

The Student Press: "...an agent of

We aren't about to win any Pulitzer prize in journalism for a story we didn't write here at The Brunswickan. Ask any student on this campus... they know what this newspaper is like, or do they? Maybe we are just a puzzle to them.

As a former provincial director for student aid once said: "most students don't really know what they're talking about". A pretty drastic, dramatic and sweeping statement. True? Well, it can and does apply, and sometimes includes this newspaper.

Last weekend five delegates from The Brunswickan travelled to Halifax for an Atlantic Region Canadian University Press (AR CUP) conference. Business discussion, social activities and education were packed into the two and a half day meeting. A typical delegate might have managed to steal about six hours of sleep over three days.

Yup, we learned a lot. "Correct" ideas dominated thoughts of delegates from the nine member papers, including our staff. What is a correct idea? Cast political ideology aside, believe in everything and yet believe in nothing, and you might begin to understand-but you probably don't care.

Correct ideas are said to imply self-righteous attitudes, a narrow scope of vision, and perhaps overbearing pompousness that would infuriate and cause, with unparalleled reaction, one to believe that some newspaperpersons had lost contact with reality and sanity.

On a fundamental level, correct ideas mean attitudes encompassing a basic social level of rights. Correct ideas speak of a concern for fundamental human rights that should be considered inherent to all people.

The major connection of correct ideas with this newspaper lies in the fact that staff members should be upholding these correct ideas in their work here.

The commercial press, the medium that daily reaches most people of this land, does not always consciously establish attitudes of correctness which are then reflected in coverage of the news. Obviously stories reflect happy and not-so-happy situations. They speak of news events, from a perspective that can, at times, lose the insight of correctness. For example: when a newspaper covers a big national business deal, they speak of

the facts, and perhaps by reporting the whole story some attitudes and actions might change. Or maybe people will think twice before they act, plan humanely when they usually wouldn't.

We have very dedicated staffers who give up far too much of their time usually to make this newspaper. Problems arise when contact is lost with the vital responsibility of keeping abreast of correct ideas and using them within a proper context.

student concerns. We should continually reflect the problems faced on our campus, and for that matter, all campuses throughout Canada and the rest of the world. Student rights are human rights, and as such have equal importance.

In this age we have lots to say. The quality of our education - for one - especially in relation to the costs of our education. Basically, this can be viewed as a consumer problem... what we get for



"Once you've programmed one of these little fellows, you know it will always share your basic assumptions. That's more than you can say for the students—not that we aren't working on that too."

money-of profit, of impact and ramifications of signing that enormous business deal... making page one with a five column headline broadcasting the tale all the way.

Every action has a reaction. Sometimes, likely far more often than is actually reported, the reaction to such a gala even contains the ingredients of not-so-good reactions. Being optimistic, many newspapers don't bother covering all of the details, especially the not so nice reactions. They lose sight of the fact that people are involved somehow within the context of that big deal; people being displaced or oppressed somehow. There are many ways.

All that was just to illustrate a concept. Realistically we can't expect, at this point in time, that these types of events with too many not-so-good reactions to stop, nor do we think we can stop them. But we shouldn't lose touch of

Responsibility of newspapers becomes a formidable task when considered within this correct context. Far too often newspapers fall short of this perspective.

That forms a large responsibility for us. It shouldn't be pre-empted by other concerns.

Therein lies our responsibility. As members of Canadian University Press we receive news and feature services composed of stories from around the nation for inclusion in our paper each Friday. The stories usually reflect the "correct" attitude which implies the concern for human rights. As the alternative press we have a responsibility to stand up for real human concerns.

Because we live in an environment not always receptive to correct ideas, we newspaperpeople sometimes lose our touch. But we try.

As a student paper we should also always reflect

our money. It seems it is money that declines in value with every month as the costs increase. It's something to worry about.

To cite just one glaring example. Should we care that geography professors tell their students that "the only major export from the Atlantic region is apples." Should we have to bear the economic brunt caused by poor planning of budget estimates from an overly optimistic administration? Should we have to live in potential fire traps that with frightening frequency are taking their toll on local students these days? Don't you think that we have a responsibility, a right, a need, to at least attempt to try and change attitudes that lead to the aforementioned facts. Shouldn't students have the insight to acknowledge these phenomena. This entire feature could be written reflecting the absence of correct ideas here... or it could

MANIFESTO: THE MAD FARMER LIBERATION FRONT

Love the quick profit, the annual raise, vacation with pay. Want more of everything ready made. Be afraid to know your neighbors and to die. And you will have a window in your head. Not even your future will be a mystery any more. Your mind will be punched in a card and shut away in a little drawer. When they want you to buy something they will call you. When they want you to die for profit they will let you know. So friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Denounce the government and embrace the flag. Hope to live in that free republic for which it stands. Give your approval to all you cannot understand. Praise ignorance, for what man has not encountered he has not destroyed. Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant and that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit. Prophesy such returns. Put your faith in the two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years. Listen to carrion-put your ear close, and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come. Expect the end of the world. Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. So long as women do not possess great power, please women more than men. Ask yourself: Will this satisfy a woman satisfied to bear a child? Will this disturb the sleep of a woman near to giving birth? Go with your love to the fields. Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head in her lap. Swear allegiance to what is highest your thoughts. As soon as the generals and the politicians can predict the motions of your mind, lose it. Leave it as a sign to mark the false trail, the way you didn't go. Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection.

—From The Whole Earth Catalogue

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