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Childish and Unrealistic

Recently the Daily Gleaner reprinted a letter to the Editor of the Brunswickan that was printed in the latter publication in the March 4 issue. It concerned the criticism of the Red 'n' Black Revue that L.S.L. wrote for the Gleaner. The criticisms apparently hurt a number of people's feeling. Why is not quite clear to us. We felt that the criticism was fair, to the point, and in many ways easier on some participants than might have been expected. Yet feelings were hurt, and somehow this is indicative of expectations and reactions on this campus. Apparently the feeling exists that when students put a lot of work into something that is for the benefit of the whole campus they deserve praise and honour. This, we feel, is a completely unrealistic and childish attitude that should be considered critically before it is carried too far.

In normal life, when a job is to be done, we do our work with the greatest of conscience. We may put an enormous amount of work into a project. Yet we expect to be judged on the quality of the job done, on its relative merits, not on the work we put into it. It would be a strange world if the quality of our work were judged on the time spent on its completion. The most faulty and irresponsible plans could be put into operation by, for instance, the government, if the time spent on the planning were the criterium of quality.

With the Red 'n' Black, the Drama Society productions, the Musical Comedy, and all other public productions in whatever form they are expressed, the accent should be on quality of presentation and material. Those that view or review the products of U.N.B. students either publicly or for their own satisfaction, consider these products on their merits, not on the principle that whatever U.N.B. does is always good or bad.

About Letters and Editors

We mentioned a letter written to the Brunswickan. We might pursue this particular subject 'Letters to the Editor' a little further. A great many of the few letters that we receive from readers contain criticism, which is exactly what we desire. It is, however, a pity that in the majority of those letters the writers attack people. This may be an amusing pastime, but it has extremely little effect.

For those who are not aware of this we would like to mention that the intention of the letters to editors is, or should be, criticism of the principles involved, not the character of the Editor.

We will admit freely that a letter in which it is stated that the writer thinks that we are all wet and continues with a long involved diatribe against the personality of the Editor rates very low and is soon forgotten.

What is taken seriously, however, are those letters wherein the writer informs us that we are wrong, and then proceeds to either prove it or attack the principles involved. Such letters may provide for a healthy controversy, or what is even better, for a decision that something is either good or bad for the college, the students, the faculty, or the Brunswickan.

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from prejudice and open to all the country. The result of their combined efforts was later to become known as the present University of New Brunswick.

Prof. W. S. MacNutt's address was followed by the singing of the National Anthem by the Choral Society which brought the Founders Day Ceremonies to a close.

ONLY THREE MORE
ISSUES OF THE
BRUNSWICKAN
TO COME

Letters to the Editor

The Editor, The Brunswickan

Dear Sir:

The following was recently discovered in the pages of a student's prayerbook. We thought it might be of interest to your readers:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As appointed in the seventy-ninth year of Our Lord to be said or sung in a loud voice, twice every Sunday, in the chapels and churches of this Province of New Brunswick.

Our Father, Which art in Nassau, hallowed by Thy fame;
Thy business boom; Thy will be done in Fredericton as it is in Fleet Street. Give us this year our annual grant. And condemn for us our liquor laws, as we condemn those who imposed them against us. And lead us not into inflation. But deliver us from poverty. For Thine is the Province, the towns, and the people, for ever and ever, Amen.

Sincerely,
(signed) Three scholars.

Dear Sir:

The Editor, The Brunswickan

Re - "Lecturers or Teachers"

I read your editorial with interest which (it seems to me) raised the following questions:

1. What are the functions of universities in Canada from the point of view of instructors and students?
2. For the former: is a university primarily a place to teach or to conduct research?
3. For the latter: is it primarily a place to learn, to prepare for an occupation, to establish significant connections in business, the professions, marriage, etc.?

Assuming that your main interest lies in establishing teaching and learning as a primary function of universities, it appears that the most appropriate mechanism for its transmission is what concerns you. From this point of view I would suggest that the problem varies with the size and sophistication of the class, the subject taught, research facilities (in libraries, labs, nearby areas for field work, etc.) and in the personality of the instructor.

While I know of no single formula for ideal transmission, I think it probable that there are certain broad principles which might be explored. I have heard that a panel discussion may be planned to deal with the subject, and I would like to go on record as supporting this endeavour provided the discussion is phrased in terms of a general problem and in a constructive way.

Sincerely,
(signed) Tom F. S. McFeat

The Editor, The Brunswickan.

Re - "Sports and What Not"

Dear Sir:

In recent Brunswickans we have seen some controversy over the class, consistency and calibre of the sports and athletics of the U.N.B. campus. I would like to put forth the more general feeling of the student body. It is quite obvious that by far the greatest proportion of people at U.N.B. can take no part in Varsity sports. These are the wisest members of our ranks. Why are we at University? — To become N.H.L. famous? — or to make money? — I, for one, am here solely to become a millionaire, and for this reason, I shall attempt to advise others in this predicament.

For the last few years I have been observing, very carefully, all the millionaires in my social circle. Go into any of the clubs downtown and you can see them, six or seven of them grouped around, reading. It is funny you know, you would think they would be too tired for reading after a hard day at the office. Eleven till three are hard hours, especially with only two and a half hours for lunch, but don't you believe it, they are really tough. They read and read until they too can understand and appreciate the subtleties of Pogo, L'il Abner, and with luck Nipper.

Moving back to the athletic field; do you ever see millionaires getting up early, taking cold showers after their run before breakfast? — No — Never. Do you see them worrying about their diet? — No — Athletes are a finicky lot, in general. — They will not eat raw flesh because there is too much nitrogen in it, they will not eat fruit because there is not enough. They will not drink water out of a tap, fried eggs off a plate, or oysters out of a bucket, and they are all scared stiff of alcohol in any shape, and out of any container.

Everyone knows that all good millionaires have to be able to take neat scotch until all other millionaires are under the table — (in this condition business can be so much more profitable) and everyone knows the wonderfully lackadaisical hours of the millionaires. So let the U.N.B. coaches and players argue and fight, let the ardent sport fans scream and yell. I, for one, will practice being a millionaire, and to hell with all sports.

Signed "Sporty, the Fan"

The Editor, The Brunswickan

re - "Sports and what not"

Dear Sir

The opening statement of your editorial appears to be quite superficial. Actually the level of sports at U.N.B. is rather average and not low. This is a fair conclusion if one looks at the records of all the various teams participating in sports at U.N.B. over the past few years.

The editorial seemed pre-occupied with the three major sports at U.N.B. But by defin-

ition the level of sports embraces the total number of athletic groups on the campus. It is therefore a bit unfair to make so broad and general a statement. In fairness to all the teams on the campus one thinks a future explanation of the statement would be in order.

Sincerely,
(signed) Pete Mockler,
Arts IV

Comment

We apologize for making this error. Indeed the comments con-

Teachers or Lecturers . . .

Recently we wrote an editorial with the title "Teachers or Lecturers?" This sparked considerable discussion both in classrooms on suggestion of professors, and among students. Professor McFeat in his letter elsewhere on this page mentions the possibility of a panel discussion to deal with this subject. This will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Students' Memorial Centre. The panel will consist of six members and a chairman, three faculty members and three students. The discussion will be on: "WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR?" and will be sponsored by the UNB Debating Society.

The intention of this panel is to go as deep as possible into the duties, responsibilities, and practices of a college professor. Possibly professors and students hold different views on these subjects, and it is for this reason that we ask as many as is possible to be present at this discussion. There will be ample time for a question period, so that everybody will be able to present his particular view of the problems involved or to bring his particular complaint about practices and attitudes that he has run into. We would suggest that this might be of interest to all faculties. Make an appointment with yourself to attend this promising event! !

Belts Awarded

The UNB Judo Club, under the able supervision of Sergeant Jack Milrose of the R.C.M.P., first Dan black belt, has recently held competitions for the purpose of grading members. The following advances in rank were awarded: fourth Kyu, Dave Lawson; fifth Kyu, Ken Sansom; sixth Kyu, John Gardner, Walter Moore, John Cambell, Les Smith, Welsford Musgrave, Woody Nononan, Richard Knox, Gil'es Marcotte, and Gregg Tracey.

The following list of judo grades should clarify the position of the various judo ranks for those who are not familiar with the sport. Starting with the first rank obtained and the belt worn to signify this position: sixth Kyu, white; fifth Kyu, yellow; fourth Kyu, orange; third Kyu, green; second Kyu, blue; first Kyu, brown.

The only belt worn above the rank of first Kyu is the black belt. The black belt holder is ranked according to his degree or "Dan", a first Dan black belt coming after the rank of first Kyu. The highest rank attainable is that of tenth Dan black belt.

At this meeting also Dave Lawson was elected President of the club, with Ken Sansom as secretary. John Gardner, Walter Moore, and John Campbell complete the executive. Students with inquiries as to the activities of the club are asked to phone 5-8679.

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so get on the ball and get your application into the Registrar's Office or to Bob Sutherland, who can be reached in the Beaverbrook Residence.

tained in the editorial entitled: "Sports and What Not" were aimed at the three major varsity sports, and not, as one might gather too easily from the opening paragraph, all sports. G.B.