

Inside Track

by Allan Patrick

TAKING IT TO THE GLEANERS

With all the rain lately (have you been counting the days?) I couldn't help but remember an ad in the Gleaner this June during the 3 solid weeks of rain we had in this fair town. It read:

"Experienced Ark builders required. Work guarantees passage. Contact Noah, c/o the Gleaner."

The story I got was that the ad was written by one of the staffers with a brain (they fired most of them recently), and I guess it ran for 3 days in the paper and nobody else noticed it. People who have lived here for awhile will understand why.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

In turning from the carefree souls of the sixties to the "cynics of the seventies", one habit we have picked up is really reading the labels before we buy food. Even though, I bet there's one food that has changed before your very eyes. Don't think so? Well, try to guess what you'd have if you mixed the following together:

Milk solids
Liquid sugar
dry or condensed whey
guar gum
carob bean gum
carboxymethylcellulose
carrageenan
mono and di-glycerides
polysorbate 80

If the answer eludes you, it is ICECREAM. You ate it as a kid, but what have they done to it? Well, you see, you may have noticed that the closest thing to cream is "milk solids", which is powdered milk. As for the last four ingredients, the best way I have heard it described it would be like a plastic spongy jelly, that gives the rest of the gunk something to hold onto when it's cold. Without all that plastic crap, it would just run all over the place and might not even be solid. So the next time you decide to hit the Dairy Queen, try the frozen yoghurt.

And don't believe the TV ads with the old granny making ice cream in her kitchen unless they show the old doll runs an organic chemistry lab out back.

ALICES RESTAURANT TAKE 2

A few weekends ago, a few of us went out for breakfast to the Cabin, a place I haven't been to in ages. We phoned them at 11:30 a.m. to ask how late they would be serving breakfast, and the guy just started taking our order over the phone. He asked us when we would be there, and said bye before we really knew what was going on. We told him we'd be there in about 10 minutes, and when we arrived he literally met us at the door with all our food, and a waitress was there with all the juice, etc., in a minute or two. The food was great, the service terrific, and the place was packed. But we never did quite figure out how he knew who we were as soon as we walked in.???

Sober SubTerrain

I would like to comment on an article printed in The Brunswickan of Sept. 16 concerning the relocation of the College Hill Social Club.

During the academic year 1976-77 a great deal of money was spent remodelling the games room in the Sub basement into a coffee house. After a naming contest which labeled the coffee house Subterrain non drinking students enjoyed many enjoyable hours in the quiet, peaceful atmosphere. Now, in a supposed

period of austerity, we hear of extravagant plans to move the Social Club into the only refuge of the non-drinking UNB student.

Sober observers of the situation can only view the happenings as just another example of the unjust catering to alcohol consumers on this campus at the expense of those who prefer not to partake of the various intoxicating substances.

Sincerely,
Ken Morrissey

TOEFL misunderstanding?

Dear Editor:

I can appreciate your concern for students and perhaps applicants in their dealings with the University. However, I think your editorial last week gave a somewhat slanted view of the situation with regard to the Hong Kong applicant.

Since Mrs. Hadley, who looks after admissions, is on vacation, I must rely upon my memory as to the situation regarding this applicant. As I understand it, the applicant did not mention that the T.O.E.F.L. examination had been written when asked about an English test. Subsequently, I believe about two days later, the case came to my attention and I asked that the documentation and application be submitted.

The applicant's high school background did not fit the published requirements of the programme for which application had been made and the T.O.E.F.L. score was lower than that required for admission. Consequently, I thought it best to have it considered by the Senate Admission Committee since significant departure from the normal seemed to be required if admission were to be granted.

It took a few days (about 4 or 5 working days) to get the

Committee together. The Committee spent some considerable time in discussing the case before eventually voting to offer admission to the applicant.

I had had two or three telephone calls from interested parties and, as soon as the decision was known, I contacted one of the applicant's friends by telephone to let him know the result. He advised me the applicant had taken up an offer of admission at Carleton University but that he would let me know what the applicant's new address or telephone number might be so that the acceptance could reach the applicant quickly. So far I have not received this new address.

I think it is reasonable to note that there is an announced deadline date for submission of applications for admission which is early in the Calendar year. Of course, the University continues to accept applications after that deadline but, as the days of registration draw near and actually pass, there is a significant number of new applications received. Many of these applications are brought in by hand during the registration period and all need immediate answers. Typically, such late applications are not straight-forward ones and thus require very careful scrutiny

if the University's admission requirements are to be upheld. It is my goal to ensure that all applications receive fair treatment. It is also my goal to try to ensure that as few mistakes as possible are made. This means that time is taken in processing an application and, in the case of an application which does not fit the normal requirements, more time is usually needed.

In this case, I think that at the beginning there was some lack of communication leading to misunderstanding with regards to the English language test which resulted in a delay in the application being submitted. However, the applicant's background was clearly not consistent with the normal requirements for admission, consequently it took about one week from the receipt of the application before a decision was made. Given the volume of late applications being received during that period and the resulting pressure on my staff to handle them quickly, I think that is not an overly long period of time.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Ingram
Registrar

Faculty kids fight back

Dear Editor:

In reference to the article written by Mr. John Hamilton re "Faculty kids, 1/2 tuition" in the September 23rd issue of the Brunswickan, the Support Staff Association at UNB would like the opportunity to present our view on the topic.

First of all, the spouses of support staff employees (non-academic staff) at UNB are not eligible for 1/2 tuition at the present time. Spouses of support staff will not be eligible for 1/2 tuition until after the A.I.B. guidelines have been removed. Our children, however, are eligible at the present time.

Secondly, the Tuition Benefit is, in fact, a benefit. It is calculated as part of our salaries, just as all other fringe benefits and, whether or not our children take advantage of the Tuition Benefit, it is still considered a part of each employee's total earnings. Therefore, the University is, in fact, saving a considerable amount of money by offering a benefit which is used by relatively few employees rather than increasing salaries of both staff and faculty to a level comparable to private business or government salary scales!

The last two paragraphs of Mr. Hamilton's arguments are totally false. In order to be eligible for the tuition benefits, an employee must be a full-time employee (as Mr. S. Mullin explained in your article). A mother who "moved lawns for several weeks during the summer" would not be eligible for her child to receive the Tuition Benefit. There are, however, employees who have worked at UNB for up to twenty years before their children

were old enough to take advantage of the benefit.

The Support Staff Association feels that, in light of the above, the removal of the Tuition Benefits policy would not be advantageous to the University. It is a very

worth-while policy and one which is rarely, if ever, abused.

Yours sincerely,

Anne D'Amour, President,
Support Staff Association, UNB

EUS apologizes

Dear Editor:

To all of you who showed up at "Murder on the Orient Express" Thurs. Sept 29 I am sorry about the poor quality of the film. The film arrived in Fredericton ten minutes before show time and we had no chance to preview it. After the second showing I looked at the second reel and discovered someone had spliced in the last few hundred feet of the final reel.

As things stand now it is impossible to reimburse you

because both showings went on and we had to pay full price for the film. We have managed to obtain some credit from the film distributor. These savings will be passed on to you whenever we book films through them.

The first of these savings is our next film "Lady Sings the Blues" Thurs Oct. 10. The admission charge will be one dollar (\$1).

Bill Howe
E.U.S. Movies

Brown hair blues

Dear Editor:

That letter in last week's Brunswickan should have been in the 'would-you-believe' column. It was really too much!

First of all, Okon B. Anwanane must have a real 'chip on his shoulders'. Anybody could have seen that Peter Anderson was not trying to discriminate against 'people with brown hair' — it was an arbitrary choice. For all that matters, he could have said 'yellow books' instead! I, for one, have brown hair, as do many COLOURED AS WELL AS CAUCASIAN people. It never even entered my mind that Peter

Anderson was trying to be racially intolerant! He was merely stating

the fact that there can only be a limited number of Frash activities, and we cannot separate all the people for their minor dislikes.

Sincerely,
Judy Patterson
Chem II

P.S. I do not like people with body odour, but I come across them every day, and do not expect another room to be built for me!! — just to segregate us! I'll live with it!!