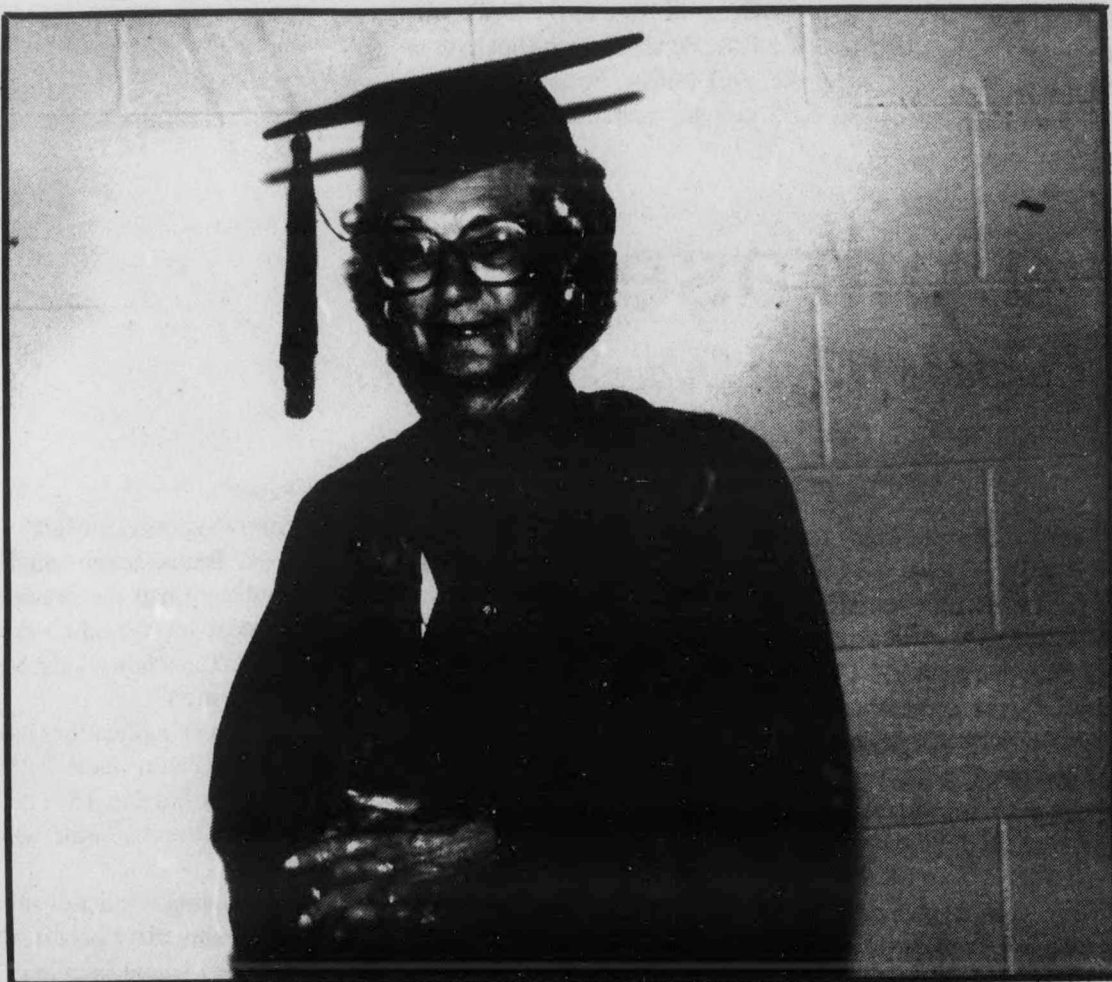


# Former Editor's Final Bequest

## Betty Lou Vincent Lee Remembered

*Betty Lou Vincent Lee was the second woman to be Editor-in-Chief of the Brunswickan 1952-53. She recently passed away, but has proven to be true Brunsie. She has bequested that a scholarship be set up for a female member of the staff. Although I never had the pleasure of knowing Betty Lou, her thoughtful generosity reminds us all here at the Bruns that the experience we gain here will continue to influence us throughout our lives.*

*The following letter was written by a close friend of the late Betty Lou. (Ed's note)*



### Betty Lou Vincent Lee

ability to speak to people about very complicated thoughts and ideas and to communicate them to lay people," said Dr. John Bienenstock, vice president in the faculty of health sciences at McMaster.

Given her retirement from the Spectator, the honorary degree and finally her death, she was seldom absent from its pages over the months.

An editorial in the Spectator on her death spoke for the friends and collages all across Canada who knew and respected this remarkable woman.

"She was indeed a reporter's reporter," said the editorial. "She wasn't the kind to accept a superficial answer to a question, a glib explanation for a real story. She dug deep for all the facts and wrote them with a thoroughness and accuracy that evoked the admiration of her professional colleagues in medicine and journalism. And with a lucid, easy-reading style that made her byline a signal for a good story, well told, reliable."

This was Betty Lou Vincent Lee.

Things were very different when Lou was a student at UNB. There were no student loans then. She financed her education by working at a variety of jobs while maintaining a good academic standing. Journalism and law both appealed to her, but Journalism won.

She went straight from the Brunswickan to the Daily Gleaner where her first byline appeared on a story about a new milking machine. But the milking machine did not hold her interest long. She won a Sloan-Rockefeller Fellowship in Science writing at Columbia University, and so launched her medical reporting career.

Just before her death, she had launched a book on mental illness, co-authored with Dr. J.M. Cleghorn. The book entitled 'Understanding and Treating Mental Illness' was released at the Canadian Psychiatry Association's meeting in Toronto and has been well received by the medical community.

The Brunswickan Alumnae Club will administer the bequest which will be awarded directly and not through the University. Information and applications forms can be had by writing: The Betty Lou Vincent Lee awards, 18 Shore Street, Fredericton, NB. E3B 1R2.

### IN MEMORIAL

by Jackie Webster (Brunsw Alumni)

The second woman editor of the Brunswickan who died last September in Hamilton has remembered the student newspaper in a tangible way.

Betty Lou Vincent Lee (Ba '53) a longtime medical writer with the Hamilton Spectator, left a bequest with friends. The proceeds of that bequest will be used for an award for a woman staffer on The Brunswickan, with a flair for writing or editing and an interest in journalism career.

Lou was one of Canada's top medical writers. Hers was a career filled with honors and awards, more than she could name at on sitting. The last major honor, and one she highly prized, was an honorary Doctor of Laws from McMaster University last spring.

She was flabbergasted by the University's rare gesture.

"It is usually the newspaper's owner, seldom the writer who is so honored," she said at the time. But McMaster University knew what it was doing.

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