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mugwump journal

By JEFF IRWIN

Snow. . ., Snow. . ., Snow. . ., that's all we seem to get (except of course for freezing rain). It was so bad on Monday I was prompted to phone our illustrious leader Dr. Downey and ask about the procedure and considerations as to cancellation of classes. From what I understood he was on top of the situation and nothing shy of a declared state of emergency would warrant such action. Use your own judgement folks when it comes to inclement weather.

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Speaking of snow removal I think, and so do many others, that it is pretty slack. I base this statement on the conditions of the roads on campus and the fact that the parking lot above the SUB was almost impossible to navigate on Monday. According to my own observations this parking lot was not cleaned out or even a path plowed all day Monday. At 8:30 the operators of a couple of pieces of equipment including one snow plow and one back hoe were having coffee in the cafeteria and seemed reluctant to resume work.

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Like, y'know eh? the topic for today is hosers, eh? Y'know, like, the one or ones that, like, ripped down the EXIT sign at the top of the stairs leading to the Social Club, eh? Take off, eh!

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And now everyone's favourite topic. Fredericton City Transit. Every year on the first snow fall I have the urge to get into my Mazdaratti and do a few fish tails and doughnuts in a an empty parking lot. Well this week the driver of Bus No. 209 on Wednesday was having a great time fish tailing at practically every corner and then skidding side ways to stop for some passengers on Maple Street.

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Well, along with Dr. Downey's planned course enrichment program, consideration should be given to teaching people, ie. students, how to park in the parking lots around campus.

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The SUB is sinking! Not only did the drains in the CHSC and lower office wing back up and flood the floors with yeck but there is a new catch basin on the stair landing by the Blue Lounge to collect fresh rain water! And they say we don't need renovations.

soundoff

Mugwump under fire

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written in response to an item which appeared in last week's MUGWUMP. Due to misinformation, it was erroneously stated that Streetheart would be appearing to replace the Beach Boys and that tickets would cost $8. (We thought most people went to concerts in pairs. We must be unusually socially successful or something). While we would like to apologize for misleading the public, the fact remains that CSL did plan to have a Beach Boys concert at the Aitken Centre, as the copy of the minutes reproduced here proves. Two other letters on the same subject and in the same vein have not been printed due to a lack of space.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Directors of Campus Services Ltd., held in Room 119 of the Student Union Building at the hour of 2:30 p.m. on the 8th day of December, 1981.

PRESENT: K. Ratcliff, A. Owuor, D. LeBlanc, N. Forbes, F. Dickson

ABSENT: L. Tozer, A. Young

IN ATTENDANCE: K. Guptill

The Directors of the Company being present and having waived formal notice of meeting, the same was declared to have been regularly constituted.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 16th 1981 were accepted as read.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided to hold a concert featuring the Beach Boys during the month of April, 1982 in conjunction with a silent partner, profits or losses to be shared equally.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided that C.S.L. enter into an agreement with Maxwell Corporation to purchase and sell LCD Pen Watches.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Kevin Ratcliff

CAMPUS SERVICES LTD.

As Editor-in-Chief, may I ask you why you chose to publish your article, the "Mugwump Journal", when you tried to defame Campus Services Limited with two entirely inaccurate statements? Is this professional journalism at its finest or personal slander? Was it an unfortunate mistake (and therefore inexcusable) or is it a weekly trait of Canada's oldest official student publication? Statements such as these make me doubt the validity of the rest of the newspaper.

I am, of course, referring to your statements that the "Beach Boys cancelled out" and also that tickets for the Streetheart are priced at $8. I took the liberty of speaking to Kent Guptill, Manager of Campus Services Limited, to see if the BeacH Boys were indeed slated to appear in Fredericton, but had cancelled their engagement. He replied, "We were thinking of making them an offer with Moncton and Halifax but nothing materialized." I would sincerely like to know where you received your misinformation, Miss Reed. I would also like to know where your source received their information, because I looked at a poster last Monday, and the price was $4 - $5 at the door.

Mr. Guptill then said that he had made similar offers to Cheap Trick, Rough Trade, Klaatu, James Taylor and the Monks, but that due to lack of funds to front the bands with "the recognition it takes to get a sell-out crowd." they had to be cancelled. He said that if he received more support from the student population, these bands would be willing to come. If, however, students should believe you and not go to the concert because it was beyond their budgets, then it will fail to earn the much-needed revenue. Because of this, and not due to any fault of CSL, the larger bands will not be coming to Fredericton.

I feel that CSL, and Mr. Guptill in particular, are in line for a written apology in the forthcoming issue of the Brunswickan. I also hope that before you quote unreliable sources again you check them for their accuracy.

Thank you,
Leonard Green

Debly defends position

It seems as though this is the year for impeachments manifesting continuous backstabbing and corruption. At UNB the councillors had the insight to keep a great asset to their SRC rather than banish him to the ranks of the apathetic. At my university, our SRC has assumed the opposite position. Their apathetic stand has led them to dispose of two individuals who brought life to the STU-SRC. The SRC was apathetic in relation to the SUB referendum, the STU role in the SUB, and general student union attitudes. It disgusts me to even think that I once played a part in the affairs of such a degenerated student council. The STU-SRC has come to the point where common decency is the exception rather than the rule. I envy UNB's councillors for their objectivity and broad-mindedness. I fail to see the credibility of an action to remove two executive members of a council in the period of one week.

There should have been a committee formed to investigate allegations and report to Council in its findings, but our director of student affairs apparently neglected to direct the affairs of said students council. Mr. Beckingham brought to the attention of council the illegality committed in violating the Companies Act of New Brunswick, but the chair, as expected, over ruled on the law of New Brunswick. Perhaps she has delusions of dictatorial and absolute power as she sits perched at her chairperson's position. In conclusion, I feel that the impeachment instigated by the Vanier Puppet is illegal according to the law of New Brunswick regardless of Ms. Matchett's personal desire. I am then, in effect, still comptroller for the STU-SRC and Mr. Beckingham is still president of STU-SRC. Until the law of New Brunswick changes, I will not resign my key to my office.

Asied Debly
STU-SRC Comptroller
Co-deputy Chairman CAUSE
Child of the Universe

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