



This is a prime opportunity to thank Eric Garland, Chief Williamson, Steve Berube and the other people involved in the decision to put more lights between the Lady Dunn and the Harriet Irving Library. After years of complaints on the part of many people, the University has finally realized that there is a problem. I think it is to the credit of the above people that they took the action they did, and I am sure a lot of people will be grateful (and safer) for the improved lighting situation.

I would like to urge students to attend both the upcoming leadership conference scheduled for this Sunday and the Student Services committee meeting scheduled for November 21st at the SUB conference room. It has been my experience in the past that people are all too quick to criticize others for issues which are a fact, in other words items which are in no way going to be changed. For students issues, those of student aid, expenses at university, class stipulations, marks and the rest this is all too often the way it goes. Yet conferences such as those mentioned offer a golden opportunity to student to bring to the attention of people who can help, problems they may have, or issues they are discontented with. A common complaint in the past has been that students do not know what is going on with the SRC and that the SRC makes decisions without consulting the students. This does not have to be so.

Students should make the effort to attend those meetings, in fact, without that attendance the meetings are made useless. So, please turn up, drop into the Faculty Lounge of the Old Arts Building anytime during the day (preferably in the morning) for the Leadership conference and turn up at the Student Union Building on Nov. 21, Tuesday at 11:20 for the Student Services committee.

There are opposing opinions as to whether the Brunswickan should be discussed in Mugwump, but I feel in this case it's necessary. I have been hearing complaints lately about how we are missing events and such around campus, and questioned as to why we don't cover some of them. I am not going to blast anyone so read on. I would like the students to know that the Bruns is very shortstaffed with two writers who write regularly in the department, myself, and Linda Halsey (a marvelous new staffer). We sincerely regret that some events aren't covered and are asking students to help us out. If you have something which you feel needs coverage, why not do a write up yourself, and drop it into our offices, bottom floor SUB, Room 35.

I think that students should be aware that despite the fact that New Brunswick is called isolationist from outside, we still tend to be the leaders in many areas and have something to be proud of. As students are no doubt aware, the Atlantic Federation of Students was dissolved two weeks ago. Subsequent investigation into the matter reveals that many members of the Nova Scotia institutions feel that New Brunswick had an active and important role, not so much in the dissolution of AFS but in uncovering inherent weaknesses of the organization and offering viable alternatives. We were the first to form our own provincial coalition of students, thus setting an example for other provinces who are dissatisfied with the service given by such organization as AFS and NUS. Despite the fact that we are presently not affiliated with either, our province was one of the few which was moderately successful in fighting governmental cutbacks in education. New Brunswick have good grounds to be proud of our student leaders. We are all, I am sure looking forward to even better successes in the future.

A story appears on page 9 about a chicken. It is in fact a comment by an employee of Beaver Foods on the mass wastage of food by UNB students. According to Beaver manager Dave Campbell "a tremendous amount is wasted".

He said that the thing which bothers him the most is to see trays come back to the kitchen with untouched food or with two or three untouched glasses of milk. Campbell said that Beaver tries to cut down on food which comes back regularly as he feels this shows what students do not like. He added that the policy of Beaver which stipulates that only one helping at a time is allowed is in part an effort to cut down on food wastage, in that people if they really want seconds can come back and get it.

Students should realize that some provision has to be made in the contract to combat this wastage. In short, although the food is not being eaten, it's still being paid for. It stands to reason the less wastage then the more advantageous it is to students, in that there's less chance of food prices going up. Think about it, and don't waste food.

## Pumpkin not fertility symbol

Madam Editor and Miss Drew:

I, along with a great many other loyal followers of the Great Pumpkin, were very glad to read that you were greatly interested in our celebration on October 31st. Yet I have been compelled by my friends and fellow Harrisonians to answer your letter of the November 3rd issue of the Brunswickan, in hopes to set you straight on your "interpretation" concerning our views and goals for the Great Pumpkin ceremony.

Firstly, I must state that it was very evident that you had done a great deal of preparation in the make-up of your article. I am not quite certain who you wished to impress, whether it be professors,

friends, or yourself; but you certainly did impress me with your thorough research; however, you could not have been farther from the truth or more off target with your interpretation.

I am sorry that you feel compelled to see the ceremony as a rite celebrating women or the women's movement, as it was never conceived to be so. The symbol of the pumpkin was not chosen as an earthy fertility symbol but rather as a representation of both the physical harvests present in the autumn plain

around us, and as the metaphorical educational harvests presently being reaped by the students attending UNB (Please note that I have said reaped not raped as I mean to exclude all sexual

references, to keep from clouding your otherwise symbolically interpretive mind.)

I hope that in future, before you run to your encyclopaedia, or reference material, that you do some reference checking closer to home and consult the authors before wandering off on tangents.

Most sincerely yours,  
David M. Greenwood  
1978 Loyal Guard of the Great Pumpkin

## Blood Clinic thanks

Dear Editor:

This is a belated note of appreciation for all the assistance the UNB Pre-Med and Pre-Dent Society received with its Blood Donor Clinic this fall. The SUB staff, Brunswickan, CHSR and many more made this clinic the success it was. Our final registration number was 708 far exceeding our 600 goal.

To the students of UNB and STU thank you for your support in our blood drive.

Sincerely yours,  
David A. Rankine  
Vice-President Pre-Med & Pre-Dent

## Not so, Steve!

Dear Editor:

With all due respect to Steve Berube, SRC President, I feel I have to take exception to some of his remarks found in last week's Bruns article, "NS Institutions Leave AFS".

Look, we're all sick of hearing about the bumbblings and mumbblings of the now defunct AFS (Atlantic Federation of Students). But for one last time, let's get something straight about New Brunswick's role in the federation's "death".

The New Brunswick Coalition of Students was NOT formed in the spirit of "let's kill AFS". It was formed to get some work done in this province on student issues.

"Basically", said Berube, "we set out to kill AFS". This is simply not true. The NB Coalition saw REFORM of AFS as the desirable thing. When this seemed impossible, we gave up, but not until the very end when AFS had, by then, done a pretty good job of killing themselves.

I think it is not only unrepresentative, but also unfair to the Coalition to portray it as an aggressive, destructive student organization. This kind of superiority attitude is a poor one, in my opinion, for a student leader to be voicing.

Susan Shalala

## In support of the Center

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter appearing in your paper on November 3, 1978 entitled "Negligent Health Services?" we would like to state our point of view.

Doctors are not Gods. How many good diagnoses and treatments have Dr. Tingley, Dr. Dorcas, and Dr. Myers made in the past? If you studied all the facts we are sure they would support this statement.

Have you considered that there may have been other influencing factors regarding the two cases mentioned in your letter? Nurses, of all people, should realize this — even third and fourth year student nurses?

As for your infantile remark regarding "Cracker-Jack Box

Degrees", specifically M.D. and R.N., why not include B.N. also. Any nursing student studying for her B.N. as you three are, who could be so bias do not deserve a degree of any kind.

We agree that, as in any other health program, there is always room for improvement. But, on the whole, we are satisfied with the health services that have been offered to us in the past. If you are so dissatisfied with the services offered why not do something about it? After you graduate, if you do, why not dedicate yourself to change it by coming here to work?

In conclusion, come down from your pedestal and look at the real situation!

Concerned classmates (BN's)

## Thanx Ms. Watson

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Becky Watson, manager of the campus bank, for her immediate action concerning the mannequin in the Bank of Montreal. After I raised objections to her personally concerning the method of advertising used, Ms. Watson was willing to change the apparel of the mannequin which was advertising their contest. Not only was Ms. Watson willing to discuss the issue with me but after considering bank policy, she took steps to change the appearance of

the mannequin. Unfortunately my interview on UNB Women's Organization, which appeared in last week's Bruns, took place before I had spoken with Ms. Watson directly. Because of the unfortunate timing the criticism was published although changes had already been made. I would like to apologize for any inconvenience which last week's article may have caused Ms. Watson and thank her again for her receptivity and approachability.

Yours truly,  
Marilyn Smith

