



# mugwump journal

By JOEY KILFOIL

Before I get hot and heavy into this week's column, please allow me to explain, for the benefit of freshmen and any others (not the least of which are some Brunswickan staffers themselves) just exactly what MUGWUMP is all about.

I'm told that Mugwump is an Indian word for fence-sitter. This is a little ironic because fence-sitter usually implies someone who does not take sides or offer an opinion of an issue. This column is just the opposite. It is a chance for either myself - or the managing editor on alternate weeks - to offer commentary on a variety of issues of major or not-so-major importance. The column often takes a rather personal view, but the subject matter is generally something that is relevant to the university or its students.

The only explanation I can think of for the "fence-sitter" term is this: As student journalists, we are often more keenly aware of what's going on in, for example, the student government circle, without actually being involved with it. Thus we are able to offer opinions which are informed but not biased.

And now, on with it.

And on the subject of cafeteria renovations, I'd like to add my commentary to that offered by various students in this week's viewpoint. I realize it may be a little early to judge it fairly as the system is still young, but I think it is far less efficient than the previous setup. For one thing, when making use of the grill section (the part that's open all day) patrons must ask the persons working there (who are usually pretty busy around suppertime) to pour coffee. As well, ketchup, forks, salt, etc. often have to be dispensed from behind the counter. This not only slows down the line, but is inconvenient for those of us who may not think of all the condiments, spices, and hardware we need to consume Beaver food while we are up at the counter. I'm told the bosses wanted it this way "because they thought they were getting ripped off too much."

Oh really.

And by the way, has anyone noticed the brand-new prices that accompany the new decor? Of course, before we just ordered a hot dog, now we can get a "mighty dog". And whereas before we just got a hamburger, now we can get "easy eats." And of course, there's the "BLT special." What's so special, you ask? Well, before renovations, the same thing cost \$1.10. Now it costs \$1.35.

John Ferris. John Ferris. John Ferris. John Ferris. And just who is this John Ferris, you may ask? Well, aside from being a good guitarist and a generally nice guy, he's nobody in particular, but as I was sitting here ruminating over the question of what to write about, I asked of my surroundings, "What shall I write about?" to which John, who was part of my surroundings at the time replied, "Write about me!" You may think it's stupid, but a column inch saved is a column inch earned (Or something).

# soundoff

## Prisoner seeks pen-pals

Dear Students:

I am presently confined at the Ossining Correctional facility and I would be very grateful if I could perhaps establish a correspondence with anyone wishing to do so. Please understand - just because I'm in prison - doesn't

necessarily mean I'm a criminal. We all can make a mistake because imperfection is due to anyone who's not perfect.

But nothing can really change a particular situation unless there's a will to do so. Is God the only one who forgives?

I hope it hasn't been accounted presumptuous if a man of low and humbly station has ventured to have a friend.

Alphonso Hayes 72-A-232  
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# Congratulations to Mr. Schreuer

Mr. Wayne Schreuer  
Shinerama Director  
Orientation Committee

Dear Wayne:

This letter is to congratulate you personally as Director of Shinerama as well as to acknowledge with pleasure

the enthusiasm of the freshmen students which was responsible for the amount of \$8,283.77 raised for Cystic Fibrosis.

As I am sure you know this amount is about double of what was raised last year and

you as Director of Shinerama certainly deserve the thanks of the entire student body at the University of New Brunswick.

Yours truly,

Kevin Ratcliff  
President

