Several students that I know have booked their travel arrangements for the Christmas season well in advance. The change in the last day of exams screws up their plans. Let me list a case in point. One student had to rebook travel plans at an extra cost of \$130 because the last date of exams was tentatively scheduled later than what is listed in the calendar. An official in the registrar's office said that travel plans were not a legitimate excuse to have an exam rescheduled. Well how do you like that. Let's hope a solution can be found to the problem. Move up the exam schedule by a day if necessary, but please Mr. Registrar, play by the rules of the game and let people make their travel arrangements according to the dates listed in the calendar. I know several students who would appreciate this.

CHSR has had their FM application approved by the CRTC and should be broadcasting to the greater Fredericton area in January or early February. My congratulations to all members of the station. The hard work that has gone into this big move will benefit all of us in the university community. Yes folks there are staffers at CHSR who really care.

The Kevin Ratcliff appeal process continues. Last Friday the three man committee appointed by Dr. Downey met to decide "Whether or not" Kevin's appeal will be heard by the Board of Governors. The decision of the committee will not be released until the Board meets November 18th. *The Brunswickan* has learned that the hearing was a closed session. In addition to the committee those in attendance at the hearing were Kevin, Dean Students Barry Thompson, Dean of Men Robert Smith and Dr. Woodfield, university secretary.

Further to the Ratcliff appeal, a very reliable source has told me that the Dons in the residence system are threatening to resign if the Board of Governors finds in Ratcliff's favor. Dean of Students Barry Thompson was contacted yesterday but said he had heard nothing about this. It seems as if the political pressure is mounting to have the Board of Governors uphold the Dean of Men and other officials. We'll just have to wait and see what happens!

The student senators presented their concerns in a brief presented to the UNB Senate Tuesday night. Improvements in library facilities, scholarships and academic advising were mentioned and rightly so. One of their chief concerns, however, was the effect that the extended academic year will have on the cost of staying in residence. This is really a legitimate concern and really needs to be studied. Their concern about fee increases was also most interesting. We all recognize that tuition fee increases rule the day, but the student senators said "Decisions to increase tuition and residence fees should not be made during exam periods or during the summer when students are distracted or absent." I say right on. If my memory serves me correctly the decision on residence fee increases was made in April last year and tuition fee increase were not made until May. Previous years were different and we knew what increases we faced before April. Perhaps the administration will let us know earlier this year...heavens.

Well the professors have signed a new contract with the university calling for wage increases of nearly 29 per cent. A fat increase you say. Well, hardly, considering what faculty members at other universities get paid. The problem is, will the university find the money to pay them and from what source? Dr. Downey would like more money from the MPHEC and it looks like if UNB doesn't get it tuition fees may be increased way out of sight. Premier Hatfield are you listening?

A petition has been circulated against the Lady Godiva affair. The petition has been signed by many, including our university president. What will come of the petition is another matter. People have a legitimate beef and affairs of this nature are bound to raise a controversy.

Our student union lawyer Peter Forbes has been given an increase in his retainer and now works for the princely sum of \$3,500 per year. Peter's services are available to any student with a legal problem. He can be contacted directly or through the SRC office.

A search committee for the position of Dean of Mens residences has been formed. Dean Smith's term expires next June. The committee met for the first time yesterday. The chairman of the committee is Dean Barry Thompson. Professors Flemming, Mills and Dean Kepros as well as student members Peter Larose and Kevin Harrigan are the other members of the committee. One other member of the committee is yet to be named. The search committee will probably be welcoming suggestions, and I'm sure they will get them too, mine included.

soundoff CHSC member baffled

Dear Sir:

As a proud alumni and a CHSC member I would like to express my disappointment concerning a recent encounter I experienced at a social event. I had purchased in advance a ticket to the Great Pumpkin SUB Pub, at the CHSC where I had seen the advertisement posted at the entrance of the club. I had noted no restriction to the student body was indicated on the poster. Thus, I bought another ticket for a friend, another alumni member. To my great disbelief and disappointment, we both were refused admission at the door, on the basis of being a non-student and of not having my CHSC membership card on hand.

All I had was my ticket to the pub, my NBLCC pictured identification card, along with my Cosmo membership card. After protesting with the doorman and the chief of campus police, I was sent to the CHSC manager, again, to be harnessed and unjustified. As I was dressed in a Halloween costume, the purchased ticket along with the NBLCC card was all I felt was required.

I understand and remember that the university did have problems in past events and pubs with the attendance of high school students. But I am not a teenager and certainly do not look like one, even in a costume. After attending university for four years, I do know the rules and regulations. Since I

do not own a "Student ID" anymore, I felt that the NBLCC card was just as good for identification purposes, if not better. The poster clearly did not indicate any restriction of the pub to the students and CHSC members only, but did state to bring some form of identification which I did. If I had been informed prior to the event, to being along my CHSC membership card plus a student to sign me in (as I was informed later after the bickering and protests were over), I certainly would have complied to those regulations. But I was not informed of this when I purchased the ticket, and there was also no indication of this on the poster I had seen.

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Rum flavoured.
Wine dipped.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.