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RINK VERSUS LIBRARY

Deep concern has been aroused in the student body over Lord Beaverbrook's generous offer of \$250,000 for a new library OR \$550,000 FOR A HOCKEY RINK. Obviously, it can be concluded that his Lordship's offer shows his preference for a rink. However, the fact that he has previously made similar gestures along this line would seem to indicate that pressure has been exerted from some quarter for a new library.

We grant the fact that UNB is lacking in Library facilities. Of the Maritime Universities Acadia has the largest number of volumes on its shelves . . . 87,000. In comparison, Dalhousie 78,000; Mount Allison, 54,000; St. F. X. and UNB, 30,000 each; King's, 29,800. Canada's largest University, Toronto, has a 430,000 volume library. Even this appears inadequate when associated with Harvard's 4,609,000 volumes.

What we lack are the books. Let the Provincial Government appropriate the funds necessary for the supposedly desired \$250,000 wing. Reports from the "grape-vine" indicate that budgets for certain departments in this respect are very low. On numerous occasions we have heard that old familiar statement from a Prof.: "This book is not in the Library but you may pick it up at such-and-such a place".

It is the responsibility of the Provincial Government to provide this state-controlled institution with the necessary educational facilities such as a library, but we can hardly see some of our politicians opting to great length in the Provincial Legislature for a \$350,000 rink!

That is why we find our generous benefactor building the Lady Beaverbrook Residence and our more recently acquired Gymnasium. His interest lies with the students in their endeavor to lead a comfortable, pleasant, and well-balanced extra-curricular life while attending UNB.

We can forego all the arguments of the need for physical education and the ultimate effect an artificial ice-plant would have. These arguments are sound, disputed unsuccessfully to-day.

While practically every other Canadian University has at least a covered rink (including our friends from Mount A.) we at UNB lack this feature. Some will say that such an addition would not increase or maintain student enrollment. It may not. But we note that all Universities, including UNB, advertise their athletic wares in their calendars and other publications very extensively. Surely this must have a decided psychological effect on the athletic type of individual who plans to attend University.

And if it's profit that some of our monetary-minded friends are interested in we certainly suggest that the rink would more than pay for itself over a period of years. With an artificial ice-plant and a large seating capacity UNB would be the mecca of hockey for the surrounding area from November to April.

Again, competition! For those who are concerned with our UNB-Mt. A. tradition in sports we suggest they better move fast if they intend to skate past Mount Allison in future hockey games. Mount A. has had hockey for over a month and a half already this year.

From a canvas of a number of students more than 80% want a smart, up-to-date, artificial ice rink as proposed, instead of a \$250,000



WE AGREE

Halifax, N. S.

December 2, 1948

Editor, Brunswickan,
University of New Brunswick.

Sir,

Re your Student's Forum in November 26 issue of Brunswickan (EAST PRESSES WEST by D. B. Maclean, Senior Forester): "&*&?(\$ @ @?)!...? &\$\$P!(7 -!;..?P 1/4% 1/2% ...? B&\$\$ *IPPX 683;:; ??!"

.....with the accent on the P.

Donald C. Moore

C. A. Hayward

Wendell Watters

3 ex-members class '49

Editor's Note: Quite frankly, we agree.

THANKS

Alexander College,

Fredericton, N. B.

January 8, 1949

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir,

I would like, through the pages of the Brunswickan, to express my thanks to the student body for their support during my recent difficulties with the local police.

In particular, I would like to thank the SRC Committee, Ed Fanjoy, Hugh Whalen, Hugh Church, and Lee D'Arcy for the great deal of time, around exams when time was precious, which they gave to interviews and discussions with the various people concerned.

Thanks to the co-operation I received, the matter has been cleared up, at least as well as the circumstances seem to permit. To press the matter further would cause inconvenience and ill feeling out of proportion with the benefits that could be obtained.

I would like also to thank Dr. True-man and Dr. Sears for their interest and support. And finally, I would like to thank the Brunswickan staff for their extra work, and their excellent and restrained coverage of the incident.

Yours truly,
A. A. Brown

HODGE PODGE

Snaps are still in great demand by the "Hodge Podge" section of the 1949 Year Book. Remember the two students with the largest donations receive, free, one copy of this year's issue.

All you have to do is drop your prints in the box marked "Hodge Podge" at the Library. If you have negatives and wish them returned later be sure your name and address is printed clearly on the enclosing envelope.

The subject matter may include summer vacation as well as term shots of you and your friends.

Hodge Podge boxes are non-inflammable.

Road maps tell a motorist everything he wants to know—except how to fold them up again.

wing to the library. Besides, one SRC rep. nicely sums up the crux of the whole argument: we cannot skate in the library!

In a week's time there will be a plebiscite on the rink question. We suggest that regardless of your privilege to vote in this plebiscite, IT IS YOUR DUTY to vote. And if you are interested in the future of hockey at UNB, then we suggest you have no alternative but to vote for the rink.

It would be asking too much of you if we suggested that you stay home if you're not interested in having a rink to place near our gymnasium. BUT for the sake of the majority, more than 80% of the student body, we feel that under the circumstances it is your duty to ensure all concerned that we are unanimous in our effort . . . 100% behind the rink.

After next week's 100% unanimity a delegation should be sent at SRC expense to Montreal and confront the Trustees (who have the decision to make) with a well-planned brief outlining the student body's plebiscite and arguments for the rink. With every one of the 1203 UNB students unanimous in their feelings these Trustees can hardly turn down an extra \$100,000 (plus, of course, our desired goal).

So . . . when the plebiscite is conducted—BE SURE AND VOTE AND VOTE FOR THE RINK!

R. G. H.



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