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"FREE EDUCATION"

There is no such thing as free education... or free anything for that matter... somebody has to pay in the end. The question in Canada is, "Who?" Nobody will now argue that those who are being educated should bear all the cost. It is well established in Canada that secondary education is the responsibility of the community... the taxpayers at large. There are many of us who believe that what is known commonly as higher education should be entirely paid for in the same manner. But there are those who make the equally sincere stand that those who do not go to university do not appreciate it, or get much value from it, as those who have to finance it the hard way... by work and by borrowing.

Both schools have merit, but the thinking person will, sooner or later, have to agree with those who want to make academic education the only price for a college degree. The reason for this is that the current price of a degree is too far beyond the means of students who most need it. One can no longer earn enough in summertime to get him through the winter. By graduation the student is several thousand dollars in debt, which effectively prevents most from going any further, and forces them to take the first available job to avoid bankruptcy. And every year the price goes up.

The answer is to have the public pay entirely for university education, although token tuitions could be levied to satisfy the school who claim that nothing given for free will ever have much value. But here's the rub... the provinces which need university education the most — the poorer provinces — are least able to pay the cost. So it is almost self-evident that such a program would have to be undertaken by the federal government. Under the present system that seemingly easy solution would require the provinces to relinquish their constitutional jurisdiction over education in the interest of better educating their children... and it appears that they are not willing to do so just now. Only time and the harsh facts of economic reality will force them into it. But the day will have to come.

But why stop there? Secondary education is in an appalling state. We have ten unco-ordinated systems of schools. Both the level of teaching quality and of content varies to the point where it actually has the effect of separating regions of Canadians... rather than unifying us as a strong nation. If the federal government took over the secondary level of education, they could standardize the curriculum and the qualifications of teachers... and in the bargain make a university degree or its equivalent mandatory to hold a license to teach. Only then will our teachers command a decent wage, and only then will we get career teachers of a uniform quality and excellence to give Canadian pupils the instruction they both need and deserve. Even more important, only then will all a child in a Maritime village have an opportunity equal to that of a child who happened to be born in metropolitan Toronto.

Most of these arguments are at least as old as Confederation, and the standard reaction is that nothing can be done about it. I disagree... something will be done... it will be done sooner than most of us think... and at least one province will just have to like it or leave it.

WUSC
Visits

October 15th, saw the visit of the Assistant Secretary of the World University Service of Canada, Miss Marnie Huckvale, to U. N. B. Miss Huckvale said she is "on a tour of the Atlantic Campuses in order to speak to the members of the local WUSC committee and to representatives of other campus organizations, especially the S. R. C." She said she came "to aid the local committee in their promotion and publicity of WUSC." She described the purpose of WUSC as "promoting world understanding in the University Community."

Roger Savoie of UNB was recently elected Vice-Chairman of the WUSC National Committee and Bill Pierce, Atlantic Regional Representative to the National Committee.

The WUSC-sponsored Treasure Van will visit the UNB campus November 8-12. It is expected that the sale will be larger than in previous years, being held in Memorial Hall.

TEACH-IN
NEXT WEEK

At the second meeting of the UNB Students' International Association, the following officers were elected for the year 1965-66:
President: Magnus Larsson.
Vice-President: Claire Gray.
Treasurer: George MacKenzie.
Secretary: Heather Dickson.

Executive Members: Jill Stocker, Tony Gadd, Leilani Roslin. The aim of this association is to promote mutual understanding among the students of all countries on this campus.

The first program of the year will be a panel discussion on "American Policy in Viet Nam," similar to the "International Teach-In" held in Toronto. Professors from UNB will participate. This discussion will be held Thursday, October 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Tartan Room.

Radio Executive

Burke Brisson, Director of Radio UNB, has announced the appointment of the following officers for '65-'66. The appointments have been made to compensate for the gap left by those who didn't return to UNB this Fall.
Station Manager — Richard Matthews.
Business Manager — Bob

Wilson.
Chief Engineer — Mike Seagram.
Program Manager — Lee Clifford.
Personnel Manager — Susan Green.
Exec. Secretary — Diane Whalen.
Features Manager — Armand Paul.



Wow. This is a fire. See the firemen? They are fighting the fire, which is burning the Neill's warehouse behind the

Lady Beaverbrook Rink. What caused the fire? No one knows. Neill's were caught unawares. That was a terrible pun, and

this is a terrible picture caption. — photo by Bitto & Smith

SRC

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lowering the costs to students of university education.

SRC member Steve Chandler (Arts) was appointed local chairman for National Students Day. Some SRC members who had voted for the project were unwilling to promise their full support. There was a lengthy and heated discussion. SRC President Ken Carty reminded the Council that SRC membership carries obligations apart from attendance at Council meetings.

Mr. Chandler said his committee would present detailed proposals for National Students Day at the next Council meeting — Sunday, October 24.

SUB OPER HEARINGS

The Student Union Building Committee presented plans for the new building (see the inside) to the SRC last Sunday night. There was a lengthy discussion of the possible methods of financing the structure. The Committee emphasized that the

plans are provisional. Open hearings will be held at which students may ask questions and submit written or oral criticisms. The first hearing is for UNB students tonight at 7:30 in the auditorium of Bailey Hall.

FEW SPEAKERS

SRC members again demonstrated their customary pattern of debate. As is usual, only a few members spoke often or at length:—

Clyde McElman (CUS), Jerry Gadd (Arts), Beth Watters (Arts), Steve Chandler (Arts), Lawson Hunter (Science), Ken Carty (President).

The following members spoke three or fewer times during the five hour meeting (including answers to direct questions): Ann Armstrong (Phys Ed), Bob Brittain (Engineering), Bev Boone (Science), Sam Hinds (Engineering), Blair Inch (Arts), Sally Keith (Nursing) Ron McLeod (1st V.P.), Neil Sealy (Forestry), Jill Stocker (WUSC).

The remainder were somewhere in between.

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ily outweigh their functional disabilities or their pseudo-antiquated style. Furthermore, for all their handsomeness and solid construction, these buildings are financially attractive to a penny-pinched university, whose expansion over the past decade has proved nothing short of phenomenal.

So, as the initial sod is turned for the latest addition to our handsome pseudo-Georgian family, we look into the future and see nothing but... RED BRICK !!!!!!!!!!!!! HOW LONG, O LORD, HOW LONG!

J. D. G.

Joseph and Arlene Pach, violinist and pianist, Musicians in Residence at the University, have rescheduled their weekly workshops.

The workshops will be held each Friday from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. beginning October 22. All students are invited to attend as their timetable permits.

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