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MEMORIAL SAYS GOODBYE. Rex Murphy of Memorial University, leads his students' union out of the Canadian Union of Students, in an eloquent speech delivered at the 30th CUS Congress. At last year's Congress, Murphy debated the Newfoundland government's free education scheme with Newfoundland's Premier Joey Smallwood. This year the student chose a one-sided debate, and Memorial quit CUS.

CUS Membership Shuffles Slightly

HALIFAX (CUP) — Despite four additions to the Canadian Union of Students, its total membership will remain the same this year.

For a brief time at last week's Congress, CUS seemed to be expanding when York, Notre Dame, Lakehead and Simon Fraser Universities joined its ranks at the first plenary session at Dalhousie University, Sept. 3.

For a few minutes, membership stood at a total of 48, but decreased to 46 with the withdrawal of Loyola University and Marianapolis College.

Loyola severed its affiliation with CUS, but will hold a referendum in late October to determine whether it will apply for membership in Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec.

Marionapolis, already a UGEQ member, had to wait until the Congress to withdraw formally.

CUS was still larger by two members until Sept. 5, when Rex Murphy, Memorial University's student council president, delivered a fiery, emotional speech announcing Memorial's intention to withdraw from the union at the week's end.

Later on, Mount St. Vincent announced its intention to withdraw, bringing CUS membership back to 44.



by
Ed
Ball

WHAT? AGAIN? STILL?

When I play bridge, sometimes I don't pass when I should. It appears that the same tendency has overtaken my academic career... apparently I tried a couple too many finesses. Oh well... I can still try for the rubber... but carefully this time, like a porcupine making love, for I suspect that the rules of this game make me vulnerable... unlike the erstwhile exponents of whist. So I shall put my ear to the grindstone on the one hand, and search for the nearest, shiniest apple orchard on the other... meanwhile and at all other times keeping an anxious eye cocked towards the meteorological conditions atop Mount Olympus...

As the foregoing tangled conglomeration of metaphorical nonsense would indicate, it seems that this rather shopworn columnist scribed his collegiate journalistic 'swan song' a trifle prematurely. So, back into the fray (ed nerves)... as your writer establishes his reputation as the 'Rip Van Winkle' of UNB... although that venerable (contrast spelling with similar word in preceding paragraph) gentleman showed his age with a long beard, while my own antiquity is illustrated by a discomforting rotundity. Thus my personal Centennial Project will be some form of girth control... or an enlarged wardrobe.

All of which brings up the topic of columnry in general. What can we expect to see in this little corner of the Brunswickan this year? Your guess is probably as good, or better, than mine... It is my own opinion that it doesn't really much matter what a columnist writes anyway. People read into it pretty well what they want to, no matter what is printed. Therefore the best and only course for the writer to follow is to put down just about whatever pleases himself... and let the readers play Farragut and damnify the torpedos as they see them.

The general formula is to keep the subject matter light, on the assumption that the 'heavies' are taken care of Sunday morning at eleven. And it's always open to take a few light-penned swipes at those who deserve it for taking themselves so seriously... in which field the author is prominently included, which is no terminological inexactitude, as Winston Churchill might have said... as in fact he did. By way of contrast and to remind the readers that the author is not a complete horse-donkey and buffoon, the column sometimes attempts what usually passes for tranquil introspection... or spry sentimentality, depending upon the emotional make-up of the reader. Grammar, Punctuation and Sentence Construction are regularly tossed to the winds, although spelling errors may usually be attributed to the proof readers... (split infinitive mine)...

And so we prepare to re-enter the atmosphere of college life... hoping to splash-down safely in May... after spending the academic year up (or high, depending on our temperance habits) in the air. It will be nice to see some of the old faces (and bodies) again. And if you have a new face, for Heaven's sake drop down to my place and we'll chat over it. One final bit of advice to the immediate world... for most things in life, you'll be damned if you do and you'll be damned if you don't... and the logical conclusion to be drawn from that truth I leave entirely to you.

FOR THOSE WHO CAN WRITE

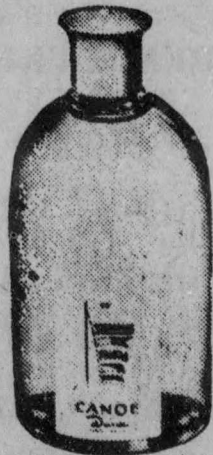
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