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PRESIDENT WELCOMES RETURNING UPPERCLASSMEN

In his annual address on September 27, 1956, in The Lady Beaverbrook Rink, the president welcomed faculty and upperclassmen back to U.N.B. With great satisfaction news of the growth of and improvements on the campus were received. Said the president:

"In 1953-54 our student body numbered 767—this year we expect that it will be over the 1,200 figure mark since we have now registered more than 450 new students. You might be interested in knowing the percentage breakdown of new students in the different faculties. Roughly it is as follows: engineers made up 45% of the new students; arts and business administration—22%; science—20%; foresters—12%; graduates and law roughly 1%."

"The chemistry building is on schedule and should be completed by next May. Work on the Engineering building is slow and we do not expect to move into the new wing until August of next year."

"The addition to the ladies residence is nearly complete. We are determined that something be done to increase the present residence accommodation for men and we shall begin to work on plans for a new residence for men with the intention that construction might begin in 1957."

Freshmen Initiations

The Freshman initiations for this year finished last Friday, were notable for one fact: they were without doubt the quietest during recent years. Excellent organization and sensible behavior at the Sophomore Court assured no repetition of the riot of last year. The Freshman Class celebrated their initiation with the usual downtown parade, but no damage was done. At the end of the week everyone concerned seemed to be quite happy.

The week began with traditional inspections and pep rally. The Freshmen did not seem to like the inspections very much and only a few turned up; they seemed to like the pep rally even less and none of them turned up. It seemed to be a combination of the foul weather and the fact that every Freshman class seems to have the idea that the upper classman wishes to hurt them in some way. The pep rally is a valuable and enjoyable part of the week and it was a shame that they did not wait to sample it.

The new class seemed to feel the same on Wednesday afternoon, this was the first time that they were called upon to do some constructive work—we hope that this frame of mind will not remain dominant throughout the year. The dance on Wednesday night was sponsored by the Junior Class, it was a success, but the Junior Class was, unfortunately, absent from most of the organization.

On Thursday the Sophomore Court was in session, the court was well conducted by the judge—The Right Honourable Mr. Hooper and the two highly esteemed lawyers Jim MacDonald and Jim Brooks. Then came the Downtown Parade. This was followed by a Corn-cob hop in the Rink.

The Freshmen were regarded as officially initiated after the Banquet, at which the Honorary Chancellor of the University, Lord Beaverbrook spoke. And so ended one of the quietest, but one of the best organized initiations of the past decade.

In referring to the financial status of the University the following was heard:

"This year the University of New Brunswick will receive an increase of 10% in the provincial government grant. It will enable us to operate on a balanced budget of \$1,125,000 and with an arrangement for payments that has enabled us to remove from the books the accumulated deficits of former years."

The academic scope of the University shall be improved in this way:

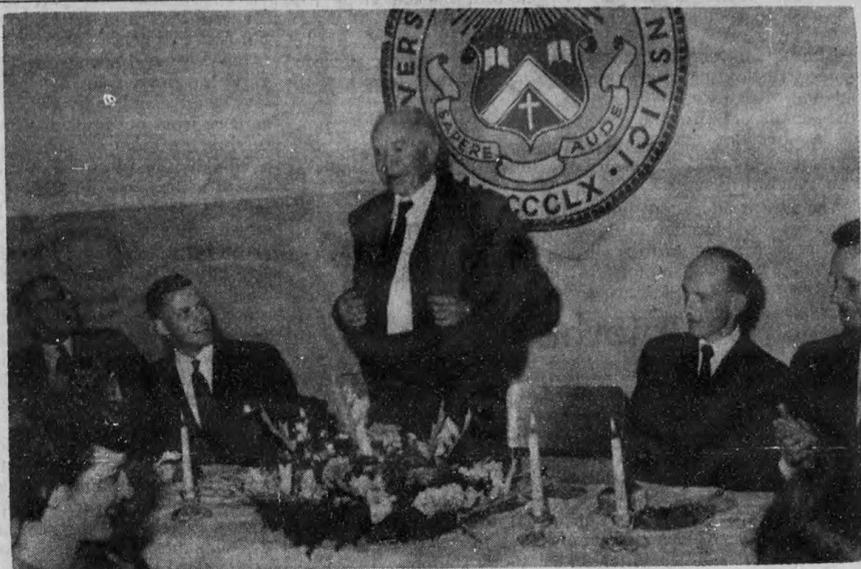
"This year we begin work at the Master's level in Mechanical Engineering, we have certain new research projects under study and we expect to give serious consideration (and I would hope approval) to the institution of a school of nursing, a degree course in physical education and an extension of work in the area of Chemical Engineering or industrial chemistry. Further, we shall continue to strengthen the work now being done at the graduate level."

"The recent report of the National Employment Service emphasizes that 'never before have business and industry placed such a premium on a college degree. Two years ago, the demand for university graduates of all courses was more or less in balance with the universities' output—today, there are more jobs than graduates in many fields of work.'"

"When the need for university graduates is so urgent and when the opportunities after graduation are so great, it is most disturbing to see the large percentage of failures in the first and second years."

LETTERS

The "Brunswickan" welcomes letters to the Editor, to be printed in columns on this page. If there is any student who feels a comment is necessary, send it to the "Brunswickan". A letter can be signed with a pen name or initials, as long as the editor knows who wrote it. No anonymous letters will be published.



Beaverbrook '97 speaks at the Freshman Banquet. From left to right: Dr. F. J. Toole, Phil Hooper, Lord Beaverbrook, Gordon MacAllister, Dr. C. B. Mackay.

BEAVER BECOMES SOPH!

The annual Freshman Banquet signifying the close of Frosh Week activities took place Friday evening in the Boxing Room of the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. Special guest at the function was the Rt. Hon. Lord Beaverbrook, Chancellor of the University. Mr. Gordon MacAllister, Vice-President of the Students Council was dinner chairman. Other guests at the head table, included the president, Dr. Colin B. Mackay, Deans of the Faculties, Administration staff, President of the Students Council, Alumni Secretary and Editor of the *Brunswickan*.

After the dinner, Lord Beaverbrook was presented with a U.N.B. jacket. In his remarks during the presentation, Mr. Phil Hooper, President of the Sophomore Class, explained that at last year's Freshman Banquet Lord Beaverbrook was presented with a Beanie and thus made an "Honorary Freshman". "Since then", continued Mr. Hooper, "his record has been such that we now have the honor of making His Lordship an 'Honorary Sophomore'." The jacket had the numerals 97-22 emblazoned on the sleeve and an L.B. on the front. The numerals signify when His Lordship registered in Law at U.N.B. and when he received his Honorary Degree.

Lord Beaverbrook then expressed his gratitude at the presentation. He went on to say that although he was now a sophomore, his interests were still with the Freshmen. He applauded those students who enter the university determined to make a name in the annals of Canada. At one point he admonished those

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Notice To Sophomores

The deadline for applications for the Dr. C. C. Jones Memorial Scholarship is Friday, October 5.

This scholarship, which is offered annually by the Associated Alumni, has a value of \$250. Sophomores of both sexes who have made a first division on freshman mathematics and who do not already hold a major scholarship are eligible.

Application forms may be obtained at the Alumni Office in the Memorial Student Centre.

Shaw Suspends Residence Initiations

Initiation at the Lady Beaverbrook Residence was suspended last Wednesday night. Prof. A. Shaw, Dean, in making this announcement, stressed that it was not a temporary suspension but a permanent one.

The direct cause of the action was in the interests of health. Prof. Shaw reported that several of the frosh became ill during the initiation period. Although this illness consisted in the most part of colds, it was felt that precautions should be taken.

In addition Prof. Shaw expressed his dislike of what he called "too much humiliation." "Too much emphasis is placed on humiliations of the student, and not enough on showing the new students the value of university life," Prof. Shaw stated. "Also," he continued, "students in residence seem to get initiated twice, while those living in town emerge relatively unscathed."

Modern French-Canadian Artists to be Featured

The National Gallery of Canada's exhibition "Some French Canadian Painters" opened its tour of the Maritimes on Sunday in the Art Centre, where it will be on view for two weeks.

This important collection is best described by the French term "avant garde." It is characterized by high craftsmanship, technical competence, and mannerism.



"Here's the man who's been causing all the trouble", Jim Brooks seems to be saying at the Sophomore Court, held in the Gym last Thursday. The looks of admiration come from Jim MacDonald, while the judge, Phil Hooper is totally unconcerned.