

The Student Voice

There has recently been a great deal of speculation regarding "athletic scholarships" to strengthen some of our university teams. The total argument is based on a comparison of the athletic achievements of UNB to that of other, smaller universities in the area. The Brunswickan asked various students what they thought about athletic scholarships at the University, and some of their views are given here.



Cliff Moore (Physical Education): "Academic scholarships are given to students with exceptional ability. Why shouldn't students good in athletics be given a scholarship, providing they can maintain the academic standards of the university. I believe a combination of both would improve the overall standard of the university."



Russ Greene (C.A.): "I think they are a good thing for this university. They will help to raise the opinion of the University of New Brunswick in sports just as the C.A.'s have raised the level of the University of New Brunswick in politics."



Sue Kinnear (Physical Education): "They are acceptable with certain reservations. Special consideration would have to be given to the student concerning his character and of course academic ability before granting a scholarship."



Joe Salter (Arts): "Granted, good athletes deserve recognition for their activities and do much to increase the prestige of their university. They also encourage more activity on the part of other students. However some universities do tend to stress the athletic aspect of university life to too high a degree. They tend to go overboard with the granting of scholarships in an attempt to gain prestige and status."



Gus vanLoon (Business): "There is too much prejudice against athletic scholarships. There's no reason why a student who can maintain the standards and has athletic ability shouldn't be given a scholarship. It would be of benefit to the teams as well as, say, the Phys Ed faculty."



James Walker (Science): "There are students who cannot financially afford to go to university. Many of these students have exceptional athletic as well as academic ability. Athletic scholarships would aid the individual as well as the university itself."

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"A DOER OF DEEDS"

If you dial the same telephone number one hundred times, you are bound to get two or three wrong numbers. Since telephones are usually perfect, it will be you who makes the mistakes. Now all of us get a little bit embarrassed when we make a mistake . . . and sometimes, if the mistake is a serious one, we get enraged because it cost us money or ashamed because it made us look like fools. However, the only alternative to making mistakes is not to use the telephone.

If you never do anything, you will never do anything wrong . . . unless it is considered wrong just to do nothing. There are a few of us who believe that the occasional mistake . . . and even an infrequent, stupendous blunder . . . is not too high a price to pay for the satisfaction of knowing that we are at least trying to accomplish something.

Because the members of a university are usually preoccupied with ideas rather than with actions, they are often accused of living in an "ivory tower". It is not a bad thing in itself to concern yourself with ideas . . . but (with some notable professional exceptions) it is usually bad to concern yourself with ideas alone.

It is often said that the student affairs of this (or any, for that matter) campus are "run" by only two dozen people . . . it is true. The reason is that they are the only people out of three thousand who possess the initiative to plunge right into student activities and do something. Mind you, there are at least fifteen hundred students who will be willing to spend several hours each day criticizing the two dozen . . . but they wouldn't dream of doing anything constructive themselves . . . except swill student centre coffee.

Not too long ago the local newspaper printed a letter from a UNB student who didn't like the Red 'N Black Revue because of the bawdy humour and the general calibre of the skits. For two months before the show, he had his chance to contribute something himself . . . even advice . . . but he didn't. My guess is that he won't offer his services next year either. So how does he expect the show to improve?

In ten years this fellow will be the type who will be telling his friends that politics is a dirty business, full of crookedness and graft. Ask him what should be done about it . . . he'll say that somebody should clean it up. But, of course, not him. If all people were like that, politics would be a long time dirty.

People seem to envy and admire the people who do things successfully. I admire the person also who tries to do things and fails . . . At least he isn't a wall-flower of society who can only comment on what others do. As Marie Antoinette used to say, "If you nevaire steek your head above ze crowd, you weel nevaire get eet cut off . . . but zen, of course, you weel nevaire see ze view either. . ."

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UBC and Birth Control

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A newly-formed student society at UBC plans to distribute birth control literature even though it is an offense under the Criminal Code of Canada and though the club may, as a result, be denied official status on campus.

The constitution of the Demographic Society, which states that the group intends to "disseminate birth control literature" will be placed before the UBC Students' Council for approval as soon as it is passed by the University Clubs Committee (UCC).

The founder of the Demographic Society, Sieglinde Steda, said last week (Jan. 7) she was not worried by the possibility that the constitution may not be passed by council. She pointed

out that although the distribution of birth control literature is outlawed under a subsection of the Criminal Code, a further subsection of the Code states "no one shall be prosecuted under this section if they are acting in the public good."

"This means that we may be able to spread birth control information legally, because as far as we are concerned it is in the public good," she said.

"Girls in this country know nothing about birth control," she said. "There is a great need for more knowledge about it."

In the meantime, Students' Council President Roger McAfee denied reports given Vancouver news media that council had approved the spread of birth control information at

UBC. "The council has nothing to do with these matters until they are passed by UCC," he said.

The Demographic Society constitution has been delayed by UCC because of a change required in the by-laws. UCC officials said, however, that the question of legality of the constitution — and the granting of official status to the club — was the responsibility of the students' council.

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ality should be looked on as an abnormal personality structure and homosexuals should try to live ethically before God, he added.

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