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MARITIME FINALS . . .

After five and a half hours last Thursday night, the budget was balanced—almost. Without considering the Year Book deficit of 1952, there is almost \$500 in the black ink section of the SRC ledger. With the finance committee recommendation to pay off an additional \$500 on the Year Book debt, further action would seem obvious.

But before we make this grand gesture, adding \$500 to the \$1000 already paid on the debt this year, let us consider that all budgets for Maritime finals have been cut. The chances that all teams make the finals are not as remote as the chance that the money to finance them will appear from the blue.

The total budgets for Maritime finals for the three sports amount to over \$1000. Since exhibition games have been deleted for all teams, the least they can expect is to be allowed to play in the Maritime finals if they reach playoff standard. To refuse these games would be ruinous to UNB sports.

There are some sources which may prove to add to the financial resources of the council, but they cannot be estimated in any accurate manner, nor can they be absolutely counted upon. The wisest step for the council to take, therefore, is to keep the budget surplus on hand for the Maritime finals. If it is not needed, or if the hoped for manna does fall, then, and only then, should the money be spent on the Year Book deficit.

Letters to the EDITOR

The Canteen,
January 23, 1953.

The Editor
The Brunswickan.

Dear Madam:

Upon writing to this paper for the first time (Dec. 4), it was not my intention to start an "anti Upper-Canadian Campaign", neither was it my intention to cleave campus feeling into two or more factions, either agreeing or disagreeing with what I had said. Now I find that I have to write further in order to clarify my statements and also in order to clear up some of the misleading statements that my critics have been flinging hither and yon.

In an issue prior to the holidays I stated that our sports page contained evidence of Upper-Canadian thought. In saying this, I meant that this "thought" was seen in the printing of certain hockey standings for teams in Quebec and Ontario. This statement was not meant to be a damnation of Mr. Wagar or his work, but rather a bit of constructive criticism or even moreso, a subtle hint. If our sports page can hardly find the space to print only the scores and hardly ever the standings of the league in which our own UNB team is playing, then how can it possibly find the space to print these other standings which do not even concern UNB? Look over last week's sports page (Jan. 22) and you will see the Commercial League schedule and a four line summary of the UNB games. Is this enough, or is it that the Quebec-Ontario league standings and the humorous but much told tales about the daffy Dodgers are of more interest to the greater percentage of students, Mr. Wagar?

I agree with Mr. Wagar that students shouldn't be deprived of "home-town" news, but when a minority group is pleased at the expense of the majority it is a different thing. Once this is stated any minority group could justly ask for the same favour, and since it is not possible to please everyone, why not stick to just that which concerns the majority.

Also I would like to point out one thing to Mr. Thornton, who said: "Some Maritimers complain that the Upper Canadians are running the show on this campus. If they are it is entirely the fault of the Maritimers." I did not make such a complaint, Mr. Thornton, for no complaint can be made on that basis, since Maritimers fill 70% of the positions on the campus.

To Mr. Harrowing I would like to direct an apology for my wicked criticism which he considers so unconstructive. Also I would like to direct a question to him. How could you possibly expect, Mr. Harrowing, that a person of such mental abilities as myself could possibly fill the position which the inimitable Mr. Harrowing either could not or would not fill?

Since Mr. Shorten seems to doubt the benefits that I have received from my education, then I, in turn, doubt Mr. Shorten's knowledge of how many people attend this university and also his knowledge of where these people come from. Mr. Shorten claims that the printing of such standings was an "honest endeavour to satisfy a larger number of readers." When 25% of the student body becomes the "larger number of readers" of this paper, the registration of UNB will consist of 12 Arts students and I, myself, will be its president. Also, Mr. Shorten, I know Ontario is a vast, important place but I wouldn't say it in the same breath with "World News", if I were you.

However, all this is not the point; I meant not to stir up a controversy, but rather, with a slight hint, I meant to obtain a bit of space in our paper for our hockey team and for UNB boys playing on other teams. These things should not be slighted in order to print hockey standings in other provinces and other irrelevant "do-dads."

One last thing—an important thing—which I hope will not be held against me. I agree wholeheartedly with what Mr. Shorten had to say in his final paragraph; it contains words of wisdom or at least some good advice. With his permission (I hope), I quote: "Let's grow up and forget this whole controversy. Instead let's throw our united effort into attaining more school

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