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A Letter to the Citizens

Fees, board and lodging and books are only a part of the price we pay, as UNB students, for the privilege of attending university. The balance is measured in terms of tolerance, goodwill and trust. At stake in these intangibles is our reputation.

We are beginning to pay a steep price for these intangibles. In fact, if market conditions continue as they are, we will be paying through the nose for them. This inflation is partly our fault. But by no stretch of the imagination can we be wholly, or half responsible for it.

The merchants of this Loyalist Stronghold, who represent after all, a strong body of opinion, profit substantially by the students, whether they care to admit it or not. In this regard we especially mention the theatres, such as they are, and the restaurants. Landladies by the score, those "mothers away from mother" as some sentimental writer spoke of them, comprise another large segment of people who serve the university and are generously rewarded for it. Add to this the owners of halls, the owners of our rink and the taxi companies and the majority of commercial interests in New Brunswick's Elm Lined Capital stand to profit not a little bit from the university community.

Put this with the fact the UNB students are as a well behaved and normal collection of people as you could hope to find anywhere. On the face of it, this would seem a pretty firm foundation for amicable relations.

It would seem not. A saying has it that if anyone makes noise, if anyone bothers the "respectable folk" of Fredericton; if anyone drinks too much, if anyone makes a disgusting spectacle of themselves—then that "anyone" is a UNB student.

A street light is broken. Immediately honest citizens conclude that a college student did it. Their garden is trampled, their cat scared, their children come home crying:
 "Ah! We know who did it. Its those college types."

Very soon we expect to be the acts of a few are not characteristic of the acts of a vast majority of the students. A rumor which has it that

We do not concur with this. We do not plead absolute innocence. There are those in our ranks of whom we are ashamed. This small minority should be, and are being, dealt with severely, by student, university as well as civil authority.
 The fact that must be understood and remembered is that



UNB students are an incorrigibly bad lot is offensive, contemptible and indicative of a good deal of ignorance on the part of those who believe and nurture it.

A town of 18,000, which already enjoys more than its share of prejudice, narrow mindedness and unhealthy pre-occupation with other people's business, has no room for unsavory gossip of this nature.

We sincerely hope that all traces of this are cleansed away in short order. We do not deserve it. No-one does. UNB students must not be scapegoats for every petty thug, rascal and noise-maker in Fredericton.

price. Are these services available at Saint John High?

We feel that the Upper Classmen realize the many benefits of the Bookstore and do not feel they are being gyped.

To the Freshmen we say do not be misguided by the "rabble rousing" of our misinformed student.

(Signed)
TWO SENIORS

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In our story about prices of freshman texts sold at UNB's bookstore, we gave only the facts as we found them, accused no one of anything, and entertained no thoughts other than a presentation of the facts to the students. It is something which should long ago have been made public. A thorough examination of the situation is what we want and we think we will get it now. We are sure that the bookstore has reasons for acting as it did. We would like to know them, as would every other student.

Ed.

Complaints . . .

This is what we like, letters to the Editor. Up till this moment we have been able to publish every letter that came in. This is not the ideal situation though. It should be so that we receive so many letters that it is impossible to publish them all. We expect complaints about the paper, about activities on the campus, about attitudes towards the students

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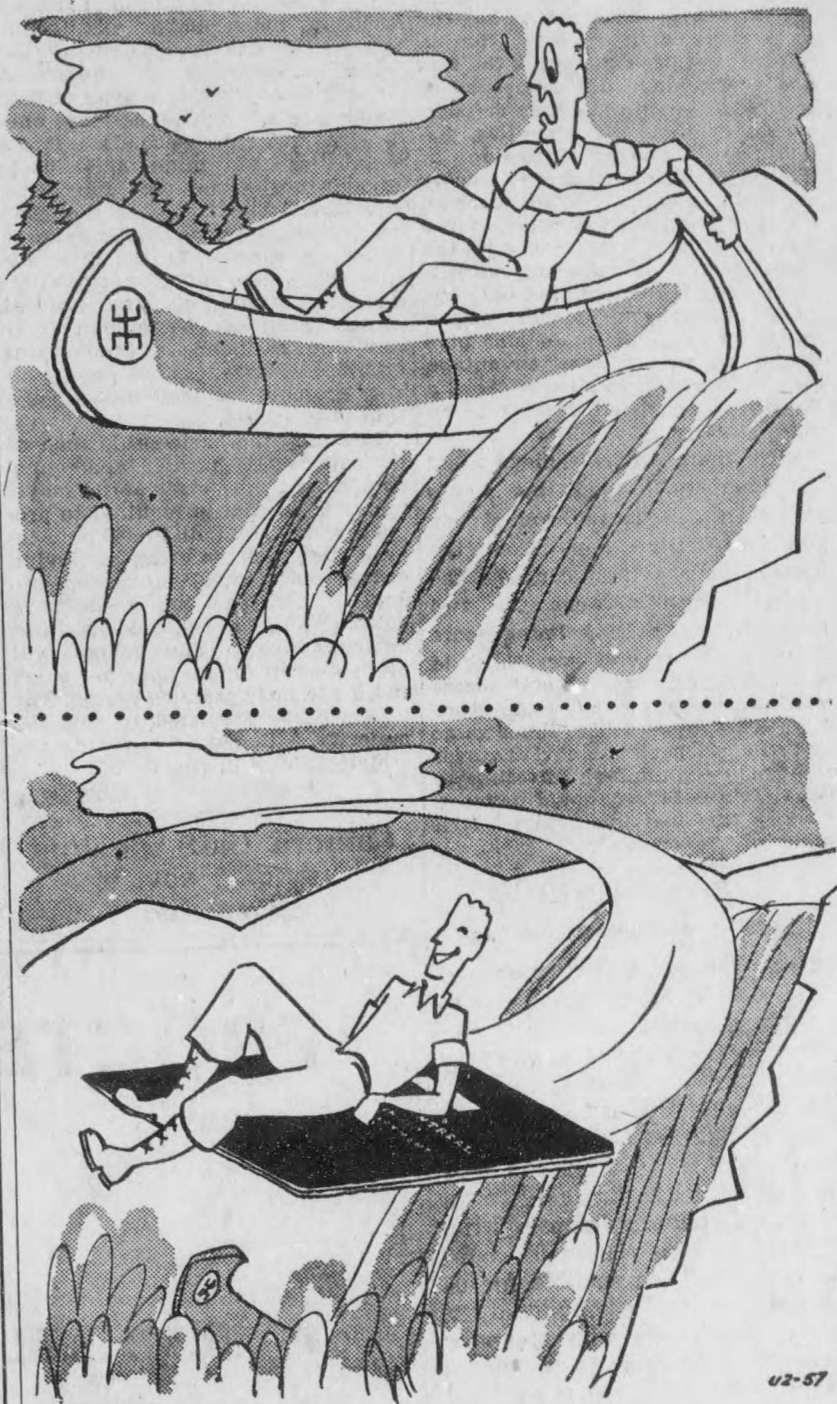
The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to the "misguided students" who are paying such high prices for their books.

The article which gave the comparison of prices between the University of New Brunswick Bookstore and the Saint John High School does not show full investigation of the situation. At Saint John, the cost of ordering and shipping the books is borne by the school board. At U.N.B., these costs, plus the cost of two full time employees, must be borne by the price of books.

These employees do all in their power to keep all required texts available and give the students a "fair deal". Also, they will order any book desired which is not in stock. In addition, the University Bookstore operates a second-hand service in which all available second-hand books in good condition are repurchased and sold to the students at 66% of the new price. It is the custom in other universities for the books to be resold at 75% of the new



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