

"... a community investment..."

It is interesting to note that the population of UNB is increasing at a rate much faster than Fredericton's. Our statistician tells us that in ten years the population of the City of Diseased Elms will increase by 50% in September and drop back to its normal figure in mid-spring. In other words, students are taking over.

This means, of course, that room rents will be higher and apartments, already a rarity, will be at a premium. Unless residence capacity is increased tenfold, the cost of accommodations will be astronomical.

Coupled with increases in tuition (We are told that the rate of increase will average as much as \$50 per year unless government grants are increased.) it appears that we, 1965-

lings have it easier than we think

We are, however, jealous of California, the richest state in the Union, where the University of California gives its students freedom from fees, and of Newfoundland, Canada's poorest province, where next year freshmen at Memorial University of Newfoundland will have their tuition paid by the Province.

We are jealous because a thousand students will be free of the \$600 burden we have to suffer. We are jealous because the government of that province seems to understand that the University is the solution to many of its problems. We are jealous because we see a province, isolated from most of Canada because of its geogra-

phy and poor since it joined Confederation sixteen years ago, imbued with the same spirit of ambition that made the founders of our own University struggle for its continued existence. We may not sympathize with the details of Newfoundland's plan for financing higher education, but we admire and respect the Newfoundland Government for their interest in the future of their province. John B. MacDonald, President of UBC, called it "a community investment which will return to the community many times the cost of the education."

For whatever reason, the University of New Brunswick has been practically ignored in the proposed budget of the New Brunswick Government.

There are merely insignificant changes in the appropriations for the University. UNB needs money. We need buildings, we need other capital. We need money for salaries, for maintenance, for food and medical services. We need student dollars, and industry dollars, and alumni dollars, and government dollars. But money isn't everything.

Most of all we need the Province, and we mean the people as well as the Government, to be interested in our affairs. The spirit of the University must spread through the province. People must recognize the importance of the University in the future of New Brunswick before our Province can progress. Really, we need to be needed.

DAN SCANS

Dan Scans this year was written on most every topic (except Religion). Included in the year's attempts were articles ranging from "Preparing for a Date" to New Brunswick's Liquor Laws to a slight jab at STU. Most of this has necessarily been written on either an incomplete or biased knowledge of the facts, simply because the field was so large. I apologize for none of it.

As an article in conclusion, I suppose it is traditional either to view the past or predict the future. Because the former is old news that interests no one, I have chosen the latter.

I predict that by 1970, Mt. A will no longer be UNB's chief adversary. With UNB's increased enrolment and with Mount Allison's self-imposed limit on enrolment, two schools will struggle for supremacy in the Maritimes. Those two schools will be UNB and Dalhousie. I also predict that Dalhousie will emerge as the 'name' school in the Maritimes.

With increased enrolment the housing situation will become chronic. Fredericton will realize that bleeding the students will lead to co-operatism not only in housing but in everything from barber shops to food stores.

Radio UNB will continue as the most active group on campus. Its expansion into FM radio will truly put it up with the professionals.

The Winter Carnival will either expand and grow in size, or fold up completely. The futile and characteristic attempt of Fredericton to become the Carnival City of the Maritimes has fallen flat, and if there is to be a "Quebec" in the Maritimes, it will be Halifax.

By virtue of a large increase in enrolment, the UNB athletic teams will be in the upper crust of the sporting leagues. Also, football will be played in Maritime high schools rather than rugby.

The S.R.C. will not in the near future, say 10 or 15 years, be taken over by law students as is the case in many larger schools.

The food in the dining halls will not get any better; it may get worse.

Predictions are cheap, but there they are. I hope some of them are wrong. This being the last *Brunswickan* of the year, I'll take this chance to say good-bye and good luck.

trend amongst idealistic college students — "Throw out the monarchy and damn the British with their archaic symbols". Unfortunately for their cause, this is utterly impossible. Little do they realize the pervasiveness of British customs and institutions upon this

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LETTERS

ROD & GUN

In reply to the nasty letter from my old friend Con Leroux, I must confess that I was quite surprised at the outburst over my use of the word "Scandal" to describe the situation in which the Rod and Gun Club received such a magnificent sum from the SRC last year. I congratulate him and his club for being able to obtain such money. However, the money came out of my pocket and as Hamlet said, "Aye there's the rub." No doubt the time-honoured methods were used, i.e. 1) having influential members and friends on the SRC, 2) submitting a very detailed account of expenditures and (perhaps) 3) having it passed late at night. This financial masterpiece shows an "International Fish-Game Seminar \$194.00 (for whom?), 6 Geese decoys at \$8.00 (\$48.00), a target (Fun) at \$95.00 etc, etc., at total requires \$456.22 which the SRC reduced to \$442.

It is my understanding, NOTE, that the Stick and Musket budget is to be much the same next fall. The membership fee is a low (for all that) \$1.00—Why not make it \$2.00 or \$3.00?

Mind you, Con, your club isn't the only one to get away with this sort of thing. The Debating Society got \$350, The Glee Club got \$305, \$200. of it for "Music", but where were they this year? The Archery Club got \$87 worth of bow and arrows. Then there is the \$45.00 stop watch of the Sports Car Club, and \$300 to the Forestry Association, and a dozen tennis balls \$24.00 — and there are more. Couldn't these clubs get more in membership fees? or are these expenditures necessary in the



first place?

There are many legitimate expenditures, the Drama Society (or is it), the Majorettes. The *Brunswickan*, is a good product for \$2.50 a year. The yearbook is one of the best. Radio UNB got nearly \$7000, but if (and only if) they get an AM or FM licence (as projected) the money will be well spent.

Of course, there is the question of whether the student body is really interested in where its money goes — or how much. SRC fees have

gone from \$17 to \$20 (plus the \$20 SUBlevy) per year. Are we getting our money's worth?

Bill Pierce

NATIONAL DESTRUCTION?

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on an article that appeared in your March 11 edition called "The Next Stop: Canadian Currency?". I doubt that you read it before its insertion; perhaps you should do so now.

You will find that the article is irrational, illiterate and inflammatory bilge. If you search the article for some ra-

tional thought, you will find, hidden behind the emotional clichés a mass of befuddled thinking on the role of the British traditions in Canada.

The authors have succeeded in making one point clear: they are anti-British. They presented a case for the removal of all British symbols and influences from Canadian affairs. "Justice", "subservience", and the "Canadian Heritage" are their justification for this idea. They present no others worthy of mention.

This has become a popular

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