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Our College Spirit?

Last Saturday was a day of triumph for the U. N. B. rugby team, but in another sense, was also a day of bitter disappointment. On that afternoon the 1943 edition of the Red and Black made its initial appearance against the army. It was a banner day for some of the boys as it marked their first appearance with the Varsity ruggers. Undaunted by a terrific downpour, the team played a fine game and emerged victorious. Yes, they all felt pretty cheerful as they left the field but the main topic of conversation around the old stove in the club house after the game, was not football, but college spirit.

Students, those boys noticed the absence of probably 75% of the college at the game, and in all sincerity, I can say that each one of them was absolutely disgusted. It was no fun for them playing the game on such a wet day but what about the students! Would they venture out on such a day just to see Varsity play football? No sir! Why go up to college field when the theatres and pool halls were open. A much more enjoyable way to spend an afternoon, as wet as last Saturday! But let's think about it. Is that college spirit? I should say not, and it is simply further deterioration of any spirit which has been maintained during the past few years.

Last spring when the Varsity basketballers played off for the Dominion title, the spirit picked up noticeably—but why. The college, I suppose, had something to cheer about. How true that statement was! But does the student body require a winning team, playing off for a title, before they will turn out "en masse" at a game. It is generally known, that, with the exception of basketball, sports at this college are sliding backward very quickly. At this stage we have reached an all time "low" in college spirit.

Surely you seniors and even juniors can remember a time when everyone on the campus pitched in to put sport "over the top"; how the coeds used to be the back-bone of our cheering sections at all Varsity games. Yes, when I say students I refer to the girls as well as boys. The entire college is at fault and this year while the season is still young we can do a great deal to boost college spirit to a new "high".

After last Saturday I feel sure that there are few students "up the hill" who can say that they are putting everything they have behind their college. What do you think of the situation, students, when Howie Ryan was unable to get enough volunteers to "line the field". For your information, college field was "lined" entirely by the boys from the Navy last Saturday morning so that the game could be played that afternoon.

Another phase of the word "spirit" should be instilled in the team managers. The S. R. C. of this college is supposed to use a certain amount of judgment in the appointment of team managers. As yet this season, the football team has seen no trace of its manager. Surely the S. R. C. can do something to remedy situations such as this, which do occasionally arise—but which should never arise.

I hope that each and every student will read this article and consider it from a serious point of view.

This is the time to take action on the "spirit" with which athletics are conducted at this college. If we are going to try and maintain Varsity and Intra-mural competition throughout this period of war, the sports mentality of this college must improve somewhat, or we will be confronted with absolute collapse in sport.

M. M. '44

the gorbie

It appears the Engineers are in heat over the prices charged for their texts by the new Book Store. Yells of "Dirty work; Molder; We bin robbed" caused the GORBIE to stage a miniature investigation into the true facts. Fact is: the Bingeers are paying 7% to 17% more on certain texts than was charged by their Engineering Stores. Science studes are paying roughly the same as last year to their Co-op Book Club, without the benefit of last years' 12% refund. The new Campus Book Store however, sells its texts at Canadian list prices (considerably less than retail dealers) and retains a 12% to pay its expenses. Figure it out for yourself—we don't like 'rithmetic, or textbooks either.

We're making no comments on the Frosh Reception—cuz we thot that kinda stuff only came in Cracker-Jack boxes. But we might make this suggestion for another year: No speeches other than Prexie's, and a welcoming speech from the S.R.C. president who might introduce the presidents of the campus societies, and chase 'em offstage before they can deliver a post-mortem on the night's fun. And stipulate that all skits (by volunteer performers, not drafted society members) be adequately rehearsed in advance. A Frosh Mixer works better as a dance with lots of Paul Joneses, than a wearying seat-warming. So there, we sez.

Semper Infidelis

I wandered by the babbling brook,
We wandered there last year,
That's why I wanted another look,
Before I kissed this other guy —
(Courtesy of Carl McColl, who conducts the smartest 8.15 AM program on the CBC. Can't we have lectures set back half an hour?)

Daffynition

A bad girl is a good girl
Who's had some nasty breaks
While a good girl is a bad girl
Without the looks it takes.
(Comes to us from Bill Lockhart ex-'45, who runs a rare rag. Free plug for the "Fundy Foghorn", Bill.)

Aint it a fact

Under the swinging street car strap
The homely co-ed stands
And stands and stands and stands
And stands and stands and stands
And stands.

arf—arf—arf

And courtesy "The Gossip":
Sweet little ribbon
Do not cry
You'll be a bathing suit
By and by.

arf—arf—arf

And here's a corny commemoration of that extinct (except on certain campil species, the cow — which we hasten to state, is not original:

The cow is a female quadruped with an alto voice and a countenance in which there is no guile. She collaborates with the pump in the production of a liquid called milk, provides the filling for hash, and at last is skinned by those she has benefited, as mortals commonly are.

The young cow is called a calf and is used in the manufacture of chicken salad. The cow's tail is mounted aft, and has a universal joint. It is used to disturb marauding flies and the tassel on the end has a unique educational value. Persons who milk cows and come in contact with the tassel, have vocabularies of peculiar and impressive force.

The cow has no upper plate. All of her teeth are paired in the lower part of her face. This arrangement was perfected by an efficiency expert to keep her from gumming things up. As a result she bites up and gums down.

A slice of cow is worth 5c in the cow, 14c in the hands of the packer and \$2.40 in a restaurant that specializes in atmosphere.

The man cow is labelled a bull and is lassoed out West, fought in Mexico and shot in Ottawa when parliament sits.

Debating

"A course in public speaking should be prerequisite at every university today for the man who can face an audience without nervousness and speak persuasively rises more quickly in his profession than the man who cannot." Think it over. Could you persuade a group of people? There are few in Canada who have this skill and what they lack is practice and training.

The Men's Debating Society has given this training to many U. N. B. students and will give it to many more who wish to learn to speak. Our first opponents this year are the Delta Rho with whom we shall debate on some amusing subject with no views barred. If this type of debate appeals to you, others will be held and everyone given the opportunity to take part. Later in the year we shall debate four Maritime universities and, if you support your society, will show them that U.N.B. has the most enthusiastic and the best prepared debaters.

The Debating Society is what you make it. Attend its meeting; take part in its debates. If you are interested in learning to speak you will enjoy yourself, sharpen your wits, bring victories to U. N. B. and satisfaction and experience to yourself.

A. N. C.

Your Paper

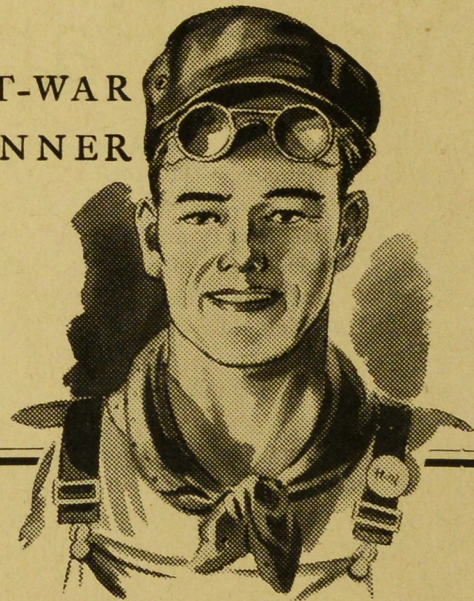
Last week we, the members of the staff, presented the first issue of the "Brunswickan". By now many of you have passed judgment on our efforts. Your decisions are your business — our worry. However if your criticisms are of a constructive nature, then YOU are what is missing in the Brunswickan. Remember the Brunswickan is your paper. Therefore your efforts or your laxity will reflect a good or a bad Brunswickan.

With your help we plan to make several improvements in the Brunswickan. We plan to have as many students as possible writing for the paper, so that that common phrase "your paper" will mean what it says.

Our policy, of demanding a wholehearted, unstinted support of the War Effort Committee's work, in giving full support to the realm of sport and of determining whether or not the expnditure of large sums of money constitute a waste, will be carried out to the best of our ability.

From time to time we will have meetings of the staff and at these meetings would like to meet and to assign work to all those interested in their paper. The Brunswickan staff looks for and expects your full co-operation.

POST-WAR PLANNER



"SURE there will be changes after the war . . . some are overdue. But I'm no robot. Whatever our post-war plans, I still want to see hard work rewarded and dividends paid on brains and initiative. I want the privilege of going into business for myself if I choose. That's why I am building a nest egg now at The Royal Bank of Canada."

Canada has grown to rich nationhood through the courage, resourcefulness and initiative of individual citizens. These qualities must be preserved in the challenging days ahead.

What is PRIVATE ENTERPRISE?

It is the natural desire to make your own way, as far as your ability will take you; an instinct that has brought to this continent the highest standard of life enjoyed by any people on earth. It is the spirit of democracy on the march.

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