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SEPTEMBER SONG

Fredericton is gaining a reputation with UNB students as a city full of self-centred, bigoted, mercenary segregationists. This feeling of discontent has been wrought from an extremely droughty response on the part of the people of Fredericton to be of some assistance to young students by supplying them with "suitable" accommodations for the school year.

The root of the problem does not lie in the fact that the people of Fredericton are not willing to open their doors to university students. It is somewhat of a credit to this city's residents that they have answered the plea of university officials for more living accommodations. There are plenty of rooms available. But those which are suitable are only available at such prices which make them undesirable. The citizens of Fredericton are capitalizing on the drastic increase of demand for their aid with respect to accommodations.

The building boom is on! Basements are being hastily partitioned off into cramped sleeping and studying quarters. More homeowners in Fredericton are squeezing more students into less space than ever before. And it isn't just a case of packing sardines in cans. These sardines have to be white and Canadian and of a certain religious faith.

The upstanding citizens of Canada's City of the Year are bleeding the pocketbooks and hearts of UNB students. "No foreign students need apply", "protestants preferred", among other specifications were constant road-blocks to many new UNB students.

It is becoming more difficult for some homeowners to bring themselves to taking Canadian money from students of other lands and creeds than it is for students to find "suitable" places in which to live.

Should a man's colour or religious belief be regarded as a means of denying him a bed in which to sleep or a place in which to eat? It is time for some people to open their hearts and minds alongside of their billfolds. It is time for the people of Fredericton to realize who and where they are. They can play an integral role in making Canada a country which can be proud of its youth. But first they must set an example. For how can people who display such avarice and narrow-mindedness sow seeds of human kindness in the young strangers who come to Fredericton to seek an education.

Now the glove is on the other hand, citizens of Fredericton. You no longer have the right to sneer contemptuously at UNB students. You must be nice to them for they are your livelihood. And students of UNB... be careful where and with whom you choose to live... the dollar a week you save may be your own hard-earned money.

Fredericton, City of the Year... indeed!

Co-Ed Clamour

Dear Sally Freshette,

Incredulous Sally Freshettes of the past have succeeded in becoming arrogant sophomores, phony junior misses and finally, condoning seniors. Finding myself in one of these categories, it is my privilege and duty, according to our editor, to set you a straight course for the ocean of activity ahead of you.

The first item on your agenda should be to equip yourself mentally for university life. The main purpose of our university, theoretically, is to teach you to think independently. Narrow those saucer like eyes just a little. Be broadminded, willing to learn, but unwilling to be swayed by articulate twisted argument. View a situation "straight on" so as not to get a slanted impression of it. A few people may be uncomfortable when you are around, but then, a bikini or an evangelist has the same effect.

Be yourself; camouflage here, when discovered, is given a slow painful death by the quietly insane masses. Be honest with others, all others, but remember the egos of our male population. (Little discreet white lies allowed here).

Two of the most noted faults of co-eds at UNB are their lack of femininity and their abundant tendency to gossip. Remember that you are a female animal-type and everybody loves a woman. Be conscious and proud of this fact and dress accordingly.

Gossip does hurt. There is no species of harmless gossip. As someone once put it, "the reputation you save may be your own."

In general, Sally, think right, live right, and be the most different girl on campus. Nobody will believe that you are real — but it might be interesting to put you to the test!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Realism Not Idealism

Dear Mr. Editor,

With regards to the article entitled "Now... Or Never" in the September 18th issue of the Brunswickan, I should like to point out that while the idea of nuclear disarmament is highly desirable from an idealistic point of view it is not at this time feasible from a realistic point of view.

Nuclear disarmament is an ideal which can only be achieved if all those who are members of the so-called "Nuclear Armaments Club" agree to some sort of restrictions as a whole.

To say that the U. S.'s resumption of testing was "America's gross blunder" is to display that one does not fully appreciate the Russian mania for world domination.

Recent events, such as the mass exodus from East Berlin and the departure of Albania from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics show that the entire Communist world is in a very precarious position. The Kremlin's reactions to these events, the wall in Berlin and the resumption of testing (without warning and even while they were negotiating disarmament in Geneva) seem to substantiate the contention that those in the Communist Party are no longer convinced that "peaceful co-existence" as espoused by Mr. Khrushchov will triumph over the West. For the West to disarm now, while the East begins to arm would invite what is almost inevitably a total takeover by the East.

Now is the time to show the Communist world that we will not be cowed by their sabre-rattling activities. We must be prepared to negotiate from strength. Thus it is folly now to advocate disarmament even though this is a desirable ideal. Disarmament, strange as it seems, can only be negotiated from strength.

Fred Eaton, Arts

TREASURE VAN ROLLS

The annual Treasure Van display — sale of international handicrafts organized by WUSC will be on the UNB Campus, October 16th to 20th. The main objectives of this sale are to stimulate interest in and to give help to native craftsmen as well as drawing attention to the international activities of WUSC.

Rare merchandise from many countries not featured before will be on sale — ceremonial masks from Ghana, swords from Spain, steel-drums and 'wife leaders' from the West Indies. In all, twenty countries are represented.

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SIR GEORGE'S ATTACK....

The Council of the Students' Undergraduate Society in an unanimous resolution decided to withdraw from the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The action was taken following the Report of a Council committee. This committee met for over a period of three months during the summer. The Report in part:

"This committee recommends that the Students' Undergraduate Society withdraw from NFCUS for an indefinite period following an evaluation of maintaining our membership."

The Report was signed by the President of the student government, Daniel Coates, the past President, Leon Graub, and the Minister of External Affairs, Richard Robinson.

The Report compared the Federation to other National Unions of Students. It stated the Federation as compared to other National student organizations does not fulfil a similar function. NFCUS is not a cohesive and unified body with one voice; it does not share its fair share of responsibilities on the international scene.

At the 24th Annual Congress, Sir George took the initiative in attempting to orient the Federation towards this end. This trend was strongly resisted by the Congress.

The Report further stated that as long as education remains a provincial area of concern (according to the BNA Act) then the role of a national student organization is limited. The need for bringing student opinion to the attention of provincial governments can best be served not by a strong centralized federation but by cohesive provincial organizations which are associated with a national office. Such an organization can be paralleled with the Organization of the Liberal Party across Canada.

The main function of the Federation has been to co-ordinate mandates through an administration bureaucracy. The record of success in this area considering it as one of the primary functions, has been poor.

The Federation provides an expensive forum for leaders of Canadian Universities to expound their views once yearly at the Annual Congress and through several briefs during the course of a year. For the Council President and a few select student leaders, NFCUS provides a stimulating social and political experience. The Report paralleled the Federation to the Senate of Canada, a group perpetuated for political necessity yet as presently constituted offering little to benefit the people of Canada.

We here at Sir George, pledge ourselves to take the initiative in finding a permanent solution to the problem of Provincial, Federal and International representation for the students of Canada.

13 September, 1961

Students Undergraduate Society
Sir George Williams University

NFCUS REPLY

In reply to the above charges made by the Students' Undergraduate Society of Sir George Williams University, a member of the NFCUS national secretariat has issued the following statement:

"NFCUS has served three consecutive terms on the supervision committee of the International Student Conference, the most important organ of the only democratic grouping of national student bodies.

"The past NFCUS vice-president for international affairs, Mr. Roy Heenan of Montreal, recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Haiti as a member of the Research and Information Commission of the International Student Conference. Mr. Walter Tarnopolsky, past president of NFCUS, has also served on this commission with great distinction. These two men, together with the present vice-president for international affairs, Mr. Jacques Gerin of Montreal, are among the most widely-known and respected persons in world student affairs.

"This year NFCUS was the initiator of an international student work camp at Concepcion, Chile, where students from the Western hemisphere help to rebuild university facilities destroyed by earthquakes. Two Canadians worked in this project. In past years Canadians sponsored by NFCUS also participated in such work camps as that at Sakhiet-sidi-Youssef, Algeria, where French bombs had destroyed a local school.

"Again this year NFCUS was represented as an observer at the World Youth Forum held in Moscow in July and August. The report of the NFCUS observer, Mr. Walter Tarnopolsky, has already become of international interest, as have the reports of the NFCUS observers at the fifth and sixth congresses of the Communist-dominated International Union of Students in Peking and Baghdad.

"With regard to the Algerian question NFCUS supported the Algerian national student organization (Union Generale des Etudiants Musulmans de l'Algerie) in its difficult problems arising from the Algerian liberation movement. In reply to a letter from national president Bruce Rawson, concerning the Algerian situation, external affairs minister Howard Green wrote in part: 'We are conscious of the human suffering that is being caused everyday by the Algerian conflict and we are concerned that no opportunity is lost in bringing it to an end. It is helpful to us to know that the Algerian situation is also of concern to informed Canadians and I am grateful to you for the opportunity you have given me for putting forward some of our views on this most serious question.'

"The position adopted by NFCUS with respect to the reported executions of Hungarian students last year is well known, having received much attention from the national press and having aroused a great deal of controversy among students and the general public.

"Recently NFCUS presented a brief to the Canadian government entitled: **The Canadian Student and International Affairs, A**

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