

Laugh! I Thought I'd Die!

From the U. of West. Ont. Gazette

"Comics?" said the big unshaven man, in a surprised tone. He ducked low to enter the bus.

"Yes, comical!" indignantly said his shorter companion, shooting his ticket into the fare-box.

The two men sat down together. The taller bearded one smiled down on the self-righteous little fellow beside him.

"What's so comical about the Liberal and Progressive-Conservative conventions?" he asked.

"Nothing was or is comical about either," snapped the small one. But remember what a fuss there was over comics in Parliament just before the House prorogued? Why, one of Justice Minister Ilsley's last acts before he left the Government was to end the discussion; he said nothing could be done at that session to ban lurid comics from Canada. So now I say the Conservatives should be passing a stiff resolution about crime comics, seeing the Liberals didn't.

"Why?" interrupted the big man.

"Why? Listen, down in New Brunswick, not so long ago, a juvenile was actually induced to commit crime by a comic book."

"What was it? An illustrated story of 'The Fathers of Confederation'?"

"You're not taking this very seriously," said the aroused citizen. "Don't you realize that parents across the Dominion feel that the minds and morals of their children are being perverted?"

The big man nodded sympathetically. "The Kinsey report, no doubt."

"Look here," said the little fellow in exasperation, "what good can you say for the comics? Do you mean to sit here and tell me you approve of gaudily colored publications called 'Crime Does Not Pay,' when Mr. Ilsley himself damned them as a shocking abuse of the freedom of the press?"

"I owe my life to a comic book," said the big man earnestly. "To a Western, to be exact."

"Oh, come now!" said his companion with heavy sarcasm. "I always thought Bibles had a monopoly on that sort of thing. A comic book—even a Western—is hardly thick enough to stop a bullet, is it?"

"This comic book didn't stop a bullet. But it did prevent one from hitting me. Indirectly, that is."

"O. K.," sighed the erstwhile aggressor, "what's it all about?"

"How I got into Dutch in Holland," said the bearded veteran. "In the spring of '45 I went sightseeing in a liberated town on the bank of a canal. Astride my motorcycle, I

distributed cigarettes to the youngsters and chocolate bars to the old folks. Then I left town—without consulting my map.

"Soon the Germans began snipping at me. I was riding along the canal bank in full view. I felt conspicuous, especially when a machine gun opened up. So I did a skid turn and headed back for Canadian property. Then, my friend, the Western comic came to my rescue."

"How could it?"

"It was like this: I remembered having seen a comic strip once of a good cowboy fleeing from some bad hombre who tried to ambush him. This good wrangler was forking his faithful pinto along the trail when these low-down mavericks let fly with their six-shooters at 600 yards. Well, he just flattened himself along one flank of his horse—the flank away from his ornery ambushers, of course. Made a much smaller target that way and had the horse for a shield to boot."

"So?"

"So I flattened myself along the petrol tank of the bike and gave it the gun."

His listener hooted: "Say, did you ever think of writing for the comic books?"

"This is gospel," solemnly retorted the big fellow. "I made such a poor target with my Western comic technique that I came through without a scratch."

There was silence in the bus.

"Maybe now," resumed the veteran, "you'll think more kindly of comic books."

"That's all very well for you to say," said the little man, eyes beginning to blaze again, "but our juvenile court judges insist that these same comics have a bad effect on youngsters. So put that in your pipe, mister."

The bearded philosopher stared at his seat-mate. "Yes, I know," he said gravely, "but did you ever consider the contribution to world progress made by comics?"

"No, never!" It was a snort.

"Well, I have it on good authority on that point. General McNaughton himself would not dare commit himself at the United Nations assembly without having consulted the latest issue of ZIPPY ATOMIC COMICS."

The little man stood up, "Good night," he said.

Once off the bus, the little man shook open his newspaper angrily. Walking the last block home, he began to read the daily comics. It was his nightly custom.

Slumming with Spicer

Again on Saturday the co-eds attended themselves in all their regalia and sallied forth.

This time it was the Alumnae Society which played the part of hostess at a most delightful tea. The scene of the function was laid in the Centennial room of the new Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

Mrs. Baird, president of the Alumnae Society, received the guests as they entered; introductions being performed by Miss Walters, President of the Ladies Society.

Both the food and the atmosphere were thoroughly enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all members of the Alumnae for a most pleasant hour.

To the upperclassmen, the revision of the old rule regarding the neat-

ness of the reading room being attended to by the Freshettes is a wonderful idea. Never mind kiddies, your turn is coming — you still have three years left to supervise the dish washing!

Don't forget the meeting of "all" Freshettes on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. You may not be interested but we are — it concerns the banquet which you must prepare for us in the very near future.

Congratulations and best wishes to two members of last year's graduating class — Audrey Gillies, now Mrs. James Hicks; and our girl Forester, Mona Roy, now Mrs. David Lambden.

Congratulations are also in line for Mary Holder. That ring looks significant from any angle.

S. R. C. BUDGET MEETING

Final Fall Budget, 7:15 p. m., Forestry Building
Next Wednesday, Forestry Building
Team Managers and Society Presidents
Come and defend your budgets.
Virginia Bliss, SRC Secretary

NOTICE

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTIONS

The following have been nominated to contest the election of five representatives to the S. R. C. from the Junior Class. The election will be held Tuesday, October 12th, in the Forestry Building.

The candidates are as follows:

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| George Andrews | Bill Ives |
| Sam Hideout | C. C. Purvis |
| Ray Segee | C. K. Smith |

In accordance with a resolution passed by the S. R. C. on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, all Freshmen will return their red and black hats. The S. R. C. office on the campus will be open Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2-5 P. M. Freshmen wishing to retain hats will be assessed the sum of 75¢.

Notice is hereby given that applications for the following executive positions of the Freshman class will now be received:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary

also

4 class S. R. C. representatives.

N. B. All applications must be sent in writing to either the President or Vice-President of the S. R. C.

ATTENTION

All classes and labs will be cancelled on Wednesday afternoon October 13th, so that all students may attend the formal inauguration of Dr. A. W. Trueman as President of UNB.

All students are requested to attend this function. Seating for students will be in the gallery.

Revival or Survival

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red herring? Already the feeling is rampant on the campus that the Flying Club is going to fold up. They apparently are having a hard time to sell the 'plane and probably won't be able to 'dicker' with the proper authorities for block time.

A lot of effort was put in to this movement by Tom Prescott and a few other hard-working individuals and we feel sorry that the Flying Club will be having a hard time to make a profitable venture. A number of students under the Club's capable flying instructors solved. Others developed a keen interest in flying. We sincerely hope that Prescott, now a Senior Artsman, and this year's Flying Club executive: George Smith, Fred Murray, Ted Cadenhead, and Fergus MacLaren, will find some way of keeping the plane. Most of us, I know, were pretty proud of the plane when it flew over College

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than some managers. "I tried to be very conservative on this budget and I hope the SRC won't try to hash it too much."

In a discussion concerning the appointment of Freshman representatives to the SRC Hillman objected to Pete van der Meyden's idea of electing them as soon as possible. Hillman remarked that he had been at UNB for three years "and I still don't know what is going on" with the obvious reply from Van der Meyden.

Despite a plea of President Fanjoy for reduction in the budgets there were very few suggestions from the reps as to how these budgets could be reduced.

Chess Club and I. S. S. Budgets were criticized for not being detailed enough while the Veteran's Club budget was strongly opposed by a veteran RCAF'er, Doug Coeko.

Field last fall at the Mount A - UNB game.

HERE AND THERE

We do not doubt that the purpose for which the couch was placed on the second floor of the Arts Building was well-intentioned but it is too handy the Psychology department to suit us. The only thing lacking is the proverbial raised head.

We wish that someone would make a study of the sex-life of the UNB female. Copy for the Brunswickan is coming in awfully slow.



Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir:

The proposed increase in the students levy as passed by the SRC last week has provoked considerable discussion and I feel I should say something about the matter.

The levy was \$15 a year only a couple of years ago and was lowered to \$12 when the increased enrolment at UNB with the consequent larger income enabled this to be done.

Since then however the general cost of living has increased tremendously, as we all know too well and this has been reflected in an added cost for student activity - meals, fares, orchestra rates, etc. The result was that last year the SRC had an operating deficit. This was possible last year since there was a large surplus with which to start the year. That surplus is to a large degree gone and the cost of operations will be even higher during the coming year due to a further increased cost for operations. The SRC had the choice then of raising the levy or drastically curtailing student activity. The decision was to raise the levy, subject of course to the approval of the Senate, since the university administration collects it.

While on the subject it might be desirable to point out just what the student receives as a return on the levy. First and probably foremost is the matter of sports - the opportunity to participate and free admission as a spectator. The situation is not so good in respect to hockey since we operate under the handicap of being dependent on another party's rink. The levy furthermore enables a student to receive a Brunswickan each week, attend the formal dances admission free and to participate in many other extra-curricular activities. Add these items up and most students will find that there is considerable life just couldn't exist without the events and activities supported by the levy.

I would add that the students control the spending of their money through their elected representatives on the council. To exercise that privilege tell your reps what you feel should be done or even better come to the SRC meetings and make your voice heard.

Edward Fanjoy
Pres. SRC

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interested in meeting all the campus officials and any others interested.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 in the Arts Building. All interested are asked to attend.

Grant will probably discuss the I. U. S. - Communist - dominated problem which was so much in the news last year.



The new improved regulation COLLEGE JACKETS are sold at **Flemings** of course