



mugwump journal

By MIKE MACKINNON

Five days from today marks the second anniversary of the death of John Lennon. On December 8th, 1980, Lennon was gunned down in front of his Dakota apartment. With his death, one more nail was hammered into the lid of the coffin of our hopes for peace. We should all try to learn something from the music and actions of Lennon and work towards bringing peace and harmony to this world of ours. To use an overworked expression - "Give Peace a Chance."

In keeping with the above ideas and the fact that we are approaching the holiday season we at the Brunswickan and the individual members of the SRC should put aside our differences and work towards our common goal - serving the students in the best manner possible. The advent of the new year provides us with a fresh beginning and the opportunity put aside our bickering. This last term has seen a long and often bitter fight which has served to only alienate the paper and the council from the students. Nothing has been gained and time has been lost. I look forward to the new year.

The cold weather and snow has finally arrived. It was encouraging to see the quick action of the physical plant in their salting and sanding of the sidewalks. I was on campus over the weekend, when we received most of the snowfall, and found footing difficult at times. The problem was swiftly taken care of though Monday morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to say good-bye to B.J. I enjoyed having you work in the SRC office and speak for the whole paper when I say that we will all miss you. Good luck in the future.

If there are any students who are interested in joining the paper in the new year we would be more than happy to have you come out. As it is now the number of people who actually work on the paper besides the editors is around four or five. Most of the staff consists of contributors. We desperately need people to do layout. If you are interested drop by our office, Room 35 of the SUB.

This, as many of you are probably aware of is our last issue for 1982. I would like to thank all those that contributed articles and letters to the paper and those that helped with production. If you submitted a story or letter and it was omitted we apologize. Some weeks we are short for space and have to cut something. Other weeks we do not have enough. I guess this will always be a problem of the paper.

Five more days of classes and then it is the dreaded final exams. That is the final hurdle before the long awaited break of the Christmas holidays. I for one, look forward to the chance to sleep in to noon, lounge around and watch the soaps, consume copious quantities of alcohol and do a lot of partying. I am sure this is the dream of many a student who is now cramming for the finals.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember: "Peace on Earth, good will towards men."



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The faces change

Dear Editor,

If the statement that universities hold the future leaders of our society is true in any way then I foresee a very dim future indeed. Not surprisingly, one of the best examples to illustrate my belief can be found right here at UNB. And once again, to no ones surprise it involves the Student Party (S.P.). I was one of the original members of the Student Party and while holding an executive position I saw the internals of the organization to a great extent.

The initial purpose and the ideas supported by the SP were good, very good indeed. But as it turned out, the three executive members at the time (Bosnitch, Vanicek, and myself) decided to conduct what can only be termed a political experiment. We knew, along with most people on campus, that our ideas were good. But we also believed that since every single other election in the history of the university was based on public image (ie. personality contest, width of candidates smile) and not on ideals and

platforms, we would post our platform beside photos of ourselves that we hoped many would regard as intimidating. Well as anyone who was at UNB last year knows, the reaction we received was beyond even our wildest expectations. We were immediately termed Nazis and fascists while our platform clearly stated that we were probably the most democratic organization around. This only proved our contention which I have just stated above. Now it was time to sit down and get organized.

ONE YEAR PASSETH...

Some new people arrive at UNB and some old people leave and as time goes by another regular SRC election rolls around. The SP changes a little, Vanicek leaves for Toronto to continue his studies and Jerney decides that Montreal is more his scene and plans for his departure. But the goals and ideals of the SP remain and so does the determination. Then all of the sudden a new thing appears at UNB, UNITY. Amazing, incredible, what a good idea everyone cries. These guys

really look good, nice posters, clean, and not at all like those nasty SP fascists. And they even have a platform but that's not really important, they look good! So what happens, the UNITY group wins by what can almost be called a landslide (a landslide by the previous years standard anyway). And of the 8 UNITY members that won, no less than five are active SP members (three are members of the executive). Ah a rose by any other name would and does smell as sweet. Don't misunderstand what I am trying to say, I am not implying that the general student body acting as a whole is mindless but the adjective is not too far from the truth. Based on the identical platform, the group that was socially and politically castrated one year ago for their appearance has formed the student gov't this year just by a change of outward appearance. Candidates are judged by the width of their smiles at UNB after all. The experiment was a success.

John Jerney

We deserve better

Dear Editor,

In response to an article appearing in the Brunswickan, 'Entertainment Fund Used,' I would like to express my concern over the attitude CSL has taken towards the use of this fund. Although it is admirable that many societies have benefitted and that athletic events can now be attended free of charge, it seems that the main purpose of the fund obtaining otherwise unobtainable high quality entertainment, has slipped away.

CSL seemed quite content to list the entertainment they have arranged thus far, but

look again. Were these not the same bands we saw last year when we were 57,000 dollars poorer? We were promised better during the referendum campaign and have a right to expect it.

When the proposal to introduce this fee was first brought up, it was intended to be used to attract high quality entertainment that UNB and Fredericton could not otherwise support. Now they seem to feel that they have an obligation to break even so are reluctant to book expensive entertainment which could lose money. Having lost a third

of the \$15,000 used so far on small bands it appears that the only thing being subsidized is the incompetence of CSL. I would like to point out that Doug and the Slugs and Martha and the Muffins were both in the area two weeks ago but not at UNB.

The reorganization of CSL and the Entertainment Committee in an effort to streamline the system, I'm sure, will be welcome to all of us who hope that we can still salvage next term.

Don Higgins
Culture Secretary

Ban the stripes

Dear Miss Walker,

You stated in last week's Mugwump that: "As for the bold, black stripes. We don't want them in the Brunswickan." I could not support you more. I have dedicated my life to joining you in leading the international crusade against "bold, black stripes".

To reinforce our position, I also recommend that you call for an immediate boycott of the student directory and the UNB course calendar, both of

which carry bold black stripes. Of course this boycott should also extend to the UNB rugby team and women's basketball team whose uniforms have a bold black strip which surely indicates their support of the Student Party. Furthermore, don't forget to remove the bold, black stripes from the Brunswickan sections such as Viewpoint, News, etc. Finally, to prove your opposition to the lines, I look forward to seeing you refuse to accept your \$500 honorarium because, as you

know, all Student Union cheques are backed by a bold black stripe.

Your courageous stand on this "vital" issue has renewed my faith in the intelligence of the "brilliant" Brunswickan staff.

Most Sarcastically,
Hilary Earl

P.S. Keep up the "quality" journalism.

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