

Money for athletics

The Athletics Board budget was discussed last week by the Board.

The Athletics Board is half students, the rest faculty and members of the administration. The chairman, who votes in ties, is not a student.

The athletics budget includes almost \$60,000 of student funds — about \$20 per student — taken from tuition fees. There was no discussion of this money at any meeting of the Students Representative Council, even though the SRC President, and other council members, are on the Board.

Student discussion of the use of this small fortune is limited to a student council especially set up for this purpose. It has no connection whatever with the SRC, is little known to the student body.

This is the Student Athletic Association.

The SAA does not post its minutes (if it has any) around the campus, nor does it send them to the *Brunswickan* or Radio UNB, nor does it give advanced warning of its meetings to other than its members.

Every year the SAA holds elections, and every student votes, but who knows anything about the organization? The election proves nothing.

The Student Athletic Association should be a subcommittee of the SRC. It need not be made up of SRC representatives, but, like the Student Union Building Committee, it should be required to report to the SRC from time to time.

McLeod's accusations

In a statement to the *Brunswickan*, Mr. Ron McLeod, chairman of the Student Discipline Committee, says there has been an excess of 'drunkedness' (sic) and 'rowdy behavior' this fall.

Perhaps any 'rowdy behavior' is excessive, but it appears to us that there has not been very much this fall. In fact, this has been the most peaceful fall term in memory. This has been remarked upon by individuals ranging from students to the manager of the Campus Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

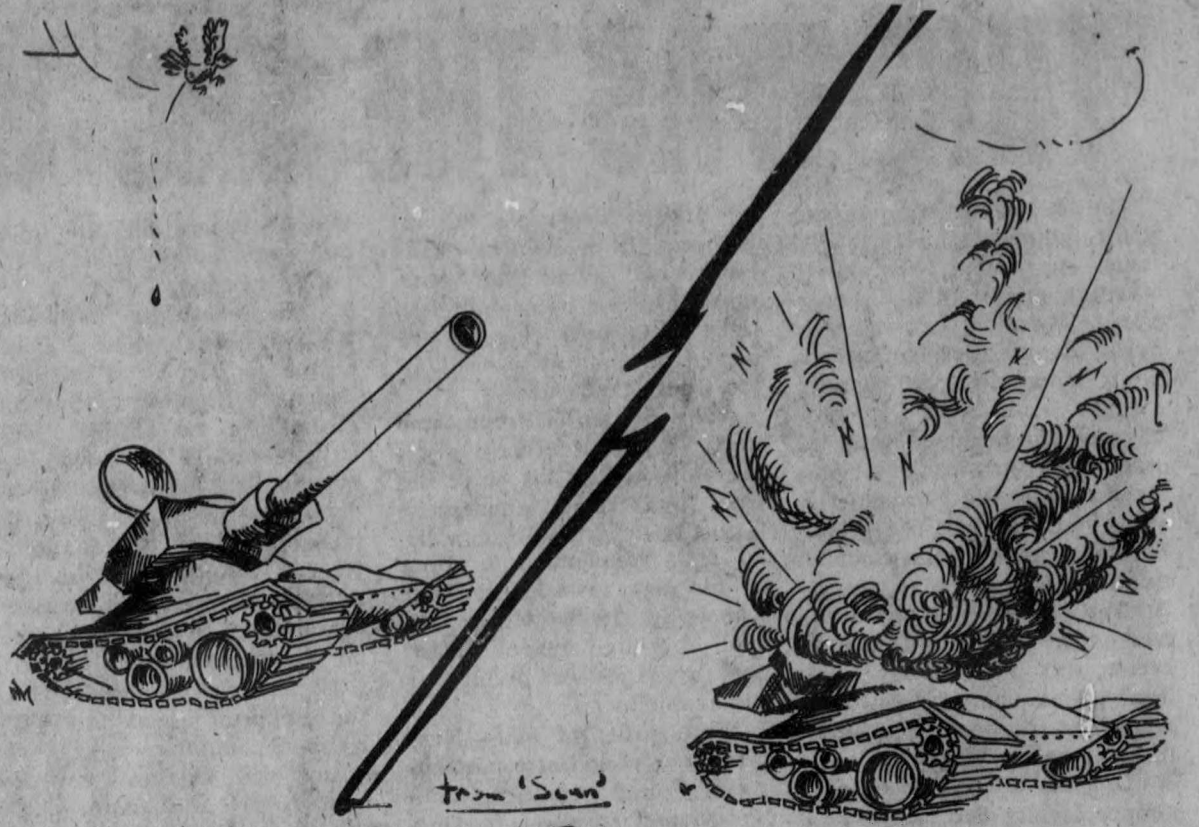
McLeod, on behalf of the SDC, says that the blame for this disorderly conduct lies on the freshmen. We feel that this year's freshman class is not only more intelligent, but also more peaceful, less 'rowdy', than any other class, including McLeod's fifth year Foresters.

And to say that there has been any 'rowdy' behavior at sporting or social events this fall would be so far from the truth that we would wonder if we went to the same games as anyone who said that. Even there, it seems that most of the rowdiness, or as we would like to call it, spirit, came from upperclassmen.

He is picking on the freshmen, we believe, because four freshmen were caught being disorderly a few weeks ago. Two of them gave false names to the Camps Policemen who took them in. We don't know who the other two were because it is the policy of the SDC not to publicize the names of offenders, although it is within their power.

In the meantime, the two who gave false names are still free and unpunished.

We feel that McLeod's SDC should apologize to the freshman class for their presumptuous remarks, and that in the future they should publicize names of offenders so we all can see who is really being 'rowdy'.



A Reconsideration Of Apathy

This part of the editorial page is usually so stuffed with bilge on apathy that it seems like the sensible place to launch a search for the hidden source of executive woe.

Now it has occurred to me that, of all the articles written on apathy, few if any ever really investigate the root of the problem. The popular approach seems to shout at and condemn the lazy students for not having a little more interest in subjects that are of great importance to him. After this executive outburst, there is a great stampede that swells the membership of every club and soon the familiar wail dies in the path of incredible enthusiasm.

To hell with the symptoms. I am sure that every time the word apathy is sounded most everyone wants to retch but the persistent few will dwell on all the frustrating manifestations and retire, broken men.

Taking a realistic look at apathy one cannot help but conclude that it has diseased about eighty percent of the campus (or the city, or the world). So there you are. This leaves all organizations on campus about one fifth of the student body from which to select new members. Half of these people will have interests of their own and probably never feel like participating in student activities.

Since I have not heard of any campus organization disbanding I must conclude that they all still exist and seem to be running, so at the absolute worst the problem is marginal. I am always left with the impression that the vast majority of work gets done by a very few people, which seems a little unfair, but it just might be that the campus executive is the source of his own problems. What you want is to spread the load so that no one is

imposed on.

The time to get new members is in September not November. For four years now I have seen freshman after freshman leave a meeting simply because no one takes the time to organize a program that will quickly explain what the organization does and then make some inquiries about his interests. The present system fails miserably in attracting new members. In place of a little indoctrination, the aspirant must listen to a nostalgic group of "executives" that

spend far too much time on last years "shows" and successes. He also notices that the vocabulary is quite different from anything he has ever heard and he must pay close attention to such intellectual gems as "wick" "Wire" "wolk" and the latest correct me if I error "solid". The problem is an old one. Many students just don't care. But before the rocks start flying at the "sleeping dog", the sincere campus executive might look a little closer at his organization's recruitment program.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HE WOULD HAVE SPOKEN
Editor:

My attention has been drawn to an Editorial in the October 28 issue of the *Brunswickan* to the effect that none of the candidates in York Sunbury showed a willingness to address the students. I would like to point out that neither Mr. Callaghan, the New Democratic Party candidate, nor I as his campaign manager received any invitation for him to speak to the students. Neither was our attention drawn to any general invitation to candidates which may have appeared in an earlier issue of the *Brunswickan*. Mr. Callaghan would have been happy to have spoken to the students. I would add that Mr. Callaghan was the only one of the candidates to accept Radio UNB's invitation to participate in a question and answer period.

May I, in conclusion applaud your efforts to generate greater interest on the part of the student body in national politics.

J. K. Chapman
The *Brunswickan* did not say that candidates were un-

willing to speak, only that they did not speak. — Ed.

SWITCHING CIRCUS
Editor:

How many of us have ever considered switching faculties? Probably it occurs at least once during most students' stay at U.N.B. One will often realize, at times too late in his studies, that he would be happier in some other field of endeavour. We hear of grads sometimes who have gotten just the job that would interest and satisfy us but unfortunately we are in the wrong faculty and we sadly realize that perhaps as freshmen, poorly informed and unsure of what we want to do, we have chosen the wrong course of studies. After two years in most faculties, it is next to impossible to change without sacrificing at least a year. To take another course after graduation usually means from two to four extra years making the total stay at university up to eight years at a cost approaching fifteen thousand dollars.

Persons faced with this dilemma, and there are plenty. (SEE page 5, column 3)

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