PURELY WHIMSICAL

with Wayne Anderson

If you saw a copy of last Friday's *Brunswickan* you may have read a letter to the editor suggesting that the SRC cut down on the Yearbook budget and financially assist the Drama Society. The Yearbook extracts \$6.00 from each student's pocket each year. So if you spend four or five years here, you spend \$24.00 or \$30.00 for four or five beautiful big leather bound books to take up a lot of space and collect dust during the years to come.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy looking at my yearbooks very much—about twice a year. And I suppose they will bring back many nostalgic memories after about fifty years. Or will we dare show them to our grandchildren? If one happens to be photographed in a moment of irresolution and one's picture finds its way into the Yearbook, one may spend the rest of one's life in a state of nervous turmoil and bitter regret, fearing that one's progeny may turn up a Yearbook of '62 and discover what a rake ol' gran'pappy really was. It could develop into a psychosis whereby one comes to feel that all Yearbooks are out to get him. We may see some nut tearing around in an attempt to seek out all Yearbooks and eliminate them. That potential lunatic is presently investing \$6:00 per year in insanity. Pay now—crack up later.

Seriously though, is the Yearbook worth six greenies? Could that money not be invested in some more advantageous enterprise? Maybe if we gave Radio UNB \$12,000 a year instead of the Yearbook we could get our university station broadcasting on the air to the Fredericton area. Then we could all listen to our own station. As it is we all pay Radio UNB about \$1.50 a year while only those in certain residences can hear it. (Of course any student can join the Radio Society and get his money's worth in the form of experience).

The Drama Society could no doubt find some use for a cut of Yearbook greenies. Or impoverished students. A loan fund could be set up. A donation of \$3,000 or \$4,000 to the World Health Organization or UNICEF or CARE might benefit more people in the long run than the same amount invested in the UNB Yearbook. It would also show the world that the students of UNB care about other people other than themselves. That would even be better than digging a foot deep canal.

Or, last but not least, the SRC could cut down the student levy by two or three dollars. This might mean an extra case of Moose Juice for one of those Mt. A. weekends. This course of action will, no doubt, have a certain appeal for a large proportion of the student body, although it will in no way win us world acclaim.

I discussed this issue with our SRC president before he was elected, and he agreed that the question of the Yearbook should be considered, perhaps by a plebiscite. Student opinion should be determined on this matter. After all, \$12,000 is a lot to pay for a vestige of our irresponsible youth.

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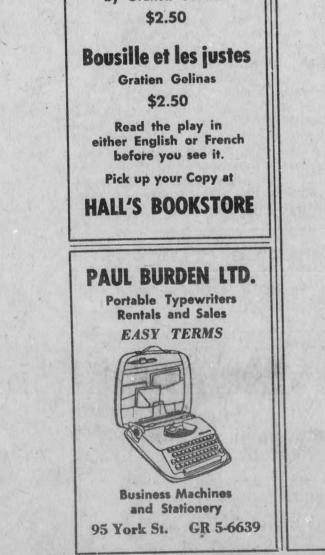
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