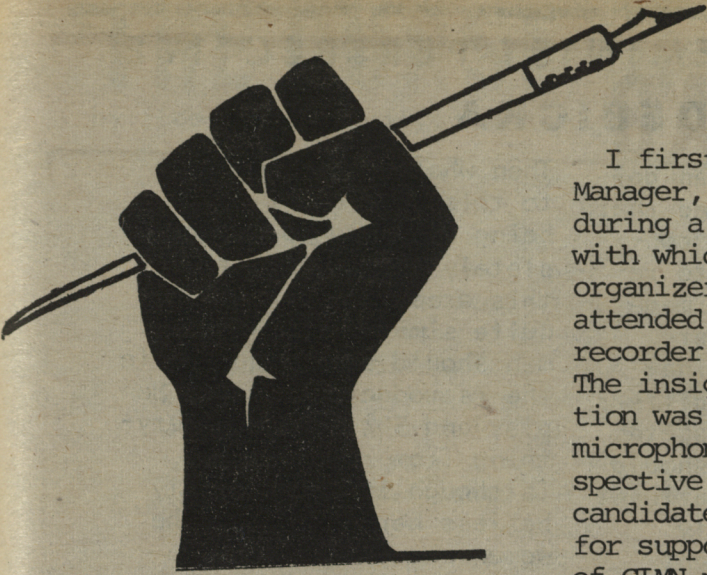


LETTERS



The first article entitled "State of the Student Union Address" by Kevin Walker, Student Union President, in the Jan. 31st issue of the Sun page 3. In this article Mr. Walker donates one half of his article to the campus radio station CIMN. He does not make his personal views known, but does give for the most part, a morbid future for the station.

The second article is a rebuttal by former student union president, Kevin Gauthier. In this article Mr. Gauthier points out that President Walker's assertion that the Union is in good shape is wrong; the Union is sick and dying slowly. I agree in principle with Mr. Gauthier's statement, but later in the article he makes a reference to the Radio Station "Radio CIMN has to be closed until we can afford to operate it properly".

This is the only reference Mr. Gauthier makes to the station. He, in one statement, is condemning a whole section of service provided by the Student Union. Is Mr. Gauthier's opinion a well educated and thought out opinion? This writer thinks not. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Gauthier is, or was, advertising manager for the Sun and CIMN. Presently there seem to be some contradictions to the role that Mr. Gauthier is playing in the running of both the Sun and CIMN. After talking to Patrick Kelly, station manager of CIMN, Mr. Gauthier seems to have gotten very little advertisement for the station.

I first met Station Manager, Patrick Kelly during a public debate with which I was a co-organizer. Patrick attended with his tape recorder and microphone. The insignia of his station was proudly on the microphone where the respective federal election candidates read their pleas for support. The presence of CIMN newsteam was evident to say the least.

After the debate, I introduced myself to Patrick. I asked if a copy of the tape would be available to copy from. He jumped at the chance to be of service. To say the least, I was quite impressed with the graduate of Morell High School.

Finding Patrick very approachable, I began my personal investigation into the station. Talking with Patrick and his co-worker, I was more and more impressed with the action that the station as a whole had taken to try to get it working at full potential again. Everyone I talked to was very open and sincere. I obtained opinions from various people not affiliated, but closely connected to the station, i.e. the Sun staff.

The radio staff explained how the station worked and the problems they were encountering. Patrick explained how the transmitter needed repair, the process of getting it fixed, the break in the co-axial cable down to Blanchard, and the cooperation he obtained from the Island Telephone Co. in fixing that. He said new equipment was needed and he gave me a rough cost breakdown.

In reply to whether the Student Union was giving the station support, he replied in somewhat indifferant manner. It was plain to see that problems in communication did exist.

Patrick has taken the load upon himself to get the station working again.

He has recruited the services of an electrical engineer to help unravel the electrical system so as it can be easily applied. He has investigated the trouble down in Blanchard Hall and has been seen digging with pick and shovel trying to find the break in the cable. He

has recruited a capable Program Director in Robert Page and also a healthy nucleus of disc-jockeys.

His efforts to get the cable to broadcast back in his station should come to life next year, barring complete disaster. The sincere efforts of all of these people who work at the station must be examined when the station is being considered for shutdown.

Yes, there are many problems, and a financial commitment from the S.U. will be required, but once the station gets going again, Patrick feels that enough advertisement can be obtained to help defer the initial costs. He has made up a proposal which is both practical and realistic.

If there ever was a time for the S.U. to make a commitment, now is that time, now when we have the capable personnel to look after the station. Now when a strong campus radio station could help clear up the so-called "apathy syndrome".

This writer himself was sceptical about the future of the station until the ignorance from which I was basing my opinions was alleviated. If you are in any doubt, you, yourself, climb "the stairway of knowledge" in the Main Building to the top where you can find out what the station is all about.

One excerpt that sums up the attitude of the S.U. is as follows: "The reason why worry kills more people than work is because more people worry than work" The S.U. must stop worrying about CIMN, Pig 'N Whistle, and student apathy and start working to solve these problems. Now is the time for a strong stand to be taken.

Scott Thomas

FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE HA, HA!

Dear Mr. Editor,

I was certainly fooled as to the seriousness of the article "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sexism". It was so funny I was sure The Feminist Perspective was really the Engineer's page in disguise. Example: "Why should women be defined in terms of

having (or being had by) a man?" The answer, of course, is the same as other discriminatory jokes, e.g. Q. If a Newfie and a Cape Bretoner jumped off the CN Tower, who would hit the ground first? A. Who cares!!

Now really, are you feminists that ashamed of your marital status or do you prefer the hairdresser's game of "keep them guessing?" Oh I forgot. The symbolism. Do feminists think Ms. is not symbolic? Independent. Individual. Liberated. Feminist. Ms. Ms. Ms. Ms.

"Well, what's wrong with being independent, individual etc. etc." feminists cry. Well, what's wrong with being married?

Q. How did Joe Clark ever win the hand of Maureen McTear? A. She flunked her M.r.s.

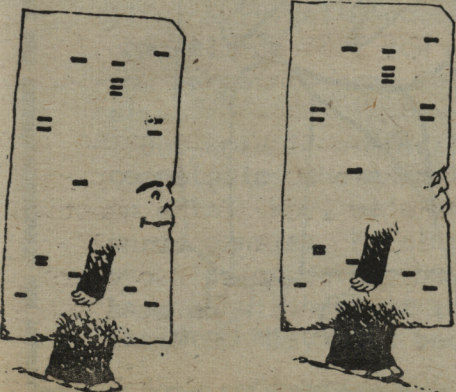
Now come on feminists. A joke is a joke, but the truth does hurt. Nobody likes their ulterior motives to escape their trusty diaries, not even feminists. The decoy attempts; that college is too expensive for hubby hunting, that construction sites offer better man markets, had my sides splitting. Did Woody Allen help you guys write this piece? When you said "give us a break from these sweeping generalities", the irony was unbearable.

"Women and men cannot just be friends. Male and female = Automatic Copulation." Do you really believe that these are the predominant attitudes of our society? Or are they simply the feminists' concepts manufactured to reaffirm their purpose.

The last topic on social prostitution was a super way to end the comedy. The pun on "taking the cheque should be a 50-50 proposition" was the clincher. Does this mean that the sexual pleasure should also be shared equally?

Congrats feminists, you've earned the respect we associate with racists, sexists, myopics and other short sighted groups.

Yours truly,
Members of ELM - Equal Lip for Men.
P.S. Many thanks to Engineers, Newfie's, Cape Bretoners, Joe and Maureen, and myopics (I am one) for being our light hearted fall guys.



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