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A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE



... and then Edie put out the new ruling about flunking. . .

An Open Letter to Peter Martin

Peter G. Martin, President,
 National Federation of Canadian
 University Students,
 Carleton College,
 Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Peter:

In *The Brunswickan* of Wednesday, November ninth, we printed a letter from you in which you corrected us concerning errors in fact which we were assumed to have made.

In the issue of *ITEMS* of March fifth there are several errors in fact and interpretation which I would like to correct.

1. The final referendum vote was 451 YES, not 541 as you said, 190 NO and 5 spoiled ballots.
2. Concerning the article on the back of *ITEMS*: that the sending of a wire concerning the forthcoming referendum, which was news, was interpreted as the end of NFCUS here, shows, that with the recent trend you immediately assume any mention of referendum or vote on NFCUS means a withdrawal. This interpretation is only in your own mind.

The CUP wires did NOT remain silent. *The Brunswickan* was responsible for the release of the results four hours before intended and wires were sent through the entire CUP wire service at the same time as the NFCUS Committee sent you one. As proof of this we refer you to the U. of Toronto's "Varsity", issue of March 2nd, where on page one, under the head of "UNB Motion Keeps NFCUS" was the following story:

Fredericton (CUP) — The University of New Brunswick will remain in Canada's national federation, for next year at least. In a Wednesday student referendum here, a majority of the student body gave NFCUS their support for the year 1956-57.

To print this story "The Varsity" would have to have had it by March first. They got it from us by wire.

I do not intend to comment on the anti-Brunswickan sentiments you seem to hold but only request that in the future you get your facts straight when referring to us.

Your sincerely,
 Steve Fay,
 CUP Editor

Goom-bye, You All . . .

This is the last of twenty consecutive issues of "The Brunswickan". Beginning with a staff of two and an issue welcoming the Freshmen on September 25th we have managed to grow and learn, and somehow get nineteen more issues to press. Some have been good; some bad. We have endeavoured to do the best we are able and at least please some of the readers some of the time. If we have ever pleased all our readers at the same time it has been a miracle.

This year has been a good one for the campus. We were honoured by the visits of Lord Beaverbrook in October and November, the presentation of the Beaverbrook Art Exhibition and the opening of his latest gift to the University: the Lady Beaverbrook Rink. The addition of a much needed Student Centre, the gift of the Associated Alumni, has given a great boost to student life and activities. The common remark is, "How did we get along without it?". The start of construction on the new Chemistry Building and the call for tenders for the addition to the Engineering Building are two notable events in the expansion of the University.

The advent of the first U.N.B. Winter Carnival has, possibly, been the most outstanding event in the field of student affairs and we hope it will continue. The NFCUS referendum has settled, for some time, the most volatile issue on the campus. This has removed the last real problem of student government from the scene and leaves the S.R.C. free to deal with local affairs in peace. Sports have been up to their usual high standard; not as many titles this year as last, but the scores have been close and the teams good. Even the Red 'n Black was better than ever. "The Brunswickan", it seems, has been the only sore thumb on the campus.

In the McMaster "Silhouette" of March 2nd there was the following editorial:

"What should a student paper try to do? Above all it should never try to please everyone. It would be stupid to be merely rabble-rousing, to be carping rather than constructive, but after all, we should remember that after presenting news and other information the chief function of a paper should be to stimulate thought. Thus if the campus is contentedly conservative, the paper should be a little bit lewd, if the students are a hard-drinking, riotous group the paper should be indignantly moral. A paper may favor the most popular student opinions in its editorials, but it should never fail to suggest alternatives as well.

Considering the recent criticisms directed towards "The Brunswickan" and the definition above we feel that maybe we have achieved the goal of the college newspaper. We have done all within the power of the staff to present the "news and other information" and the editorial columns have certainly, by all reports, stimulated thought.

We would like to thank all those who have helped us during the year and, if sufficient support is forthcoming from the campus in the form of staff, look forward to a far more successful year in '56-'57.

See you later, Alligators.

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CONTEST

Our contest closes midnight, April 1st, for the best answer, in twenty-five words or less, to the question: "There are three ways to spell 2". For those who find this too difficult we have added another alternate question to the contest making the total two to choose from. The question put forth is: "There are three ways to spell 4". We hope this will bring to the fore someone eligible for the four prizes — four complete volumes of "The Brunswickan".

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