



## mugwump journal

By SUSAN REED

Bad news for the SUB rats and hard-working SRC and media people out there--the SUB cafeteria will soon be closing at 11 p.m. instead of midnight. The change comes about in light of a request from Beaver Foods, which was accepted by the SUB Board Wednesday.

The rationale behind an earlier closing time is that very few students use the cafeteria after 11 p.m. and those who do usually buy coffee. Coffee is available from the vending machines, they say, and not having to pay the Beaver staff for that extra hour would save many dollars.

Comforting thought, isn't it? When taking a break, you can look forward to a nice lukewarm cup of coffee that tastes like...well, our sports editor describes the taste as somewhere between hot water with a crayon melted in it and the sludge served at MacDonalds. I don't know, as I find coffee vile anyway. But what about those of us who like tea? Tough...

At any rate, the matter is open to feedback due to requests from the student prez. So let the Beavers know how you feel about it kids.

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As I type this up Thursday morning, it feels very warm in here. A pleasant change from a few days previously when an enterprising CHSR type had to turn on the heat for our wing that someone never bothered to do before.

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All kinds of juicy rumours are flying around about the Faculty Club these days. It is said to be in financial difficulty with the administration considering withdrawing its monetary support. A short item in the recent edition of *University Perspectives* show the club to be on a membership drive. Only 150 out of a possible 550 full-time faculty are members.

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More gossip... Steve MacAlinden, ex CAUSE vice-president, apparently wandered in to see Gerard Finnan to ask him if he wanted information which would impeach SRC Engineering rep., the ever-popular, John Bosnitch. Apparently Gerard threw him out before he could say anything more. The really funny thing about it is that John knew all about it. Plots abound and really, it's all getting rather boring, isn't it?

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One thing no one can complain of this year is lack of snow hampering carnival events. So get out, participate and have some good clean fun. Or any other kind of fun your little hearts desire. I don't want to know.

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It's really not fair of the SRC not to hold a meeting this week. Where am I supposed to get ammunition, I mean, food for thought?

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By the way, Brunies are not as vicious as they appear in this week's Viewpoint. We are actually kindly, gentle folk albeit somewhat insane. Why not come down some Wednesday night and see. Our staff meetings are held every Friday at 12:30 in room 35 of the SUB.

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Rick, the Social Club tonight, okay?

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# soundoff

## Finnan "unreliable"

After reading what Mr. Ratcliff and Mr. Owuor had to say about the future of SRC under the new executive I felt that I had to comment. It is bitter as an SRC member to admit that both the gentlemen were right in saying that this term is going to be a bad one for student council. This was indicated on the first meeting of the council for this term, Wednesday Jan. 6th. To put you in the picture as to what I am talking about I will refer back to the SRC meeting of Dec. 2nd, 1981, where the present president of SRC, Mr. Gerard Finnan promised that since several councillors, including me, felt that there were irregularities in the Orientation report which needed to be explained, he would refuse to be seated until he presented the report formally to the council. This was done because the councillors (me included) felt that it would not reflect very well on student government if some councillors, in pursuit of explanations to those irregularities,

found themselves having to ask embarrassing questions to the president of SRC. Questions they could ask Finnan as chairman of Orientation Committee.

We all took the promise made by Mr. Finnan as a gentleman's word and even felt some kind of respect for him. The surprise came when Mr. Finnan came to the council with no papers or anything to use in presenting the budget and demanded that since the constitution of SRC states that the new executive has to be seated at the first meeting of the SRC in January, the council had no option but to let him present the report without any paper work and then seat the executive. When the council decided that the report could not be presented without copies for the councillors to refer to, Mr. Finnan said that he had to be seated before presenting the report. The council asked him how he was going to compromise his seating and his promise. To this Mr. Finnan replied that he

is not an angel so he can give and break his word anytime he wants to. A few councillors tried to defend his word for him but he refused completely and the council had no option but to let him break his word.

The events mentioned above if taken as a land-mark for future dealings between Mr. Finnan and the council, indicate that there is going to be a lot of mistrust and conflict between those councillors who believe in open and straightforward negotiations within the council and Mr. Finnan. It is going to be difficult for us to ask the president of SRC to put down in writing every promise he makes to council and sign it, or to ignore every promise he makes, as unreliable. These are the only two options left for us as of 6th January 1982. This kind of dealing would serve to divide SRC to the ruling executive and the opposition council members which, I believe, is not what the council is meant to be.

Isaac M. Kithyo  
Education

## Support our athletes

While sitting in the stands at the UNB Red Devils game January 12 against the Moncton Blue Eagles I felt a deafening silence amongst the home town faithful. This silence brought me to think about a recent phenomenon at UNB, that of student apathy and dwindling crowd support.

The idea of a home team advantage stems from the participation of the crowd and

their direct involvement in encouraging the players to excel. Any athlete will tell you it is like a shot of adrenalin to hear a crowd cheer for his or her team. Why must we at UNB take a laissez-faire approach toward supporting our athletes? Why do we not take more pride in the people who represent our school?

On the sweater of every athlete are the 3 letters, UNB.

These letters also represent the student's faculty and institution of this university. I am proud of our athletes and proud to say I am a student of UNB. I also know that cheering and supporting our athletes gives us a sense of unity we may never again experience after leaving this school.

Rick Hutchins  
Arts 3

## CAUSE vice-president quits student politics

I am writing this letter to the Brunswickian to inform the student body (especially Gerard) that I am finished with politics on the UNB campus.

Because of the incompetence in our student executive (Gerard Finnan) and with no way (legally) to remove him from office, I find it worth my well-being to get out of politics. Also the political atmosphere on campus is heating up, causing much friction between the masses.

I hope my comrades in CAUSE and in the new 'Student

Party' will defeat this incompetent (sic) idiot, who is bound to destroy our council.

But as for Gerard, you only have fourteen days left in office and you had better enjoy it well or resign.

How can you justify this corrupt society with this illiterate leader who is trying to justify his existence with his knowledge. But as you know, he doesn't have any.

As for Willa Stevenson, I do hope she will retain her arts seat and I will do everything in my power to see that Gerard will not interfere with your

own political thoughts. And I hope you will go to council with an open mind and not side with Gerard on every issue.

Well for the man with gleem, I hope he will do the honourable thing and resign before he is impeached.

Thanks for all your support and do your best to see the two week deadline for Gerard's impeachment will be followed.

Stephen McAlinden  
Vice-President CAUSE

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