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WE GO INTO BUSINESS

(Real Estate and Flying)

The students of the University of New Brunswick woke up Wednesday morning and found themselves in the real estate business. They learned that they were about to have the opportunity of learning to fly, and the University Flying Club would be ready and willing to teach them.

In a long and sometimes tiresome debate, the sponsors of the Flying Club countered each dissenting question raised by the council members. They asked, bluntly, that the S. R. C. buy twenty-two acres of land to be used as a flying field. There were many cautious council members who expressed grave doubts as to the success of such a venture. But always the gentlemen aviators had an answer. We doubt if any proposal has ever been brought before the council which has been so carefully prepared, in minute detail, and so vigorously defended.

There is something about gentlemen who fly—a certain briskness of manner, and an apparent incredulous attitude towards all the cautious groundlings. What the Messrs. Prescott and Tyrell were saying, in effect, was, "If you want a course in flying, we've got it. We want \$2,000. Put up or shut up."

Inevitably, the council put up. Once again, as in previous council meetings, the Brunswickan remained hard to convince. We are not yet convinced. But the entire council did agree to give the Flying Club a fair trial.

We cannot altogether go along with Mr. Prescott and his associates in their claim that fifteen students taking flying lessons would be sufficient to carry the project "after it got organized." We are not sure that these gentlemen can instruct, do maintenance on aircraft, supervise the entire operation of this undertaking, and still attend classes. We are totally unconvinced that the purchase of twenty-two acres of land by the S. R. C., "whether the Flying Club folds or not," is a good investment. It is doubtful if any member of the council was capable of making such a statement.

However, in the final phase of the discussion it was evident that the motion would be passed. Since the students of the University of New Brunswick were in favor of this venture, we could only insist that it be no half-hearted gesture. The council, therefore, must consistently watch over its "investment," it must realize the absolute necessity of making it successful, or the council stands to be indicted for its irresponsibility.

We wish Mr. Tyrell, who is, in our opinion, the most sincere and convincing champion of his cause, and Mr. Prescott, who may be considered the most aggressive, and the entire organization the best of luck. In support of this platitude, we would add the complete cooperation and support of a mere groundling.

The studentbody can well be proud of this forward step towards the establishment of an aeronautical course at this university. It may be that in time the future undergraduates of this university will look back on the occasion of this S. R. C. meeting, and perhaps wonder why we took so much time to decide the issue. The pioneers of this project may be commended with a "Well done!"

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MAIL CALL

Varsity, University of Toronto — A big two column head in the edition of 16th October boldly proclaims that the U. of T. is the first Canadian university to organize a flying club. In their somewhat self-satisfied manner they say, "If plans for the flying club go through, the University of Toronto will be the first in Canada to have a flying club of their own. Indeed, the record of the university is such that it should be the first."

Now please, Varsity, it is not good journalism to jump to such a conclusion in such a hurry. You may be tripped up by such a fact as that The University of New Brunswick has stolen the great honor from under the deserving Toronto's nose by a good two weeks. Kindly note Brunswickan of October 18th.

Queen's Journal, Queen's University, Kingston — The student government organization of the college of Ban Righ, Oil Thigh and other mysterious magic words, is faced with meeting an unusual budget. It appears that BooHoo the bear is consuming food at the rate of two gallons of milk, a bushel of apples, three loaves of bread and two meal tickets per week. (What do meal tickets taste like?) BooHoo is the football team's mascot and must be fed if the team is to be inspired to victory. Meantime, efforts are being made to have the D. V. A. provide for him.

The administrative staffs of Canadian universities are now able to sit back and take a look at the results of their frenzied efforts to get everybody in and at work. Facilities are overwhelmed, textbooks are scarce, teaching and course requirements have deteriorated.

The University of Toronto leads with a registration of 16,587 students, some of whom may attend university for two years at the Ajax branch without seeing the university campus itself. This is more than twice the 1939 figure for Toronto.

The University of British Columbia has made the biggest jump by increasing five times to a student population of 9,906. Here are more of the swollen figures: St. F. A., 1,200; Acadia, 891; McGill, 7,558.

Along with the army huts and gymnasiums come lecture rooms optimistic universities are working on permanent building programs.

University of British Columbia — The fastest growing university is mushrooming in a five million dollar program of construction. New courses in pharmacy and medicine are coming into being this year. A campaign has been under way for some time to pay for a new gym for this university which has the best basketball team in Canada and in Northwestern United States circuits.

The University of Manitoba — university expanded to a temporary branch campus after the last war. The temporary buildings are still in use. Efforts are being made to unify the university with a postwar building program, keystone of which is a large, combined Gymnasium and Student Union building.

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STEP DOWN, PLEASE

It is the policy of the Brunswickan not to make capital of the errors and omissions of individual campus figures. In a moment of quick resentment, we wrote a scathing indictment of a recent meeting held in the leather lounge of Alexander College, a meeting in which still another committee was elected. At the time, we strongly felt that the individual who had called the meeting was responsible for a gross error in personal evaluation. We felt he had overstepped his limited authority, and it was our desire to convince him of his error.

We are glad we did not go to press that day. Although we discussed the editorial personally with various persons, including the editorial staff of this paper, we still felt twinges of conscience when we sent the editorial to press. Finally, we withdrew it.

We do not, however, withdraw the charge. We will modify it by saying that to each person holding office in undergraduate societies there must be an understanding not only of his task, but also of the limitations of his authority.

We attended a meeting at Alex which, according to notices posted, would concern us. We learned to our dismay that it concerned us not at all, except in the nature of an editorial. The entire tone of the conversation, coming from the chair and to the chair, was utterly negative. Suggestions were made, regarding the functions of the elected committee, which were preposterous.

It should be said now that no organization on this campus can, by the mere election of a committee, determine a policy which will affect veterans and their families. It is all very well for a society to share the concern for vets unable to find quarters, it is another thing to attempt to meddle in their affairs.

To this "committee", and to its instigator, we would remind them that a man's home is his castle; his problems of rent, painted or unpainted floors, neighbors, and kitchen shelves are his own business. Any individual or society attempting to speak for him do so in their name only. Personally, we prefer to mind our own business.

We hope we have made ourselves clear.

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