



mugwump journal

By Jeff Irwin

Well, Well, I guess my light hearted, half serious attempt to stop vandalism in the SUB didn't really work, at least as far as the UNB window breaking team is concerned. The question I would like to raise is why some no-minded scum would even think of breaking windows when it eventually comes out of his or her own pocket. One answer that was

given was that perhaps the perpetrators were visitors, friends of students here for the weekend. Well to me such "friends" should not be invited back. If they are students here they have absolutely no respect for their own property. This building (SUB) is owned and operated by we the students.

Another point of concern is the increased cost of going to school. If such vandalism keeps occurring costs are undoubtedly going to increase and these increases are only going to come from the students, so why add to the bill by making your own SRC dues go up.

I feel for the Orientation Committee when it comes to budget discrepancies. We at the Bruns were shocked by the announcement of a \$7000 deficit. After some careful scrutiny we found that instead of being in the red we were quite able to continue publishing with a credit balance of \$18,000. Gentlemen start your calculators!

I'm sure everyone has seen the Student Party campaign posters that were up all over campus on this election day past and undoubtedly noticed the various alterations. In my opinion the Student Party lost its credibility with me by producing such suggestive poses and clothing that was worn by the candidates. To me it did look like a neo-military organization and come on boys your logo is pretty close to being that of a party that took the world by storm quite a few years ago. If you are serious then try to be serious and don't even hint at such a thing.

Our fine publication is attempting to get things running smoothly around here. We do have deadlines for those of you who choose to write stories and they are as follows: the news deadline and columns is Wednesday at 3:30 pm., sports is Monday at 8 pm., classifieds is Tuesday at 5:00 pm., entertainment is Tuesday at 5:00 pm. Anyone not able to meet these deadlines is asked to get in touch with their respective editor.

I am not the only one who believes that the poll station in the lower entrance of the SUB, by the cafeteria, should be moved into the cafeteria or the inner lobby where the poll workers will be warm and not freeze to death. Thanks for the heater B.J.

As a final note: If God was a student he probably would have partied for six days and then pulled an all nighter on the seventh.

soundoff

SUB "pigs" leave mess

Dear Editor:

I was quite glad to hear that SUB refurbishing would be among the recipients of monies gained in the university's fund raising drive. But

after a recent stroll through the Blue Lounge, I begin to wonder WHY BOTHER! I couldn't believe the mess left

behind by the pigs that have made the lounge their home! The janitors have obviously tried, all the garbage cans were empty, and there are a lot of garbage cans. Papers, cigarette butts, bottles and assorted junk were strewn all over the place, chairs were ripped up, but the pinball machines were being kept busy, making that ungodly noise!

I say that if any refurbishing is to go on, get rid of the Blue Lounge, and replace it with something all the students can use or benefit from. How about stores, a coffee house, the bank, more accessible SRC offices, ANYTHING, but get rid of the pinball machines and get rid of the pigs who are ruining our SUB!

James Caven

Voter unreasonable

Dear Susan,

While working the polling station in the SUB at the Feb. 17 SRC election, I found myself having to deal with a student of questionable integrity. Upon asking for his ID card he presented us with the piece of paper one receives with all the written information on it that they fuse together with the picture to make the ID. There was

no picture, it was not encased in plastic, it was just a piece of paper. We told him that he had to have proper ID or the letter from the SRC that officially recognizes that person as a student.

You'd think we'd asked him to travel a hundred miles considering the reaction we got. I don't know about the person I was working with but he made me more than a little angry.

Not only is it pretty cold sitting by a door that is constantly being opened and closed, but I don't particularly appreciate being told to F--- off, when I am merely trying to do my job. I'm wondering if people whose vocabulary consists of nothing more than four letter words should be allowed the privilege to vote at all.

Sincerely,

Christie Walker

Renounces disco for CHSR-FM

Dear Sir:

I have been listening to CHSR-FM ever since it went on the air. I've also listened to other radio all across this wide continent. I must say that

Saturday evenings with Max Conrad are easily the best radio entertainment for my radio listening dollar. Yes, I used to go to discos on Saturday nights, too. But now I sit quietly at home waiting for 9:05 to

(P.S. - Neon Ain't Bad Either)

signed John Wilkes

MEC replies to Yaffe

The Maritime Energy Coalition is gravely concerned by statements made by Dr. Leo Yaffe, professor of chemistry at McGill University, when he spoke at the University of New Brunswick on the safety of nuclear power plants. His lecture was reported in *The Daily Gleaner* for January 26, 1982, and again on January 30, 1982 in an editorial which provides "some assurance" that "like all other high-risk endeavours of the past, nuclear energy will eventually be accepted as a normal course of change."

We might begin by asking just what high risks engendered in the past were remotely comparable to those of nuclear power.

The opponents of nuclear power have too long been castigated as being strange and emotional. And now Dr. Yaffe says we are "afraid of the unknown."

It is time we understood more clearly just who is being irrational, just who is telling the truth, just what the facts are. As the press in the Maritimes has recently made a call for the facts on nuclear power, we in the Maritime

Energy Coalition are happy to provide those facts.

To begin at the beginning, the first fact is that you don't have to be a scientist, a nuclear physicist, or a professor of chemistry to know that nuclear power is wrong.

On the contrary, anyone who can read, any sane person who can think, is the natural enemy of nuclear power. Dr. Yaffe apparently believes that Maritimers can do neither.

The second fact has to do with what we read; we read what the scientists have been writing for fifty years. They have informed us that radioactivity absorbed by the human body can cause genetic mutations (1) and cancer (2).

The third fact is that every time there is an escape of radioactivity into the biosphere, the biosphere becomes that much more radioactive forever, as far as the human race is concerned. Uranium 238, for example, stays around for 4.5 billion years (half-life). The half-life of thorium 230 is 80,000 years. Of iodine 129: ten million years. Of technetium 99: 200,000 years.

These last two fission products, we're told, are of great concern to scientists (3). Why then are they not of equal concern to Dr. Yaffe? Dr. Yaffe somehow forgot to inform us of the reasons why atomic weapons testing in the atmosphere has been internationally banned.

So it follows that the three-minute escape of radioactive steam at Ontario, New York recently is not a matter to be slighted. It underlines what matters most, that all of us are responsible for the world as it will be in the future, just as someone is responsible for the world as it is now.

Accidents during transportation of radioactive wastes are becoming more and more frequent. If they continue at the present rate future generations and all life will be threatened with an intolerably high level of radioactivity.

Let's take an example of an accident that spread "low-level" radioactive contaminants into the atmosphere. In the spring of 1978 "40,000 pounds of yellow

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