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**Destructive. Incorrect, Erroneous Criticism . . . NOT WANTED**

A letter elsewhere on this page contains some incorrect and even savoury allegations. I do not propose to become involved in a lengthy discussion on the nature and character of a college newspaper, however, it is apparent that many of us are unsure of the exact extent of student participation, the policy of the Brunswickan, and in some cases, of their own opinions.

A paragraph in the general statement of Brunswickan policy says, in part: "Several of the columns will be weekly affairs. Room should be set aside for them every week . . . If the editor feels that the column is badly written, he should contact the author and request that he rewrite. If he refuses, point out that poor writing will not be tolerated and that failure to publish rests with him, and not with the paper," and further: . . . "Articles for publication will be chosen with an eye to student interest, importance and pertinency. It must be clearly understood that the Brunswickan is not obliged to print everything proffered it."

The above should indicate the policy which underlies the administration and operation of the Brunswickan. I might add, however, that should there be a time when an article, or news story overshadows a column in importance, the column will be dropped until a later date. I allow this to be a realistic and sensible policy. This has been the case several times this year and I can conceive of no intelligent student seriously objecting. The Brunswickan should not have to justify its every move to the student body. Rather, students should practise the faith in the Editorial Board they express when each new administration assumes office.

In this instance, at no time did the authors of the engineering column approach either the editor or another responsible official on the paper. Instead, they chose to express their dissatisfaction to the entire student body. This is not a reflection on the paper. Rather, it is an indication of a lack of tact and know-how on the part of the writers. The Brunswickan is willing to discuss publication problems with anyone who has a legitimate criticism. In this case, perhaps the students concerned were unaware of the policy. However, that does not excuse their method, nor their unreasonable and unsubstantiated charges.

The statement that the Brunswickan publishes only those "columns which interest them" opens up some pretty broad vistas for discussion. Suffice it to say, however, that the Brunswickan only publishes those articles which will be of general interest. The writer further implied that the engineers were a large proportion of the students, and for that reason should enjoy a large measure of consideration with respect to the choice of material appearing in the paper. I notice also, that the writer of the letter in this issue supports this view, disparaging articles which would be of interest to other groups on the campus. At best, this is a narrow and selfish opinion. It is to be hoped that all students regardless of faculty, would entertain some interest in the economic position of the area in which they study. If I am wrong, then I can only agree with the writer who cynically said: "All men are fools."

It is one of the anomalies of UNB that students are interested only in information which (they believe) falls within their immediate field of study. Thus I have heard engineers proudly exclaim that they "know nothing about politics or literature." While it may be true, it is certainly nothing of which to boast. If the engineers are solely interested in subjects relating to their own activities (whatever they may be) then may I humbly suggest that the Engineering Society implement a broadsheet to be distributed only among its members. Judging by the success of the Wassail, it is somewhat doubtful if it could be done. However, let me point out that any engineering event worthy of news coverage will be published in the Brunswickan if students show sufficient interest to do so. Further, that the Engineering column, providing it attains a nice balance between strictly engineering interest and general interest, will be published as faithfully as the policy of the Brunswickan permits. In reference to both the engineering and forestry columns this year, let me say that at no time have I been more impressed with their quality. A big step has been taken, in, I might say, the right direction.

Finally, I would like to take exception with the writer of today's letter when he states that the Brunswickan is for the students, by the students and about the students. While this is a very commendable statement of ethics, to which the author owes much to Abraham Lincoln, it is not completely correct. The Brunswickan is certainly for the students and about the students. But by no stretch of the imagination is it by the students. Rather, its operation depends on a nucleus of students, completely overworked and shamefully small in numbers. They were not drafted, but offered their services willingly; and I think I am safe in stating that they enjoy their work. However, some of us have the gross misconception that because it is a students' paper, every



The above speaks for itself

**Letters to the Editor**

The Editor,  
 The Brunswickan,  
 U.N.B.

Sir: I wish to take exception to a small but highly significant section in the Brunswickan published today.

On your editorial page there appeared a picture of Mr. Gabriel Gagnon, National President of NFCUS, under which was the following quotation: ". . . what NFCUS has to offer U.N.B. . . ."

You have done it again Mr. Editor! Quoting people out of context is always dangerous and the inference which results from this particular quotation is entirely wrong. Why, may I ask, do the students of U.N.B. and the Brunswickan continue this never ending banter of "what has NFCUS to offer U.N.B.?" Mr. Gagnon most certainly did not say anything like this. Rather, he pointed out that NFCUS was our organization and that it was up to the students of U.N.B. to make NFCUS a living organization on this campus. It is not a case of what NFCUS has to offer us; it is precisely the reverse, what we have to offer NFCUS. The truth is an old but nonetheless true, that you can only get out of a thing what you put into it.

I am highly pleased that the students of U.N.B. have voted in favor of a one dollar levy for NFCUS, but let us hope that we don't think we can buy our way out of responsibility. The improvement of NFCUS on our campus is entirely up to ourselves. By sitting back and criticizing NFCUS we are simply criticizing ourselves.

Your policy Mr. Editor, should and must change. From now on I would be very grateful if you would place the blame where it belongs. Do not harangue NFCUS. Rather, let your hot coals fall on the heads of your fellow students and yourself, for we are the ones at fault.

Sincerely yours,  
 G. R. Pearsal.



The Editor,  
 The Brunswickan,

Dear Sir: Perhaps I need clarification, but as I understand it, the Brunswickan is a University paper edited by students, about students and their activities, and for students. In last Friday's edition, the editor, in reply to a statement made by the Red 'n Black editor, stated, "If the engineering column is not published every week then it is due to technical difficulties." Could these difficulties be lack of space?

If this is the case then I draw your attention to an article entitled "Trade Analysis". It appears that the article in question was condensed from the Bank of Montreal Review, a publication made available to anyone in Canada. The person who entered this article no doubt has a keen interest in economic affairs as they relate to trade both in the Maritimes and the rest of the world; however, I do not feel that this article is of interest to very many students. If there are students at this university who are interested in commerce etc., would they not purchase the Bank of Montreal Review, the Financial Post and other such publications just as Frederictonians purchase the Daily Gleaner to obtain world and local news.

I believe that if the Brunswickan printed more articles relating directly to the students and their activities and left world affairs, outside of students' opinions on same, to the professional publications, then Mr. Red 'n Black would not have quite so much to be peeved at.

Very truly,  
 Doug Paton, Eng. '60.

man and his dog, is entitled to express an opinion in its pages, or to influence its operation through adverse criticism. Constructive criticism is accepted gladly, although we have not experienced it in any great quantity lately. Destructive criticism, prompted by unfair bias and supported by incorrect and erroneous information, is not wanted and will always meet with cool, if not frigid reception.

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