



mugwump journal

By SUSAN REED

Election time again and look what we have here--the Student Party. What's that you say? We're a union and therefore why do we need parties? Funny, that's what I was going to say. Mr. Bosnitch believes the creation of a student party with a blanket platform is the best method to solve all our student government woes. But how is this supposed to happen when the Student Party is deliberating splitting the union into at least two factions? The view this party seems to be endorsing is not "let's work together to better things for everyone," but rather "my side is better than your side."

The platform of the Student Party is idealistic, to say the least. This is not to say there is something wrong with idealism, but any organization needs more than that. We need hard-working people who, basically, just get the job done. For example, the Student Party is calling for a halt in tuition increases with the ultimate goal of free tuition. Now Mr. Bosnitch has said his ultimate goal will never be realized(?). In addition, how exactly does he propose to halt these increases? That piece of information seems to be missing.

The Student Party is calling for the "elimination, restriction and limitation of honoraria and awards." I hate to break the news to them but the amount of honoraria given to the organizations on campus is minimal. The president and comptroller of the Student Union receive more, but they deserve it. Not only do they have to spend incredible amounts of time and energy on the job, they face course restrictions which increase their number of years at university. How about striving for a little realism, kids?

The Incredible Bruns Bowling Team has defeated CHSR-FM in their Bowl-for-Millions confrontation last Saturday. Yes, in the face of CHSR's arrogance and over-confidence in their abilities, we have triumphed. Our team consisted of top scorer, Tom Henderson, along with myself, Harold Doherty (see classifieds), Todd Daley and Christie Walker. Our strategic ploy (ahem) of arriving late was, dare I say it, a winner.

The first letter in the Soundoff section is well worth reading. Snow removal is a problem not only on campus, but throughout Fredericton as well. In many areas of the city, the sidewalks have not been cleared in weeks. This makes things dangerous for those of us who walk to school. Often students are forced to walk on the roads, due to inaccessibility of the sidewalks. As anyone who has traversed King's College or Beaverbrook can testify, dodging cars is not a fun thing to do.

The second term exam schedule is making its first bow. Groan. What more can one say?

A former staffer has just wandered in with some complaints. She has returned to school, after an absence of one term, and finds she must pay a full year's parking fees. Why? Is campus security incapable of the simple act of division?

This person, who shall remain nameless but not blameless, has resolved to inflict great physical damage on anyone using the word "gross" except as a form of measurement. Forewarned is forward. Or something.

soundoff

Snow hard on disabled

We are two people fortunate enough to be standing and walking on our two feet, and we have a hard enough time getting around campus. To a person who is wheelchair-bound, it borders on impossible. Our friend Mary, who drives in with us everyday, is in a wheelchair.

Mary is in Education, and the majority of her classes are at Marshall D'Avray Hall. At the rear of this building, there is a long cement walkway from the access road to the door. This door has a blue and white sticker depicting a person in a wheelchair plastered on the window. However, it seems to be invisible to those whose job it is to keep a pathway clear from the road to the door. It usually takes them (or is it only him?) three days after a snowfall, be it big or small, to get the path completely

cleared. It is done in short spurts.

For example, we had a snowfall on Monday, February 1. On Tuesday, February 2, the "path" that had been half-heartedly made (by kicking snow out of the way, or so it seemed) was wide enough for sure-footed, four footed animals, not a wheelchair. We had to get another person to help get Mary to the door. On Wednesday, February 3, afternoon, the cement walkway had been cleared to a width of one wheelchair wide. That was fine. But to get from the walkway to the car (there was another car parked in the way) we had to get over a small snowbank. To a person in a wheelchair, there is no such thing as a small snowbank.

From the looks of things, the road hadn't even been plowed after Monday's snowfall, with

Wednesday's rain, it was a quagmire. However, we should overlook this and be thankful that it was rain and not snow, for according to Mary, one of the "hard working snow-shovellers" told her NOT TO WORRY, THE RAIN WILL WASH THE SNOW AWAY!!! with that kind of attitude, we'll need to get a plow for the front of Mary's chair!

Personally, we think the men responsible for clearing the walkways (we call one of them Sleepy) are not the only ones to blame for the inaction. Their superiors and the people who work at Marshall D'Avray are also responsible for the disgraceful condition of their roads and walkways. They should make sure that the job gets done. Mary can't do it.

Ellen Tracy
Patrick Daniels

Activity Awards explained

Dear Susan,

As chairman of the Student Activity Awards Committee, I feel it necessary to write this letter in order to clarify a matter concerning the new point schedule. The point schedule was revised chiefly due to changing positions in a number of organizations (particular CHSR and Orientation). Most of these changes have taken place in the last year, so in actuality they only apply to persons who have held these par-

ticular positions in the last year. For this reason, when the SAAC meets to consider applications, the old point schedule will be used along with the new schedule so that fairness will be achieved.

In order to prevent this problem from arising in the future, the SAAC plans to draw up a new SAAC regulation incorporating a permanent point schedule. Of course, this would have to be approved by the SRC. The SAAC welcomes

any input regarding the overhaul of this regulation. One particular issue which has raised concern is whether persons should apply for or be nominated for an Activity Award. If anyone has suggestions, would they please drop them off in care of the SAAC at the SRC office.

Sincerely,
David J. Barrett
Chairman, SAAC.

PSSA only co-sponsor

Dear Editor,

I am dismayed by an article in last week's Bruns concerning the speech by John Crosbie entitled "Crosbie supports national inquiry". One of the facts in the article is wrong.

In the article reporter Sarah Abraham incorrectly stated

that the lecture was sponsored by the PSSA. While the PSSA was a co-sponsor much of the work was done by the other co-sponsor, The International Association of Economics and Commerce Students.

While we are very grateful to the PSSA for their help we

feel that we deserve to be given some of the credit for this event.

As well Madam Editor I hope that similar events like this will not occur in your paper.

L. Derek McDorman
President UNB-AIESEC

Thanks from CHSR-FM

CHSR-FM would like to express sincere thanks to the College Hill Social Club for their contribution to our production facilities. This thanks is extended to the CHSC Board of Directors and to all members of the club whose continued

future plans. Thanks again, you don't know how much this means to us.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Buckley
Station Director

Doherty beaten

Dear Readers:

The item submitted by Harold Doherty was allowed to run because very soon Harold will be leaving us to go far away where he can get lots of rest and help. This item has been

printed, even though Susan Reed has beaten Mr. Doherty mercilessly for two straight years in the Bowl-for-Millions game (there are witnesses), in order that an already unstable mind not be allowed to topple over the edge.