



Mugwump
By DERWIN GOWAN Journal

For a while I didn't think I'd ever make it back. Not to complain, mind you. The way those letters poured in over the past few weeks was enough to bring tears to the eyes of a news hawk.

It meant, however, a few things apparently considered as cheap filler had to be pushed aside.

Mitchell Sharp generally made a good impression here last week.

It's too bad he had to spoil it by suddenly asking the press not to report what seemed to be a totally non-controversial answer to a question.

Of course, the pot shouldn't call the kettle black. Your roving Bruns reporter was offered the option of leaving the room so as not to compromise his professional ethics, but he chickened out and stayed anyway.

I've always wondered about people like him and what they think of places like UNB. I mean, here is a slick politician, dressed in a very prim and proper black suit. He is surrounded by a cortage of professors and a university president, no less, dressed likewise.

Meanwhile, there's all us students-blue jeans in various stages of dilapidation, the latest in workboots, male faces in varying needs of being shaven, and hair in varying needs of being combed.

It's almost like there are two different dress codes for students and profs to tell them apart or something.

It's not that I think we shouldn't dress the way we feel comfortable or anything like that, but it's this sneaking suspicion I have that we would be as annoyed and surprised if Sharpe came dressed like the average student is expected to dress as if your average student turned up to class dressed like Mitchell Sharpe is expected to dress.

I think everybody knows what I'm getting at. WE'RE ALL A BUNCH OF BLOODY CONFORMISTS* WE ARE!!!

Oh dear. Maybe I shouldn't have done that. I think I've just betrayed the revolution. oh my.

Enough of that. Things are sort of buzzing around Saint Thomas. They voted to remain members of the Atlantic Federation of Students [AFS] no less, fees and all.

Maybe we can swing a trade off. We are members of the National Union of Students. They are members of the Atlantic Federation of Students. So, we invite them to all of our NUS activities, they invite us to all of their AFS activities. We send photo-copies of all our NUS material to them, they give us photo-copies of all their AFS material.

Not ethical, no, but cheap.

And while we're speaking of AFS and NUS, Sue and Miquel, where are you? Our NUS and AFS fieldworkers did not see fit to show up at The Bruns after the Saint Thomas referendum to give us a word of wisdom or two [between them]. In fact, our news editor said they didn't even stay long for us to phone them at the place they were staying.

Most unimpressive.

Our news editor won't let me tell you how The Bruns found out about the referendum results, but believe me, it was embarrassing. [The Dal Gazette! Sorry Sheenagh].

She [our news editor, Sheenagh] is off to a Canadian University Press Conference tomorrow where expansion of the news co-operative will be discussed. Basically, our stand boils down to the fact that we don't dare ask for the extra \$1,000 expansion would cost UNB students. That's how I see it, anyway.

Remember, if you're ever stuck on the answer to a real tough question, lie. The guy who asked it probably doesn't know the answer either.

Hildebrand-Where Are You Now?

Dear Editor:

It looks like we're finally endowed with an efficient, decisive and undivided Student Representative Council. For better or worse, it's just too bad that, in their self-dealt superior wisdom and their acclaimed or apathy-elected positions, they had to waste all of these outstanding qualities to come up with an emergency decision taken a few weeks ago that would require at least 2/3 of the student body to vote at future referendums.

Maybe we should test this new regulation out. How about another referendum about membership in the N.U.S.? Or maybe council could find out what 66.6 percent of us think about expenditures of our precious money in ventures such as Campus Services Ltd. and SubTerrain. The old council never asked us about these, and what better chance could the present council, obviously eager to cut budgets and to bend to the wishes of the great majority of students in all walks of power, find to instill unprecented confidence in them than by using this new and ridiculous rule? Maybe, to really show us this sincerity, they could have SRC elections all over again with this ruling for what could be more important than that?

Of course, some of us typical

faceless students must have been the cause of this commotion in the first place when Al Hildebrand was out circulating his petitions, meticulously assembling the names of these concerned but "faceless" students. (Remember the petitions? The ones about \$30 of the SRC fee being optional?) This so-called act of destruction showed more concern toward the SRC than I've ever seen students show in a long time.

This would have forced a referendum on the issue, an all-new precedent. In what may have been a fit of disgust (we will never know), Al withdrew the necessary petition because of the eleventh-hour decision taken above. Too bad. Maybe 2/3 of the students would have showed up to vote, but I doubt it.

Some councillors claim that without the referendum ruling, only a few students could have brought down the SRC organization for the whole campus, by favoring optional SRC fees in a referendum. If there are so few of these students, why all of this big scare? Non-payment of a few fees couldn't hurt the SRC that much. Some people don't benefit all that much anyway, and those that would benefit probably would continue paying.

So, what if the majority of students would favor optional fees

for those who don't benefit? Maybe council should have a referendum, petition or no petition, just to see . . .

As for that two-thirds-participation-in-important-referendums ruling goes, perhaps we should take Al out of retirement, pass around a petition against that ruling, and invariably, as enshrined in the SRC constitution by now, end up with a referendum on referendums. Just one question though . . . Would such an important referendum still require two-thirds participation or not?

Petty politics and red tape never need be the same again.

Sincerely,
Mark Lulham

Mounties under question

Dear Editor:

Pages 5 and 6 of the plain dealer, March 11, 1977, contain distressing references to the R.C.M.P.

I'll visit Woodstock Road headquarters very soon and request satisfactory explanations. If they're not given, it'll be my duty to call for protest demonstrations.

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro
(Security Service Associate)

The "Ladies" Of the Dunn Strike Again!

To the ladies of Lady Dunn Hall,

On March 7, 1977, at approximately 10:30 ten "ladies" of Lady Dunn Hall visited Aitken House. They then proceeded to run through our halls, causing turmoil, disorder and turned on all of the hot water facilities in every washroom in the residence, depleting the hot water supply for several hours. Furthermore, several house members suffered minor burns and some discomfort while attempting to conserve energy and right this wrong which may have possible effects for generations to come.

Later, it was also discovered

that two members had been taken by force (naturally) to Lady Dunn Hall by several of these adolescent females, and detained there for the night. Thankfully they were released with little physical harm.

It is hard to determine an exact cost for these immature and wasteful actions. And who among us would dare venture to assess a price on the emotional upset and strain suffered by many of the gentlemen of Aitken, not mentioning physical abuse.

However the house committee has, in its wisdom, deemed it unnecessary to charge those involved for their pre-pubescent

activities. Perhaps this is in error, as traditional methods suggest "spare the rod and spoil the child". Indeed the rod must have been spared too long.

Owing to the fact that those members abducted on "Black Monday" were returned unscathed and have since recovered from their catatonic state, we feel a humble apology and two vestal virgins would be adequate recompense for the dastardly incident, provided a promise that the deed will not occur again accompanies the retribution.

Engineered by Brian Snow
& Al Thibeault

Why Not Use Available Space?

Dear Editor:

I am directing this inquiry to someone within the Faculty of Science concerning the Biology Library.

I am a student who has been here for four years and have witnessed the construction of IUC. In this complex is a library which is spacious, well lighted, well ventilated and a comfortable place to work.

I have utilized the present Biology Library situated in Loring Bailey Hall and find the area cramped the library shelves stuffed to overflowing. When tracking down a book you are

constantly annoying someone trying to work just due to the very close proximity of the work area to shelves. The problem is also evident when trying to apply oneself at any of the work areas.

With the constant traffic of students and staff in the small area just normal movement is very distracting.

I understood the reasoning for the Biology Library's situation in past years when there was just no other location suitable, but now when there is a large spacious well ventilated library not being utilized to its capacity I cannot understand why the library is still

being maintained with its present cramped conditions in Bailey Hall.

This is not a criticism of the work being done by the Biology Library staff as they should be commended for the job they do with what they have to work with.

The same situation was evident with the Forestry, Geology and Physics libraries which have been moved to the IUC. I feel the interests of the users of the library would best be served if the Biology Library were incorporated into the IUC Library.

Thank you.
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