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'The System'

Feeling low?
 The thought of Christmas tests upsetting your digestion?
 Essay deadlines disturbing your sleep?
 Well, take heart and remember, the days spent at college are supposed to be the happiest you'll ever know. Which doesn't say much for the future, does it?
 Each year students devote a great amount of time to giving their inimitable evaluations of the examination system. The consensus: the system is faulty.
 As any student will tell you, exams are no good because they are incomplete. They apply only to part of a student's knowledge on a given day. Many a student has failed simply because the professor has asked the wrong question! Good luck, it seems, is a greater asset than hard work.
 Other students are psychologically incapable of calmly writing papers. Some even try to eliminate their nervousness through the use of drugs, a dangerous but unfortunately common habit.
 The marking of exams is another sore spot with students. Each year countless failures occur only because "the prof had a hangover!"
 Yet the examination system goes on. Why? Because despite endless bull sessions, no bright student has yet discovered an adequate substitute for the customary three hours of agony.
 The search goes on. But for the present, the best we can do is remember that all things (if not all students) will pass.

From Our Readers

Letters to the Editor

Search For MAC

Sir: The Brunswickan of Nov. 18 suggests we watch further issues for clues to MAC's identity. If we are only to discover a MAC whose character and ability are represented by his articles, Life Presents Dismal Aspects, then the search for his identity may be stopped forthwith.

MAC has written a poorly constructed, slanted and name-calling piece of trash which throughout begs the question. His theme of attack is upon the words "people", "bodies" and "anmorals" used in an article which appeared in Mount Allison's (student paper) The Argosy.

What is wrong with calling students 'people'? What better description could be given to students falling off the train at Sackville than "bodies"?

MAC has failed to convince me that "fires of jealousy" dictated the Mount A article. Last year we chose to call students from Sackville "marsh-rats from the abhorred halls of Mount Allison."

Surely, if anything, these terms were derogatory, but not "people" and "bodies".

BRIAN W. KEMPSTER

Objectivity?

Sir: A good newspaper is unbiased enough to present differing viewpoints on a given matter. Congratulations to The Brunswickan for the following gem of objectivity which appeared on Page 2 of the Nov. 18 issue:

Is it necessary for such "rot" to appear in a so-called respectable publication? And UNB students "people"? It seems that there is a doubt in the minds of the news staff of the Argosy. It is rather low journalism to refer to a fellow group of students as "bodies" and "anmoals". The latter may be considered clever to some fiendish minds, but the fact remains, that none takes kindly to being referred to as an animal, however disguised it may be.

Then, on Page 4 we find: The UNB Red Bombers have acquitted themselves most nobly in the football arena, and they well deserve our sincere congratulations. As for those marsh-rats from the abhorred halls of Mount Allison, there is only one thing left to say—Wait till next year!

... there will probably be an unprecedented amount of activity among Mr. Gus MacFarlane's bird dogs in Montreal. Undoubtedly a new crop of starry football players fresh out of high school will cavort on Maritime gridirons next season wearing the Garnet and Gold.

To adapt a paragraph from Nov. 18th's (guest) editorial, it is for us to include whether, for the sake of argument

such a state of affairs clearly indicates that the University and others such as ours, is based on the same standard of mediocrity as the rest of our society.

Sincerely,
 H. Henderson

Paper a Disgrace

Sir: We are pleased to note that in view of a recent letter deploring "fillers" The Brunswickan has been filled with a fewer number. However, from reading the issue for Nov. 25th, it appears that new technique has been adopted, both to counteract this problem and also the problem the paper appears to have in its total lack of worthy

features. The two features columns, that on "Campus Dances" and one half that by the garrulous "Mac" were almost word for word the same. This is a disgrace! You even had the impudence to put them on the same page. If this is editorial policy we respectfully suggest that it be radically changed.

And while on the subject of editors and policy, POK might well have read the notice-boards explaining why the parking notices have been necessary. Car owners might well note that most large universities do not allow students' cars anywhere near the campus.

And if Carmen and Roberts have turned in their graves in recent years over the material in the paper they have certainly never had cause to complain over the grammar. But it appears that at least "Kamera Korner" may be able to give them some restless moments on this account.

I become, Sir,
 An ex-reader

On Hazing

Sir: Reading your article on frosh hazing in the Nov. 14th issue of The Brunswickan reminded me of a story carried recently by The Montreal Star. Instead of having freshmen at Sir George Williams College perform pointless and humiliating jobs during freshman week, the upperclassmen put the freshmen's strength to work on worthwhile projects. The freshmen and freshettes, in their traditional attire, went around canvassing from door to door for the Red Cross.

I suggest that next year the fresh-

men at UNB can do something worthwhile like this! In this way we could preserve the traditional freshman week and make a good name for the freshmen in Fredericton.

ANDY COTE

Unfair Blow

Sir: It seems a great deal of time and effort is wasted by people like your Miss Jo-Ann Carr. This woman... has the ignorance to strike such an unfair blow to a great civic organization such as the Kiwanis.

For a great many years this organization has been lending a helping hand to children who wish to pursue an interest in music. A large number of men and women devote a great number of free hours in order to help these children. Are these people to be scoffed at because an immature college girl hasn't the intelligence to see and understand the job they are doing? Could she not have given a constructive criticism?

I am very unhappy for two reasons:

It seems a great pity (1) that Miss Carr has no other subject to pursue except writing on nothing, and, (2) that The Brunswickan has nothing of greater value to fill its once interesting and informative pages.

In closing I will give Miss Carr this much credit: she has accomplished what she set out to do, i.e., to write on nothing.

Walt Learning

By Dave Folster

The Campus Beat



TOPICANA: The long search for a UNB college song continues. However, the quest for these missing notes may be nearer success now that Music Director A. F. Trythall has revised his original "We Go To UNB" work. The fact that the first melody never really caught on was blamed on the song's "high" note areas which most of the 1,200 male voices on the campus simply could not carry... The Red Devils will not travel to the Troy Invitational Hockey Tournament at RPI this year... Those red and black colored sweaters are increasingly popular these days. Even Miss December, in the current issue of PLAYBOY, is almost wearing one!

THIS, THAT and the OTHER THING: One of the most spirited SRC debates of the year may develop tomorrow night over the proposed Dartmouth-UNB student exchange. The cold hard facts of the matter are that it might cost UNB a maximum of \$150 to send three or four students to the Ivy League college while the SRC expenditure for the Mount "A" train was a cool \$500... Another "chainletter" is attracting attention around the campus. This time you become part of the chain by bundling up your girlfriend or wife, as the case may be, and sending her to the person who is the next link. If the chain remains unbroken, you stand to collect 15,169 women.

RESIDENCE LIFE: An interhouse competition has been started between the three men's residences. The University Athletic Department has provided a cup for these competitions which include Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball... Jones House Formal set for Jan. 16. They'll hold in their Recreation Room... A Jones House petition is being prepared protesting the price of Student Centre food.

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