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Campus Improvements

Since the beginning of last term there has been a gradual rise in student opinion that certain improvements should be made on this University's campus. Undoubtedly the most prominent is the need felt for a Common Room or Lounge for the male undergraduates, and the construction of steps leading off from the Arts Building terrace. For many years these two matters have provided for much controversy, and their necessity has been advocated by a great portion of the student body. Consequently, The Brunswickan deems it important that the situation should be pointed out to the University authorities, and that they should be urged to take some action.

The difficulties arising from the lack of a Men's Lounge are numerous and obvious. With the exception of the Library, where as much quiet as possible must be maintained, there is no convenient and suitable place for the University men, not living in Residence, to meet between lectures or to pass a spare lecture period in comfort. Furthermore with the introduction of a much heavier programme this year, the time between the conclusion of morning lectures and the beginning of the afternoon session has been shortened, making it very difficult, and in some cases impossible for students to return to their homes for dinner. As a result, they are compelled to bring lunches and to consume them in very inconvenient locations around the campus. By the group of students living off the campus the absence of such quarters is sorely felt. In addition, it seems necessary that in a University, such as ours, where the majority of the undergraduates live widely separated over a large area, that there should be some place where they might assemble in their spare time.

However, The Brunswickan fully realizes that there may be many difficulties attached to the establishment of this proposed room. Certainly, if a scheme was evolved whereby some satisfactory arrangement might be made, provisions would have to be drawn-up so that order and protection of property in the Men's Lounge would be maintained. Indeed there seems to be no doubt but that the male students of this University would be most appreciative if they acquired such quarters.

The other matter, one that requires no less immediate action and which has been a source of much argument—is the much needed steps leading from the Arts terrace. In the various seasons of the year, whether it be spring, fall or winter, this seemingly insignificant slope always provides much difficulty and sometimes unnecessary embarrassment. In fact, more serious are the near accidents that have occurred when students have lost their balance on either a muddy or icy surface. Surely some means might be found to remedy this situation.

It has always been the policy of The Brunswickan to state the opinion of the majority of the undergraduate body. In this editorial we feel that we are doing as much; and so we ask the University authorities to consider carefully these matters and if possible to find some means to rectify the existing conditions.

University Comradeship

(Reprinted from the Ubyssy)

Just before the Christmas holidays a disastrous fire swept the campus of Mt. Allison University, situated at Sackville, New Brunswick, completely destroying the Men's Residence. Four students lost their lives in the catastrophe. The other 200 inhabitants of the building escaped, but lost all their personal belongings and books.

This week our Students' Council decided to send the entire proceeds from the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game, amounting to approximately \$100, to the students of Mt. Allison as an expression of U.B.C.'s sympathy in their loss, and as our contribution to the re-establishment of the unfortunate students.

Undergraduates at the University of New Brunswick, closest rivals of Mt. Allison in all forms of competition, were the first to come forward with a contribution for their fellow students. Although they only have an enrolment of 350 students, U.N.B. has set an objective of \$200 as their gift. Moreover they sent out a plea to other Canadian universities on behalf of the students of Mt. Allison, requesting that all follow their example. This was a fine gesture made by the New Brunswickers. We sincerely hope their requests will be answered 100%.

As our cheque for \$100 speeds on its way across the continent, students of Mt. Allison may rest assured the heartfelt sympathy of U.B.C. goes with it.

Letters to The Editor

Lady Beaverbrook Residence
February 7, 1942.

Editor, The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir:

According to The Brunswickan of February 6, Mr. Saunders has written, that on reading my article he was "struck with the thought that its contents had little to do with the title." This statement shows me that my young friend does not understand the meaning of education and the addition of the word war to the education further confuses him. It is no use arguing in the limited space of this paper whether the title has any bearing on the subject matter, but I will ask my young friend to read the first part of my article again. Perhaps he will reconcile the title with the subject matter and thus retract his statement.

I shall also point out to my friend that I did not write those lines with a view of embarrassing any section of students on this campus, and my aim was not to expose any party to public obloquy, ridicule and contempt, but I was diligently and frankly trying to point out to my readers certain factors which are responsible for the peculiarities of university life. There is no better time to correct our attitude towards life, et al, than in war time when sections of humanity are allied together fighting for a right cause.

Without further argument, I would like to quote what Mr. Walter Mathiesius, Vice President of the United States Steel, Cooperation of Delaware wrote on a topic entitled "Coordination of Industry with Engineering Colleges" which was reprinted in the engineering journal of September 1941, Vol. 24, No. 9 and published by the Engineering Institute of Canada. "... While these technical graduates can solve specifically assigned and difficult engineering problems, their trained engineering mind tends to focus narrowly upon their task in its designing, construction, or production phases and it fails to grasp the importance of essential economic, sociological and other fundamental relationships...."

"I suggest that arrangements be made for similarly informal meetings concerned with other phases of world affairs and our national life. This would be in my opinion a rational means of directing the students attention to other essential elements of present day civilization, which may be remotely beyond the scope of his engineering courses, but which he should learn to understand so as to broaden his grasp of humanity and his appreciation for the wonders of our universe...."

These are the words of an authority. This holds true for a Forester. Nothing can be clearer.

Mr. Saunders has asked me to write an apology and retract what I said. I fail to see why I should do it when I feel that I am pointing out the right and when my article was not necessarily directed to only the Engineers and the Foresters but to Art students as well. Were it not so, I shouldnt have written as follows: "On the other hand, the Arts student does not care to repair his radio, because that is not his field." Further, my article was not written only for this university but for any other university as I pointed this out right from the beginning.

Mr. Saunders feels that my article was an insult to him. I also feel that his letter to the editor of The Brunswickan was a personal insult to me for he maintains that my article was an "indicative of misguided intellect". So that I can only give this apology to Mr. Saunders: "To know what you prefer instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive." That is my apology.

Yes, my friend may feel that there is some altruism to what he said in his letter. He may feel that he is reflecting the opinion of his party, but now that he is acting on his own instincts, I humbly submit that his letter is nothing short of vindictiveness. And believe it or not, vindictiveness is not an asset but a liability in the relation of human beings. It typifies man as an embodiment of all that is haughty, vicious, revengeful, intolerant and inhuman, and these traits have



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been responsible for the existence of the 'four little dictators.'

In view of the fact that the subject matter was in complete harmony with the title of my article, in view of the fact that it was not necessarily directed to any department in any one university alone, and in view of the fact that Mr. Saunders made a personal insult while trying to tell me to write an apology, I can only say that he has eyes but he sees not; he has a tongue, but he speaks not in terms of harmony and cooperation but in the vein which tends to the inevitable continuation of the four little dictators.

Okechukwu Ikejiani

Sports Editor,
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Dear Sir:—

In your columns last week many

aspersions were cast at the badminton manager and the committee. The only part of that letter which contained an iota of truth or was at all justified was the section about enthusiasm and interest in badminton—if you consider the fact that seventy different college students participated last term, and already this term there are over sixty different names on the list. It is granted that these numbers do not turn out every playing period, but the average has been between twenty and twenty-five.

When one realizes that badminton is played during six months of the college year, and twice every week, it is understood why only the enthusiasts are always on hand. One can easily see that whoever "INTERESTED" might be, he really does not follow the sport closely or he would know that at

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