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WELCOME BACK!

It's that time of year.

The leaves are being splashed with their autumn hues; the moon is just reaching its acme in harvest silverness; exams seem much too far away to worry about; the football season is about to attain an early zenith.

And like frosting on the cake, this is homecoming week at UNB.

On this occasion we issue the heartiest of welcomes to you, alumnae and alumni of UNB. As you stroll about the campus, you will find that, no matter how short your length of absence from UNB has been, you will be viewing a story of change. The faces will be unfamiliar; many buildings will be new; you will be told on asking that no longer is the perennial plucking of the RCMP artillery from the barracks' lawn an annual prank; you will hear that the *Brunswickan* now publishes twice a week and that a campus radio station is on the way.

Yes, it will be a story of change.

But no matter if the faces have changed, nor if the pranks have changed, nor if the customs have changed, the tradition of UNB remains the same.

And so, we, the students of today, welcome you, the students of yesterday, back to our college. We hope that we may join with you this weekend in proving that the spirit of university life does not die with May graduations.

Letters to the Editor

WUSC VERY ACTIVE

Sir: In last Tuesday's *Brunswickan* Mr. Fairbairn violently attacked WUSC mainly on the ground that it is inactive, cannot account for the student levy, and is disapproved of by the majority of students.

Mr. Fairbairn's main complaint is that the student body and he, in particular, knows nothing about WUSC. The student body is more than welcome to attend WUSC meetings and find out what the organization is about. I believe that Mr. Fairbairn himself has never attended a WUSC meeting in the three years he has been at UNB. No doubt he is extremely busy, but if he really wanted to find out about WUSC and did not just want a talking point, he could have found time to have attended at least one meeting in three years.

The article claims WUSC is inefficient and inactive. I am quite prepared to admit that last year it was inefficient but if one is going to condemn an organization because it is inefficient in one particular year this can be applied to any organization, even the football team, and the students' clubs might just as well pack up and go home.

Yet in spite of its inefficiency last year WUSC was surprisingly active. There were several general meetings when foreign visitors addressed the students, the summer session delegate gave a talk and showed slides, there was the Treasure Van sale and the model United Nations. Apathy is not necessarily all on one side.

As regards Mr. Fairbairn's statements on the student levy he is totally misinformed, and I would like to correct him. Last year the student levy was \$1519. WUSC expenditures were: Scholarship, \$600; International Programme of Action \$404; Summer Seminar \$250; National Administration \$100; Delegate to National Congress in Vancouver, \$165. Total, \$1519.00.

Certainly there was a mix-up over the funds for the Summer Seminar. The President for 1958-59 should have sent the money to Toronto, but this was not done and no report was given to the new executive so we knew nothing about it. When we were asked for it at the end of May we were forced to borrow from the University but this has since been repaid and no interest was charged.

Mr. Fairbairn's 20%-50% is, in actual fact, less than 10%. The scholarship is paid to the university and administered by the University. No "loot" is retained on the Campus. Money for local expenses is raised by concessions and faculty donations. This year the student levy is \$1600.00 and will be allotted as follows: \$600 scholarship, \$140, National Administration, \$250, Summer Seminar, \$520, International Programme of Action, \$90, National Congress. Total, \$1600.00.

Mr. Fairbairn objects to the fact that the scholarship is not given to a needy Canadian. He objects to having his outlook broadened; he objects to fostering international good-will. From what I gather his attitude is that of a provincial isolationist. I sincerely hope that my interpretation is wrong. For a college stu-

dent, presumably one of the future leaders of the country, to make a statement like this in this particular day and age is absolutely appalling. Building TB sanatoriums in underdeveloped countries where 2 to 3 students out of every 20 have TB seems to me to be a pretty good idea. If Mr. Fairbairn is really interested I can give him any information he likes about the International Programme of Action.

WUSC has consultative status with UNESCO and has working arrangements with the UN Refugee organizations, WHO and ILO. Mr. Fairbairn's 'intangible abstract' amounted to \$3,109,014 in 1959 to which Canada contributed \$170,000. If you consider the appalling conditions of 3/4 of the world's population this is not much, but it is better than nothing and only takes a dollar from every student.

I might remind Mr. Fairbairn that the students agreed upon the levy. Furthermore, apart from the one dollar, which is, after all, just a package of cigarettes and a visit to the movies, the student is forced to pay one dollar to NFCUS, and considerably more for the Year Book, whether he wants it or not, and for sports, whether he participates or not, but students don't question this. I would suggest that Mr. Fairbairn and the students generally take a more active interest in WUSC and at best make an effort to find out what it is about.

As regards the Summer Seminar the student levy provides \$250.00 and the Provincial Government \$500.00 for travelling and accommodation. Any "living high on the hog" comes out of the student's own pocket. It might interest Mr. Fairbairn to know the programme: 3 weeks at the University College of the West Indies—2 lectures per day and 2 field trips. Discussion groups on economic government, culture, education, etc. 2 weeks' tour of the islands with organized visits to sugar factories, governments, etc. One week in Trinidad for a few lectures and to write reports.

Any student can apply for this scholarship. The selection committee is composed of the President of the University, the var-

ious Deans, the Chairman of WUSC and the President of the SRC. Presumably they are capable of choosing a suitable candidate.

Why should WUSC be afraid of Mr. Fairbairn's campaign? Why should we know "deep down that their pitiful ineffectual organization deserves no place on campus"? We are a worthwhile organization. Your dollar may not rebound to your particular personal advantage, but it rebounds to the general good of the student body, and in the wider sense to all student bodies.

If Mr. Fairbairn wishes to attack WUSC let him. We are perfectly capable of defending ourselves.

Sincerely,
Zeta Rosenberg, Chairman
 Chairman UNB Branch
 World University Service of Canada

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HOTBED - HOTHEAD

Sir,

I would like to reply to the article "The Hotbed" recently printed in the *Brunswickan*. The exuberance and use of Hollywood-type superlatives was, I am sure, taken by most readers with the same lavish dose of salt as with claims that X's soap washes twice as white as white. There were, however, certain knocks at Rugged which have little or no foundation.

As a newcomer to this country from Britain I fear that I know little about (Canadian) Football, although I have long played Rugged, and have watched it at all standards from Junior School to International level.

Apart from films, I have only seen Football played on one occasion — by the Bombers Sat. afternoon. This was, I presume, a fairly good standard of Football, which could be compared with good club or provincial university standard Rugged at home. Thus I plead great ignorance of Football. But has Mr. Fairbairn even this experience of Rugged? Has he ever seen good club Rugged? Does it exist in the Maritimes? By this I do not wish to disparage the local high school teams, which I have not yet even seen in action. However, I do

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