

Police Chief Claims Action In Best Interests Of Town

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## S R C DEMANDS INVESTIGATION OVER BROWN CASE

### WILL APPROACH ATTORNEY-GENERAL & POLICE COMMISSION 200 STUDENTS ATTEND S.R.C. MEETING

Nearly 200 students attended what may be the biggest SRC meeting of the year. Oratory, condemnation of the local police force, criticism of certain officials, and general interest, all high-lighted the special meeting called by Prexy Fanjoy. An investigation by the Police Commission and the Attorney-General's Department of the Provincial Government is going to be pressed by a four-man committee headed by Fanjoy.

The whole investigation results from the action of the police force accorded to a Senior student, Al Brown. (Brown's story appears elsewhere in this issue.)

President A. W. Trueman made his second appearance before the SRC and asked the Council and students to refrain from taking any drastic action on the issue. He also stated publicity on the matter should be avoided until the matter has been presented to the Fredericton Police Commission for a complete investigation. Dr. Trueman said that after the investigation was carried out and results noted, then the SRC could carry out the proper action. In summing up his remarks Dr. Trueman commented that as a result of a conversation with Police Chief O'Connell nobody was satisfied with the explanation.

In speaking, Dr. Trueman maintained that the main question involved concerned the intention of the authorities not to permit Mr. Brown to phone his wife of his whereabouts, or to contact Dean Parr of Alexander College.

After Dr. Trueman had concluded his remarks and left the well-attended meeting, a "hot" discussion ensued.

Almost the first remark made came from the back of the room: "... Suggest we collect at the Legion and

go down and burn the City Hall." In adding to the remarks Al Brown the victim of the incident, said that two years ago he had mailed a letter to the Police Commission concerning a person he had seen knocked about and dragged to the police station by the police. A reply to the letter stated that he was to mind his own business.

When considering the possibility of action against the police one voice from the back of the room remarked: "If there is sufficient grounds for action the litigation would be very small because they pay them (the police) in accord with what they know".

Gerry Bell, Junior Class President maintained that the SRC should go after the top man, the police chief. "We should go after the man who is running the force," said Bell.

One fellow remarked that "we don't want to blow off too much steam. We just want to arouse public opinion."

Concerning Dr. Trueman's remarks Lorne Gardiner said "With all due respects to what Dr. Trueman has said I don't think he has been in Fredericton long enough."

Vernon Mullen commented "It is not only Al Brown's case which we are fighting, the English people have been fighting for freedom from such arbitrary treatment for centuries."

Finally after considerable discussion with many curt remarks, amusing and otherwise, making the rounds, a committee of four with Ed Fanjoy as chairman was set up. The other members are Les D'Arcy, Hugh Church, and Hugh Whalen. Immediate action is being taken by this committee to inform the Attorney-General's Department of the Council's demands (Continued on Page 2)

## YOU MAY BE NEXT AL BROWN'S STORY . . .

It is regrettable that the relations between the University students and the local constabulary have been further strained. We hoped that as a result of the incident two years ago the police force would have been aroused to a sense of greater responsibility. However the recent and bitter experience suffered by one of our most respected and well liked classmates can hardly be overlooked.

We believe an efficient Police Department can and should carry out even unpleasant duties in a manner that will merit a degree of respect and confidence from all people. The innocent wives, mothers, and daughters of even convicted law breakers, should not be subjected to unnecessary cruelty and suffering, through callous police procedure.

Serious consequences might have resulted from what we feel are the unjustified actions taken by the police. The student's wife, who is in a very delicate condition, was extremely worried over the continued and unexplained absence of her husband. This might have resulted in a very serious, possibly a disastrous situation.

This action may have been justified by the police. However, as we have been able to determine the facts of the case so far we are inclined to think that the police acted quite hastily in arresting Mr. Brown. Furthermore, we feel that it must be a repetition of the incident of two years ago where the police had not allowed the arrested person to communicate with University authorities or his relatives.

In our opinion the arrested person is innocent until proven guilty.

And being innocent, he should receive the treatment usually accorded a gentleman. In this case Mr. Brown was apparently informed that he could not contact his wife until the policeman in charge came in. (The Policeman in charge was supposed to come to the station in ten minutes time. However he did not return for a considerable time . . . something like three or four hours.

The SRC has taken the right course in this respect! An investigation will clear up the case considerably. At the present time most of the students feel that the police force is using dictatorial methods and methods which are never used in a free and democratic country. This may not be so. A thorough investigation will clear the air. If it is found that the Fredericton Police Force was wrong in making the arrest then we would suggest that severe reprimands if not discharges would be in order. If the Police Force is found to have exercised its authority in a proper manner then the student body will have that much more faith in it.

We should reiterate, that from the facts that we have received, we could only expect such an incident to have taken place in Russia or Germany. But never in Canada!

Most of the students, quite frankly, feel they are living in a state of fear. The case has cast considerable ill feeling towards the Police Force. Some students even feel they might be next!

Besides approaching the Attorney-General's Department for an investigation (Continued on Page 2)

## AL BROWN'S STORY . . .

I think the facts, cold and bare, speak very well for themselves. For that reason, I'd like to ask for as moderate as possible a policy in the matter of editorials, etc. I've been bombarded with suggestions more or less violent that ranged downward from marching down to the city hall with a legion of students, burning the place down, and throwing the whole police force into the flames. On a question such as the recent incident about the local barbershops, I think it is a good idea for those interested to get as angry as possible to balance the apathy of the general public. In my case however, I think the more cold-blooded approach, the the better the results.

After that short sermon, here is what happened. I was having an all-night study session, and about 3.15 a. m. decided to go out for some fresh air. I walked down Charlotte Street to Regent to see if the Cafe there was open, then quite airlessly continued down Regent Street to George, and turned right. The police prowler saw me and picked me up about fifteen yards from the corner. They questioned me as to who I was and where I came from, then said that I would have to go with them to the station.

After we arrived there, I was searched and asked for identification. I had nothing on me, so I suggested that they call Dean Parr and have him O. K. me. They didn't pay (Continued on Page Two).

## University War Memorial Fund Reaches 154,000 Dollars

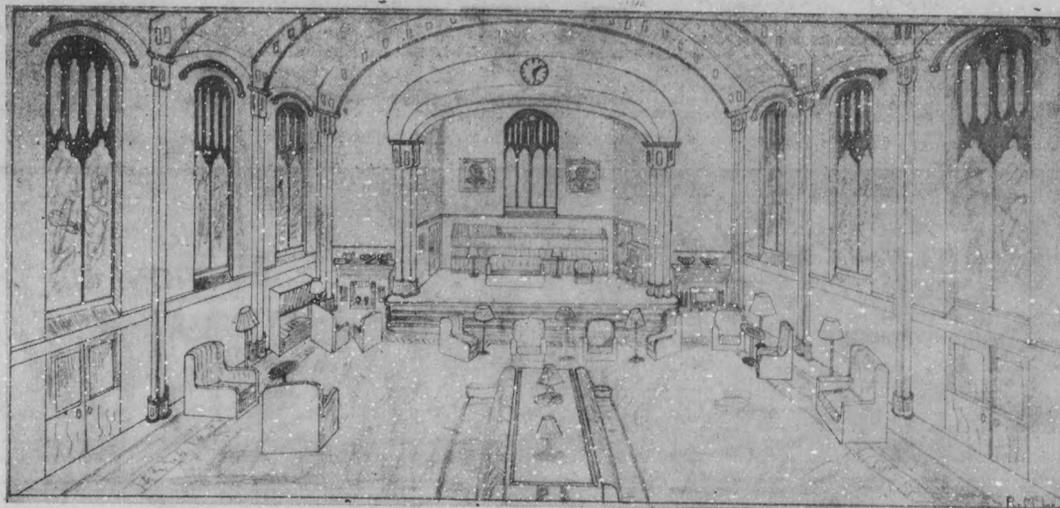
The UNB War Memorial Fund has grown to a total exceeding \$154,000. Dr. A. F. Van Wart, Chairman of the Central Committee revealed the Brunswickan at press time. The purpose of the campaign which is being conducted is to convert the Memorial Building to a Memorial Student Centre.

The number of Alumni and Alumnae who have contributed to the fund to date is in excess of 1100, it was also learned. At the same time, Dr. Van Wart pointed out that Canadian Corporations had generously supported their Alma Mater's financial campaign, as had the student body which last year contributed a total of \$2000. to the fund.

Expressing satisfaction with the progress to date, Dr. VanWart stated that blocks of returns are still expected. Every effort is being made he added, to bring the campaign to a successful conclusion. The campaign objective is \$250,000.

It was not yet known when the Memorial Building would be available for conversion to the Student Centre, Dr. VanWart continued. This was contingent upon the new Science Building which is being planned for the campus. Only after the Physics and Chemistry departments are established in their new quarters will the conversion work commence.

For the benefit of new students and for the upperclassmen who may not know, many facilities for student activities and recreation will be provided in the Student Centre.



Perhaps the chief of these will be a common room. Shown on this page is Prof. Bob McLaughlin's conception of the room where one day soon students Up the Hill will be able to relax between lectures. The proposed common room is now the Memorial Hall.

A cafeteria completely equipped to meet all the needs of students will be located in the basement of the building. The SRC will have ad-

equated office space in which to transact the students' business. A council room which will adjoin the offices, will be available for meetings. A music room for the performance and enjoyment of musical programmes is still another feature for which provision has been made. Offices for the Brunswickan and Year Book, separate rooms for men and memorial windows, plaques, a book of remembrance etc. will be dedicated women (the common room will be

used jointly by co-eds and men) and animations which start on Monday other facilities have all been incorporated in the plans. Finally, there will be a room which for want of a better name is designated on the plans as a chapel. It will be here that stained glass slated to the UNB men who served and fell in two world wars and in whose honor the Memorial Student Centre is being provided. Upon the completion of the ex-

the student body will disperse to different parts of Canada. It is possible that many will come in contact with Alumni and Alumnae who will be interested in news of the University in general and the War Memorial project in particular. In conclusion, Dr. VanWart expressed the hope that, whenever the occasion presented itself, the students would act as goodwill ambassadors for the War Memorial Committee.



Editor, The Brunswickan,

Dear Sir:

A citizen of Fredericton has been placed in jail for what appears at this time to be insufficient reason. He was held incommunicado, for no rational reason whatsoever, for a considerable period of time. This situation by itself demands investigation by the responsible authorities; the chief of police, the police commission and the city council. The fact that the citizen is a UNB student should have no bearing on the case, as far as these authorities are concerned, except that the city's reputation for treatment of visitors might be considered.

The fact that the treatment was accorded to a UNB student has, however, a particular interest for the UNB student body. If this were an isolated incident, if it could be called an unfortunate accident, it would be a different story. There would be grounds for proceeding with extreme caution, for making all attempts to smooth the matter over without any publicity, and the students would be the first to admit this.

Such is NOT the case. "L'affaire Fleming" is still fresh in our minds—with the resultant statement by the chief of police that university authorities would be notified if a student was taken in by the police. (Dr. Treeman has stated that he would prefer to be awakened for a few moments at any hour than to have a student jailed for the night without cause.) With all due respect to the dangerous character of suspected milk money thieves it seems absolutely unreasonable not to have taken any steps to identify Mr. Brown, particularly since he ap-

pears to be fully co-operative. It is hard to ignore the fact that in spite of a change in the police commission since the Fleming matter, the same chief of police, the administrative head of the force, is still in charge. If he is not responsible for the training and subsequent behavior of the force, who is? The position of a police constable is not an easy one, particularly in view of the recent wave of breaking, entering and theft in the city, but surely the policy of the force in regard to the jailing of citizens without identification, and the subsequent holding of them without the common decency and legal right of letting the accused communicate with friends or relatives, surely the constable on the beat is not responsible for this! Let's get at the roots of the matter even if the roots are at the top.

Harold R. Hatheway  
Arts '49

DEAR SIR:-

In the recent edition of the "Forestry Brunswickan", published I believe by the "Glorified Wood Choppers". I read a very interesting editorial: Professor Videto's "Glimpses of Finland", and an amusing piece on the last page titled "Field and Office Tables". The remainder of the paper told of the accomplishments of the Foresters.

Realizing, that little or nothing can be expected from the Artsmen, I hope that the Engineer Brunswickan will deal more with the lighter side of College life, rather than with grim statistics.

This opinion is not necessarily endorsed by my brother now attending UNB two of whom are Artsmen, or direct descendants of the "Bird Watchers Society", and one of whom is a Forester, or the 1948 version of an over ambitious Beaver, equipped with one of the world's more modern inventions, an "axe".

Hoping the Eng. Brunswickan has not been published, and that you will consider my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Hal Rideout

SRC DEMANDS . . .

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as well as communication with the Fredericton Police Commission. The Brunswickan Editor-in-Chief was instructed to publish a two-page extra by the Council and distribute 2,000 copies.

The concluding minutes of the meeting took a somewhat rather humorous vein in which Ed McGinley rumbled that Al Brown should put copies of the Brunswickan in everybody's milk bottle.

AL BROWN . . .

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any attention to that suggestion, so I suggested that they let me call my wife and let her know where I was. This request also was ignored, and I was locked up in a cell.

Throughout the night at regular intervals I pleaded with everyone who I could get to listen, to let me phone my wife. From the beginning, I told them that my wife was expecting a baby within the next week, and that the worry about my disappearing in the middle of the night might seriously harm both her and the child. However, I was not allowed to do anything, and until I arrived home at around 11.30 next morning she had no idea of where I was.

No one paid much attention to me until about 9.30 a.m. when the chief came and asked me what I was doing in there. After a not too amicable conversation, he went off to call Dean Parr. There was some trouble in finding him and I was not released until they finally caught up to him after 11.00 a.m.

That is the story. I'd like to add that I was treated quite gently, and also that I have no objection to being picked up. As there have been many petty robberies lately and it isn't too usual to find people wandering loose at 3.30 a.m., the pick-up and investigation I think were quite in order. My two objections are, first, that the police would not allow me to have myself identified, and also that they would not let me communicate with my wife, although I told them why it was necessary. I feel that a vigorous and effective



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protest should be made about this. But, although I don't wish to try to dictate Brunswickan policy in any degree, I think that most effective results will be obtained with a minimum of fireworks.

EDITORIAL . . .

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gation the SRC is also approaching the Police Commission. The Police Commission will probably be sincere in its attempt to get at the roots of the matter. However they should not feel "ignored" or "looked-down-upon". As a matter of fact the Police Commission will probably feel that it would be better for the Attorney-General's Department to handle the investigation so that they will not receive any of the blame.

In any event an SRC Committee has been set up to set the wheels in motion. Over the Christmas holidays most of us will have a chance to "simmer" down a bit. Then possibly we shall be glad we have not taken any ill-considered action.

The people of the City of Fredericton should attempt to establish the facts as well. It certainly is not good publicity to the city to have many outside students treated in a fashion which some might consider as "harsh" and undemocratic. It is in their interests that students who come to UNB should have a pleasant stay in the Centennial City and carry away with them to their various communities and cities across Canada nothing but a favorable and pleasant attitude of Frederictonian hospitality.

We never expected to publish an "Extra" at this time. However, while we have the opportunity, may we wish you the best of luck on your papers and express our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy 1949.

## FLASH!

The committee appointed by the SRC has discussed the problem with Dr. Bell, Chairman of the Police Commission. An investigation of the complete affair is to be held as soon as possible probably tomorrow night. The SRC committee will sit in on the investigation.

## VAGRANCY

In order that our readers may be fully aware as to what constitutes vagrancy we print the following:

Under section 228 of the Criminal Code vagrancy includes: begging, destroying property, discharging fire arms, disorderly conduct, disorderly street conduct (public building), drunk and disorderly conduct, living by gaming, indecent exhibitions, living on avails, living without employment, night walker, non-support, obstructing passengers.