

editorial

Keep your eyes open!

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When was the last time that you had something ripped off from the locker room down at the gym? Well, if it was last weekend, you weren't alone. Around five or six wallets mysteriously disappeared from the Ol' Lady Beaverbrook Gym last Sunday alone. Besides that at least one gym bag containing the owner's best rugby shirt and some other items became permanently misplaced.

Perhaps misplaced is too mild a term. There is no way around it, the items were stolen. If these were isolated incidents, then maybe it wouldn't be worth bitching about, but such incidents are far too common and the dollar value of stolen items and money must reach a fairly high level each year.

Where does the blame lie? The gym supervisors are not at fault because they are not being paid to be locker room attendants. Their job is to supervise the gym, and to sign out any equipment that is available.

It is only partially the fault of people using the facility. Most people are not in possession of a lock that they are willing to take to the gym every time they want to go down and play a little paddleball or go in the pool for a

few minutes. The vast majority of people are not in possession of their own locker since there are a limited number of these to go around. These are on a first-come first-served basis with Phys. Ed. students having preference (since they are in need of changing more than most of us.)

One statistic, however unscientifically obtained, is glaringly apparent. Most of the thefts occur on weekends. Another statistic is also interesting for the possible connections with the first one. There are a large number of non-university students, i.e. high and junior high school students, who make use of the gym on the weekend. Is there a connection? Or is it mere conjecture?

The high school students are often rude to the casual university community user. They often are inconsiderate of the people who should be using the gym, namely you and I, . . . and they sometimes misuse equipment that they may happen to find in their way.

These punks (for some are just that) have no real right to be using a facility which is meant to be used by the university, and is being paid for, at least in part, by our tuition money. Just because School District 26 feels that they cannot afford to keep their gyms

open on the weekend, does that mean that UNB must provide facilities and supervision for those kids who want to play basketball on the weekends?

Too much money and too many things have disappeared from the gym on weekends when these kids have been around the gym. Perhaps throwing them out of the gym will not solve the problem but it can't help but remove one possible group of culprits.

A lock and key sign out such as is used at the local YMCA is

another possible solution. A person leaves a deposit or ID and receives a lock and key which can be used to secure any valuables that they might have. The cost of this system would not be considerable and would provide a great deal of increased security.

Maybe there are other answers. Those of us who have merely mumbled about the presence of the punks and lost dollars have remained silent too long. If enough noise is made, perhaps an answer can be found.



Atlantic Canada-'Out of sight, out of mind'

EDITORS NOTE:

This editorial may inform some Maritimers that everyone 'Up East' isn't out of touch with the Atlantic's sentiments and gripes.

The piece, written by Harry Bruce, was excerpted from the "Canadian Magazine" a weekly national.

Toronto and Ottawa are currently about as popular down east as blizzards in Miami or Scotch thistle in a nudist camp. In the distant days right after the Quebec election, I thought the fear of Canada's collapse would inspire the Atlantic provinces to huddle close to Moter Ottawa and, through her, to suck up to the nearest rich kid in the family. (That, of course, was pudgy Ontario.) I could not have been more wrong. Resentment against the centre smolders all the time in Canada's far east — it's like the heap of smoking coal-mine tailings at Springhill — but now it's also breaking into snappy flames. The anger grows as blood poisoning in the regional economy spreads, as the carbuncles of unemployment multiply and swell. To many Maritimers and Newfoundlanders, Ottawa is proving in a thousand big and tiny ways that they and their ugly

problems are the last thing on its mind.

Bluenose labor leaders recently startled the Task Force on National Unity by predicting that, unless Ottawa finds answers to unemployment and regional disparity, the Nova Scotia will soon be a nest of separatists. GERALD YETMAN, president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labor, warned: "There will be a few more Levesques around." The feds had the moeny. "They have to start pumping it down here." Confederation had failed. "We cannot live with such injustice." Amazed, task force co-chairman Jean-Luc Pepin told the local labor leaders he met recently that they appeared to be "almost on the verge of becoming separatists."

If he'd only boned up on *These Are The Facts*, he'd have been ready for expressions of Maritime animosity toward Confederation. *These Are The Facts* is the Halifax *Chronicle-Herald's* very own "historical document", a supplement containing 19 used editorials on such matters as how Ottawa conspires with Toronto and Montreal to give Atlantic Canada the short, dirty end of Confederation's stick. In *These Are The Facts*, which is overwhelmingly outraged opin-

ion, the feds' national policy is forever a "national (centralist) policy." The enemy, mentioned eight times in the first eight editorials, is always "the Golden Triangle" of Toronto and southern Ontario, Montreal and Ottawa.

The *Chronicle-Herald* and its sister, the *Mail-Star*, define themselves as "two of Canada's great newspapers" but their editorials suggest they are really two of Canada's most disgruntled newspapers. They blame the centralist conspiracy for every down-east affliction from port stagnation to foreign fishing fleets, from the failure to make electricity out of tidal energy to the fact that "the forests rot or are eaten by insects." The Upper Canadian bugs will get you every time. Moreover, "were the oil and natural gas potential off Nova Scotia to be off Ontario, the drill rigs would be like quills on a porcupine . . . We are far more likely to see a new \$150 million Canadian Broadcasting Corporation building in downtown Toronto than to see \$100 million invested in a desperately needed renovation of the naval dockyard at Halifax."

Often, the editorials fail to distinguish between thundering revelation and the simplistic ("A

container terminal is either built, or it is not built"); but let no one up there in the perfidious Golden Triangle think that the Halifax dailies, in their attitude toward Upper Canada, are all by themselves. I think of a recent scene in a Halifax bar.

A man passes around an ad that the Canadian government office of tourism has put in *The New Yorker* to lure Americans to Canada and, as the tearsheet circulates, anger and cynical laughter ripple around the room. When the ad reaches me, I understand why. It mentions picnics, and home cooking in Quebec; a grape festival, nightlife and pine-scented air in Ontario; harvests and ballet in Manitoba; harvests and Mounties in Saskatchewan; cookouts in Alberta, and the tangy air of the Rockies; sand beaches, fresh seafood and British tea rooms in British Columbia. And what does Ottawa's ad tell Americans about the autumnal charms of the four Atlantic provinces? Not a word. Zilch. For generations, *These Are The Facts* has insisted, Ottawa's attitude toward Atlantic Canada has been "out of sight, out of mind." There was a time when I didn't believe that.

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By **Matt** **Pe**

In her single reply to those Irving Library's hours' Dr. Gunn quote: "Scholarly researchers to do their research during the British Museum and the Public museums and Public records present time the Public museum until 5 pm. But how many pe sources for their research? libraries are open almost as

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Monday - Thursday 0900-2200
Friday 0900-1730 hrs
Saturday 0900-1530 hrs
Sunday 1000-1900 hrs

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Winter came in a flurry [Brunswick last weekend. It c return to UNB from a weeker watch the change in people as cold hard grey mess into a w drive in, worse to walk in, h jovial, happy and generally th of the year. What a change same people are begging for

A lot of organizations got telling of a 25 percent bu understand from the boys on unions deficit by \$3,000. Hec past, people associated with non-officially have tended to which the SRC needs to functi some strict control on who w money that belonged to the

This column was never mea are a few things which I woul ever heard of an EDIXA PRI manufactured in West Germa about 1965. I have managed to and would appreciate any li these cameras. Just drop an I wish people who go to such that those miserable flash cu photographic industry are no tops. I can not understand the of the Aitken Centre and belie on the top of that cheap pocke decent picture of what is one

fifty feet away! What is neede what he is doing before he g those of us who expect quali will have to dream on and c

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