

THE COLUMN

by Ed BELL

Since this is still Freshman Week, this column will be devoted to a plea to the freshettes. Please don't get the **Freshette Complex**. This term is one coined by a disgruntled LBR man last year to describe what had happened to some of the UNB girls. Describing this condition is not a pleasant assignment . . . nor is it likely to win me many friends. But the freshettes should at least know something about the **Freshette Complex** . . . it's undisputedly the general opinion of every male up the hill.

Here is the picture: Little Sally Freshette leaves home to come to UNB. This is her first time away from home and momma for any length of time; she breathes a sigh of relief as she finally gets the independence she has been craving for. Then poor Sally gets to Fredericton and Freshman Week. All of a sudden she finds herself the centre of a great deal of attention, most of it from males. Now Sally is a normal girl . . . she likes male attention. But never before had she received so much . . . and never before had she had enough freedom from parental restraint to do much about it.

At any rate, as this situation continues, a little gremlin begins to creep into Sally's mind. She is being asked out on dates four or five nights a week . . . and going. The Gremlin begins to work and Sally commences to think that she must be a little more attractive than most girls. Here she is going to The Flame for steaks three nights a week. Why, she must be really attractive and desirable! This is the beginning of the **Freshette Complex**.

Around Christmas time comes the peak of Sally's popularity. She has been to the Fall Formal, the Bushman Ball, the LBR House Formal . . . and every other major event of the first semester. Her ego is so expanded that a trivial little thing like low marks on her Christmas exams is dismissed with a shrug and a few curses directed towards her professors. So after a comparatively dull holiday telling lies to momma, Sally gayly streams back into town for the next round.

But a curious thing has taken place. Sally, the girl who was telephoned every night, who asked what kind of car a fellow was driving before she refused to go to a party at his apartment . . . Sally finds herself getting fewer telephone calls. The fellows who had been telephoning her were now phoning places like Nurse's Residence and boarding houses filled with Teacher's College girls. Poor little Sally, she is no longer the centre of attraction. All she has to do nights is sit in the Maggie and study . . . and who wants to do that! But that ever-present gremlin does not want Sally to fade from the picture quite that easily.

"Why not change my hair colour? If I do that and wear more striking clothes, I can again be the centre of attraction." So, as the spring come around the corner . . . so does Sally, bleached blond and wearing orange knee socks, a green leotard and a bermuda skirt. Sally is no longer the simple, unaffected girl she was when she first left momma. She is now forceful (brash), more attractive physically (peroxide), and is free to go out with anyone who asks (if you can call steaks and all the trappings of a Sally-type date "free").

The final item in the decline and fall of Sally Freshette into the **Freshette Complex** is barely passing marks in May. It's not a very happy ending . . . but then it's not a very happy story either. To put it briefly, Sally didn't stop to think that what she and the gremlin attributed to her own personal charm was mostly due to the male-female ratio at UNB. In fact, Sally didn't stop at all . . .

Receives Medal

Ed McLellan, fifth year civil-engineering student from Yellowknife, N.W.T. was presented with the Kenneth Corbett Gold Medal last April at the annual UNB Athletics Award Dinner. UNB President Dr. Colin B. Mackay made the presentation before a crowd of 400 at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

McLellan copped the award for his athletic endeavours over the past four years as a speedy half-back on the Red Bombers and a hard skating right winger for the Red Devils.

The medal, awarded annually by Garnet Copeland, is in memory of Flying Officer Kenneth Corbett, first UNB graduate to



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lose his life in World War II. Mr. Copeland was a classmate of the late Kenneth Corbett of Barkers' Point.

Dr. Mackay also presented four University Athletic Distinction awards to: Lauren MacElmon, three years varsity basketball, Tom Doyle, four years football, Dave Fairbairn, four years football and Galen Parent, four years hockey.

MOBIL OIL GRANTS

Mobil Oil of Canada is offering undergraduate scholarships and university grants worth \$10,400 at various Canadian universities for 1960-61.

Eleven scholarships will be offered to students in their final year of geology, petroleum engineering and other branches of engineering. Each will be worth \$800, with half the amount going to the university in the form of a grant to help achieve more effectiveness in teaching. Universities involved are British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Toronto, Queen's, McGill and New Brunswick.

That, co-eds, is a brief description of the **Freshette Complex**. It happened to only a few of our girls . . . there are some very wonderful exceptions to Sally's tale. But there are so few girls here that it's a pity to see any more **Freshette Complexes** develop in this year's crop of sweet young things "you would like to know". So, Freshettes, be careful . . . you can have a great time here at UNB . . . but if you have to warp your personality to do it, it's not worth it.

Things you might not like to know

- Jones and Aitken Freshmen got no house initiation
- The **Freshette Complex** will not be listed for study in the Psychology courses.

"Mademoiselle" Opens Contest

"Mademoiselle" magazine announces that its 1960-61 College Board Contest is now open to women undergraduates regularly enrolled in an accredited college. The contest offers a chance at winning one of the twenty Guest Editorships — a month on their editorial staff.

To try out for membership on the College Board a girl may write a criticism (1,200 words or more) of the editorial section of a current issue or depict in words or drawings the follies of her campus. (For other suggestions write to the magazine). You will be notified by January 1, 1961, whether your tryout has been accepted.

Each College Board member will do one assignment for "Mademoiselle". The list of assignments to choose from will appear in the January issue. There will be a variety of selections, so a girl will be able to pick one that best suits her interests. Prizes will be given for both tryouts and assignments.

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