

Foreign Xmas an adventure

Dear Sir:

I read your article depicting the "forlornness" and "misery" of the foreign students during Xmas holidays in last week's issue of the Brunswickan. You were probably motivated by good intentions, but the end result was very unfortunate, therefore I beg to take exception of some of the issues raised.

While it may be a fact that most foreign students don't have places to travel to during Xmas holidays, therefore remain on the campus or around Fredericton, it's not a fact that they are usually in such a dolorous state of social penury.

Any foreign student old enough to travel out of his/her country is supposedly mature enough to realize that he/she will be spending a couple of Xmas holidays far away from home. Studying overseas is an adventure in personal development, and spending Xmas holidays in an unfamiliar environment is part of the excitement of this adventure.

I should like to thank Mrs. Stocker for "raising" a party for

the foreign students last Xmas, but I should also like to remark regretfully that she did not realize the full ramifications of the way she went about enlisting support from charitable organizations like The Salvation Army, Rotary Club etc. etc. to collect their widow's mite in pity for the "hungry" foreign students - "the fugitives and the vagabonds". If Mrs. Stocker wanted to have a Xmas party for the foreign students, or for a select group of the foreign students in her capacity as their advisor, she should have been prepared to foot the bill herself rather than beg for support from RELIEF AGENCIES. After all, take the foreign students away, from UNB, she ends up having no one to advise. Right?

I still neither can conceive nor understand how some people think that anybody can feel at ease and homely "celebrating" and "enjoying" Xmas dinner with a stranger-family. It equally beats my imagination to see how people feel that social relationships are mere mechanical bolts that could fit

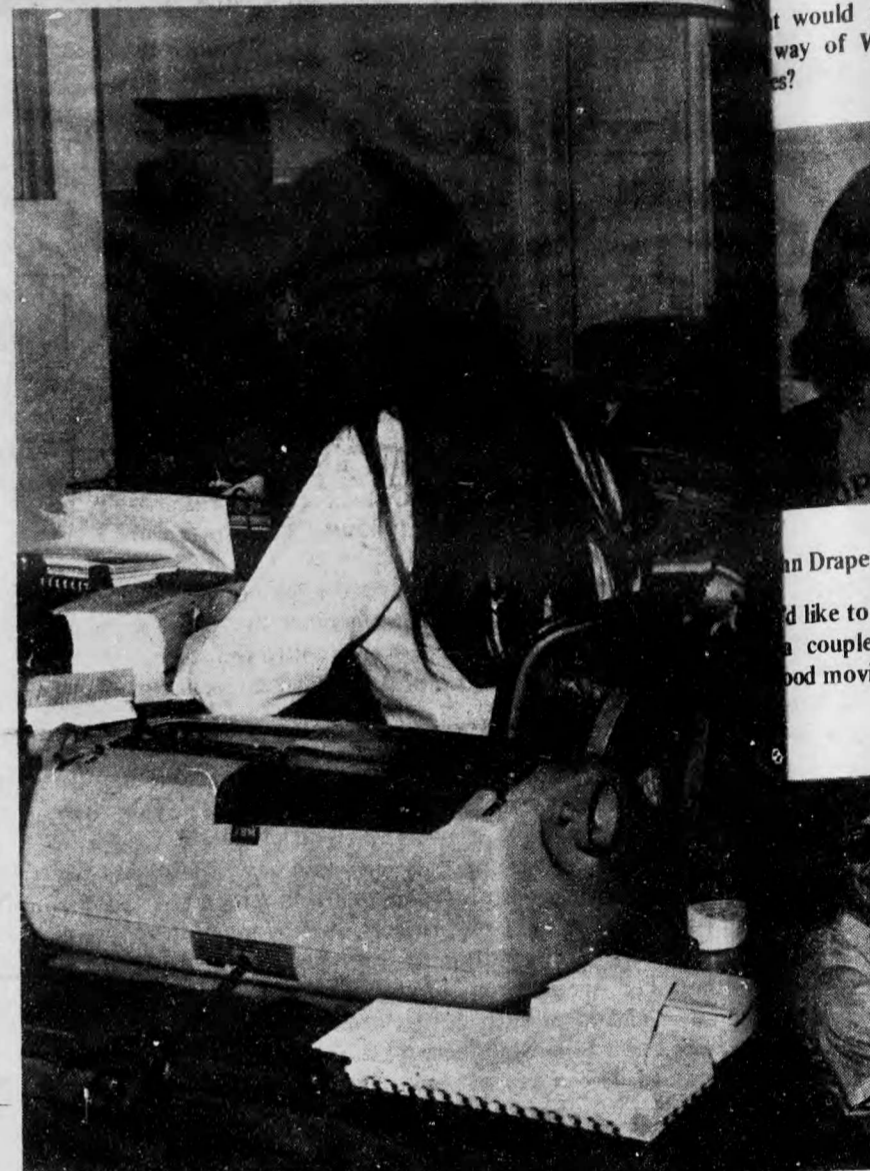
quite easily into any place. Otherwise I will be more surprised to know why James Dashe and others were launching an invitation to Xmas dinner appeal.

I may like to add here for the benefit of those who may not know that in most African societies, the greatest honor you could be afforded, is for a friend to accept an invitation to dine with you. I know most Africans won't dispense with this honor indiscriminately.

Saga's intended arrangement for a special Xmas food package for students staying on the campus is a good idea, but for goodness sake stop this mendicant attitude of appeal for invitation to Xmas dinner.

I, for one, will be throwing a Xmas party for all who may care to come - Canadians and foreign students alike. Liquor and food will be provided, but the only limitation is that my apartment has a capacity of a hundred.

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A reader, an ex-employee of the university, says the staff is underp... Although the secretary pictured is not the complainer, perhaps she... the same way.

Investigation into Pub needed

Dear Sir:

In response to Mr. Moreland's letter last week in the Bruns regarding the incident involving Mr. Brown and Mr. Godwin (Chief of Campus Police) at the Beer Garden in McConnell Hall on Nov. 4th. After interviewing individuals involved in the affair I believe that the situation is still ambiguous. Not ONE story was the same and so I've arrived at my conclusions through a synthesis of the facts as I obtained them.

Irrespective of the events I must point out a basic flaw in Mr.

Moreland's argument - that is, he is assimilating all C.P.s into the same bag with respect to their condoning of these actions. I am not in favour of such actions, nor am I at any time in the future going to condon such an act.

I believe it's the individuals right in society to react to a given situation, just as he should be allowed to dictate his own behaviour. This holds, only so long as the action doesn't encroach upon the right of the individuals in society.

I feel (as assistant chief of Campus Police), that it is my responsibility to repair any damage the C.P.s have incurred as a result of this incident and that means working within the system, not opting out. If we deserve to be called PIGS, so be it. I'm only interested in seeing this present situation resolved through the proper channels i.e. SDC and student involvement.

Brian Luckock

Dear Sir:

This letter has been provoked by what you, Mr. Stewart, in the Mugwump Journal, said about university and employees. You wrote, and I quote:

"There are a few people employed here that UNB could do without. One workie, about 45 or so, seems to be spending an awful lot of idle time in the SUB. Everytime I see him, he's staring out the window on

the second floor (sometimes it's the first floor) watching the students walk from the library. And if that's the productivity, well..."

Well Mr. Stewart, if your idea is 'getting onto' the University about the wastage of funds you chose the wrong area. Non-academic staff at UNB are not the ones to be pointed out as an example of money waste. Continued to page 8

Beating victim tells story behind Fall Pub fracas

Dear Sir:

After reading Mr. Godwin's article in the last edition, I think it's time I told my own side of the incident which occurred at the Beer Garden, Nov. 4, 1972. First, I would like to thank Mr. Dave Moreland, Mr. Bob Lank, and the staff of this paper for trying so hard to dig out the truth of this incident.

When someone poured beer on my girlfriend while we were dancing, it really burned me up - no way did she deserved that kind of greasy crap. But the guy who did it just laughed at me and we ended up fighting. My actions were justified but I felt I should apologize for the fight anyway. I went over and found myself surrounded by a group of the guy's drunken friends. Ever try to talk to a bunch of guys who want to kick the shit out of you? I felt like Tom Turkey at

Thanksgiving. Result - another fight (and I had come over to apologize!). The next thing I know, I'm getting the bum's rashed out and the guy who had caused the whole deal wasn't. I admit I was trying to free myself - wouldn't you? I felt no guilt for my actions. Twice I broke loose and the force of my arms breaking free may have caused me to strike someone - but by accident and not intentionally. (I had met Mr. Godwin through my girlfriend only the week before, and I remember telling myself it would only cause trouble all around if I started punching him.) I was forced up the first flight of stairs and backed into a corner - and this next part I couldn't believe. Gary Godwin was actually punching me in the groin, and me with both arms being held. I remember bringing up my knee to try to block his fists and, if Mr. Godwin

is about three feet tall, then I'll have to admit I must have kneed him in the face. If I was in his shoes, I'd feel about three feet tall. He then hit me with a punch that had to have his whole body behind it. I went out cold and don't know if I was hit in the face again - but ended up with a wrecked mouth, cut ear, twisted nose, and black eye.

I myself have been on the Student Police Force at Saint John Tech for the past two years and I know that two student police can evict one man - we do it every dance - and anyone from Saint John knows the type of people we have to evict. There has never been an incident that compares to this at any of our activities, and our police force totals only six men.

I have heard that Mr. Godwin is puzzled as to why I haven't since retaliated - this I have no

intention of doing. Justice always prevails in the end. Someday, somebody will nail him as he nailed me and, to show no hard feelings, I'll even give him a tip for when it happens - Don't brush your teeth when you have six stitches in both lips, Gary; it hurts like Hell!

Again I'd like to thank the staff of this publication for their efforts to clarify this matter.

Derek H. Brown

Dear Sir:

The following are facts stated to me by Mr. Godwin, in the presence of witnesses contrary to his "story" in the Bruns Nov. 17/72.

1) the "few words with the football player" were in the form of an apology.

2) Mr. Godwin had his back

to the two and wasn't sure who threw the first punch.

3) Mr. Godwin failed to cord (?) the fact that he Derek twice in the groin when upon his knee was brought BUT (in Mr. G's words) "he too bent over to raise it enough to do any damage."

4) Mr. Godwin states he had NO CONTROL over himself, would take the same action again.

Perhaps if Mr. Godwin had been less preoccupied with "masculinity" and "good looks" (?), he would have been able to rationalize the situation.

I'm sick of this entire affair as are many others, but I COULD NOT let the issue rest, on Mr. Godwin's series of slanted truths.

J. Brewer