



mugwump journal

By MIKE MACKINNON

We have received numerous letters here at the Brunswickan concerning the Harrison House Pumpkin Sacrifice. Very many people were upset at the actions of those living in MacKenzie House. For those of you who have not heard about what happened on Halloween night I will give you a brief summary. The men of MacKenzie House tried to disrupt the procession by throwing eggs, apples and other articles at the men in the procession. Many spectators were caught in this barrage rather than the men of Harrison.

While it may be that the event of the Pumpkin Sacrifice may be sacrilegious it is not up to us to try and stop it. What right does one person have to question whether the activities of another are indeed sacrilegious? To me the answer is none. Even if those living in MacKenzie truly believed that Harrison men were doing wrong they should have left things alone. The Pumpkin Sacrifice is one of UNB's tradition and defiling that tradition takes away from one aspect of the university's character.

While on the topic of the Pumpkin Sacrifice I would like to point out that many of the letters that came in were unsigned. We realize that some people would prefer to have their letters published unsigned. That is no problem. Simply asking us to omit your name will get your letter printed without it. We have to have your name and student number for legal purposes.

I was talking to one of the student reps the other day and he was mentioning how disgruntled he was with the procedure used for the last constituency meeting. One item that particularly upset him was the making of the posters. For one thing the broad stripe on the top was the same as that used on all the Unity posters. It was felt by the rep that this would tie him in with the Unity group. Although there may be a few Unity members on the council and, yes, John Bosnitch is also part of Unity but that does not mean that all council members are. Also the posters were not made up by the councillors, it was done for them. One final point was that the councillors were not able to decide the time or place. I think that they should have been able to.

In order to make it easier for people to get Classifieds and events for Upcomin' in we have moved the deadlines back to 5 pm Tuesdays. This should make things easier for all involved.

Once again Halloween was fairly peaceful on campus this Halloween. It is good to see that students have the maturity to refrain from childish pranks and causing damage to public property.

So far we have received no entrants in the Caption Contest. What happened? Because of this we have decided to run the contest until 5 pm. this Wednesday. Remember that the prize is two passes to our next movie: "Yanks."

John, what happened to you in Victoria? Get lost?

Thought for the week: The people following me think that I'm paranoid.

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THE BRUNSWICKAN-9

Poll worker misinformed

After passively accepting abuse from a number of sources, I feel I have a certain duty to carry out. Some people have been complaining about a Lady Dunn pollworker's response to a student wanting to vote for Arts Representative. As I was present at said poll at the specified times during the election, there is no doubt in my mind as to who is the accused.

First, I would like to apologize to anyone I misled by saying, "I think the Arts seat was acclaimed, wasn't it?", although there was ample opportunity for someone to tell me it was not. I was misinformed myself. I admit this was partially my fault in that I did not ascertain the truth. But I do believe the people in charge should have informed all pollworkers as to which positions were being voted for.

The reason later given to me for the absence of Arts Rep. ballots was that none were available. This was not my fault; obvious to me was that not enough ballots were printed.

It was also informed after the first half of job at Lady Dunn that anyone who didn't have their I.D. when voting could go to the SRC with a note which would then be dealt

with. This could also be done, I assumed, if there were a shortage of ballots and someone couldn't vote for their Rep.

It is my belief that problems concerning the Oct. 20 election were due to the "incomplete" S.R. Council, and that most of the work fell to fewer people than was proper.

Hopefully, with the new SRC, this type of problem will not reoccur. This remains to be seen.

Respectfully,

Sherri Anne Arsenault

A note of thanks

Dear Editor,

Now that the recent election is over and the results recorded, I would like to thank all those who made my election to the position of valedictorian possible. While I deeply appreciate the support and good wishes of those graduating students who voted for me, I feel that special recognition must be given to a small group of people who devoted a great deal of time and effort to my campaign.

First among these is my sister and Campaign Manager,

Sarah Abraham who worked long and hard for my election (despite the fact that she had reservations about this candidate's ability to win!). Thanks also to Janice Boulter who voluntarily gave of her time and was of invaluable help during my campaign in the various residences.

Last, but certainly not least, a very special thank you to the staff of the Bruns (especially Christie, Rick and Susan). Your assistance, co-operation and understanding during this campaign and my previous one is deeply appreciated.

Once again, thank you grads. I hope that my performance on May 26 will justify the support you gave me on October 20. May I remind you that when I speak at graduation I want to represent you so if you have any comments, suggestions or views please let me know, either in person or by writing to me c/o the Student Union Office.

Yours,

Mary Abraham

Kowalski threatens Bruns

Dear Editor:

I would like to complain about the libelous assault on my character through your publication; more specifically in Nick the Greek's (sic) column: "Nick's Picks". This distresses me greatly. Over

the last few weeks I have endured insults that range from comments on my personal hygiene habits to my athletic ability. This must stop!

I think that in all fairness you Brunswickan Barbarians must humbly accept your defeat (nay, annihilation is a better

word) at the hands of the CHSR Czars. It should be noted that all this happened as I originally predicted. Please, get it through your heads: you lost, nothing can change that. I wish you luck next year.

While it is also true that I was out hunting at game time, (I was hunting police cars not vans) our team needed to help. You have, however, persisted in abusing my character as a substitute for the striking NFL players. I shall give one more warning to Nick the Greek (sic) and the rest of your staff: If any one of you writes or says anything even vaguely associated with my legacy, I will stomp you!!! I will rip your lungs out with my bare hands and eat them! Then I will torture your mother. So take your defeat like athletes, not crybaby illiterate wimps.

Yours most menacingly,

Killer Kowalski

MacKenzie "childish"

Words cannot express how enjoyable the ceremony of the Great Pumpkin Sacrifice was last Sunday at midnight. A job well done by the men of Harrison House. On the other hand, words cannot express how childish the immature imbeciles of MacKenzie House were being at that same time. It is very embarrassing to say that MacKenzie House is part of our men's residence system. The actions of the other men's residences can only be called harmless house rivalry, but what MacKenzie did can be said to be a definite play to

harm innocent bystanders by throwing projectiles such as water balloons, eggs, and unbelievably enough even firecrackers!

I feel that MacKenzie House should be dealt with before somebody gets badly harmed next year; therefore, I call to other people who were in some way harmed or very displeased with MacKenzie's antics last Sunday night to come forward and write letters to the Bruns expressing their disgust.

Just sign me,

Not too impressed.

P.S. I wish to thank Fritz the Janitor for drafting this fine letter.