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APATHY —
HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

A recent issue of THE CARLETON, the official student publication of the students of Carleton University, Ottawa, carries a feature story on Jean de Margerie, the President of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. In this article, Mr. de Margerie is noted to have expressed deep regret at the apathy towards NFCUS. He attributes such apathy to the lack of knowledge of the purposes and accomplishments of NFCUS since its inception.

Perhaps this is also a logical explanation of the indifferent attitude which prevails on our own campus. Lack of interest in the Students' Representative Council and the publication of the Year Book and Brunswickan have been a few of the noteworthy examples of such apathy. Failure of students to make application for the various positions of team managers and the lack of nominations for various student positions are additional ones. The ultimate, it is hoped, was reached when the Students' Council found it imperative to use an honorarium as lure to secure a Treasurer.

Nor is this University unique in this respect. Several other Canadian Universities are now embroiled in similar difficulties. The current issue of THE FULCRUM, student paper of the University of Ottawa, blasts the students on that campus for their lack of interest and for their failure to offer any but destructive criticism. At this same University of Ottawa, the Students' Federation was forced to suspend all activities several weeks ago as a result of an unhealthy financial position. Since that time, student interest has been aroused and a solution finally agreed upon whereby all students have realized the predicament of the few elected persons attempting to carry out the wishes of the student body. A compromise has been reached whereby each organization on the campus will attempt to restrain its activities until such time as the Federation becomes solvent once more.

The students at the University of New Brunswick fail to realize the seriousness of the situation on their own campus. The Students' Council finds it increasingly difficult to operate under the existing conditions. Seldom more than 60% attendance is recorded. Elections are of no interest to the student body, nor are the deeds of the ultimately elected persons. The Brunswickan has failed to meet with the co-operation necessary if a student weekly is to be published.

TIME MAGAZINE has recently published a survey on today's youth. In this expose, we are called "the Silent Generation." Is it not time for the students, especially at this University, to arise and make themselves heard? Must we be doomed to oblivion so early in our lives? If we are to leave this place of higher education and take our stations in life and form part of society, we must assert ourselves. We must train ourselves now, so that we may establish our way of life and then be prepared to maintain and defend it.

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DOUBLE WINNERS

With the field and weather conditions resembling that of the Gray Cup annual the Varsity Bombers retained their N.B. Canadian Football title Saturday afternoon by over coming a five point deficit in turning back the Moncton Tri-Service in the contest which wrote "fini" to the gridiron wars for another season.

Playing on a mud soaked field amid a consistant drizzle which made an areil attack unpractical and a ground attack difficult the Bombers had the little extra in a closely contested game which held the crowd in a state of tension till the final whistle. In the early stages of the game it was all Bombers and on three occasions they pushed to the Tri-Service one yard line only to run into a stubborn repelling defence. Despite the disappointment of having the door slamed with pay dirt but a few feet away it was one of these close ones which actually provided the winning margin. The two points they picked up by downing a Tri-Servicer in his own end zone coupled with the third quarter try proved to be just enough with the minimum of effort.

The heavier Moncton team found the sloppy under footing much to their dislike but were never the less always a threat and caused the Bomber supporters many a bad moment. The poor playing conditions turned out to advantage for the Varsity as a number of fumbles of the slippery pig skin by the Service cut short many threatening marches. In the later stages practically all the Moncton team appeared to be on its way for the try which would have turned the tables but fumbling was their undoing right up to the final play of the game when a long Tri-Service run was nullified by a lose of possession thanks to the water soaked and mud incased pig skin.

The conditions made it strictly a ground game with the slipping and sliding around end giving way to the more sure footed plunges through the middle. As far as an air attack was concerned the idea was nearly thrown out all together and of the half dozen or so passes which were attempted none were completed, in fact very few left the tossers hand headed in the right direction. Such were the conditions under which the Bombers annexed their second crown of the season.

Holders of both the Intercollegiate and N.B. titles the Bombers now find themselves in a rare position in the U.N.B. sports field, champions in two different classes of their game. How many of you can recall when this was last accomplished by a Varsity team? Intercollegiate titles, Intermediate titles, and York County championships have all been won in the past few years but not for quite a while has there been a combination of any of these captured by a single team. With a Maritime Intercollegiate and N.B. senior title firmly in their grasp the Canadian Footballers have probably risen to the heights of this years athletic endeavours "up the hill" and a word of congratulations is definitely due.

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WRONG GUESS Mr. REILY

In peering into the future of the Canadian game on our campus I am sadly afraid that I must disagree with the opinion expressed by the experienced, well known and extremely capable sports editor of the local Gleaner. It was he who stated a short while ago that this game was merely a flash in the pan and would die with the graduation of our "hearty upper Canadians." Well far be it for me to condemn the opinion of such a versitile and wordly mind but never the less I must make it clear that in my contrasting humble opinion I believe that at the rate in which the game is catching on with the local footballers and seeing no reason why more of these "hearty souls" will not wind their way to our campus there is every reason to believe that the game is here for a prolonged stay. If we should have to choose between the two brands of football I think the boys in the short pants would come out on the short end.

To disagree with Mr. Reily might be termed as a show of ignorance and non respect, as a rookie ball player telling Connie Mack how to manage a ball team, but regardless of the affect or the out come I am doing just that and basing my opinion on the fact that I have not as yet ever witnessed the case where success has not conquered over failure. On that alone Canadian football could well survive.

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ANOTHER DEBUT

Saturday was a big day in U.N.B. sporting circles as it not only climaxed a successful season for the Canadian footballers but it also brought an opening to the new basketball season. The most recent edition of the Red and Black hoopsters took the floor for their initial tilt with the bearded House of David as the opposition and as their predecessors tell before the capable and clowning antics of the Roth lead quintette. Dus to circumstances based on the center of all male troubles the game had to be forgone by yours truly but from all reports it went as well as could be expected.

Some of the fans seemed a bit disappointed with the showing of the Beards in the clowning department because after all it is this and not their playing ability which draws the crowd. It has been quite apparent that in the last few years this aspect has been gradually falling off to the point where it is now looked after almost entirely by Roth himself and even he is loosing some of the touch that made he and his team such a drawing card a few years back. Despite all this they still put on a fairly good and different show and it is imagined that their annual visit again next year is being looked forward to by many.

Turning to Varsity we find from all reports that for their first game they did quite well and should in the course of time under the guiding hand of Flip Flewelling come up a team and the brand of ball which will be a credit to their colors. Above all it appears that this season they will be a team and not just a group of players and that in itself is a pleasing thought, especially to the spectators.

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COLLEGE HUMOR

Stan—"So you taught your wife to play poker?"

Rory—"Yes, it was a swell idea. Last Saturday I won back nearly a third of my D.V.A. cheque."

He:—"Gosh, Anne, you have a lovely figure."

She:—"Oh let's not go all over that again."

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