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Concerning Things

With the Budget safely packed away, we now turn to other matters, which although of a different nature are, at the same time, of vital importance.

The first of these deals with the voluntary Blood Donors at our university. Last term we reported that our students were giving excellent support to the Blood Clinic, and so they were on the whole. However since then we have discovered that of those donating blood only the upperclassmen were the all out givers. The freshmen have made a scandalous showing, only a small percent of them answering the call for blood. Perhaps they have authentic reasons for not doing so, but we are led to believe that most of the excuses given by them are shallow. If this is so, then those responsible should feel ill at ease, when they realize how all important that pint of blood, which they ought to have given, is to the wounded men in the armed services. Plasma obtained from the blood donated by students, civilians and men in the armed forces has come to the rescue of many wounded men in the various theatres of war and in most cases has meant the saving of a life when death would have resulted.

In this week's Brunswickan we have a story in the form of a letter, to most of you it will mean something else to laugh at. However it is not meant as a joke. This business of laxity on the student's part in not donating those needed pints of blood, is a serious matter. We ask you to consider our demand for your support. We expect you to make a better showing, to grasp the significance of the Red Cross Society's motto:

"For he who today shall shed his blood for me,
Shall be my brother."

The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is underground.

A girl should be able to make her own clothes but few do sew.

We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.

PROGRAMMES FOR WEEK FEB. 7th

GAIETY

MON.—TUES.—WED.

BETTE DAVIS
PAUL LUCAS in
"WATCH ON THE RHINE"

THURS.—FRI.—SAT.

"Thank Your Lucky Stars" with
Humphrey Bogart, Eddie Cantor
Bette Davis, Olivia DeHavilland
Errol Flynn

CAPITOL

MON.—TUES.—WED.

"O My Darling Clementine" with
Frank Albertson Lorna Gray
Also "TORNADO"

THURS.—FRI.—SAT.

"HI YA SAILOR"
Donald Woods Elyse Knox
Also "Raiders of Sunset Pass"
with John Paul Revere
Smiley Burnett

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Bunnyhutch,
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Dear Lucille;

We wuz downtown to the movie-house last nite and we seed your beautiful pan in "best foot forward" (thet wuz the movie you wuz in). We thot you wuz O.K. but we didn't think much of them birds at win-sokey. We got better freshmen hear. But were not freshmen Lucille honey, were seniors and were plenty fast too. We want you to come up to our next dance. We call it the Con. It is real formal too. We promise you thet we wont tear any of youre clothes off on the dance floor. Well be gentlemen and wate til afterwards. We are rilly hansom the both of us and we are sendin you a drawing of the both of us. Kin you ples send us yer pitcher by airmale sose we kin show it to the fellas round here, and show them thet we really is a couple of wolfs. We luf you Lucille dere and we kin hardly wate til you cum up and sea us.

Writ by us,
Hairless Belyea (Senur)
Polecat Mackay (me too)

P.S. WE are senures an we luv you.

FROM THE UBSYSEY

By a Frustrated Cadet

Now that the C.O.T.C. is renewing its acquaintance with the infernal man trap known as web equipment it is a good time to clear up several erroneous beliefs commonly held by cadets.

First, web equipment is not the product of any single demented mind. Nor is the contract for its manufacture held by Essondale.

Tradition

Web equipment is an old tradition in the British army. It has been developed through years of research and experience during which all developments even faint signs of practicability have been scrapped immediately.

Web equipment in its present form was first used by King Canute in his later campaigns, although the gas mask was not added until shortly after the time of William the Conqueror.

The first item of web to make its appearance was used by the early Britons in 873 B.C. to support the water bottle. This bottle was somewhat similar to the modern type, except that it did not leak, and it seldom contained water. (Times haven't changed so much.)

A few years later a holder for the bayonet was added, although in those days the bayonet was used without benefit of a rifle.

62 Pounds

By the year 432 B.C. the web was supporting the full 62 pounds used today. However, it had manifest imperfections. It could be assembled by a squad of seven men in less than four hours, and could be worn with comfort by a normal man, provided he had two left shoulders.

For the next two years improvements were added to such an extent that at one time an entire army was lost, somewhere under its web equipment.

Following this tragedy a group of college professors were assigned the job of simplifying the equipment. After seventy-nine years of research they announced their findings to the government.

The weight of the equipment could be reduced to 98 pounds and the number of pieces to 763. These pieces were held together by 6,348 brass buckles, each of which was to be polished before every parade.

The Mule

When King Canute came to the throne he attacked the web equipment problem realistically. His military experts worked out a system of web with perfect efficiency. It was first tried on an army mule.

At first the web hung down on all sides, but Canute was not discouraged. Three divisions worked eight hours a day for seven years, piling equipment on the mule.

At the end of that time a squad of engineers tunnelled through to

The Enquiring Reporter

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR CO-EDS??

Oh! They're not a bad bunch of kids.

John Merryfield

I know 'em all, and they're all the same.

Ed Donahue

My shattered nerves!!

Jim MacMillan

So of them ain't TOO bad.

Stu Baxter

My record, "Serenade to a Maid", should answer that.

"Swoonatra" McCleave

On the whole, they're a mess.

Henry Durost

There ARE some nice ones among 'em, especially the freshettes.

SKOVMAND

Oh, ye gads!! They stink.

Jack Jeans

And so do you!!

She passed, I saw, I smiled
She turned, smiled
An answer to my smile
I wonder if she too could know
Her underwear hung down a mile.

He: I prayed for you last nite.
She: Next time telephone.

Crabbed age and youth cannot live together.

SEAMAN TO-DAY, gold braid to-morrow . . . that is the story of many alad in Canada's growing navy. Every fighting officer in the R.C.N. to-day must start on the lower deck. Promotion depends on initiative, resourcefulness, intelligence and hard work. There are no short cuts. If a man "has the stuff", he can go right to the top.

The whole fabric of Canadian life has been fashioned on this same principle. Any man is free to rise from the lower deck to leadership—whatever his chosen field. How far he will go depends in large measure on the man himself.

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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