

Letters to the EDITOR

The Editor
The Brunswickan
Dear Madam:

There are certain points which I would like to clarify in regards to the letter which Mr. Bickerstaff submitted last week. Perhaps there are others who share the same opinion as he, and they are certainly entitled to it. However, I feel that the following may help to broaden their opinions.

The "Upper Canadian thought", as Mr. Bickerstaff objected to, consisted of the publishing of hockey standings of Quebec and Ontario, and perhaps the article pertaining to Canadian football—certainly no more. This latter, however, I can't agree as being "Upper-Canadian". The opening sentence, "How far has Canadian football come along in the past five years?" was a discussion about Canadian football in general, but since football has developed to its highest in Quebec and the West, it was only natural to mention those teams and players on those teams. Perhaps Mr. Bickerstaff forgot that this year there were four Canadian football teams in N.B. and five in N.S.

From best approximations (last year's Student Directory), in the present senior class, about 30% are from Quebec, Ontario and the Western Provinces. Of the entire student enrolment, over 100 are from the aforementioned parts of the country, and these figures do not include the present freshman class (again as a result of last year's Directory). Should these students then be deprived of some "home town" news just because the local papers don't carry it? Before the Quebec and Ontario hockey standings appeared, several "Upper Canadians" were asked to express their ideas about it. They liked the idea.

I think that last week's "As Seen from the Bleachers" was one of the best that the Spectator has written, and I wouldn't be surprised that 100% of those students who read the Brunswickan, also read the Spectator's controversial column two weeks ago, and no doubt learned a few things about this campus that they never knew before, even though they perhaps won't admit it. I think that if one were to read daily, the columns of noted sports writers or columnists, regardless of the newspaper they represent, they would find that some items by the same reporter were better than others, and that the subject matter occasionally varied. Should the Spectator be denied that privilege, and condemned for it? I hardly think so!

So, the sports department of the Brunswickan will continue to devote a column or two weekly to sports events outside the Maritimes, because sufficient student interest warrants it. You can't please everybody, and there are no people more aware of this fact than members of this newspaper.

Yours sincerely,
—John Wagar, Sports Ed.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Madam:

In last week's Brunswickan I read a letter of unjustified criticism directed at our new Sports Editor. If Mr. Bickerstaff thought he could write a sports column that would interest this "Maritime campus", why didn't he apply for the job of sports editor. He didn't because he has neither the gumption or the school spirit to do anything except sit back and criticize those who have that extra spirit that is needed to carry on the campus activities.

I am from Upper Canada, myself, and naturally admire the new sports editor's efforts to bring a little news from home. I also feel that the Brunswickan needs more columns written as was "As Seen from the Bleachers" two weeks ago.

Some Maritimers complain that the Upper Canadians are running the show on this campus. If they are it is entirely the fault of the Maritimers. They have an equal chance in any of the activities; if they don't take advantage of this chance someone else will. This is an era of competitive enterprise, remember that!

Right now there are openings for Business Manager of the Year Book and for chairman of the local NFCUS Committee. If you Maritimers are interested in campus affairs here is your chance to show it. I hope some Maritimer applies for this position.

Sincerely,
—DON SHORTEN.
P.S.—Fortunately, not all Maritimers are as critical as Mr. Bickerstaff.

The Editor,
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Dear Madam:

The writer who graduated in 1917 and 1918 etc. is now District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Fredericton District. I understand you may have several Scouters in the student body who might be interested in scouting activities during their course at the University. If so, I would be glad to hear from them or they might get in touch with our A.D.C. for Training, William J. Reddin, 710 Kitchen St., Fredericton, who is also a student at the University at the present time.

Yours very truly,
—G. L. MILLER
District-Commissioner.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Madam:

I have a number of "beefs" to get off my chest but before doing so I would like to make one thing clear. Although my name still appears among the staff of the Brunswickan I am no longer officially connected with the paper.

The first beef deals with last week's "Slabs and Edgings". It's all very well to make out that the Foresters are hard done by because they have only one professor for every twenty-five students and that the Artsmen, in having one instructor per 4.6 students, would appear to be very well off, but unfortunately it is impossible to effect such a breakdown. In practically all years and most noticeably in freshman and sophomore classes there is considerable overlapping of faculties. So actually there are still eight students for every professor. But don't feel too bad about it. Foresters. If we Artsmen can live knowing that we have to share our professors with Foresters surely you can be men enough to bear up under the ignominy, too.

The next beef has to do with Isaac Bickerstaff and his anti-Upper Canada attitude (Brunswickan, Dec. 4). I would also aim it in the direction of all others who share the same idea. First, I would direct two or three questions to Mr. Bickerstaff. Why is it that many individuals can always find time and energy to unconstructively criticize those who are giving up their time and effort, voluntarily, to work for others? If you wish to blockade the Maritimes against Upper Canadian influence, why don't you offer your services to the Brunswickan and get on the inside to implement your nefarious policy? In as much as the Brunswickan no longer has a News Editor, Mr. Bickerstaff, can we count on you to fill that position? There's your chance.

As an Upper Canadian I have been able to view the Maritime situation from a distance. The attitude, that the remainder of Canada has practically doublecrossed the Maritimes since Confederation, is due largely to individuals like you. There are many in the Maritimes who haven't enough gumption and initiative to do anything more than condemn those who are willing to work. You and your followers attempt to cut the Maritimes off from the rest of Canada rather than improving relations. If, for example, members of the armed forces from all parts of the Dominion can fight together surely those at home can attempt to live together. Mr. Bickerstaff, throw off your cloak of blinding narrowmindedness!

My third beef is directed towards those who tend the administration of this University. All day last Monday, one horse, one sled, and two men were engaged to clear the snow away from the entrances and parking spaces around the Residence. What unnecessary expense! This University owns a jeep which is equipped with a snowplow. Rather than have to pay for one horse, one sled, and two labourers for eight hours, the jeep could have cleared all the snow away except in a few inaccessible places, within half an hour at tremendously less expense. If, on the other hand, the jeep wasn't available, and manual labor had to be used, why couldn't students have been hired? There are many who would jump at the opportunity to make a little extra money through doing odd jobs. Other universities engage students for odd jobs such as that.

Thank you for your time and patience. I, at least, feel much better.

Yours respectfully,
—COLIN R. HARROWING

S.R.C. Reports

Certain suggestions were made at the last meeting of the Students' Representative Council which, it is hoped, will speed up the meetings. Amongst the suggestions made was one that requires that all motions, other than those on procedure, must be presented in writing to the chairman of the meeting. These suggestions were adopted as part of the general meeting procedure which appears in the S.R.C. Constitution.

Once again due to poor attendance a vote on the amendment to Article 2; Section 8 of the S.R.C. Constitution was prevented. Two-thirds of the Council members must be present to effect a change or amendment to the constitution. This amendment deals with the appointing by the S.R.C. of the Campus Co-ordinator. This is the fourth time that this amendment has had to be tabled due to insufficient council members being present.

A motion was presented by local NFCUS Chairman Colin Harrowing to have U.N.B. withdraw from the National Federation. The motion read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of New Brunswick withdraw from NFCUS until such times as the Federation adopts a programme such as has been proposed (see below), in this way building a solid foundation for action on a national level, and until the University of New Brunswick sees fit to support such a programme with a \$1.00 per capita levy for NFCUS.

The proposed policy which would replace that outlined in the Brunswickan recently would be one to make Canadian students aware of NFCUS through the carrying out of small local projects for a number of years. In this way support could be found for a strong national appeal for benefits and assistance for Canadian students.

The NFCUS local chairman then handed in his resignation from the chair of the local committee. Mr. Harrowing also stated that he was resigning his post with the National Executive of NFCUS.

Don Merrill was accepted as manager of the U.N.B. Ski Team.

On the matter of the University group insurance scheme, President Bob Spurway announced that Mr. Macauley, the University Business Manager, is carrying on investigation of insurance schemes on other Canadian campuses.

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have not yet found an opportunity to pay.

The use made of the Club premises has been slightly greater than was expected—and anticipated in the budget. Professor Pringle's House Committee is, of course, seeking ways of making the premises more useful and more widely used. The Saint John Telegraph-Journal and the New York Sunday Times will be made available. Cigarettes, pipe tobacco and fine cut tobacco (and matches) are now on sale and other brands will be added if there is a reasonable demand. The charges for tea and coffee will be reviewed at the end of the first term. All suggestions will be welcomed.

Geologists Hymn

by VERSUS

Rock of ages cleft for me
Let us glory now in thee,
As there you sit, firm and content
On your base of new cement.
Be to all a sight to see
Historic grandeur wrapped in thee.
No labour now of human hand
Can move thee from thy solid stand,
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears for ever flow
All for thee, for thee alone
Thou hast remained while years have
flown.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Save a little bit of string,
To Foresters be a ban, a curse,
To Engineers be something worse,
For they ignore thee every day
O Rock I to thee homage pay!
While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
Would that thee were my headstone.
Rock of ages cleft for me
Grant that I pass Geology!

Co-ed Week Planned

The Ladies' Society got underway with plans for next term's Co-ed Week at their supper meeting last Thursday night. Dates were tentatively set for the first week in February, and original suggestions and ideas were forthcoming from the rather limited number of co-eds present.

The meeting was presided over by Ladies' Society President Pat Miller, and after the inevitable bridge games mixed with food, various items of business were disposed of. Nancy White was appointed to approach Mr. Mahan concerning financial assistance for repairs to furniture and lights in the Reading Room.

The meeting adjourned with the hope that more feminine faces would appear at future meetings. There are more than thirty co-eds on the campus, aren't there?

LOST & FOUND

A pair of gloves were found in a Barker-York bus on Sunday. It is believed that they belong to a member of one of the Intramural hockey teams. They may be had by going to the S.R.C. Office.

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