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AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE

The angry and indignant attitude of the S. R. C. regarding the vicious beating of one of its members at the hands of a trio of City Policemen was climaxed by the Council's unanimous decision to make an independent and thorough investigation of the matter, and to inform the studentbody of its findings. The report to date is summarized in the front page news article.

The students of this University have long maintained a friendly and hospitable relationship with the City of Fredericton. We have never considered ourselves a separate organism, and we have welcomed citizens of this city to our social and athletic functions, as, in return, we have frequently been their guests in private homes. We have always felt welcome in Fredericton, and we have watched the continuing growth and prosperity of the city with interest and pride.

We suggest, however, that the serious injuries and callous treatment inflicted by the City Police on one of our University students constitutes an act which may seriously impair the relationship which students and citizens have so long enjoyed.

The students of U. N. B. know the injured member well. He has served his country with distinction in the recent war, and he has been a respected and highly esteemed campus figure. We are compelled to accept the word of Andy Flemming before that of any member of the Police Force involved in the recent incident.

There are reasons for this. Students of this University have had experience with the City Police before, and there have been no few reports that sly and vicious brutality was not unique when students, or other members of the community were lodged in the City Jail for minor offenses.

It has been further reported to the Students' Council that on the night of the Veterans' Ball, City Police on duty outside the gymnasium were insolent and discourteous to some of the guests. The Council has felt that in view of the evidence, and of past occurrences, and of the behavior of the Police on duty on the night of the incident, it can no longer consider such officers of the law worthy of the respect of the students of this University.

No person with pride in democratic justice can condone the vicious and brutal injuries sustained by one of us at the hands of supposed public servants; all acquainted with the facts will realize that even had the student affected resistance, certainly three policemen, supposedly dealing with a person whom they charged with drunkenness, could have overpowered him without causing him permanent disability.

The veterans of this University are sickened by the fact that this student, although privileged to wear the rank and insignia of a captain, should have his insignia torn from his uniform. To many of us, it smacks strongly of premeditated viciousness. And many veteran students are distressed to learn that by the action of three men in public service, a comrade of theirs should be rendered unfit for further duty to his country.

Again, there is evidence, substantiated by witnesses, that the injured student lay in a cell, bleeding from severe head wounds, and was twice refused medical attention, or even an opportunity to tend his own wounds. By what right has a policeman to refuse first aid? By what right has a policeman to examine wounds with a flashlight and pronounce them trifling? And does the mere fact that a man is under arrest also deprive him of food and drink, and other necessities?

The students of U. N. B. do not feel that this is an isolated instance, since they well realize that any one of them may have suffered similar treatment at the hands of the Fredericton City Police. Nor do the students feel that they alone are interested, but rather that this entire episode would appear typical of the regard for human decency and well being which the City Police hold for the community.

We consider the recent incident entirely beyond the con-

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Letters to The Editor

Editor, Brunswickan,
Dear Sir,—Last term the S. R. C. in accordance with the constitution called for nominations for the executive of the Freshman Class. Only one nomination for such a position was received—all from the Arts class. As a result the Freshman executive of a class of several hundred was "elected" by acclamation. Can it be that the Artsmen are the only members of the Freshman class who have any interest in the democratic process and who realize the duties, rights and responsibilities of the members of a democratic body?

INTERESTED FRESHMAN

Gerrit Doustraat 10
Leiden, Holland

Dear Sirs:

We have been unable for so many years now to keep connections with our colleagues and friends in other countries, and this impossibility of obtaining information was one of the major troubles we met with, in the war. Therefore, as soon as it was possible again, our country strove to establish new contacts and remind old ones with the surrounding world. This was very apparent in academic and intellectual circles. Doubtlessly you have heard that in the summer of 1945, many of our professors went for a visit of some weeks to Universities in Switzerland, partly to regain their health, but also for the important cause of re-establishing scientific relationship. And also we suppose you have been following with interest the progress the student organizations have been making in their meetings in London and in Prague.

These organizations however, while greatly honouring the merits of their work, we venture to state, are but groups as such, and cannot always be said to represent the University or Academy as a whole. There is, we must admit, something beside, inside and inseparable from both professor and student in which one finds the spirit of the University and the culture of the nation. In the element which is the highest and at some time most wide spreading and penetrating of the Universal spirit, no other but the Academy as a whole may represent itself. In these so rapidly moving times, in this period of our being where everything is put to test and so little remains unchanged, also the Universities must make halt, turn, and look back in the annals of their history to justify their course or to change and build another way. We act in the conviction that it is the duty of the University paper, being the natural way for the Academic world of obtaining information, to make inquiries to other Universities in every part of the world in problems and interests flourishing there, publish, and so let shine the light of many an intellectual centrum in that which is ours and has been darkened for so long. Is it not also one of the most essential and fundamental conditions in the making of to-morrow, or rather of to-day, that there be established between the peoples of every country and between all men of this world connections and relationship on a most sincere and friendly basis?

To give you some idea of the meaning of our University in this country, we will give some facts that may interest you.

Founded in 1575 by William of Orange in acknowledgment of the bravery of the people of Leiden having held the siege by Spanish armies plundering their country at the time (the period of our 80 years war)—the University waxed to an institution within whose walls many a famous son was born. Such names as Albinus, Brugmans, and Boerhaave, as professors of anatomy, and the many winners of the Nobel-prize on the physics side do not need many words to bring them back in the thoughts of modern intellectuals.

Up to this very day the students, as those of old, ply a beaten path to their lectures that are held in the same building, the monastery of the order of the White Nuns, as which was used in 1581. These lectures are not compulsory to students, but every student is at leisure to hear lectures in every faculty he wishes. Living separately in houses and apartments in the town the students are at liberty in whatever way they like to keep in honour the name in which the symbol of their Alma Mater is carried. For its sake they strive

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"Boy oh boy... am I ever ready for a Sweet Cap!"

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cept of law and order. We consider it a definite injustice, heartless, brutal, and inexplicable.

The students of U. N. B. condemn the action, and will insist that the proper authorities make a full and fair investigation of the matter. Should the City of Fredericton consider the treatment of this student as within the prerogative of their police officials, and justify the violent treatment as expedient, such a stand shall be considered as a definite threat to the safety and well being of the students of this university.

It is the sincere wish of the S. R. C. that this incident will be the last of a culminating series of similar events, and that the feeling of harmony and accord be reestablished. We appeal to our fellow students to exercise restraint and patience, so that nothing be done to impair the course of justice.

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A Short Story

MOTIVATION

Rain fell in lank s... flat Dutch country... now becoming faint... tired eyes that pe... mist from the hedge... tered farmhouse. "Penton Regiment sh... drizzle as it waited... Men strove to keep... and let their thoug... to the time when t... a few hours sleep... round of sentry go.

In the point of t... angle around the cr... ant Len Mackie, 8... mander, fought a w... as that of the me... He stared with hea... the slow falling ve... thoughts chased... lethargic circle.

"Nine days of th... line days of star... greenness—probab... —seventeen hour... maybe I'll get a... teen minutes to... A smoke would go... defensive occupat... mud plastered cr... days of this damne...

As he thought h... the face of his wat... sweep hand seeme... an interminable c... self seemed no lo... eleven minutes w... creep away before... to" would finish... eyes and again co... well-known bleak... him.

Finally Mackie... again, rose, stret... hunched, unmovi... slit trench besid... sarge, sand-down... the breakfast, pos... section and have... oil weapons and a... eight-thirty. Gott... "O. K., sir" an... Thom, producing... still dry, and acco... ed cigarette, befo... to carry out the...

Mackie dragged... into his lungs and... cried, "Mr. Mackie... He turned and a... soldier who app... dogged, shambling... sticky muck.

"Yeh! What's... asked.

"The Colonel's... and wants to see... "Hell! Alright, him I'll be right t...

The soldier tur... away as Len bru... less adhesive mud... buttoned the top o... then shouted, "T... Receiving Thom... wave he turned a... toward the shell... farmhouse that... pany headquarter...

A few minutes... ed the low-ceiling... off his dripping... raincape and end... as smartly as poss... around the huge... other end of the... Colonel J. R. Dyk... freshly pressed, di... nished with multi...

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