

WUSC REPLIES

by

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World University Service in Canada has been attacked with a tangle of distortions, misconceptions, and glaring, blatant ignorance.

Will hysterical propaganda sway the UNB student body to squash a worthy organization? To precipitate the matter, we present the facts.

WUSC is not only national, but also an international organization. Fifty-three nations of the world belong to World University Service.

The present organization is the direct descendant of International Students' Service, which was formed to meet the needs of students in concentration camps after the second world war. Because both sides recognized the value of its purpose, ISS was able to send its representatives through the lines in safety, with books, magazines, and similar facilities to the people who were to lead in the sculpture of today's world from the shambles of war-torn Europe.

As these needs were gradually met, WUS evolved from International Students Service. The experiment had exemplified the possibility of international understanding, just as WUS exemplified it today.

This year, as last year, UNB's WUSC will sponsor *The Treasure Van*, a sale of articles from around the world which would not be available through any other society. It will sponsor a Model United Nations in the New Brunswick Legislative Buildings, just as it did last year.

It has already arranged for a number of lectures by authorities on various countries of the world. Is this the languid procedure of "a stagnant, useless organization"?

For a summary of WUSC's financial report, you may consult the editorial page of the paper. Far from being your contribution to a "pleasure cruise", you will find that ten per cent of all your dollars—which are sent to WUSC's national office—goes to support the Summer Seminar programme, the rest maintains sanatoria for students and other international projects, or is used for administration expenses and publications.

WUSC has been called an "intangible abstract".

WUSC is as intangible as the cold iron of a bed in the R. G. Kar Medical College Hospital in Calcutta, in a university city where "two out of every five students in India's largest university suffer from malnutrition or other illnesses.

WUSC is as abstract as the Muramaya WUS student TB ward in Japan, the construction of which was assisted by students . . . in a country where four out of every ten students have Tuberculosis.

We have mentioned only two countries. We could have mentioned more than fifty.

How many UNB students are so materialistic as to grudge one dollar — a dollar that might feed a student in the Middle East for a week? How many "crippled kids" in Canada are forced to subsist on one meal a day? Furthermore, How many students on this campus are unaware of the fact that the National Federation of Canadian University Students is actively involved with the problem of "needy Canadians"?

Canada's former Governor-General, Vincent Massey, was last year's Honorary Chairman of WUSC. The Imperial Family of Japan gives its official support to WUSC.

Lewis Perinham, General Secretary of WUSC last year, made this statement at the Thirteenth National Assembly of WUSC in Vancouver, 1958.

"WUSC" today is helping to foster the growth of a true academic

community whose spiritual affinity will enable it to transcend the bitter divisions, suspicions, and conflicts of our age. Individually we can achieve little, but together, remembering that each has something to give and each has something to receive, we cannot fail to make our humble contribution to the vast problems of our generation".

That is the ideal of WUSC, the alive, determined, scrupulous ideal of world understanding. UNB's WUSC welcomes inquiry from everybody. It is patient with people who deprecate it, people who have never attended WUSC

meetings. It will not tremble from the fluffy barrage of melodramatic bluff.

And that is NOT a guess.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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of all active sports.

The accusation that Rugger players who turn to Football are injury-prone is interesting. I have heard exactly the same thing claimed for Football players converting to Rugger. It is held that this is due to their inability to fall freely and to ride hard bodily contacts without protection.

Rugger is dead ?? It is not dead

in Britain, Ireland, France, New Zealand or South Africa, or even in many parts of Canada. How I wish Mr. Fairbairn could see a good game of Rugger on a dry pitch, or the exciting open play of the 7-a-side tournaments held throughout Britain in the spring.

There are no substitutes or lengthy interruptions, and stamina, speed and skill are all important.

Let us have reasoned co-existence of the oval-ball, Mr. Fairbairn! Long live the Bombers—I am supporting them!

Faithfully,

J. J. Lowe, Fredericton

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