

Mugwump

by
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I feel that many people were confused by my statements made in the last edition of this, my Journal. In actual fact, what I said was that I would no longer be writing the Mugwump out of room 222 of the SUB, which is true. I did not say that I would stop altogether although to be truthful the thought did cross my mind as I was leaving office upstairs.

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As I was making my way up to class on Tuesday I noticed a City police car making its way slowly down Windsor street handing out little pieces of paper to cars parked there. Well, if you will remember, last fall and for several years before, there have been signs along Windsor reading, 'One hour parking'. Now I saw that sometime in the not too distant past the signs had been changed to 'No Parking'. As a result many people were feeling the pinch of a parking ticket.

This change of mind on the part of the city effectively eliminates many parking spots for people who would rather not have to walk half a mile after they have parked their cars. Again we have the problem of a lack of efficient and adequate parking spots on campus. Even now, cars are parked along Albert Street each day almost as far back as Regent, and on or in every conceivable place there is. I think it is time that the administration again seriously considered the lack of parking spaces on this campus. I can remember days when no first year students were allowed to take part on campus, we should try to make sure that such a situation is not returned to again.

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I think that by this time most students have had a chance to visit the new science complex at least once. I did have occasion to this past weekend and to say the least, was shocked.

I would hope that the area in the vicinity of the science library is not finished, for the sight of yards of naked cement is about as aesthetically pleasing as watching someone get sick! In fact, the only decorations in the place last Saturday were a few winter carnival posters, a few empty coffee cups, and a seismograph, recording the earthquakes under the H.I.L.

It's nice though to be able to walk from the Chemistry building to Bailey Hall without going outside. I find that the greenhouse type tunnel between Bailey and the Physics & Admin building is a little hard to comprehend. All that curved plexyglass makes it an awfully tempting target for would be rock throwers. If someone can take an NBTel ladder to the Business Office, how long will it be before a sizeable boulder is on the rough cement floor underneath all that glass??

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Do us all a favour this week. VOTE, it only takes a minute.

Tuesday was a good day in a couple of ways. For one it snowed inside as well as out as Richard Hatfield came to 'talk' to the students of UNB. The pie in the eye incident was admittedly quite funny yet, at the same time, after thinking about it it was sort of crude to heave the thing at him. The purpose would have been better served if the pie had just been pushed from the hands of the giver to the face of the receiver. If you saw the videotape of the incident on TV as recorded by CHVW, then you will know with what force the coconut cream missile was hurled.

The premier did take it rather well though. One must recall that now he has joined the ranks of the elite few who have been blessed with the publicity of a pie in the face.

One question: don't you think if the motto of the group is truly, 'one turkey, one pie' then there were better targets sitting up at the front of the room than even Richard Hatfield?

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Carol, and you wonder where this is written from, why the Bums office of course. No, I did not bleed to death when the pussycat scratched me! Well, not yet anyway.

Bill, Make the first move . . . NOW

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to the article entitled "Traps are a form of torture", by John Hamilton. Our opinion, or reaction upon reading the article is that Mr. Hamilton did a fairly decent job of presenting himself as an "ass-hole."

We consider statements such as "once the animal is encased, he can struggle for days and weeks before dying" to be little more than efforts to "sensationalize" a poorly conceived piece of writing. Having had some trapping experience we feel that we can state that the majority of trappers, visit their traps on a daily or bi-daily basis. We cannot deny that animals suffer after being trapped, of course they do. However we can point out cases where we have found trapped animals that were asleep, or in some cases continuing to consume the food laid out to bait them. Mr. Hamilton mentioned what is termed as a "wring off". We're sure that if he thought to check with any local trappers, he would have learned that this is very uncommon when the trap is properly set.

In reference to the girl in Ontario, who in 1969 "died in the teeth of a trap", (there's that sensationalism again). We are not familiar with this particular case, but your description of the event indicates that the damage was probably done by a bear trap. These traps have been outlawed in most provinces. In any case we would not consider the placing of such a trap near a populated area a symptom of the evils of trapping. We think it could more aptly be described as human stupidity, a quality that is certainly not restricted to trappers!

Many people do trap for the enjoyment they receive from such an experience. However many people who live in rural areas do so to supplement their income. The 1975-76 trapping season in Nova Scotia resulted in approximately \$600,000 being received by trappers for their raw furs (source N.S. Department of Lands & Forests Publication). In many parts of rural Nova Scotia unemployment is high, and we're sure much

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Dear Editor:

Coed residence is for me. Being an employee of Lady Dunn Dining Hall (part-time) as busboy, I find it convenient to use the facilities there. 26-inch color TV, 4 washers, 4 dryers, and an unbelievable atmosphere. I hope that it comes about soon because I find it extremely inconvenient to have to walk to work on cold mornings. I also hope more students will get more on-campus jobs. Howard Goldberg is a nice guy but I think students could adequately fill the job. Also, the STUD cafeteria is empty. Why not let students run it at night. Fight for your rights New York is not far away.

Rick (the Goose)
Gossage
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Quit shooting off your trap

of this money is put to good uses such as food or maybe a child's education (is sensationalism contagious?). We doubt that the livelihood of many of these people would be enhanced by an economically located synthetic fur factory.

Hunting and trapping associations donate of their money, ideas, and experience in the planning of wildlife management. And believe it or not, trappers are constantly looking for traps that minimize suffering (for example instant-kill

type traps). In reviewing this article we realize that we didn't state whether we consider trapping to be right or wrong. This is something a person could settle in their own minds. What we would like to suggest however is that in the future Mr. Hamilton should discontinue using his bias as a means of producing misleading (one-sided) articles.

Paul
Pete Amirault

Scott

Two sides to it all

Dear Editor:

This is written in regard to a contradiction I discovered in one of last week's "Sound-off" articles; I have noted it in order to illustrate a point.

I refer to the lines "she is only doing what she thinks is the right thing to do — and one shouldn't knock a person for that . . . Mrs. Bryant has a right too . . . fight against homosexuals if she desires. . . . do not believe you should drag her name through the mud Carried to its logical conclusion, provided one considers a homosexual a person, the statement would have also included the lines "if a homosexual is doing what he thinks is the right thing to do . . . I . . . do not believe you should drag his name" The sword cuts both ways!

Don't misunderstand my intentions. I don't think that shoddy tirade against Mrs. Bryant was ethical or temperate.

It seems that opponents always have to carry their convictions or prejudices if you prefer, to

extremes. Homosexuals seem to harbour contempt for "normalcy" — as though to be normal were to be prudish. But is their desire not to be considered "odd" which leads them to reject norms, and they only replace the conventional norms with the norms of their own elite. Morality is relegated to a secondary position and "what feels right" becomes of paramount importance.

Now the other half! Under the shadow of morality hide the rabid antagonists of homosexuals. Like new testament Pharisees they wash the outside of the cup and omit the weightier matters: love. Some carry their discrimination so far as to suggest the death sentence for offenders. They seem to forget that Christ forgave the adulteress and that he waged no "ism" or "anti-ism" campaigns — not even against the Pharisees.

His message was to sinners; that is, everyone. The "beam" is in our own eye — can any of us escape reproach??

J.W.R.

Say you're sorry

Dear Editor:

An unpleasant incident happened to me on January 13 at the University Bookstore.

I went to the bookstore to inquire whether a particular book was available. Fortunately or unfortunately, the book was available, but only one copy was left. As I did not have enough money on me to pay for the book, I decided to buy something else and come back for the book later.

But as I came out of the bookstore, a lady came up to me and asked me where I put that book. I went back into the bookstore and showed her where the book was, but instead of apologizing for this unfriendly and unbusiness-like attitude, this lady (to further insult my prestige which she had already injured) demanded my name, which she wrote down, importantly, on a slip of paper.

Despite the fact that I returned to the bookstore that same day with sufficient money to buy the book, this offending lady refused to tear or give me the slip of paper on which she had written my name, arguing (unsoundly of course) that that slip of paper was "the property of the bookstore"!

Now, as I did not go to the bookstore with the intention to steal, and as I cannot forget this unfortunate incident unless this bookstore lady apologizes to me for her behaviour, I am demanding a statement of apology from her through this newspaper.

Yours sincerely
Mr. V. Offended

Correction

Dear Editor:

Essentially, your coverage of the election candidates was quite good. However, I would like to make a small correction to my blurb as Senate candidate.

I have been on the Orientation Committee for the past 2 years, and this year I am the "High School Relations" Rept on the committee. Just a small error, but nonetheless important to me.

Thank you
Tierney S. Ness
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