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THE WUSC PROBLEM

Is the question of WUSC at UNB to lie dormant again until next year when someone asks the proverbial question at the Annual Fall Budget meeting of the S.R.C. — What is WUSC actually doing on campus? To quote a former Brunswickan staffer on this issue the Editor refers to the column of Mr. Dave Fairbairn on September 29, 1959. At this time Mr. Fairbairn stated, "Why does a stagnant, useless organization called World University Service in Canada (WUSC) continue to exist on the campus of UNB. It is ridiculous that the student body should be forced to pay \$1500.00 plus to allow this questionable group to remain. This mandatory donation of one dollar by every student enables someone to travel and live high on the hog for several weeks. WUSC remains despite the fact that a majority of students do not know what it is, and most of the others are opposed to it".

Mr. Fairbairn continues by stating, "WUSC, of course, will argue in terms of high ideals and intangible abstracts. This obligatory donation they say, will foster international good will. It will, they say, enable needy foreign students to reap the benefit of our Canadian universities. Also, they say, it will broaden the "outlook" of the Canadian student, who can return and share his new found "outlook" with his fellows, who were not so fortunate as to have an expense paid holiday in the beautiful West Indies, for example. This they say, is worth every penny paid by UNB's student."

Many readers would say that Mr. Fairbairn attacks WUSC too drastically, but looking over the present situation one would have to delve quite deeply to see any radical changes in the 4 years since his article appeared. From the S.R.C., WUSC still collects nearly a dollar a student and as Mr. Fairbairn states, does the student of this university really want this money to go to WUSC?

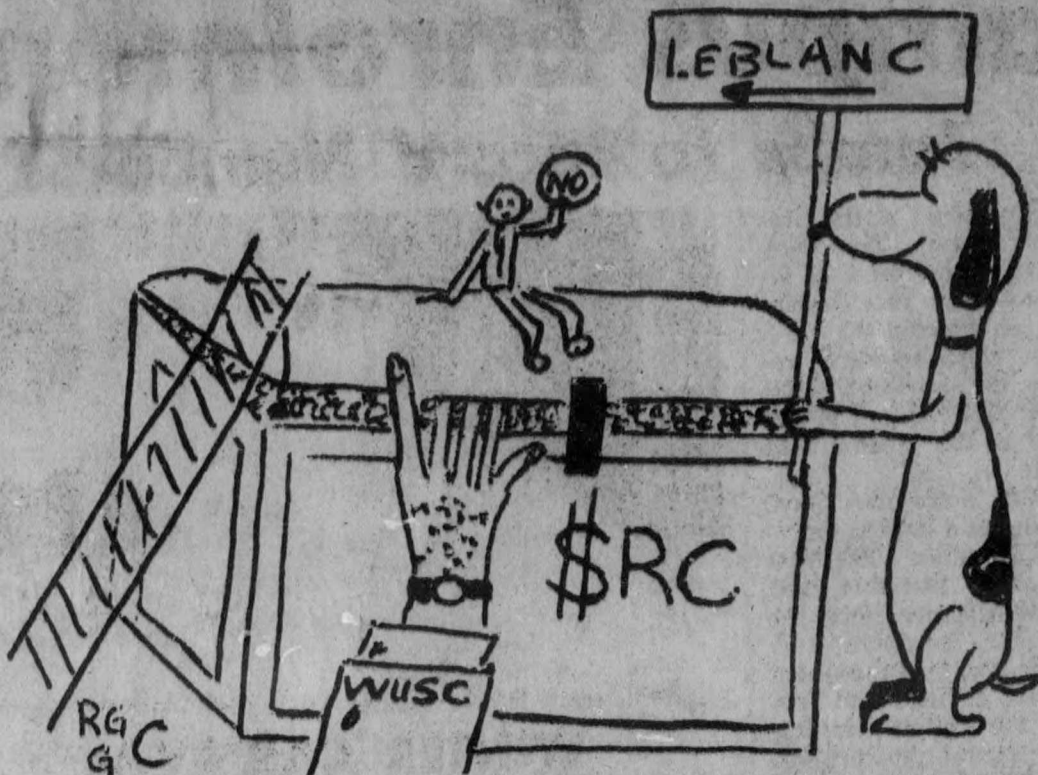
If WUSC were as carefully scrutinized as every other minor campus organization is when their budget is brought before Council, would WUSC be able to defend it other than by saying, this is the action taken by other universities' student governments.

However what the average student fails to realize at times is that each year WUSC collects an additional \$2000.00 or so from the annual sales of its Treasure Van. Although, a large majority of the students can barely afford a single item at the sale, the proceeds of the UNB project seem always to be equal or better than any campus our size throughout the rest of Canada. Are we not already giving enough to WUSC through Treasure Van? Why both a council grant and a sale?

To face bold facts WUSC takes over \$4000.00 a year from a student body that for S.R.C. purposes is numbered at 2359 students. In comparison to the Brunswickan which is an \$11,000.00 a year project, one should consider that the Brunswickan itself, through advertising, and subscriptions manages to raise a revenue of close to \$3800.00. If WUSC is supposedly such a worthwhile organization then they should have little trouble convincing anyone that their project needs support and without a doubt will literally reap thousands off the campus.

The question of whether or not WUSC should be allowed to haul away nearly \$4000.00 is primary. There are organizations right here on campus that could do tremendous work with this money. It would be work done by ourselves to create a better UNB. The most prime example of this is Radio UNB, who are trying by every means within their power to keep up to the demands of an ever expanding campus. This would undoubtedly aid our own student body more.

If WUSC intends in the future to apply to Council for another grant there should be no doubt in any students' mind as to the benefits that he and others (not necessarily UNB students) are receiving by they here or in Africa.



Letter To The Editor

The Editor
The Brunswickan

Dear Sir:
I feel I am obligated by a demand of truth and justice to correct a false conception with its erroneous statements concerning St. Thomas University, written by a "Mike DeGrado" and promulgated by your paper in the Oct. 16th edition.

His views and opinion of St. Thomas University are based on prejudice, and this, amongst educated people is indicative of ignorance — for this reason I forgive him. The following is an excerpt from his article, "Apparently these poor people honestly want the prolonged existences of these miserable New Brunswick cow colleges, which dare to claim to be institutions of higher learning and whose standards guarantee recognition for their degrees in every metropolis in Canada, east of the St. John River."

I wish to state first, that St. Thomas is not a "cow college", it is a university which was given the authority to grant university degrees by a provincial act of legislature in 1934. It is not large, it does not have extensive facilities for teaching the sciences, but then, it is an arts university.

A university cannot be condemned because it does not have large number in attendance or give degrees in many areas — quantity does not make quality. Surely you agree, that the world to-day could do well with a little more wisdom or temper the abuse of scientific progress. A small university can produce fine quality with extra effort. An example of this, is in the area of athletics, where St. Thomas University with mostly local boys has produced top-grade hockey teams. I am not so naive as to insinuate that this is indicative of academic quality, but I use it only to demonstrate that what can be done in the athletic area can also be done in the academic area.

It is true that they are poor people and want St. Thomas to remain on the Miramichi, but is poverty a crime? It may seem startling to you that in our supposed affluent society there is poverty. N. B. is a poor province in relation to the rest of Canada, and the

Miramichi is a depressed area of N. B. There have been many students in the Miramichi area and throughout New Brunswick who have received an education or the first part of their education at St. Thomas, one of these is at present an assistant professor at U. N. B. law school. A great many of these people would not have been able to attend another university, because of insufficient finances. It is not because of "ignorance and prejudice" that these poor people want St. Thomas to remain on the Miramichi, but, because they see it as a growing university, an instrument of higher education for many of the less prosperous people of that area, their only hope for the future. If given a chance these people will show their mettle and prove to be first-class useful citizens. I give you one example, Lord Beaverbrook, a son of the Miramichi who was given a chance and went out into the world to do great things. The Miramichi people ask that this "chance" not be taken from them. This is a serious situation. Will some small hand-outs to students of that area which will end in 5 years solve this? If it goes, what plan, has the government to replace this institution by some other means to alleviate the condition of that area? Perhaps it intends to increase the various forms of social assistance, and turn the present plant into a "Roman Circus".

It has been stated by a leading educator that the definition of an arts university was, "John Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other." This quotation illustrates the fact, that in an arts university, qualified professors are the essential factors.

The professors who have staffed and do staff at the present time St. Thomas University have for the most part received masters and doctoral degrees in the field of arts from first-rate universities in North America and Europe.

Secondly, St. Thomas University degrees are recognized in institutions of higher learning other than those East of

Hotspot

Paul Bunyan is a fake. He is the product of the imagination of a Sunday reporter for a Detroit newspaper.

To start with he was wrongly named. He had the healthiest feet in the country.

For a nationally popular hero, it is singularly peculiar that it was not until 1910 that he first appeared in print. Only after then did some of the old-timers say that they had heard tales of a Paul Bunyan.

It is unknown in what part of the country he first started as a folk-hero. Some suggest that he was a refugee from the Red River Rebellion who gained popular fame in Maine. To others, he originated in France, in the person of Petit Jean. He can be found in Indian legends riding a horse. This is peculiar because horses were not introduced into America until the Spanish came.

Legends of Paul Bunyan can be found in the oil well areas of the west. You can picture Paul digging great lakes looking for oil.

The moral: well, actually there isn't one. But maybe Paul Bunyan belongs to the mining engineers and not to the foresters. Maybe the engineers had every right to lop off his head as a traitor. You can never tell.

the St. John River. This year alone there are four St. Thomas University graduates, one of whom includes myself, enrolled for post-graduate studies at U.N.B. Our degrees were recognized by U.N.B., and U.N.B. my learned critique is West of the St. John River. There are also students enrolled at U.N.B. at the present time in engineering who have taken their first year at St. Thomas University. I make no attempt to defend the other N. B. colleges that Mr. DeGrado has referred to, since I am not qualified to do so, but I am sure that they also can refute these erroneous statements.

I would like at this opportunity to extend to those students and professors, whom I am sure hold a much more informed view of St. Thomas, my sincere appreciation for the cordiality that has been accorded me since I came to this University.

Thomas Donovan

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