

LITTLE TIMBER

By ANDY FLEMING

To L. S. and others who were not fortunate enough to be at the Memorial Hall last Friday night we report that it has happened! What? A successful dance has been held on the campus; the formula for which is:-

- Good music.
- An energetic committee.
- Delicious refreshments.

To these add a few decorations, place a pleasure-seeking crowd in the hall and you have one successful dance.

That is what the Foresters had on Friday night when approximately 200 people gathered in Memorial Hall and danced until the small hours of Saturday morning.

The energetic committee consisting of George Cross, Fergus MacLaren and Ian Sewell had done a first class job in organizing so that all went off without a hitch—the good music was furnished by seven of the Merry-Makers who kept everybody constantly on their feet. Refreshments were free as well as excellent and demonstrated the combined efforts of the Foresters wives, ably organized by Pat MacLaren (Mrs. Fergus MacLaren).

The decorations were such that the Foresters could not help but feel in their element for on arrival one's nostrils were assailed by a sweet aroma of coniferous needles. Gone were the familiar fumes of the Chemistry Lab reminiscent of our ever troublesome struggle with Organic Chemistry. As the couples entered the hall the ladies were seen casting quizzical looks at their partners who upon seeing a TREE immediately plucked from it a sample and proceeded to dissect the needles, sniff them, inspect them closely, ponder a moment and then turn with a sagacious look and hand down a decision—'abies balsamea', to which the reply usually was 'Abie who, dear?'—for the hall was artistically decorated with numerous saplings freshly cut by Andy Fraser and his fellow choppers that afternoon. One Senior and two Juniors were seen arguing heatedly in a corner but finally the Class of '49 bowed to the superior knowledge of the class of '48 and agreed that there was the odd 'picea alauca' amongst the firs. Some regarded the decorations from an objective point of view and many a family man could be seen trying to figure out which one would fit into the living-room for Christmas. Gib Cunningham is reported to have attempted to salvage a nine footer for the dining room in the Residence, or was it for somebody else?

Phil Lyster (less two pints or blood—he is a regular donor to the V. P. H.)—was at the door and did an excellent job of greeting everybody while the refreshment booth was ably operated by The Flying Sewells, Pete and Ian), Pete Roland and Bruce (100%) Hunt. Ed Bastedo was flashing the bulb throughout the evening and we understand the affair will rate a full page in The Year Book.

Dean and Mrs. Gibson as well as Profs. Fleiger, Headley, Estey and Brown and their wives were on hand, while Stanley Pringle was much in evidence. At one time he thought he might be able to hold field work in the Memorial Hall on Saturday A. M.

At 1.30 all was over and everybody went home after a wonderful party. Now we want a repeat. "It Makes You Think."

Could it be that our source of esprit de corps or college spirit or

enthusiasm for extra-mural activities or what have you stems from our faculty organizations and societies rather than the classes as a whole? Continually we are reminded of the lack of enthusiasm but never do we have a solution to remedy the situation. Is the representation on our S. R. C. the best? No. Then could we try having representatives from each faculty (Arts, Civil & Forestry Engineering, etc.) instead of class representation. Surely by comparison of this dance and the Junior Party it would be evident that more support and interest stems from the faculty of Forestry as whole than through the classes. True this is a social function, but take the Association Meetings as compared to any class meetings and you will find attendance much better. Thus we have a better chance of feeling out campus opinion by these meetings and enlisting help for the many extra-mural activities carried on at the campus.

"Representation by Constituencies." With this in view should we not then revise our student government and have representation by constituencies i.e. Forestry, Civil Engineering, Electric Engineering, Arts, Science, Ladies' Society and A.A.A. It would appear that a Junior Forester and Sophomore Forester are more acquainted with each other than a Junior Forester and Junior Civil and would have more in common and therefore meet more often and exchange opinions. It is only an idea but worthy of thought, I think. After all we read nothing but criticism of the present system and the lethargic effect it has on the campus so maybe it is not so much the students as the system that should be changed.

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S. R. C. Favors I. U. S.

The S. R. C. went on record as in favour of N. F. C. U. S. joining the International Union of Students for a probationary period of two years. Some discussion followed when it came to light that the I. U. S. is Communist-dominated. However, it was pointed out by the N. F. C. U. S. Committee on the campus that N. F. C. U. S. could only expect to clear up the situation by participating.

John Anglin, 1947 Chairman, of the local N. F. C. U. S. committee, and Ed Bastedo, incoming 1948 Chairman, were elected to attend the N. F. C. U. S. Conference to be held at Winnipeg during the Christmas Holidays.

Application Approved. The following recommendations were approved by the Council on the advice of the applications Committee:—Hockey, Manager, Wilbert Roigers; Associate Manager, Norman Williams; N. F. C. U. S. Chairman, Ed. Bastedo; Track, Manager, John Blackmer; Football Manager, Brian Hansen; Associate Manager, J. Fergus McLean, (if he is willing to act).

George Ruickble's resignation was accepted as Hockey Manager. Mr. Ruickble's resignation was due to pressure of other activities which made it impossible to devote the proper amount of work to the management of the team. Supplementary budgets for the Debating Society were passed by the Council.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in a discussion on racial discrimination in local barber shops.



THE ISSUE.

It was evident at the S. R. C. meeting on Wednesday night that there was very strong feeling on the part of all the students concerning the incidents at the barber shops in this city in the refusal of haircuts to certain members of the student body.

The facts of the case and the action of the S. R. C. may be read on the front page. It is indeed bad that such an occurrence should have come about, bad in that it forced these students to be subjected to something without cause or reason. Some of the barbers would not give any definite reason whatsoever. Others commented that they were in fear of losing some of their trade if they had colored boys as customers. This leads us on to a broader look at the problem.

The Attack.

This attack is not directed at the barbers alone. It is perhaps unfortunate for them that they gave an example that could be brought to light. We are fighting a principle, not this specific case. If what the barber said is correct, and we can well imagine it is, then it is to those people, who are so narrow minded as not to go to a barber shop where Negro students have their hair cut, that the attack should be directed. It is these people we are fighting and not the victims of their prejudice. For we feel that this is neither the day nor the age to allow things to exist. We can only say that we are thankful that we are to be the citizens of tomorrow and will be able to correct some of the ideas that exist at present.

The Action.

To watch the S. R. C. move on this matter was indeed gratifying. We are willing to forgive their petty arguments on small points of no great value when they take the stand they did on this important issue. To see the efficiency that was mustered to produce the evidence, discuss a plan of action and make the decisions was indeed a treat.

A note of appreciation should be given to Mr. Mullen who laid the proposed plan of action before the S. R. C. We believe everyone is pleased with the speed that was used to announce the decision of the council to the students and the public in general.

The Boycott.

We would remind the students that the boycott was placed into effect only after careful consideration of your representative council. The matter must not exist as a boycott in name only. At St. F. X. a boycott was maintained against the barbers for entirely different reasons, but none the less, they were able to do it effectively. There is no reason why the boycott here cannot be run that way also. Not all the barber shops in the city have been listed, and none will be unless they show signs of discrimination. It is to be noted also that the boycott does not call for action against the barber shops alone, but against any other persons or organization who shows racial prejudice.

The Stand.

The students of the university and the council are not fooling. The decisions that have been made and the action taken were deemed necessary. We have made the stand; we will not back down.

We Believe In Racial Tolerance But . . .

By ROBERT A. DIXSON

So this is the City of Fredericton, City of stately elms. After the incidents of the past few days it would seem that some of the people of Fredericton object to the shade, at any rate we should say that they object to certain shades. We were very proud of the fact that a man travelled from Toronto to be with his buddies on Armistice Day. We even allowed him to blow his bugle in salute to his fallen comrades. It is lucky that he obtained a haircut in Toronto because he couldn't get it here. We are proud to have certain people from certain shades here but not all of them. Perhaps Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson or Portia White would certainly appear in Fredericton to a packed house; we have a high class of society, who appreciate the finer things of life. We have a great number of churches here in Fredericton and there must be a great number of Christians. We are told that the ancient people of Palestine or Arabia were not white but brown. Therefore Christ must have been a member of the brown race. I wonder if he could have had his hair cut in Fredericton.

Do the barbers, personally, object to cutting a colored man's hair? We don't think it is possible. What could the trouble then be? Are they afraid that they will lose business? The business angle seems to be the logical thing. As we write this article we realize that some outstanding pillar of society in Fredericton will snort and the words upstart and adolescent will be in the air. We fully realize that it is not our place to tell our elders what to do or what to believe. But by the same token we should not have to tell our elders the difference between right and wrong, but any Fredericton grade school pupil will tell and insist that racial prejudice or discrimination of any kind is wrong. The elders of this city will and can only agree.

It is all very well to point something out as being wrong but another thing to correct it. What in this case can we do? We can tell you barbers and our other public servants just where we stand. If you are of the opinion that discrimination should be made, tell your barber to place a notice to that effect in his window where the public can see it. If it can be done in the Southern States it can be done in Canada. If on the other hand you believe that we are all Canadians, and that you yourself believe in Christianity and Democracy tell your barbers so and make it strong. The barbers are in a spot and they would appreciate your support one way or the other.

In making their decisions and in turning the colored boys down the barbers in town seemed ashamed. If a thing is true and good no one need be ashamed of it.

There have been racial questions throughout all of Canada. Would it not be nice to say some time in the future that in Fredericton, the door to New Brunswick, the welcome mat was out to everyone? it would be something of which to be really proud. On the other hand possibly we can be proud of the fact that we have our public conveniences labelled so that our many races may remain segregated and maintain their purity and health. What are the people of the City of Fredericton going to do; will Christmas really be sincere?

Letters To The Editor

Editor, The Brunswickan. Dear Sir—Today, while "slumming" through that publication of "Wee Wisdom," the Dal Gazette, we noted that Acadia became Maritime field hockey champions, due to the act that neither Mount A. or U. N. B. presented teams to compete for the title outside Nova Scotia.

Why haven't Mount A. and U. N. B. hockey teams? Or—what is much more vital to us, why hasn't U. N. B.?

Sure the female sex is definitely in the minority around here—but after all, U. N. B. is supposed to be a co-educational university, (though the masses are inclined to wonder) and as such don't we deserve a bit more consideration? (Shh—that's a delicate question!) Naturally we all know better than in our wild flights of imagination to ever dream of a Residence; though it might be a big factor in solving some of our atmospheric problems.

However, to get back to the subject—U. N. B. needs a field hockey team. What more exhilarating sport is there than when you—dribble madly down the length of the field, nearly reach the goal circle, aim, swing and are tripped neatly, headfirst into a big, gooey mud puddle by a vigilant fullback? Ah rapture! What better way of soothing the nerves is there than banging some creature, whom you disliked on sight, across the shins with a good solid hardwood stick? Ah bliss! (Although we admit it is sometimes detrimental to the stick).

There would be sure to be a large turnout; after all, it would be much more profitable to main someone for life on the hockey field than to fool around with fictitious (though none the less sharp) daggers in the Reading Room—as is the custom.

Another point would be the helpful instruction in the maidenly art of self defence. After all, as a minority we. . . . (Or do we?)

We realize we are becoming presumptuous in regard to the financial angle; however, in view of the aroused condition of the S. R. C. over the matter of the sewing on of numbers to the girls' basketball uniforms; maybe all interested in hockey would agree beforehand to purchase their own sticks.

How about it? Surely its worth a try! Let's not have a Nova Scotian University gain the championship next year because U. N. B. didn't think it worth the effort.

After all: "Its better to have fought and lost Than never fought at all." Barker and Spicer (two disgusted Coeds).

FLYING CLUB COMPETITION

Don't forget the Flying Club Crest Competition. The winner of this competition will receive a free half-hour of flying in the university plane. Design a crest for the Flying Club and submit your entry to Miss Hopkins in the Classics Room of the Arts Bldg. before Jan. 15, 1948.

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