



mugwump
journal

by Mike MacKinnon

As the end of the year fast approaches so does the end of another year of publication, this being our second to last issue. In next week's issue we will have our annual year-end spoof. Each year we spoof a paper familiar to all students and I am sure that this year's spoof will be all too familiar to students. Make sure that you get a copy of it because it is eight pages of non-stop humour and fun.

Also in our last issue we will have year end wrap ups for the various departments in the paper, including a look at the major stories.

But most important of all is the party (although I am not supposed to admit that.) (Lots of free booze.)

Well, Dr. James Downey is now the president of UNB after almost a year of going president-less. A welcome to Dr. Downey is extended by the Brunswickan.

While we are in the political forum, a few interesting things have been happening in our student politics. About the referendum which were going have and then not have, well, we are going to have it after all. That's right, last Monday the executive of the SRC passed the referendum, wording and all.

The referendum is asking students if they would approve a \$15 increase in SRC fees. The reason for the increase is to pay off the mortgage on the SUB which would save the student union \$15,000-\$20,000 which is not a bad idea in itself. But where will the extra \$75,000 go after the SUB mortgage is paid off in 1 year (5000 x \$15)? And will these be reduced to what we are paying now after the mortgage is paid off?

Chris Earl, seems hell-bent on winning the award for the most unpopular person on campus. At last Monday's meeting he asked the meeting to go "committee in whole" which is just a polite way of requesting the chairman to exclude the press. After several protestations from members of the media, the chairman gave the ruling that the media was to remain.

This was an unprecedented and bold move. The SRC has no right to request that the media not be present at the SRC meeting because anything discussed there should not be kept from the students. I hope that we will not see another occurrence of this because if we do we would have to question whether or not the student council really has the interest of the students at top priority.

We, at the Brunswickan deeply regret the passing of Dr. Dugald Blue and extend our sincerest sympathies to Mrs. Blue and family. Dr. Blue assisted the Brunswickan on a number of occasions and we were greatly appreciative of his help.

Last night on my way down to Head Hall to finish off a CS assignment I noticed several cars being towed away from the parking lot behind Tilley Hall. On my way back to the SUB, the cars were still being towed away. Somebody on this campus is losing a lot of money, but then somebody is making a mint. I would imagine that most of these cars belong to people checking out the movies in Tilley Hall.

If you were one of those people who has had their car towed away or is in fear of this happening, I would suggest that you check out the campus security in Annex B and obtain a map of where the parking spaces are.

A car will only be towed away if it is parked in a towaway zone. So get those maps and save yourself \$25.

Seeing that I am in the SUB for most of the time that I am not in class or at the computer centre I spend a lot of time listening to CHSR and therefore, it is logical that I hear their news broadcasts. I, and several others in the office feel that the increase in campus news in the broadcasts is very welcome. It is of more relevance than a lot of the stuff that comes over the wire.

You are doing a good job, Mike!!

It seems that one particular member of the Red Bombers (the football team for those of you who are uninformed) attacked a car belonging to one of the janitors on campus with a fire extinguisher and put a few dents in the car (to say the least). This is not the first occurrence like this, it has happened before, if that is how you get your kicks...

A small aside to Stephen...don't let your older sister push you around. Point out to her how you lighten her life.

Until next year....

soundoff

THE BRUNSWICKAN-7

Grigg's rebuff to Gaffney

Mr. Gaffney:

After reading your lengthy foam-at-the-mouth defense of the great American myth it became evident to me that not only are you suffering from the "ingroup-outgroup mentality syndrome" that I had previously diagnosed but also a severe case of "ethnocentrism" (see dictionary)

It's apparent you believe in a strength in numbers approach when writing letters. Lots of words, but nothing said. You failed to answer any of the questions I posed in my previous letter, which was predictable. I suggest you read this letter at least twice before you answer, so you can get some idea of what is being said and then maybe your future rebuttal will bear some semblance of rationality.

As a result of the debilitating mental disorder "ingroup-outgroup mentality syndrome" you tend to see all criticism of your society as unjust and/or subversive. This is common to most Americans and neo-American Canadians like yourself. (If you are Canadian)

You equate all criticism with communism, a practice that inhibits your ability to see your

society objectively.

Contrary to what you speculated I read the papers and watch the news on a daily basis, I also read Time. However I don't accept all of what is said as the gospel like you do.

You must not accept everything you read without scrutinizing it, Mr. Gaffney. You are being used and conned if you do. America protects and furthers its own interests through direct control of the media. It's hard to believe that some people are ignorant about the power of the media and its uses and abuses in our society, yet they are able to see this quite clearly in other societies. (Russia)

When you talk about communism in Cuba as being a failure, your ignorance suggests to me that you've never even studied the concept of communism. In an ideal communist state the initial impetus is on social progress, not economic progress. If you keep that in mind, then you'd see that China and Cuba have made tremendous progress in a relatively short period of time. Not all societies hold the "profit is God" belief that you espouse, Mr. Gaffney.

It's funny when you dismiss the political articles in Penthouse,

since most of them later become headline news in the mass media. I can remember reading a story titled "The Secret War in Afghanistan," almost a year ago. You get to read the watered down version when your media can't ignore the truth any longer.

For your information the atrocities committed in Vietnam by US troops were uncovered by British and West German journalists, and "My Lai" didn't appear in Time until 2 months after it happened. It first appeared in the European press which caused some embarrassment to Time. By the way, do you know who owns Time? Big Brother himself, David Rockefeller.

As long as you and the rest of the sheep are preoccupied with the crimes of Russia, the US has free rein to do as it pleases in central and south America. The US has direct control over virtually all of Latin America and that is something you can't measure by the amount of US troops in those countries. The US doesn't need divisions of soldiers to enforce its control when the dictators are hand picked by Washington and the security force are trained by the CIA.

America acts covertly, Russia overtly, and the end result is the same: Imperialism. That reminds me, you ignored my question in the last letter, in which I asked you to show me the difference between an American-backed dictatorship and a Russian-backed dictatorship. (Too difficult?)

You certainly made a fool of yourself when you named the Dominican Republic as an example of a model US backed democracy. Did you pick this country out of a hat, or out of thin air? I suggest you make a trip to the library and read up on the history of the country. Be sure and look up the names of "Trujillo" and "Ton Ton Macoute." They make the Shah and Savak sound like choirboys!

So you connote leftist "as one with wool pulled firmly over his eyes," I find that humorous coming from one who has wool growing over his eyes (sheep).

Andy Grigg

The men of LBR

Dear Miss Wakening:

In reference to your Mugwump "column" of March 14th, the men of LBR would like to offer this response.

We don't know where you were when one member of LBR single-handedly chased away several

houses promptly during the attack. Your ignorant insinuations ascertain that yes, you don't know anything about the men of LBR.

The Men of LBR

P.S. We aren't paying for broken windows.

Doug Varty

"snivelling swine"?

Dear Editor:

In regards to the article in last weeks issue concerning the student leadership conference I must clarify a point. Your reporter Doug Varty (all around nice guy) misquoted me. I made no comment in regards to the issue of racial discrimination on campus. The remarks which were attributed to me were actually those of Perry

Thorbourne. Perry made these comments in an aside which was very humorous, the quote was taken out of context.

In my own humble opinion if there is anybody who is "pretty uncouth" it is Doug Varty. So Doug shove it you snivelling swine.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Berube

The immigration officer will be in the Alumni Memorial Building on

Wednesday, March 26, 1980,

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thank you,
D. Kissick(Mrs.)

