

# Sound Off



## Mugwump Journal

By Susan Manzer

Surprises, surprises all over the place and many congrats in this week's elections. Wency Batanyita is to be congratulated for pulling off his victory for SRC Comptroller over Rod Doherty since he is a rookie in this campaign and Rod is definitely a veteran. ...And congratulations also to Warren McKenzie for defeating incumbent Peter Galoska as el Presidente by 239 votes. A feather in McKenzie's cap but then he's done much for the campus particularly in relation to the birth of the Atlantic Federation of students. Congrats also go to all the other winners. Their names and positions are dealt with elsewhere in the paper.

But I also have to do some complaining about this election, besides the number of acclamations (including myself as valedictorian), and that is the position of polling stations and the distributing of ballots.

Apparently there were no stations in either the Forestry building or the Gym. Foresters are like engineers; they usually do not have time to leave their building to traipse elsewhere to vote. There was a station in Head Hall, why were the foresters neglected and the same for the Gym; they spend much of their time (phys eders) down there and on a cold day that walk up the hill is not exactly inviting. Our percentage of voters is so fantastically low as it is, so the least the SRC can do is to get the polls to the students (I guess it's the only way). Also speaking of polls, Dan Sargent, returning officer for the SRC, called me Tuesday night at quarter to 12 asking if our staff could help man the stations. Unless someone pulled out on him at the minute I figure that's a little late to be looking for help since the election was the next day. Seems they need a little organization.

Also no wonder there has been ballot stuffing in the past. Apparently each poll received an uncounted number of ballots (in other words just a stack) and if one poll runs out they just grab some from somewhere else. If each poll had a specific number of ballots it would be possible to tell if any had been put in illegally, since they could be checked with the number of legitimate ID numbers recorded. If nothing else it would be a safeguard in case an alleged situation arose.

And while we are on the election, Tuesday night an "under attack" type program was held with the candidates at Lady Dunn and the turnout was pathetic, maybe 20 people showed up to hear the Presidential, Senatorial and Comptroller candidates speak and then receive questions from the audience. And believe it or not the people who did show up asked about student apathy. Quite appropriate. That really burns me up. These people are running for positions with IMPORTANCE that students who don't show just don't seem to realize or don't want to bother realizing. And what bugs me even more is these same students who don't give a tinker's you know what are the first ones to complain about things they don't like.

Ah so much for the frustrations of student apathy.... One thing I much mention of DEFINITE importance is the ad run by the Brunswickan and the Atlantic Federation of Students on page 11 of this issue. It urges students to sign letters written to the Premier, Minister of Education, and the Director of Student Loans concerning the changes in student aid in New Brunswick, the AFS has been working for. These letters are of protest and hopefully will help NB students get the ceiling on loans lowered among other things. All you have to do is drop into the Bruns or Room 124 of the SLB and sign the three letters and you don't even have to worry about mailing them, the AFS will do that. And speaking of the AFS they have a person in their office in the SLB to answer ANY questions students have about the student loan situation. Their number is 455-4736. Call, please, if you are interested or have any stake in the "negotiations" with the government.

Sound Off... As you might notice in the little note on the lower right hand of this page we are requiring letters to the editor containing profanities to have the "author's" name printed in the paper under the letter instead of remaining anonymous. This we have decided to do since it has been pointed out that readers may be associating the "raunchy" language as our voice and not that of the writer. Other letter writers may still remain anonymous upon request. But remember ALL letters must be signed. If people want to print profanity they should have the guts to name themselves.

Now for Winter Carnival. These are basic complaints that have been voiced to me personally besides the long ticket lines, standing in the cold to get into Extravaganza and one band arriving late. There was no beer at the Bluenose Ball, all hard liquor. A great many people indulge in only the suds and it seems ridiculous not to have it. The complaint was brought up with the SRC last year and it was promised to be remedied by a certain member of the executive. But apparently it was not his fault, members of the Carni committee didn't renew the liquor licence for beer. It really did put a damper on the ball.

Just a mention, we only have three more issues for the year after this one...two more in February and one on March 14th after the break. So if you have plans on doing something for us or voicing your opinion or anything else unusual for most UNB students (I get like that after poor turn outs for such things as elections) you've got three more chances.

### McLeod House upset

## Girls denied open rooms

Dear Editor:

This letter is directed to Dr. Anderson and the Board of Governors. Last week, a proposal was given to the executive of the Board of Governors concerning open rooms in women's residences. The proposal was a request for a TRIAL period of two months (beginning in February lasting to the end of March) having 24-hour open rooms on Friday and

### Lady Dunn

Dear Dr. Anderson,

A recent decision has been handed down by the Executive of the Board of governors that 24 hour open rooms in Lady Dunn Hall for Fridays and Saturdays will not be allowed to go to a trial for this term.

65.1 percent of the girls in Lady Dunn Hall voted for this change, and 19.8 percent voted for no change at all. We fail to understand the reasoning behind the Board of Governors' decision, resting on the fact that we are, supposedly, a democracy, and our results clearly indicated that a change was warranted.

A carbon copy of this letter has been sent to the Brunswickan. We would prefer you use this media to explain the reasoning behind this disregard for student wishes.

Yours truly,  
Lady Dunn Hall  
House Committee

### Winter Carnival criticized again

To the Editor

For a second time I find myself taking pen in hand and complaining about Winter Carnival and a particular member.

I went to the Liverpool Pub at about 8:30 and didn't mind waiting until 9:00 for it to start. I knew perfectly well it would be late and it was. We were told we couldn't even go into the entranceway to keep warm. We entered anyway chanting "Kill, Kill, Kill!" as we went. Needless to say we were not stopped.

The excuse used for why the Pub was late was that the band had been ready at 8:45 but had blown a lot of fuses. They therefore requested we wait outside. As a mature adult, I'm quite sure it wouldn't bother me to see a few fuses blown. After all I've even been to restricted movies. We would have watched anything just so we were in out of the cold. Obviously the band didn't seem to care how cold we were but they should realize that if they want a warm reception, the audience can't be frozen like a block of ice. Anyway at 9:30 we made our way past the muscled security.

Since we were at the front of the line we got pretty good seats considering some of the tables were occupied by the elite. At our

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Saturday nights. We did not ask for a definite change of the present regulations but merely a chance to test the feasibility of such a change. As the majority of rooms in McLeod House are singles, and 74 percent of the 196 girls who voted, voted for the change, we do

not see why we are not permitted some arrangement for a trial period. We are therefore questioning your reasons for the refusal of our proposal.

McLeod House

## Baby's not calf

Dear Mr. Carnation Canned Milk:

In a recent occasion while serving myself a generous portion of your product, I noticed the advertising in the back of the can implying that the beautiful HUMAN baby in the color photograph was actually a very young CALF born of a contented COW.

As an intelligent human being I refuse to believe such a propositionous allegation and furthermore I would like to point out to your advertising staff that although the above mentioned baby does have certain uncommon features for a human it is far from being a young bull.

After long and detailed studies of

### Sales of nuclear reactors questioned

Dear Editor,

I have before me the Telegraph-Journal of February 1st, which printed a story concerning the impending sale of advanced nuclear reactors to Argentina and South Korea.

I would like to make a few remarks about the issue here and the far reaching consequences of this action. I would like to take particular aim at the remarks of Energy Minister Donald MacDon-ald and those who feel more or less inclined to agree with his position.

This man and his kind are a menace to society. His attitude is typical of a monocerebral man, whose approach to the whole world is purely intellectual, where experiences, decisions, and actions and their ramifications are hardly affective.

The men in the planes that dropped the atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima were hardly aware of what they were doing, of the enormous pain and agony they were causing minutes after they opened the bomb doors, of the irreparable damage to the peoples of these cities, to Japan, and to all of mankind. This clear knowledge that they were killing thousands upon thousands of human beings did not deter them, did not disturb their spirits deeply enough to make them refuse to carry out their orders. The orders were sacred, the consequences in human terms were of little concern. While they intellectually realized what they were doing, affectively they did not. In a few seconds it was over for them, the anxiety of failure was relieved, their job was done, and they could

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all the characteristics of the different human races I would venture to say that the baby is more likely to be a member of one of the "House of Chan" races from the far east, or maybe a halfbreed resulting from a cross between a Himalayan Lama and an Indian Guru that had taken L.S.D. for the last 20 years, but definitely NOT A CALF.

I would sincerely appreciate it if your staff made the necessary changes for your future advertisements.

Yours truly,

Charles Darwin

Editor's Note Attached to the letter was a color picture which unfortunately would not reproduce for us of a sweet bouncing baby and directly over the picture was the slogan "from contented cows".

### Campaign promises completed?

Dear Editor

Peter Galoska's election campaign posters read that his election promises made last year of bringing Cable TV to the residences and of broadcasting CHSR to off-campus students have been "completed". Is he being misleading or has my capacity to understand suffered as a result of the half hour I spent in line in the cold outside McConnell Hall last Saturday night waiting to see Liverpool?

Sincerely

A. Morrison, Arts III

## NOTE SOUND OFF

Due to the amount of profanity we have been receiving in letters lately, most authors wanting to remain anonymous, we feel readers may be identifying it with us. We do not believe in allowing people who wish to use four letter words to hide behind us. Therefore if profanity is used in a letter we must ask that the author have their name printed. All letters, of course, must be signed but any OTHERS who wish to remain anonymous may do so on request.

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