

Mugwump

By **DERWIN GOWAN** Journal

The Brunswickan hits the streets again, and along with it, the fence-sitting Mugwump will churn out eight months' worth of supposedly informed commentary.

If you look up the word "Mugwump" in a dictionary, you will discover a redundancy in the first sentence. [All frosh and post-grads are allowed to look up "redundancy", too.]

But don't let that bother you too much. There's too much going on to concern yourself with such trivia.

We made sort of a false start last week - no editorial, Mugwump Journal, editorial cartoon and the usual things that people expect in a full-blooded newspaper. But, we had an issue out good and early, a good sign.

It's important to get an early paper out, because if no-one tells the frosh-squad what's going on, there's no telling where those first year students will lead them.

There's all sorts of things budding student journalists can get themselves into this year, some held over from last year, and some brand new.

How about the love affair between UNB students and alcohol-frosh squad president. Peter Anderson tells us the booze was bought well in advance, in expectation of the liquor strike now on us. Try \$4.00 worth of beer, \$2,000 of liquor and over 1,000 screaming students fresh out of high school.

The STU cats weren't quite so astute, and had a dry orientation. However, they report the event was a success nevertheless.

Someone also might take a look at the Campus Television situation. A report in a local daily newspaper [guess which one] reported that UNB's own Eric Garland was doing a little digging into reports that they didn't quite see eye to eye with the Canadian Radio Television Commission. And any CHSR staffer will tell you the CRTC is God.

And speaking of CHSR, someone ought to check their budgetary situation. It was bad last year, remember? If they didn't get some more capital funds, not even Thomas Edison himself could band-aid and Scotch-tape some of that equipment back together? What gives, Matt?

And don't forget the old perennial, "When is CHSR going off campus?" [Conflict of interest quiz: Guess who lives off campus this year.]

Last year, 300 first year students failed to materialize, and that threw the university into a sort of budgetary crisis. Now, they wouldn't dare pull off another one like that again, would they?

While we're on the subject of university finances, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission published an interesting document, "In Process", which is a three year projection of university finances, programs, and other affairs. It should give all sorts of interesting leads.

But that's enough of that. Let's talk about some really important things, like the fact that the Social Club is running out of beer. A CHSC employee said last summer they might last two weeks after school opened. Now, that would be something, a Social Club without any beer.

The Brunswickan has a really good crew working for it this year. We made a few changes last year, like withdrawing from Canadian University Press. That wasn't a hastily arrived-at decision, either. There was a lot of talk and agonizing over that one, but we are sort of committed now. Their constitution says we can't rejoin for three years, although we have had some offers. It'll be interesting to see how our national and international news end holds up.

UNB also voted itself out of the Atlantic Federation of Students, which was founded at UNB back in 1975. The crunch seemed to have come when they asked us to pay them \$1.00 per head membership fees.

Some people just don't realize that universities are going through a period of slack enrolment, and things have to be cut back.

That leaves the National Union of Students, which is the only national or regional organization we belong to, and they are still hanging tight, but, for how long?

Nobody seems to know whether we are still a member of the Association of Students Councils, nobody in the building at 10:39, at any rate.

But the staff are really keen this year. People working, all a-buzz. If everyone just keeps at it, it promises to be a good year.

sound-off sound off sound-off

Work got you down?

Brun miss your favourite club meeting?

Missed a class cause you pissed your pants?

Whatever your problem, chances are the campus would like to hear about it.

So write SOUND OFF, The Brunswickan, Room 35, SUB. But please be neat — type or at least write legibly. Also, give us your name when you write. (We don't have to print it; it's necessary for legal purposes though.)

Do it yesterday!

Penny pleads for mercy

Editor
The Brunswickan

Hi Sarah!

While I was attempting to read a pile of rubbish the other day I was surprised to find it was the first copy of the Brunswickan for the '77-'78 academic year. Well, with that mess in hand I thought of how many times we had humiliated the staff of Da' Bruns in the past several media bowls. And I thought you might appreciate a chance to get some of that face which we had splattered all over the field the last few times. Do you

have the guts?

Well, if so we will meet you on the field of battle at 2:00 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24, 1977, the field being the STU field so that the event can be at least partially non-partisan. To give you an edge

I talked Walter into NOT wearing his cast to the game. Well, see you then. Sucker!

Sincerely,
Matthew Penny
Director, CHSR

Yet again

Maurice waxes poetic

Madam:

Readers are asked, with your kind, permission, to consider a bit of verse. It's based on a visit and is dedicated to my dearest friends, Rev. Maxwell V. Bolser and his lovely wife, Ruth.

INTERLUDE

Not long ago a physicist spoke

about atoms and their golden poetry; the tethered reach of planets; the unity of motion, time and space. Then he looked at the balanced stars — each one a note in God's unending symphony — and said there could be no doubt: the cosmos and it's wonders came through chance.

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro

Buses for charter

Dear Editor:

I wish to advise any university organizations or teams that I have three buses available for charter, which are 44 adult passenger school type buses.

These buses have been used on several occasions in the past five years by various departments at the University of New Brunswick. Saint Thomas University has also chartered these buses for field trips as well as recreational trips in the evenings and on weekends.

The price would be 80 cents per mile on the highway and \$17.00 per hour for local work. Short runs could be calculated on mileage plus a lay-over charge of \$5.00 per hour.

For further information or inquiries, please contact the SRC office at 453-4955.

UNB food-the shits

Dear Editor:

Survival and institutional food at UNB creates a dilemma for anyone desiring both. For example, a day's entree; wet scrambled eggs that were little more than slapped with a spoon to break the yolks, rang orange juice and a sad look for breakfast. At lunch I indulged in something that my subconscious has led me to forget (I have a mind of mercy, something the food servers go without). Fighting with tough meat at 6:00 was good too. That piece of beef must have been as mean as a gang leader in the 50's, and just as old.

...and for this you have a wide range of food programmes to pick at your ease; plans X-8, 00, and TripleZip. Every programme comes with a ticket for a ride on the carousel at "The Yahoo" amusement park in lovely Crows Gulch, New Mexico. If you can't make it for the ride though, don't worry, you're already on one.

However, to complain to the sweet little old ladies, (that the management hires to that purpose), who graciously serve your food in unthinkable. Instead, next time I get a mess of Wet scrambled eggs I'll throw them back into the kitchen.

Jimmy Andrews

NOT funny

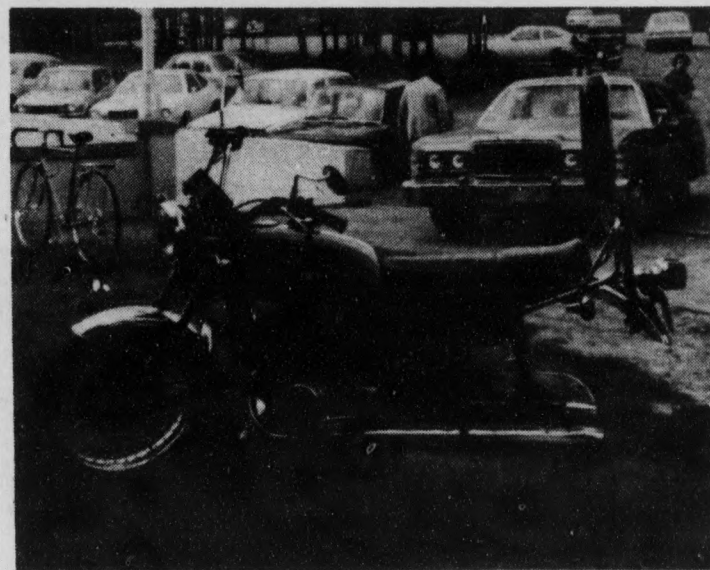


photo — trifts

Bob Joyce was not a happy man last Saturday morning when he returned and found his bike in this condition. Thieves made off with his back wheel, chain and tool kit. The stolen parts valued over \$200.00

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Security Office or Bob Joyce, as Mr. Joyce does not consider this a prank.

Student feels need for temperance movement

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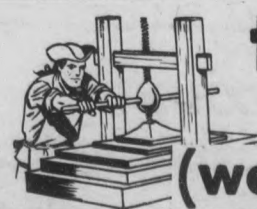
I'm a Frosh and I come from a small town and perhaps have a few hangups because of it. Some of the things about the behavior of the students I expected and have even become used to, but all the drinking disgusts me!

I thought I was coming to a place of higher learning, not a sailors beer hall. And I just can't

understand where all the beer and liquor is coming from while we are having this Godly Liquor Strike. Maybe its time everyone stopped and looked at himself sober!

But I'm not leaving, not when things need changing. I'm sure that there are others who feel this campus is due for a temperance movement.

Sheila Brownridge



the Bruns

(we're nice people)