



mugwump journal

By GORDON LOANE

Wednesday, October 22nd has come and gone and election day is now history. Congratulations are extended to all the election winners and especially to the new president of our student union, Kevin Ratcliff. Far be it for me to offer him advice, but if he really wants to twist my arm I could suggest several things. The most important I guess is to ask him to keep lines of communication open. It is probably the most important item of all.

Speaking of election day.....It appears there were problems in the running of the election again. Persistent rumors based on factual information, as we later learned, talked of polls being closed early at McConnell and Lady Dunn. Apparently these polls ran out of ballots. There was even a question in the mid afternoon as to whether the election would be declared valid or invalid. I personally talked to several candidates in the election who were upset that people were turned away from the polls. In addition the poll at the LB Gym was closed early because few people had used it by noon hour. I question the logic of that. The administration of the election has been brought into question for the second time in as many years. As we all remember, Senate elections were held twice last year due to irregularities. The whole election process may soon be brought into serious question unless the SRC takes steps to tighten up the system.

The SRC took a step in the right direction Monday night. As has been noted on page 3 of this week's issue all students can now obtain a financial statement with three days notice that will tell where our 45 smackers is being spent. In addition your friendly councillor can see the books of the union again with three days notice. This is a step in the right direction - freedom of financial information and all that. I also removes some of the secrecy too.

Hi Perry Thorbourne and Steve Howes. You are both in my mugwump again this week. Where O where is your report on that conference trip you both took this summer at our expense. Council has paid for your trip. Nearly four months has passed and we still don't know what you learned in Ontario. Please advise all of us as soon as you can.

The conciliation board appointed to arbitrate the wage dispute between the university administration and UNB professors met October 8th-10th. A decision is expected in the next couple of weeks and finally the dispute that has dragged on for years, it seems, will be decided. We will attempt to get information as soon as we can.

Did you happen to notice the photo of Lady Godiva on page 3 of this week's issue. Well, how could you miss it. Considerable debate took place in our offices as to how we should handle this delicate situation. In the final analysis we decided to run the untouched version of the photo in keeping with our policy of always exposing the bare facts on our lead news pages. In addition this writer believes the photo adds to the artistic quality of this week's Bruns.

A three-man committee has been appointed to decide "Whether or not" the appeal of Kevin Ratcliff should be heard by UNB's board of governors. The committee, appointed by President Downey will meet this Friday. Members of the committee are board members David Coughy, Richard Simms and Prof. Merrill Edwards. This committee is, according to a source, a closed hearing. We in the press wonder why? Why not open up the appeal process to members of the press, just like our court system allows?

A seven member committee has been appointed to review the position of Dean of Students. Barry Thompson's term expires shortly. The members of this committee are Monte Peters, Dean Kidd, Prof. Leckie, Prof. Sharp and student representatives Ross Libbey and Steve Howes. Dr. BurrIDGE, vice-president academic, will chair the committee. We look forward to the results of their deliberations. We would all agree that the position of Dean of Students is an important one.

Thanks to Susan Montague of TNB for providing us with tickets to the dress rehearsal of Eight to the Bar held last Friday night. Most of us who went really enjoyed the show.

Our apologies to Prof. Eric Garland for erroneously reporting that the money he raised for charity at the recent Harlem Globe trotters game went to the United Way. In fact, the money raised went to the ROTARY CLUB Handicapped children's camp.

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Cynic set straight

To the Editor:

I read Cynic-at-Large in last Friday's Brunswickan with a great deal of interest. You see, I'm a young male with a convertible sports car and would like to set Ms. Kempton straight on a few points.

First off, I will admit that my hormones begin to flow rather freely when anyone mentions an MGB with overdrive transmission, a roll bar, and leather seats. I would be loath to deny that I am excited to an almost sexual level at the mere mention of a brisk drive through the country with the

top down. In fact, if someone were to suggest that jumping casually over the door, sliding into the cockpit, cranking the engine over, feeding it the old go juice until the revs are up near the redline, then dumping the clutch causes me to reach orgasm, well I couldn't really protest the validity of their opinion. (Please excuse the unsteady handwriting, as I have become more than a little excited by writing this.)

First off, I do not use Dry Look (I find Final Touch has a much better hold). The "shades" as you so casually refer to a twenty-five dollar pair of Foster Grants, are

needed to hide the dark circles I have under my eyes from staying up so late at night wondering if I should buy a custom shift knob with a built in digital alarm clock or whether it might be a wiser investment in the long run to purchase food.

You hit the right gear when you mentioned the virtues of Close Up, which when used with Pearl Drops leaves my breath fresh and my teeth gleaming for those close encounters with drooling service station attendants. (It helps put them in their place when you look as superior as you feel.)

I don't have the time for frequent trips to the health spa sunlamp. Instead a quick trip to the drugstore to pick up a quart of Sudden Tan (along with my weekly gross of Sensu-Rib condoms) handles the lack of sunshine here in Fredsville.

In answer to your proclaimed "pity" for myself and others of similar ilk, we are not freezing. The people who design sports cars arrange the heaters so that they keep you warm in adverse weather. The windscreen is angled to blow rain over you as you drive. So, when you see a blonde, tanned sports car enthusiast with a brilliant smile driving in the rain with the top down you should be envious that car designers care so much for his well being.

Goose pimples are not a problem because there are companies which supply clothing to keep the sporting driver warm and happy. That's why we all have driving gloves, matching tweed caps and jackets, silk scarves, turtleneck sweaters, electrically heated bikini briefs and the like.

Just to show Ms. Kempton that I harbour no hard feelings, I would like to invite her to come for a drive with me sometime. After all, the seat backs lower into a horizontal position and the leather has been thoroughly sprayed with Scotch Guard.

Of course, we can't go this weekend because my fan belt is slipping a bit.

Yours truly
Verna Peters

Mary Putt
Winnipeg

Sincerely
Kevin Backs

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CIHI spoof

To whom it may concern:

I would appreciate it very much if the person who pulled a stunt on me on Thursday October 16th apologize to me. Did he think he could fool me completely by calling me on the phone telling me that it was CIHI calling. Yes, I admit that I was quite convinced that it was CIHI calling to give me a fifty dollar giveaway by correctly identifying the song playing at that moment. I checked the CIHI next morning and said that it was not true. That someone had played a stunt on me. I was completely fooled at the moment and was

actually excited by it all, but then I realized that CIHI does not call people on the phone to identify songs, people call CIHI to try to win money give aways. The person who successfully imitated

Doug Pond as the caller on Thursday did a great job in fooling me, but it wasn't fair to stir up my emotions in middle of studying a mid-term exam. I would be interested to know who the caller was out of curiosity.

Yours truly
Verna Peters

University used as tool

I appreciated your article about the plight of the archeological students in Ottawa (*Digging for Dollars - Oh, So Few, Canada, Aug. 25*). I am lucky enough to be able to return to university this fall, having worked 70 hours a week most of the summer to pay skyrocketing tuition fees and general cost of living increases. It disturbs me that many students simply do not have enough money

- despite working all summer - and cannot receive enough student aid to return to school. When education becomes a privilege of the rich and a tool of politicians, something is drastically wrong with our society.

Mary Putt
Winnipeg

Part time affliction

To The Administration At Large:

I wish to protest on behalf of the downtrodden minority: part-time students.

I am presently taking 2 courses at UNB. One is at night, the other during the day. While I had no problem whatsoever registering for the night course, I had to go through quite a rigamarole for the day one. First I had to apply to be admitted to the university, then I was requested to supply two (2) copies of my official transcript.

These are not free, and as I have degrees from two (2) other universities a moderately large sum was involved. (In all fairness, I did work out a compromise with Mr. Armstrong of the Registrar's Office). Finally I needed a parking sticker, as I have to park on campus during daylight hours.

Now to point out the unfairness of the situation. I could theoretically have signed up for the day course in its evening session, but it was not convenient for me to do so. Had I taken it at night I would

not have needed to apply to UNB, provide transcripts or purchase a parking sticker. I am the same person with the same educational background and desirability/undesirability as a student, whether I go to class at 8:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. so I see no reason why such an investigation had to be performed in for one case and not the other.

Frankly, there is previous little incentive given by the university for someone like myself to take a

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