



the gorbie

... Okay, chum—so the GORBIE does look better in the basket. We agree. And we'd just as soon see the old Brunswickan all advertisements anyway, because quote John Q. Student, "There isn't anything interesting in it." Last week's edition was a fair advance towards this end, being a good 40% ads (measure 'em). Subtracting the sports and main heads and our inflated masthead, you have left three pages of the solid stuff we impose on you each week . . . and, bub—YOU aren't going to do anything about it, because you are one of the inert mass that makes up our wide-awake and insistent student body . . . ONLY THE ELITE can determine the kind of pap you pay for in this sheet . . . YOU HAVEN'T A THING TO SAY ABOUT IT—because you never open your mouth, when or where it can do any good.

We'd like to add the following comment to the question raised by "A Reader" in a Letter to the Editor, dated Oct. 23rd:

(1) McGill at present offers to technical students in their last two years a modified form of military training, requiring only one hour per week plus two weeks camp. (A series of advanced and interesting lectures was proposed, for one evening per week.) This modified training was arranged through the co-operation of the District Officer Commanding, and organized as a separate corps.

(2) The president of the SRC and editor of The Brunswickan were called into consultation with the University authorities last week; and official opinion was that petitions would be useless, but that a joint meeting of the Junior and Senior classes might be called to elect official representatives to visit the D.O.C., M.D. 7. These opinions have not been made public.

(3) A petition has been circulated from hand to hand, its sponsors unknown, allegedly for presentation to the Secretary of the Faculty, for the consideration of that body.

We ask:

Why isn't this matter brought before the S.R.C.?

Why don't the class presidents call a meeting?

Why hasn't the Engineering Society investigated?

How about some concerted action, or none at all?

... While the GORBIE with typical GORBIE bluntness, would like to flatten "DEAR READER" on his whoosis for attempting to undermine our favorite Formals, and thus hasten the decomposition of our fast-disappearing collegiate atmosphere; nevertheless we feel constrained to applaud the plug for our ailing War Effort Fund.

... But we believe that said Ailing War Effort Fund should stretch its own consumptive lungs occasionally. That its contribution to the total war effort is insignificantly insignificant—we all admit. Students, whose incomes are, rather, outcomes, can hardly be expected to make large financial contributions. But, if for our own self-respect, our conscience' or public opinion's sake, we must have a War Effort Fund, let's build it with noise and publicity if we can't find any more pennies. And that's the committee's job—if you can't get the dough, boys—build with the ballyhoo.

... For this reason, we'd tackle the War Effort Committee for demanding "cuts" on campus dances, arranged by campus societies to bolster their failing treasuries. This pirating practice may swell the meagre fund very slightly—but it gives no favorable publicity to these usurped student contributions. Victory Loans give national groups a chance to publicize their contributions—wartime taxation doesn't. If the government considers it good policy to encourage patting ourselves on the back, there must be something in it. So let's

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What Is the C. U. P.?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an Editorial which recently appeared in the McGill Daily. As it answers many of the questions asked about the C. U. P., we have reprinted it for your benefit.

Every now and then a story appears in The Daily preceded by the device—CUP. Apparently there are many on the campus who have not the faintest idea what the mystic initials stand for or how they got there. As the Canadian University Press is a Dominion-wide students' organization, it may be of interest to some to explain briefly its workings and objects.

On the analogy of the international news services, such as Associated Press, it was decided in 1938 to establish an organization to cover all the major college campuses in Canada and arrange for the transmission of news items to and from all the various university papers which might be interested. This would enable each college to keep in touch with news occurring in any part of Canada of interest to students at other parts of the Dominion. It also makes it possible for any one campus to find out the reactions of students at other colleges to any event affecting more than one university.

Thus the progress of last year's harvesting expedition was relayed to the home-colleges of the harvesters by the news-gatherers of the papers "on the spot." All important news is sent by wire from its source of origin to those college papers which might be interested in publishing it.

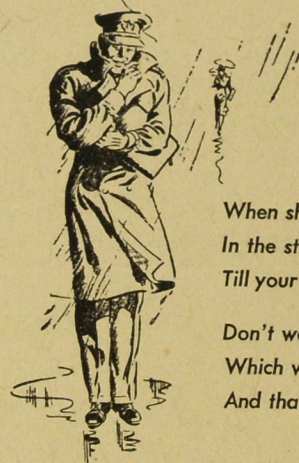
To accomplish and maintain this service, CUP has no central organization. It is composed solely of the member papers, each of which has a CUP editor and editors to represent CUP on each campus and attend to all the necessary business involved.

There is however a central executive, consisting of an annually elected President, three Regional Vice-presidents and a Secretary-treasurer. Membership is actually vested in the member papers themselves, but the Editors-in-Chief usually represent their respective publications. This year the Queen's Journal was elected National President, in succession to The Varsity, which had held office for the past three years.

The obstacles to the efficient operation of CUP are many. The rapid turnover of staff on each paper, the great differences encountered in the production of the various journals and the extra effort involved in following events on all the Campuses of the Dominion all combine to make the maintenance of the five-year-old system extremely hazardous.

Fifteen Canadian undergraduate journals are members of the CUP. In the West there are the semi-weekly publications: Ubyssy, Gateway (Alberta), The Sheaf (Saskatchewan) and the Manitoban, Toronto's Varsity, The Western Gazette, The Silhouette of McMaster, the Queen's Journal and the Georgian of Sir George William's College, besides the Daily, represent the central region. In the Maritimes there are five weekly

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papers: The Argosy of Mt. Allison, the Acadia Athenaeum, the Brunswickan of U.N.B., the Dalhousie Gazette and the Xaverian published at St. Francis Xavier.

The fundamental aim of the CUP, however, lies deeper than the mere swapping of news stories of universal interest to Canadian students. With the cooperation and active support of every member publication it should be possible to knit together all the campuses across the Dominion, widely separated though they are by spacial and environmental factors, in a concerted body of student opinion.

see the Committee fulfill its primary purpose—war effort propaganda, enhancing the position of the students in "public opinion", and forgetting the piggy-bank pilfering . . . Enough of this highway robbery. . . . But there's another matter — We read the notice boards, but have yet to see there, or in The Brun-

wickan, a financial statement of the Fund we skimmed and sacrificed for last year, or even a hint as to how it was disposed. Who hath the fat wallet? We'd like a little more publicity for our money, and fewer summary demands from "Dear Reader" to "dish out" indiscriminately.

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