



mugwump
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sound-off

Brunswickan bumbles

A goodly portion of this issue of the Brunswickan has been given to the coverage of the Women's Field Hockey championship, held last weekend at Lamport Stadium in Toronto. I went up with the Bruns crew to cover the event and I must say I was impressed with the way our squad compared with the other teams there.

The Red Sticks were very competitive. In the words of the Head Assigning official at the tournament, the UNB squad was "nicely competitive" meaning that along with the talent that was shown on the playing field, the Sticks also conducted themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, both on and off the turf.

One thing that was a surprise to me, was the lack of people in the stands. Granted the Sticks do not usually draw that well here, but I thought that the national tourney would get, at least, reasonable support but in general almost no one showed up for the games. Even the hometown team (University of Toronto) drew very few people to other than the crucial games. Part of the reason for this, I am told, is the lack of coverage of Field Hockey in the commercial press. The Toronto papers carried very little about the Tourney, and what they did carry tended to be buried on the back pages. Not much for a national final.

Although UNB did not win the competition, they have absolutely nothing to be ashamed about. They lost only two games, to UBC (the winner of the tourney) and to University of Manitoba. They tied U of T (last year's champs) and really put it to McGill and York Universities. One thing is certain: UNB established themselves as national competitors, and there isn't a team in Canada who takes the Red Sticks lightly.

This week's Mugwump is short due to my trying to get reorganized after the Toronto trip, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Host Rent-a-car for their kindness in giving the Brunswickan a deal on an extremely good working little Toyota. So if you're in the need for a top notch rental see the people at Host.

P.S. Thanx Claire.

Dear Editor:

Ironic as it may seem, I would like to address this letter to the much talked-about topic of apathy on this campus. In particular, one might ask why there is almost total disregard of student elections on the UNB campus.

I would like to expose briefly two institutions on campus which I believe should play an active role in student elections in an attempt at arousing student attention. The two institutions are The Brunswickan and the Political Science Students Association.

Leafing through recent editions of The Brunswickan I am across little in the way of political crusading in any form. There were two full pages devoted to the candidates themselves in the October 13th edition of The Brunswickan. However, there was

no editorial devoted to issues in the student election, nor was there any political comment on the topic by a member of The Brunswickan. The headlines in this particular issue were devoted to another topic entirely disconnected with student elections.

Amazingly, the publication of The Brunswickan on October 20th, which was published after the student elections, left little space for reporting on these elections. There were no editorials, no political comments and no headlines advertising the outcome of the elections. There was a mere list of the candidates and the number of votes that they received.

One can also look at the role which the Political Science Students Association had during the student elections. To my knowledge this organization par-

icipated very little during the student elections. It is my belief that the Political Science Students Association should have taken a more active role in promoting the elections. By getting the various candidates together in a "bearpit session" the flaws and strengths of the candidates could have been revealed. Not meaning to be disrespectful, perhaps this organization should rename itself and become the Apolitical Science Students Association.

It is my belief that both The Brunswickan and the Political Science Students Association have tremendous potential in promoting political awareness on campus. Hopefully, in the future, through these two organizations, the students will become active during student elections.

N. Rutterfield

Yet ANOTHER Pepin review?

Dear Editor:

Well, Marc Pepin has done it before, (Dan Hill) and he has managed to do it again, he made a complete ass of himself. His review of Paul McCartney's album London Town showed him to be inept, hypocritical, and closed-minded.

Even if it was "his second worst" album, which is subject to each individual's opinion, it is still a great deal better than many group's best.

After declaring Red Rose Speedway, Band on the Run, and Venus and Mars his best, Mr. Pepin declares McCartney's lyrics "worse . . . they have no meaning!" McCartney was never known for his lyrics, it was his

music that brought him to fame. When was the last time Mr. Pepin listened to "Spirits of Ancient Egypt" on the Venus and Mars album or "Mrs. Vanderbilt" on Band on the Run? Great music; the lyrics are not what you would call inspiring, but listen to that music!

After saying "the album sucks" Mr. Pepin says: "Cafe on the Left bank . . . has everything going for it," "I'm Carrying is reminiscent of 'I Will' and 'Julia,'" "With a Little Luck . . . production is fantastic and the bass playing and overall music excels." How hypocritical! He says nothing about "Famous Groupies", which in our opinion is an excellent song.

The fact that Paul McCartney has changed his style a bit for this album might scare Mr. Pepin. Les

guitar — a few more strings — it may be a change, but any artist who doesn't change will soon be left behind and soon forgotten. Open your mind Marc Pepin! You don't have to think of it as Paul McCartney, think of it as MUSIC!

In conclusion we wish you, Mr. Pepin, would listen to an album more than once before criticizing it; neither one of us really could for the album the first time we hear it but it gets better each time you listen to it, very few albums 'knock you over the first time you hear them. Perhaps Mr. Pepin should turn to tidley-winks as music is obviously not his line.

Yours Sincerely,
Lindsay Ryerson
David Beaven
Both of Bridges House

Convenience store

Dear Editor:

To the students of UNB/STU I apologize for having this minor "misunderstanding" appear before your eyes each week. This I assure you will be the last you hear from me about the "convenience store" at the SUB.

To the long dark haired lady of the smoke shop who wishes to remain anonymous I also apologize, quite seriously. Because of mentioning her and wrongly belittling her, my point was misunderstood.

My one and only point was the fact that I was a customer of the store at the time of the incident, having just purchased a toothbrush and a nail clip for the sum of \$1.80 knowing that I hadn't enough change for a coffee I asked for a dollars worth and was refused.

To refuse giving change to non-customers is a position that many stores of our time and area have adopted. The reasons for the fact were so well put by the aforementioned in the last letter. They are in themselves good reasons since it seems, that a lot of stores follow them. Far be it for me to criticize that.

However, if it be the policy of your store to refuse giving change to paying customers. I personally (and I don't want to offend anyone) will refuse to buy from that store, for such a practice is not right in my eyes (a hindrance rather than a convenience to its customers).

I'm not trying to force the opinion of mine on anyone else, for I may be the only one to hold it. In closing I would like to reply to

various points put forward in the last letter.

1. I would gladly come to work for your store (for a day at regular wages) if in fact the above is not the policy of your store. Please phone 472-8253 and ask for me.

2. Coffee is 25 cents in either libraries (where I usually purchase mine).

3. I don't know what "Too Insance" means.

4. When was the last time anyone went to the Bank of Montreal on campus and got a dollar changed.

5. Carrying \$200 worth of change, the 500 paces from the Bank to the store does not seem to me a very hard "piad" daily task.

Respectively yours,
Peter J. McCarthy

More from Maurice

Madam:

The following is from a note (Nov. 6, 1978) to the Egyptian Ambassador, Ottawa:

"Re signing a peace treaty with Israel —

If President Sadat ignores the Palestinians' just demands, he'll be charged with treason and punished."

Sincerely,
Maurice Spitz

Dear Editor:

As a staff member of the Brunswickan, and as an interested student, I find myself in opposition to the sentiments expressed in last week's editorial comments about faculty unionization.

First of all, the Bruns, that self-appointed champion of all human rights and the home of the chairperson, is coming out against a particular group's human right of freedom of association and their right to organize to pursue their interests. There are many interests being served by every university and they play a very important role in the social structure we live in. Anyone who thinks a faculty union will be introducing "special interests" to this campus has a lot to learn.

The comment that with a faculty union the student/faculty relationship will become more "formal" (and by inference, possibly more

antagonistic or adversarial) makes little sense to me. There are already unions on campus and I don't think faculty is becoming more remote on thin-skinned. The only change that is being sought is legal recognition of a collective bargaining unit(s). This is a change in the faculty/administration relationship and I just don't see it breaking down the absolutely basic relationship faculty and students must have.

The comment that faculty unionization is inevitable at UNB is obvious. We need only look as far as STU to see this. But the crucial question to ask about this historical trend which the Bruns sees as fate which must be unhappily borne, is WHY? My opinion is that things in higher education are deteriorating. "Cut-back" is the spectre haunting Canadian universities as we enter the 1980's. Faculty, and

very concerned about these things. To find a "community of interest" between faculty and students just look at the Library.

The other major factor, which is related closely to the above, is the whole question of POWER. I think everyone will agree that the tendency over the years has been the devolution of decision making power to the professional (i.e. non-teaching) administration on campus and a greater pull off-campus. Let's just look at the strong public stand our administration didn't take against the government's hacking of the operating grant increase recommended by its own creature, the MPHEC, formed with N.S. and P.E.I. to coordinate Maritime Higher Learning. Perhaps I'm a lost soul wandering in the student wilderness, but I think a faculty union(s)

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