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'Bye Now!

This issue marks the end of the regular publishing schedule of the Brunswickan. For the first time in its history, The Brunswickan has provided the students with a continuous bi-weekly newspaper, 40 issues in all. It has been an experiment, and one which we believe, has proved successful. The past year has shown us that the students of UNB clearly warrant a bi-weekly paper, not only as a news organ, but as a pungent vehicle of campus opinion.

No experiment is without mistakes, and we have experienced our share. However, in this very experience, we are enabled to show the way for a better paper in the future.

In glancing back over the past year and noting the many significant events which characterized the term, we think, without qualification, it was one of the most prominent on record. Immersed in the difficult problem of rapid expansion, the university has energetically cleared the way for future growth. The new Chemistry Building reaches completion this year, the Engineering annex and plans are presently being finalized for the construction of the handsome men's residence. Last, but not least, the Maggie Jean Chestnut House, the domicile for UNB's irrepressible co-eds, started the year with a new wing.

Student Affairs reached a new peak, with near record participation in the many extracurricular activities; a successful Winter Carnival, excellent debating record, an eminently enjoyable Red 'n Black Revue to mention only a few. Shouldering new responsibilities, the students approved a substantial allotment for WUSC and NFCUS. And finally, to ensure themselves competent government in the coming year, they voted a realistic and hardworking council into office.

Speaking for the students, we are convinced that they are looking forward to an even better year next fall. For those graduating, 1957 will leave with them an unforgettable and precious impression of their college days. To them, good luck. We hope you will be back often to renew old acquaintances.

To end on a more sober note, may we wish all students the best of luck in the coming exams.

Take It Easy . . .

The last yearly publication of any periodical is usually subject to the pleasant reminiscences of its editorial board, so we hope you will make allowances in our case. In this instance, though, it is not many, but one facet, of the past year that we wish to discuss.

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Throughout the almost continuous stream of deprecation we have received from interested students, we have tried to present a fair indication of Brunswickan Policy; and since nearly all the correspondence has dealt with our alleged violation of student rights, student opinion, and student integrity, it has become almost necessary to continually remind the student of our position on the campus. We should not have to do this. Regularly this year, readers have been faced with indignant letters from their colleagues, each purporting to reveal just one more way in which the Brunswickan has failed. As the letters became more harsh, it became obvious that we had to defend ourselves. This was duly done, and in every case provoked still further outbursts from students. It is exactly the sort of thing which nuclear scientists claim is responsible for an atom bomb explosion—a chain reaction. It can be just as dangerous as an atomic explosion, because it presents an often incorrect picture to the students, on the one hand, and it will eventually lead the editorial board of the paper to take a defensive stand, on the other. Both of these are to be avoided if at all possible. The letter on this page today is an excellent example of this. In it, the writer accuses the paper of premeditated bias towards the Newman Club. This is a serious charge if well founded and the writer seems to think it is.

The last month has clearly indicated to what extremes this invective can go. We are not trying to defend ourselves, nor disapprove the allegations of our critics. We are slightly weary of trying. However, it does occur to us that, in many cases, the difficulties might have more equably been ironed out, had the writers a clearer notion of their problem. It is one thing to criticize a newspaper. It is quite another thing to hurl unjustified invective.

Perhaps a suggestion would be in order. To our many interested critics: Would it not be more realistic to find out the background of an unfortunate circumstance, before laying the blame?

We recognize the right of individuals to express an opinion on the pages of a newspaper. Nevertheless, this opinion must be reinforced with the necessary facts. For, like a person, a newspaper is sensitive about its integrity and very few of us would think of accusing a colleague before ascertaining the validity of the charge.

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor,
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Sir:

On behalf of the Newman Club of UNB I wish to express in no uncertain terms, our displeasure at the negative response we have received from your newspaper in relation to the publicizing of our events. We have been ignored during the past three weeks in response to our request for space in the "Brunswickan" to publicize two very important events.

You also stated in your editorial that articles would be chosen with an eye to student interest, importance and pertinency. Now I suggest to you that the interest, importance and pertinency of the Newman Club articles is certainly more in keeping with student interest than the article in the "Brunswickan" of March 11 which deals with "Trade Analysis". I suggest to you that the news in that article can be acquired from many other publications dedicated to that field, whereas this student organization has only the one means of reaching the students: i.e. The "Brunswickan". I refer you to an article in the Brunswickan of March 5 which states that "societies have a certain commitment to the student body, to entertain them as well as themselves. They seem to have forgotten this commitment during the past few years and have given up the student body as an organ of support."

I now submit that this organization has not forgotten its commitment, but that the "Brunswickan" has. I ask this question. How can an organization advertise properly without the support of the "Brunswickan?" I answer this question. It can't. Perhaps the staff of the Brunswickan does not agree that the Newman Club is an organization of students or that it is an extracurricular activity for students. If this is true, the staff is very incorrect.

The "Brunswickan" has the power of making or breaking a club. I can also state that it has been very effective in helping to bring about a decline in Newman Club interest. Why? Because prospective members have not read anything about the club and therefore have drawn the conclusion that the

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