

THE COLUMN

by Ed BELL

One of our campus institutions is in a lamentable state of decline. A few years ago, a new party was formed in Newman Hall . . . the Christian Atheists. "Farce party" though it was, it added much to political interest on this campus and to confusion among the other Maritime universities . . . even to the extent of exasperating Justice Minister E. Davie Fulton at Halifax last spring. The charm and vigor of this party was not in its political aspirations, because it had none . . . it lay instead in the witty and non-conforming members who composed it. Who will ever forget the antics of John Drew, Big Ted (Toddy) Boswell, the impeccably dressed I. R. Smith and vivacious Joan Young? These people, and others like them, managed to keep the campus in an uproar for several years, causing the Liberals to tear their hair and the Conservatives to tear their bus tickets.

But these people have passed from the academic fold to become "worldly wolves" . . . and they took with them the core of the Christian Atheist party. With the exception of that sailor from the seaport of Grand Falls, Terry MacBeard, the party is now composed of a few pseudo non-conformists whose futile efforts to imitate the vitality and showmanship of the party's patriarchs are a far cry from the brilliance of their predecessors. The Christian Atheists are in a state of decline and fall, and with their passing even the Liberals and the Conservatives are saddened.

Red Bloopers

The night was perfect. With a full moon to aid navigation and a slight breeze to cover ulterior movements, the troops were mustered for the ultimate struggle. From all corners of the city they came, converging in a mighty force at the scene of the objective.

Dark - uniformed sentries offered little resistance. In fact, some of them joined the ranks of the attackers. The fifth column inside the walls had succeeded in unbarring the entry. All signs pointed to a smashing victory.

Across the road and through the narrow defile surged the howling pack, courage high and eyes gleaming. Suddenly they stopped — face to face with the enemy. A hasty retreat, a quick regrouping, a desperate sally up the outer slope and across the ridge, a frustrated, feeble battle cry — and then silence.

As the smoke cleared, the ghastly realization came as a stunning blow—The Hallowe'en raid on the Maggie Jean was a FAILURE!

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LADY BEAVERBROOK GYMNASIUM

The Rolling Stone

by WAYNE LOCKHART

GLACIAL BOULDER. Carried from northwestern New Brunswick during the glacial period. Excavated from the campus and placed here in recognition of the pioneer studies of New Brunswick carried on by James Robb and Loring Weart Bailey, former professors of Natural Science in this university.

This is what the plaque cemented to that high rock setting on the lawn of Geology building says. Many students have wondered why the rock is there. Obviously it is commemorating something and got there somehow. What is the story behind this massive piece of granite? Well this is the story.

In the late 1940's the large war veteran student population called for temporary classroom space. On the lawn opposite the Civil Engineering Building was erected a hut. This hut, commonly known at the time as "the Plot" served its purpose for about two years. After this it was moved to the area that is now the lawn of the Chemistry Building before finally being removed from the campus in 1958. Moving the hut revealed an eyesore. A small point of rock was protruding out of the lawn-to-be. The obvious thing was done! A man, sent down with a shovel for an hour to dig out the little rock in the lawn, was seen two days later—still digging! The little rock had turned into a boulder weighing several tons. With much effort the rock was exhumed and rolled down the hill and over the bank behind the Lady Beaverbrook Residence. The late Doctor MacKenzie arrived on the scene at this time and supervised the moving of the boulder back up the hill to its present site where it now suitably commemorates two of New Brunswick's pioneer geologists.

Geologically the existence of the boulder in the glacial debris on the campus is significant. It reveals that glaciers moved material a minimum of fifteen miles from the north west, this is the distance to the nearest possible source of the boulder.

After the rock was moved from the lawn it was found that it had been used for years as a benchmark for the Engineers. Their constant surveying reveals that they have never recovered from the loss!

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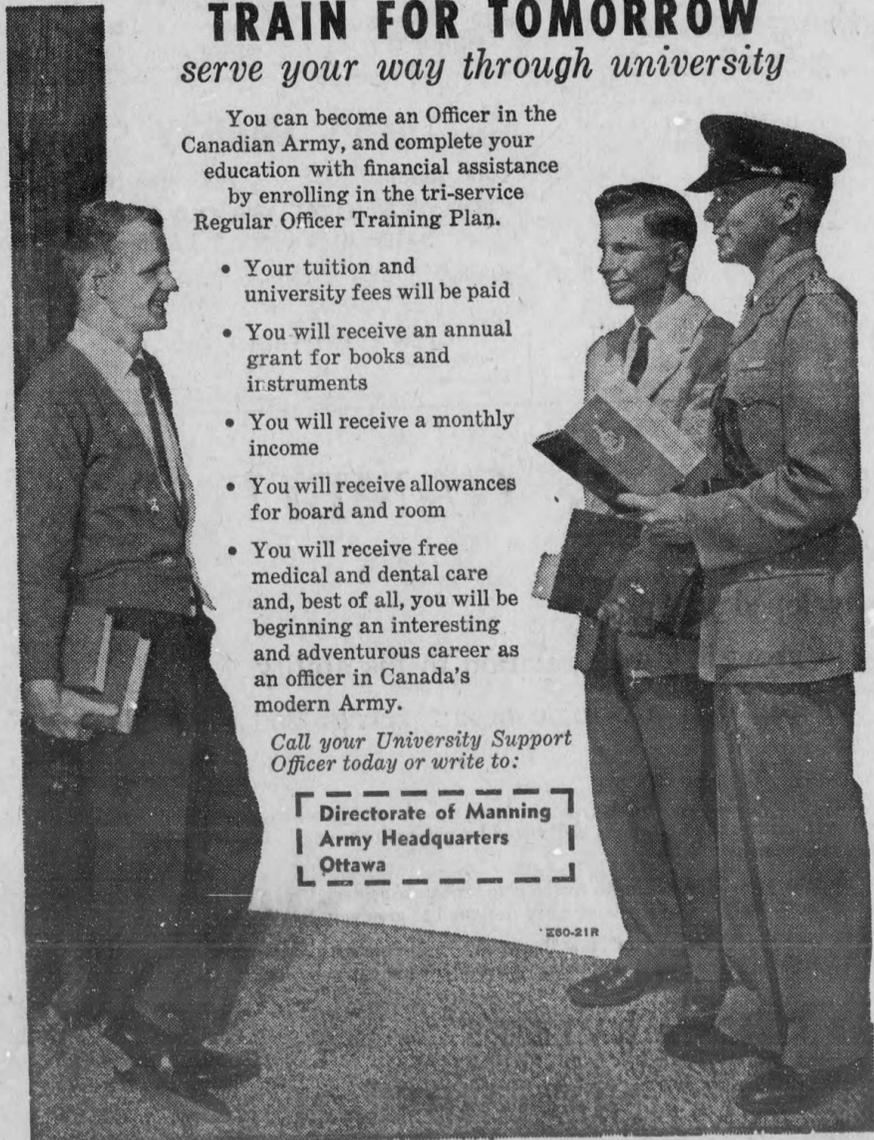
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