

Letters to the Editor (continued)

amusing. When you stop to consider that twice in the last two years student government here has voted unanimously in favour of membership in N.F.C.U.S.; that once this term the Council defeated a motion calling for withdrawal from the Federation, and subsequently a motion calling for a student referendum on the question was defeated. When you stop to consider all this I think you may begin to see the implication of this petition, unintentional as it may be.

What it means then, is a non-confidence motion. And what does that mean? It means that this government has failed, through the lack of adequate and capable leadership, through the lack of representatives whose judgement and sincerity of purpose can command the respect of the electorate. It means that this government as a whole has failed to retain, or even gain the respect, the trust, the support of the people who put it into office. If the result of this referendum should be in favour of withdrawal from the National Federation, it will, under the circumstances, create a situation calling for the dissolution of this Council.

I hope too that it will make you realize, those of you who heard him, what Peter Martin said when he spoke here recently, and what I have meant when in the past I said that N.F.C.U.S. was not just the responsibility of some lone committee stuck off on the campus by itself; that N.F.C.U.S. does not mean the verbal approval of the SEC

and the hard work only of that committee. It means answering the letters you get from National Office, Mr. President. It means the whole hearted support, determination, and effort of the whole Students' Council.

I should like to suggest further, the point that it is the full responsibility of this Council, and every member thereon, to properly inform the students about N.F.C.U.S. and defend the stand taken by you on this question. This responsibility, under the circumstances, does not rest alone on those who voted for N.F.C.U.S. on any one or all of the occasions on which such votes were taken, but with each and every member of the Council, and especially you, Mr. President. You may wonder that I say this—you in particular, Mr. President, in view of the fact that the President is not supposed to express his opinions; is supposed to remain neutral on all issues. But may I remind you that you are the leader of Student Government at this University; head of the student body; the voice of the students, and your voice must be the voice of the majority. If you could not lend your full support to the decisions of the majority; if in fact you felt that those decisions were wrong, might I suggest that you were honour bound to resign your position.

Signed: Jack Ernst.

MACKAY REQUESTS \$20,000 GRANT

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fidant that the great majority of citizens would approve of such a move. . .," the UNB president said.

Dr. Mackay said he discovered that many persons do not realize the size of the sum of money which UNB puts into circulation in this area.

REVIEWS EXPENDITURES

For the year ending June 30, 1955 salaries paid to faculty and administration staff was \$491,394; wages paid to maintenance and ground crews, and to those at work in university residence, an additional \$81,728. The cost of supplies, equipment, services and repairs came to \$212,000.

During that year UNB had 588 students boarding in private homes, and with an approximate charge for board and lodging of \$500, there was a total outlay of \$294,000. Dr. Mackay also estimated that the students left in the city in a period of eight months—in terms of clothing, entertainment, and other costs—an amount approaching \$85,000. Summer school expenditure meant an additional \$85,000 spent in the city.

WELL OVER MILLION

Dr. Mackay said the total spent in the city for the school year in question amounted to \$1,249,122, plus \$100,000 for the Ranger school. Council was told that the university will need to develop rapidly during the next 10 years to keep pace with the city in which it is situated.

"I would respectfully suggest that you consider a grant of \$20,000 a year to the University of New Brunswick for a period of the next 10 years," Dr. Mackay said. He noted that he understood that a council can not make financial commitments for future councils but added that he hoped that the example set by this council would be followed by those serving later.

Council was told that UNB now has several deficits which will be cleared by a change in grant. The estimated deficit for next year, however, is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 on a budget of \$1,120,000. Dr. Mackay and Mr. Macaulay answered a number of questions posed by the mayor and aldermen. During this period it was revealed that the university is already considering the matter of additional residences "up the hill" to house students.

AlJerman Hughson asked what percentage of students attending the university were from outside the province. He was told that it averaged out to a fairly constant 2 per cent.

Council was also told that the students bear between 30 and 35 per cent of the cost of their attendance at UNB, which was described as fairly close to the national average.

P.C.'s MEET IN OTTAWA

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and most successful in the Federation's history. Strong delegations from almost every part of Canada were present, and the enthusiasm and intelligence displayed by all those present were very encouraging to any consideration of Canada's political future. It is interesting to note that U.N.B. was the only University of note present who did not hold an annual mock parliament. The conference brought home one fact most clearly — if Canada is to have a political future, then it is the Students of today who will form it and this is essential that students become aware of the importance of political issues.

G.U.P. Reporting

Montreal: McGill is caught up in the controversy surrounding Autherine Lucy, the coloured student who has been expelled from the University of Alabama.

The students voted by 1807 to 560 in favour of the Students' Society writing to encourage Miss Lucy in her stand. But voted down a suggestion that she be given a Scholarship to enter McGill should she fail to gain re-admittance to Alabama, by 1230 to 1125 votes.

The McGill W.U.S.C. committee is sponsoring a talk by the Soviet Ambassador to Canada on Higher Education in the Soviet Union and Moscow State University. The purpose behind the talk is to encourage mutual understanding among students in an effort to express the international desire to rise above differences of race, religion and political persuasion.

Vancouver: The N.F.C.U.S. question rears its ugly head again. This time at the University of British Columbia. The Students' Council proposed by a vote of 7 to 3 to withdraw from N.F.C.U.S. and to take the initiative in forming a National Students' Presidents Association to replace it. This follows a report by a committee formed to delve into the N.F.C.U.S. question. They reported that while N.F.C.U.S. carries on activities of a very worthwhile nature they could be carried out just as effectively by a more streamlined organization.

The Council decision is not final because it must be approved by the students. It is said that there is only a 50-50 chance of success since no decrease in the 50-cent N.F.C.U.S. fee is possible under the new proposal.

London: French-speaking debaters from the University of Ottawa won the N.F.C.U.S. debating finals at Western University. This is the first time in several years that the competition has been won by a French Language team. The Maritime Dalhousie University was defeated in the semi-finals. Before the contest, a nation-wide N.F.C.U.S. referendum questioning the right of a non-member University to take the prize was defeated by 8 votes to 6.

Saskatoon: The University of Saskatchewan has its own Radio Station. It was opened last week on February 28th. The station will be used to publicize University activities, record campus news, and promote University talent. It has the facilities to broadcast everywhere in Canada should the necessity ever arise.

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It is with regret that we learned of the death, last week, of Miss Mary Green, the first matron of the Men's Residence at UNB. As the newest generation of students "up the hill" we are perhaps unaware that another page in the history of UNB has been turned; for it was with respect and affection that Miss Green earned a secure spot in the hearts of many former students at this university. Perhaps the most fitting tribute we could give is this editorial published in a 1931 issue of The Brunswickan:—

"Mother of the Residence"

On entering the Lady Beaverbrook Residence one is impressed with the cosiness of the structure and the characteristic neatness, but only after meeting Miss Green can one feel the genuine homelike atmosphere and note the adequate type of efficiency behind the general management. At once, superintendent, nurse, director of cuisine, consoler of the afflicted and general mother to the students, this kindly and capable lady has won for herself the love and respect of every boy in the House. Enriched by years of experience and a sympathetic understanding of boys' problems, the superintendent has so engraved herself on our minds that we say "There's no one like Miss Green."



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