

Mackay Promenade - Bruns out of balance

Dear Miss Murphy:

As one of those faculty members who is presently enjoying a sabbatical leave I find that my only active contacts with our University are through my student-son and the weekly editions of The Brunswickan.

Since sons are naturally rather uncommunicative, I find that I must rely on your student newspaper for most of "The News".

I am concerned about the editorial stance which you have taken re: the Dr. Colin B. Mackay Promenade. That beautiful campus area ties together the residences, the Library, the Student Union Building - a section of the campus that Dr. Mackay fought for so tenaciously during his presidential years. It was the area where he met with individuals and groups of students, where he was able to keep tabs on student opinion, student reaction and student concerns. The structure, designed by one of Canada's most prestigious artists is, as I understand it, the first phase of an orderly development

of that promenade. Its location was selected so that it would in no way interfere with the casual touch football, frisbee, and pitch-and-catch games that students in residence seem to enjoy.

When one realizes that Dr. Mackay assumed the presidency of an eight-building university, and eighteen years later, relinquished the presidency of a forty-two building university, it becomes clear that his contribution should have been acknowledged through the designation of a campus area rather than a single building. For he, more so than any other person, was THE builder of UNB and, more particularly, the builder of student facilities at UNB.

The structure, donated by the Alumni, cost \$5,082, - not the \$17,000, that you reported in your newspaper. An additional \$1,500, was spent on side-walk and lawn repairs - expenditures that would have been required in any event.

When he retired it was stated that he had personally presented graduation diplomas to more than 75 per cent of all of the people,

who, from the beginning of UNB, qualified for degrees!

Your readers must be compelled to assume that all of the students object to the establishment of the Mackay promenade. I submit that your condemnation of this project is as representative of the opinions of the majority as the vandalism actions re: Aitken House signs are representative of the behaviour of the majority of students. Only very few people pointed up the campus and town, and only very few people object to the honouring of Colin Mackay through the establishment of The Promenade.

Many people - high school students, city business people, alumni, friends of the University, and professors on sabbatical leave, receive word about our university exclusively through your paper. Surely it behooves you to present both sides, to report objectively, and then to editorialize as you see fit. Balance is required, and I suggest respectfully that that balance is missing. Finally, UNB has provided significant opportunity for student input. This matter was considered by the Senate - on which students sit, and by the Board of Governors - on which students sit. We'll never

reach the point where students, or indeed faculty and staff, feel that they are amply represented in decision-making. But the channels are there.

I do hope that you continue to editorialize as you and your associates see fit. But I implore you to balance that with objective, factual reporting so that your readers can see both sides of an "issue" and then make up their own minds. Surely that is what education is really all about.

Yours sincerely,
John W. Meagher

Roberts' letters sought

Dear Editor:

I am, with the permission of Lady Roberts, collecting the letter of her late husband, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts (1860 - 1943), for publication.

Roberts was a well-known poet and writer of animal stories, and an avid outdoorsman. He lived at various times in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Toronto and Vancouver, travelled extensively in Canada between 1880 and 1943

on lecture tours and personal visits, and had contacts with persons from all walks of life.

This is my final attempt to collect additional Roberts letters prior to completing the preparation of the existing collection for publication. I should greatly appreciate hearing from any persons holding letters from Sir Charles. I can be contacted at the Roberts Letters Project c/o Department of English University of New Brunswick Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5A3

Sincerely yours,
Fred Cogswell
Head, Roberts Letters Project

Welcome to UNB

To Civil Engineering Students,
The UNBSCE-CSCE executive would like to welcome civil engineering students to UNB for the 78-79 year. New students are invited to join the society and help in our task of portraying the technical aspects within our ranks to the community. A schedule of events is listed below and students are invited to attend.
October 4 Speaker - Highways (N. Gilbert) Topic: Fredericton Bridge;
18 General Meeting; 25 Speaker - Dr. Michel - Topic: "Ice Problems in

Canada".
November 1 Engineering Week - Open House; 15 Speaker - M. Mosher - Topic: Point Lepreau, C.W. Tunnel; 22 General Meeting; 29 Christmas Social.

(Weekly Films, Wed., 12:30)

Children on their own

Senator Alan Cranston, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Child and Human Development, says he plans to propose legislation providing more government money to help solve the child-care problem in this country.

He says the lack of affordable child care has become critical - just when more women are entering the job market.

According to testimony recently heard by Cranston's subcommittee, more than two million children between the ages of three and 13 care for themselves while their mothers work. Two hundred thousand of those are under the age of six. Yet throughout the nation there are only enough licensed child-care facilities to care for one-fourth of those children. (Newsprint)



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