

Here we go again.....

To the Brunswickan:

The Dalhousie Gazette refuses to accept the charge of irresponsible journalism as you have cited in your November 25 issue.

"Bruns credibility questioned by Dal" is a totally misleading headline and you have performed a disservice to the students of your campus. If you will read the Gazette article more carefully it was Dan O'Connor, executive-secretary of NUS who was quoted questioning the Brunswickan's treatment of the NUS issue. Childishly creating a non-existent

rivalry between the Gazette and the Brunswickan is not only deceiving your readers, but lowering the credibility of your paper.

The Brunswickan's bias on the NUS issue was obvious so it would be wise not to make any pretensions about it. Your most favorable NUS article was conveniently run on a left hand page near the back of your paper (page 18, October 7 issue)

As far as CUP goes, your article entitled "CUP still hanging in" also was misleading. It is a fact that, technically speaking, CUP was to receive the final word on the

Brunswickan's membership at the end of October, since that was the time when you were no longer to receive national advertising from Youthstream, CUP's national advertising agency.

Both the Gazette and Canadian University Press are not interested in playing games with the Brunswickan. This will be the first and last time that I will respond to immature accusations in your newspaper.

Sincerely yours,
Valerie Mansour, Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette
President, Atlantic Region,
Canadian University Press

Does your book Fall apart?

Dear Editor:

I have recently been the purchaser of a required course text titled *Educational Administration in Canada* (T.E. Giles, Detselig, Calgary, 1974).

The price of the book at the UNB Bookstore was \$6.95. Looking through the text for the first time, I was careful to open it gently and felt the binding, only to find loose pages in my hands before I had had a chance to even read the first page.

I realize that this is no fault of the Bookstore, but is simply a very poor job on the part of the publisher. (Worse, the publisher is Canadian — leaving no quilt on the hands of any capitalistic foreigner.)

Students at this university have been tagged as complacent, apathetic, and yet as humans most of us remain energetic about being financially swindled.

I think that this is not the first or only time educational materials

have been of a quality less than equal to their retail price, and that if there is any appropriate action to be taken a group of complainants should be those to take it. The Consumers Bureau is a possibility.

If there are other students in this situation interested in getting their money's worth in future, please make yourselves known in order that a valid complaint may be registered.

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No Ariel? Surely you Jest!

Dear Ariel,

Your Christmas message was so touching that I just must respond. For one thing I have a rather severe hangover this morning, and the part of me that you touched was unfortunately somewhat lower than heart level.

I've been meaning to get in touch with you ever since September, when your heart-rending appeal went out for people to treat you as the sensitive, loving, wonderful, sexy,

personable, gorgeous, talented, intelligent person you are, rather than as a stereotyped plastic imitation of sensitive, loving, wonderful, sexy, personable, gorgeous, talented, intelligent Farrah.

Life is just so unfair, and if you ever need a should to cry on, please feel free to come to me. As an older woman (yes, I'm really 25) who is only so-so in the departments of sensitivity, lovingness, personality, talent and

intelligence, and mediocre as far as wonderfulness, sexyness, gorgeousness and spelling are concerned, I'd feel truly privileged to be able to console you over your unfortunate lot. I'd also be very careful not to crush your hamburgers.

So, as we near the 25th, my Christmas message to the world at large must be this: "Sorry, Virginia, there really isn't an Ariel."

Love and kisses, Nanci Arseneau

Roll that by again!

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the article entitled "Atlantic Folk Festival" on page 24 of the December 2nd "Brunswickan". The article is basically accurate, but there are two points left open to misinterpretation.

First, the College Hill Folk Collective has not had its budget cut off. Like all other SRC funded groups, it has experienced cutbacks. One of the cutbacks was the money allotted to the trip to the Folk Festival in January. However, as is stated in the article, this cutback will not interfere with attendance at this event.

Second, the article states that there is a maximum of four entrants accepted from any one university. Actually, there is a maximum of one entry accepted from each university, but this entry may include up to four performers. There is no limit enforced on the number of spectators who attend to support

each group. Any interested person is welcome.

I would also like to point out that there were a total of eight grammatical and spelling errors in this short article. I realize that the "Bruns" gets published mainly through the efforts of a small group of dedicated people, most

of whom are busy students like myself. But misinterpretation of facts and opinions is made all the more likely by the presence of these errors.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hughes
Coordinator
College Hill Folk Collective

Smarten up dummies

Dear Editor:

Over the past two years there have been approximately 88 trees on campus damaged beyond repair. These trees vary in kind and age with the latest being a ten year old maple. Ten years of life and beauty snapped off by someone without too much feeling for the beauty of nature.

Now, I realize that at this institution there are many things which get to people. At this particular time of the year there are the pressures of exams and

last minute papers. We all need to vent our frustrations and mental anguish in some manner. But could we not leave alone the little natural beauty remaining on campus? Some of us do appreciate waking up in the morning to see something besides buildings and barren grounds.

Thanks for your much appreciated space.

Yours sincerely,
Gary Carver

Mugwump

By MATTHEW PENNY

I do not like the idea of starting off the new year on the wrong foot but since I finished the last one on the left instead of the right, I may as well eat crow. It seems in the last Bruns before Christmas I stated that CHVW did not show up for the media social hosted by CHSR. Of course I was wrong. The problem is that a great number of the fine people who work for our television station in the past four years also worked for CHSR, as a result of this I assumed that all the familiar faces at the social were CHSR and not CHVW persons. Sorry about that gentlemen.

Speaking about socials: Just before the end of classes I was treated to a skating and pizza party by the UNB nurses and I would just like to say that to those of you who feel the nurses of this campus are a bunch of old biddies who raise nothing but trouble, well you are very wrong. Thanks for the party ladies!!!

The Christmas spirit was reputed to have run rampant on the campus just before Christmas but I fear some of the services people missed the season entirely. As you may well recall, just prior to the final days of exams we had a sort of heavy snow storm. That was just fine for all except the owner of a green car parked overnight in the lot next to the Harriet Irving Library. The morning after found this car all but buried by the machines which plowed the surrounding area. All that remained above the snow was the roof and the windows. The snow being wet, had by this time frozen which left the person owning the car with one heck of a digging out to do. This may not seem much now but it was by no accident that this unwarranted act of destruction was perpetrated. I heard numerous comments about this as the half-buried car was a landmark for most of the day. However, the security people wandering around [as if lying in wait for the owner] seemed to think it all a big joke. HA HA! I wonder how physical plant would go for having the student body painting their trucks with elegant slogans!

I was reading a good book the other night. It is called the University calendar. Here is a word for all people in at least three facilities who have been assigned 'new' work after Christmas. According to the Calendar, Academic Regulations Section 1, the student is required to do the work as set down by the professor, instructors, or whatever, in the course which that student is taking. However, "Such requirements must be made known to students within the first two weeks of the course". This means that if you came back after Christmas and found you had a new book report to do in that full year course, or had a take-home changed to an essay, the person in charge of your course is in violation of the Academic Regulations. This includes half-year courses as well, so the boss can't make changes after two weeks from the official beginning of classes. For full year courses these changes would have to have been made before September 25th, 1977!! What does this mean? Well, if your professor has decided over the holidays to change your course, then he is in trouble. Heresay has it the penalty for this is dismissal from the faculty position. As I said this is just a rumour but I will check on it before next week. If you have a problem like this, see the Dean of Students, or one of the Student senators. This sort of cruelty cannot be allowed. Stand up for your rights as a student [see page 18 of the calendar!].

Last Saturday I wandered up to try out my new hockey skates at the public skating at the Aitken. What a disappointment. The ice was the pits, or should I say full of pits. Half-way through the affair the staff 'cleaned the ice', which means they swept the snow off and left the badly scarred ice sitting there. Oh how I long for the days of free skating for university students as it was couple of years ago at the LBR. You can still go there to skate under the coloured lights but be prepared to pay \$1.00! This university spent millions on that tin can beside Marshal d'Avray and the students who enjoy a skate once and a while can't even get a change to use the facilities without paying for them. I paid my tuition!!! But, before you think about renting some time for your group just remember that it costs \$40 an hour. I don't see why the university administration could not allow the students some free time for skating after hockey games and late at nights. This was done before and why isn't it done now?

If the administration can't lower themselves to give us a little treat [Remember that they gave themselves a FREE Christmas party on the ice.] why couldn't the SRC step in and give the students a bit of free skating? At \$40/hr if they gave us three hours a week, it would come to \$120/week. If the SRC President is worth that much, then so are the many students who like to have recreational skating. I think I will ask the Administrative board of the SRC to come across for this!

It is a humorous point that last week while I was going up there to skate I noticed that next to that multi-million dollar sardine can a group of kids had set up an outdoor rink. Why I asked. Because then we don't have to pay 50 cents every time we want to play hockey or even skate for half an hour.

I am open to any comments or suggestions on or for this column.
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Hello Carol, The cat is going bald!  
Happy Friday the 13th!

The situation has become noticeable as everyone seems to be doing enough to do a mention it in class. Granted, we have problems in Canada, but well be solved if of clear thinking part of the present.

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