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The Abolishment of the Junior Tea

Recently, the Junior Class held a momentous meeting to decide what stand would be taken regarding the Junior Tea. It was determined to follow the procedure set last year and abolish this function; the reason being the expense entailed in time of war.

Last Spring, the present Senior Class took the same course of action; but in addition, the members formed a War Savings Stamp Fund, whereby some money would be available to sponsor the first tea after the war. However, this year, the Juniors did nothing but discard this one annual event and state that they favoured its continuance at the conclusion of the war.

The Junior Tea was one of the oldest social functions in the history of our University. Until last year its continuity had never been broken; even throughout the titanic struggle, twenty-five years ago, it was preserved, sometimes at the expense of other events. In times of peace, it was carried out in elaborate style, and was an occasion looked forward to eagerly by the members of the Graduating Class.

Indeed, from all accounts, the action of the Junior Class appears regrettable. That they should have decided against an ancient tradition because of the expense is practical, only if it was financially impossible. But did they bring about their decision when they considered the maximum peace time expense or the minimum cost? Did they realize that tradition at a University, the size of ours, plays a most important and vital role? If it was absolutely necessary to abolish the Junior Tea, surely some means of showing the interest of the present Junior Class could have been found, such as was last year, whereby the War Effort would have been promoted and the preservation of this ancient custom made secure.

Engineering Issue

The decision of the Engineering Society to undertake the publishing of the next issue of The Brunswickan has been received with gratitude by the members of the permanent staff. That the Engineers should come forward and offer their services is an action which "throws to the winds" many misplaced assertions concerning the disinterest, of those connected with Engineering, in any phase of college activity other than their studies.

The publishing of this special edition marks a significant point in The Brunswickan's history. For the first time in many years, maybe the first time ever, the Society of Engineers will edit the paper. It is an important event, because it shows that not only were the efforts of the paper's policy successful, namely to encourage more to participate in its activity, but it also proves that the Engineers, on this campus, are not afraid to undertake a scholastic endeavour, which is by no means small.

It is the sincere hope of The Brunswickan that in future years the custom started by the Engineering Society, will spread to the other Faculties; so that in time the interest in the University of New Brunswick's undergraduate journal will be stimulated to a pitch, where it may truly be called "the weekly news and literary journal of the University of New Brunswick", participated in by the majority of students, and not, as in previous years, by only an interested minority.

Elections

During the past two weeks the students of this University have gone to the polls to elect their representatives on the executives of the S.R.C., the A.A.A., and the Ladies' Society for the coming year. The response of the undergraduates, when called on to vote, was most heartening. For the first time, in many years, nearly all of the eligible voters exercised their prerogative. The result seems to be most satisfactory — the students have chosen persons admirably suited to carry out their onerous duties.

Throughout this year, there has been marked criticism against various members of the S. R. C., who have been accused of intolerance and indolence. They have even been regarded as being unfit to administer student affairs. Those who make such statements, such as the last are rash, because they should realize that it is the majority of the students themselves who elect the members of the Council. Destructive criticism has never been an asset to any body; it is only by being fair and helpful that the students will be able to get the S. R. C. to function as best it is possible. Let us hope, that in the future, those would-be agitators will endeavour to be just in their criticism and do everything in their power to help rather than hinder the students' representatives.

Letters to The Editor

University of New Brunswick
March 4, 1942

To the Editor of the Brunswickan,
Dear Sir:—

There are several points of interest in regard to the C.O.T.C. that have been present to the minds of many students of late. These ought to have the fair consideration of all interested, including the "powers-that-be".

1. Apparently the Senate thinks it is doing the undergraduates a favor in "letting" them continue their studies, by shoving in military training on the side. May I point out that most of the undergraduates are under twenty-one, so that actually they are being compelled to take military training from one to five years before they are liable for such under the present administration. Some favor!

2. This could be overlooked, however, if the present form of training really fitted us for efficient service. But, as a matter of fact, except for a small proportion of students who will be seeking commissions as machine-gun or infantry officers, this training is practically useless because it is misdirected. I find no fault with the instructors — they are reasonably good. The difficulty is that we are compelled to take courses that have direct relation chiefly to one branch of the service—only the infantry;—whereas a great many of those intending to join up have the Air Force or Navy in mind, and a great many more will be serving as technicians in war industry. For both these latter groups (comprising, I believe, the large proportion of the cadets) such military training as is now being given (except for a certain amount of elementary drill) is little more than futile—all the more so since the members of the C.O.T.C. realize that fact, for it is hard enough to get students to do work in which they are personally interested, much less that which they consider to be a waste of time!

3. —which brings us to the third point. Not only is the training of very little practical value to a great many taking it, but also the students in "A" Company, and likewise in "B" and "C" Companies, find the C.O.T.C. work to be a great drain on time and energy, valuable commodities in a nation at war—hence all the more waste when the work is futile. Moreover the amount of material assigned is such (in "A" Company, at least) that no man less than a genius could hope to cover it thoroughly, and at the same time do justice to his other studies and his health. This point is especially noteworthy since most of the U.N.B. students are taking technical work (Engineering, Chemistry, Pre-Medical, etc.) which is relatively much more important than C.O.T.C., and which requires more time than is now available.

All of which boils down to these obvious conclusions:

1. Actual C.O.T.C. instruction ought to be confined to a volunteer officers' corps and to Arts students twenty-one and over required by law to take military training.

2. Those intending to enter the Air Force or Navy ought to have the opportunity provided for training along these lines. Perhaps this would require separate instructors and more expense, but that money at least, would not be wasted.

3. Technical students necessary for industry and skilled work should not have their valuable time taken up with useless training. They should have their afternoons free for lab-work, drafting and the like.

These suggestions do not come from any one individual but arise out of the expressed opinions of a great many members of the C. O. T. C. Something should be done about these matters! We can never win the war by using obsolete and inefficient methods!

Yours sincerely,

"A Gentleman Cadet"

"I don't know what I'm going to do. My husband simply cannot bear children," said the newly-wed. "My dear girl", remarked a kind old lady, "you can't expect the husband to do everything".

—The Gateway

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The Inquiring Reporter

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE
CO-ED ISSUE OF THE BRUNSWICKAN?

Oh, it was good. As good as usual, at least.

Madeline Wallace

Very good. The account of the co-ed hockey team was well written.

Geraldine Bateman

I liked their promptness concerning the preview of co-ed hockey.

Elmore Tufts

It's another of those things we

Was that the pink paper thing? Oh well, I liked it.

Earl Morrison

ought to do more often.

By Matatall

Darn good! I liked the pink paper. How could it be anything but good?

Betty Dunfield

There were more contributions from the students. Outside of mistakes in proofing it was good.

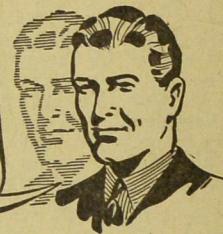
Doreen Pridham

Looked like all the rest of them to me. Pretty paper.

Chub Clark

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