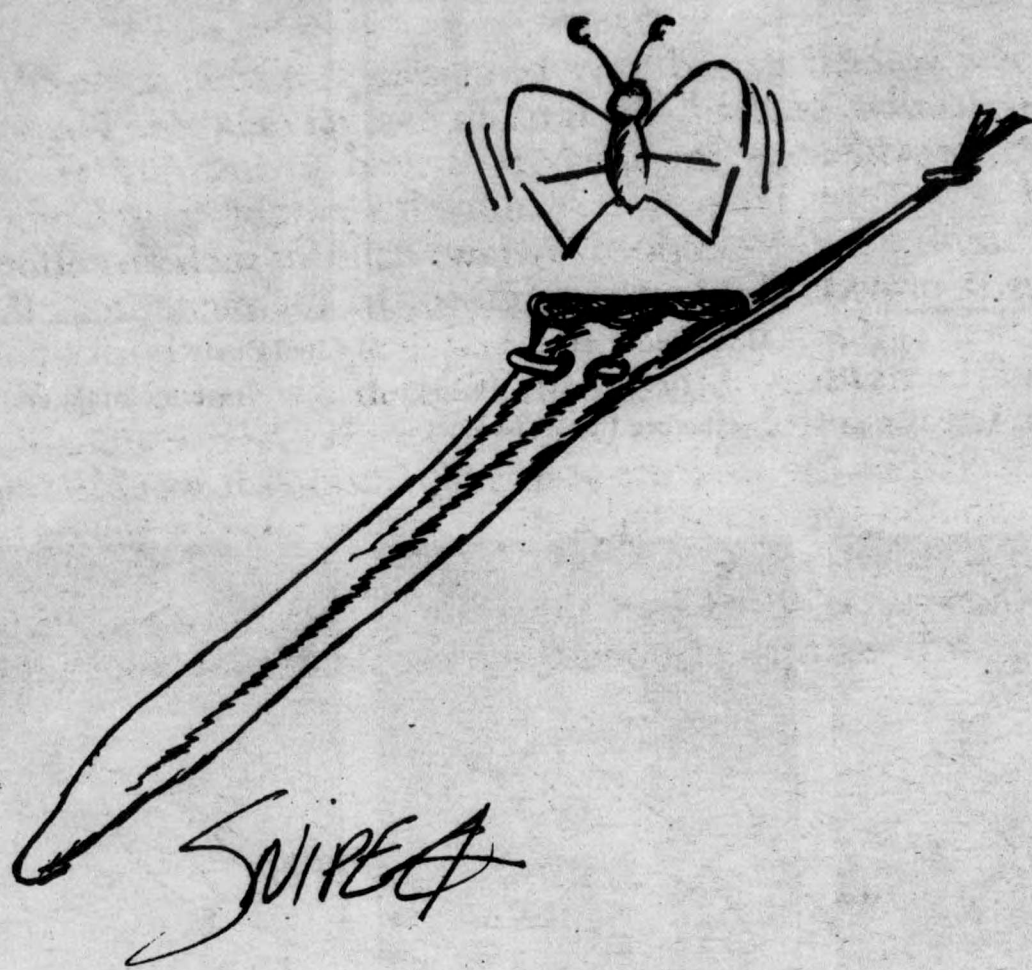


EDITORIAL



It has been said that university students do not involve themselves in their community. This is particularly true for the University of New Brunswick student population. *Supposedly* UNB students are concerned with events that take place on this campus. But we all know that apathy actually runs rampant. Apathy on campus is not that serious...it is rather detrimental to the efforts of the few concerned students but it is not really serious. It does not matter that only 12 percent of the student population should dictate the government that is in power. It does not really matter that (on average) only ten people actually put the campus paper together. There are exceptions to this general rule of apathy, but not many. Apathy that is evident in such an encapsulated environment is not disastrous. But when apathy is evident in a larger environment (in this case, the city of Fredericton) it can be.

While students *are* students they are still residents of a community, and so they should be concerned with events taking place in that community. No, I am not just speaking generally. Right now, in Fredericton there is a need for students to get involved in the community. By now, we have all heard of the Fredericton Anti-Poverty Organization. It seems that they are having trouble.

FAPO, a non-profit, non-political organization is trying to counter the effects of poverty in our community while slipping into poverty itself. We can all, as students, relate to poverty. I think that students can and should do something when a situation such as this arises in our community. FAPO is having trouble making ends meet and they need help. Not just money (everyone needs money) but time and energy too. FAPO has four paid employees but most of their work is done on a volunteer basis. This is where students can help. Students can help in many ways. Volunteering time, organizing fund-raising schemes...the possibilities are endless. Maggie Jean Chestnut House (one of two UNB Off-Campus Co-ed Residences) has already raised three hundred dollars and they plan to do more. Perhaps some of the more established residences on-campus can take up the challenge. Why not? It is a good cause.



Mugwump
Journal

By Vana White
Managing Editor

I'm sitting here at my typewriter freezing my fingers (and everything else) off, attempting to come up with some interesting drivel to throw at you this week. However, I can't come up with anything so I guess I'll sign off and see you next week.



How come you are continuing to read this column if I told you in the first paragraph that I wasn't going to write anymore this week? This isn't really me writing -- it's an imposter. Sometimes I wish I could use that excuse because then I wouldn't have countless people hunting me down to complain to me about the content of this newspaper. And I wouldn't have people talking behind my back, calling me this and that because I happened to present an opinion that they did not agree with. It is very discouraging for me, and for the rest of the staff, who spend their precious time and energy putting out a paper every week for the students to read, when all we get for our efforts are complaints, criticisms, and degrading comments. If this paper is really that terrible, then I guess I should quit now and stop wasting my time. Fortunately, I don't give up that easily. Just because some students think poorly of the Brunswickan and feel they have a reason to call us down, isn't enough to make me give up. When I read 6, 8, or 10 letters to the editor and not one of them has anything favorable to say, I just grind my teeth, sulk for a few moments, and try to continue on with my work, still believing that I am doing someone some good. As they say, every cloud has a silver lining -- at least we had no trouble filling the "Blood and Thunder" section this week. Thanks for the filler.



Despite the cold (and the cold shoulders), Singer Hall is progressing quite nicely. I must admit that I am quite surprised to see things moving along so quickly. And when you finish there, move on down to Head Hall. I hear the engineers are getting a little crowded.



Yes Virginia, there is a Student Directory. Even as you read this column the UNB Student Directory is being printed. After months of toilsome labor, Handbook Editor, Cal Johnston, has assured me that the directory is indeed finished and will be available in about a week. Just think, now you can call up that good looking guy(girl) in your class -- you know, the one you've always wanted to meet. Pretend you need some notes from past classes -- it works every time.



My compliments to those of you out there who have submitted material for the literary page. We are actually getting some positive comments about it (well O.K. only one), but even that's better than nothing. And thank you Wayne for your new and interesting idea. I hope we get some valuable responses to your suggestion.



I see that a local pub has chosen to pay tribute to this column, I think?! They are having a 'Mug Whump' night. I think I should get free draught for this. (Did you recognize the word 'draft' with its proper spelling)? At last, Fame, Fortune--Ridicule!! Oh well, it sounds like fun anyway.



Lastly I would like to commend the St. Thomas Student Union on a novel idea. They have organized a shuttle bus for Friday night running from the ---- (don't want to give away free advertising) to the hockey game and back again. It's about time. For years STU hockey fans have been running from the hockey game, in the freezing cold, to the pub and end up spending half of the night defrosting. Now they can all freeze together on the bus.