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COUNCIL BELLES AND DEMOCRACY

There were seven female representative on the Student's Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick last year. There were twenty-two meetings of the Council.

Article 11, Sec. 11, of the SRC Constitution reads as follows:

(A) Any member missing a meeting shall report an excuse to the secretary within one week of absence from meeting on his own initiative. If report is not given he shall be considered absent without excuse.

(B) When any member of the SRC has failed to attend three regular meetings of the SRC without excuse, the President, shall, with the consent of the SRC declare his or her position vacant. Such a member shall not be eligible for re-election to the Council.

The seven female representatives missed 54 meetings during the year. The seven female representatives missed an average of 35% of the meetings of the year.

At the last meeting of the old Council, supposedly the most important meeting of the year, there were no ladies present.

NONE

There was only one of those interested personages eligible to sit on the Council even though she herself had missed two of the meetings.

The new Students' Council met last week.

The women were there in, FORCE.

ALL TWO OF THEM

They disappeared though. Disappeared when the additional budget for the Girl's Basketball Team was passed.

Let this not be an indication of the coming year, PLEASE!

COWBELLS AND DEMOCRACY

One test of democracy is the readiness to listen to all sides of a given case. Even if willingness is not present there should at least be reluctant acquiescence to the presentation of a distasteful doctrine.

But there was no tolerance at all on the part of a group of students, in the case of Dr. Hewlitt Johnson's address in London, Ontario. The Dean of Canterbury was known in advance to espouse views which are repugnant to the majority of Canadians. That was enough for a gang of students from the University of Western Ontario. These youngsters descended on the meeting with cowbells and exploding paper bags, and quite effectively broke up the gathering.

The reaction was natural, perhaps. To the students, no doubt, this was one of those excusable acts of ebullience, like tearing down the goalposts after a crucial football game. Yet their behaviour was no whit different from that of groups of young hoodlums—also frequently university students—who are to be found demonstrating in various parts of the world against ideas not remotely connected with communism. The only difference is that in this case the Western University lads may have cooked up the idea themselves; whereas elsewhere the suppressors of free speech are frequently merely the tools of canny political organizations.

That is not to say that heckling at a public meeting is inconsistent with free speech. Many public men relish interruptions because such challenges put them on their mettle. But heckling is one thing, and senseless din is quite another. After all, there are always some people at any meeting who have given up their time in order to listen critically to what a speaker has to say. The episode at London is hardly likely to add to the prestige of Western University.

—(Reprinted from the Ottawa Citizen)

The Journal of Samuel Johnson

Mar. 5, Monday. All day and half the night. Up early at five in the afternoon and was the start of a new month and well worth celebrating. The Slaughter in Yapper's Point progressing rather backwards as the RCeMPty can find nothing except that somebody was put in a rather embarrassing state last weekend and that it is hardly likely he will return to this world again. It is proving most embarrassing to us reporters that we are knocking off people all over the province these days. It seems that all those that are contemplating murder over a period of years do absolutely nothing about it until they discover the Mounties can not solve a case. Then all the old rusty grudges break loose. Seven violent deaths were recorded by the Daily Greener over the week-end.

Mar. 3. Up to the pillar of learning of Ancient Brown candle to see if it was really true that students did study there. Into the Liebrary and thence did espy all of the people that will pass this year at UN Beekeepers Brawl on the 12th of May, the day set aside for Exema this year. Falsie-girl assures me that this year will be the greatest ever. There will be free ginger ill for all and all Tartsmen will be able to eat their fille of ices. In the Liebrary I did Espy (this is for the benefit of those lowly instructors such as Buckers, Goon, Micely, Leewoman, Pастey, Smithy, Stewpot Mucus, and Hate), students as Crammerman, Bad, Valentine, Braes, Ignorance Jr., Brewer, Sunset Haddie, Canard Chocolate, and Fullapound. These men (?) will last out the year. They have to. The Overboard Skullerships must be served.

Mar. 4. Up at the hour of cockcrow and down to Phlenning's Paltry Pharmacy to purchase some Palsy. (Pастey says that this is Ohm No Mat A Phea.) Pастey made a remark that the Smello-graph made a mess of his schisim many months ago. He does not remember that I said that is was not my fault but that of the ignorant plebians of that 'streamed rag. I shalle forgive him, even though he makes slurs against me in class without me to defend them. Saw Ignorance of the Slapitals today and he informs me that he will now be attending classes since Shinney is over for the winter. Ignorance says that Shinney is no game for clean living fellows any more because there just isn't enough of them left. We departed posthaste to the Government Refinery and mullied over this pressing problem all afternoon.

Mar. 5 It has come to light that there did venture forth last week-end and descend upon the most backward spot in the province, Mount ALL-is-not-men and they were so disgusted that they continued on their escapade. Thereupon they did slide into Ishurt and to the Store. There did purchase 27 gallons of moonshine to import into Old Buntcandle. However they did create a national emergency. It seems that they bought all the moonshine in the town and left the residents with none. So it is with great pride that the travellers can announce that the sales in the local Es-Tab-Lush-Ment have dropped most seriously this week.

Mar. 6. Up with the noon-horn and over to the Basketweaving Contest in the Sweatshop. Did see small gnomes at the sport. And did perceive refugees from Dead Quick Ton, Fat Ham, Monkey Ville, E's Dumb Son and Camp Siren Pound. They did play a most masterful game but think it will never be popular until they combine men with women in the sport.

Also was surprised to see that evening the little gnomes cavorting in stocking feet in the Sinasium. The atmosphere being most lucid, I lingered only moments. Descried there a four piece orchestra. This is the most embarrassing to those Cavort Committees of the past who have paid as much as \$180.00 for a music box that gets half wound up before the gambol has even started. A four piece orches-stray does make itself heard in the hall, great as it is.

Mar. 7. Did heare today that I missed several good sleeping periods this past week. Pitty did discount on "Fair Hopes for Democracy" and "Civil Liberty in Trying Times". Silver did natter about Engine Hearing to the surprise of the Engine-ers who, being most used to hearing about Forestry, were quite shocked to realize that an Engine-er would dare to discourse on his own pet subject. It was most clear that the lecture was not passed by Cough and Scratch.

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