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It's Still Timely . . .

"And now the time in special is, by privilege to write and speak what may help to the further discussing of matters in agitation . . . And though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so Truth be in the field, we do injuriously by licensing and prohibiting to misdoubt her strength . . .

And not consider this, that if it comes to prohibiting, there is not aught more likely to be prohibited than truth itself; whose first appearance to our eyes beared and dimmed with prejudice and custom, is more unsightly and unpalatable than many errors . . . And what do they tell us vainly of new opinions of theirs, that none must be heard but whom they like, is the worst and newest opinion of all others; and is the chief cause why sects and schisms do so much abound, and true knowledge is kept at distance from us; besides yet a greater danger which is in it . . .

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Letters To The Editor

FREDERICTON, N. B.
Feb. 28, 1952.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan.
Dear Madam:

Since the "Letters to the Editor" column is the usual place for students to express their pet gripes, I hereby submit my own, which concerns our Library.

While all the librarians reading this bare their fangs in defence at the mention of these hallowed precincts, may I assure them that I do not intend to disparage in any way the establishment they manage so well. But to get on to my complaint—as a student who has every afternoon (except one) and Saturday morning taken up by labs, my visits to the Library are usually in the evening.

By the time I have reached the building in question on these evenings, it is usually 7:15. After I have collected the necessary references books, adjusted myself to the shocking quiet, and begun to work, it's usually 7:45. This progress smoothly and after some time I begin to feel "Ahhh, I may pass this course after all . . ." when from a distant corner comes a BANG! BANG! . . . THUMP! . . . silence . . . then a repeat performance. One by one, the ashtrays are being emptied, the chairs are being straightened, and very obviously, your presence is no longer desired, as the last of the Librarians or assistants prepare to retire with their tails dragging to recover from a long and arduous day . . . It is ten to nine, and at nine, we close . . .

There's the problem. Personally I do not feel that many students (and the majority of our students would be forced to use the Library on evenings, if at all, due to full time-tables) feel like trudging up the hill of an evening for a mere hour and a half of work. Yet the quiet, and access to reference material would certainly induce many students to do so were the Library open longer in the evening. An hour or hour and a half of additional Library time in the evening could, I realize involve many difficulties for the staff, but are these so great that they could not be overcome? How about having our Library open until 10:00 P.M.?

Let's hear what other students views are on this matter. Perhaps we could arrange to have a trial period around examination time this spring?

Bob Whalen

Dear Madam Editor:

I would like through this column to thank all those who voted for me in the recent S.R.C. elections. My thanks as well to my nominator and seconders and all those who helped with my campaign.

My congratulations to Mr. Spurway who I am sure will make an excellent president of the S.R.C.

Yours sincerely
David R. Vine

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SLABS & EDGINGS

By HATCH AND MURPH

This has been quite an eventful and pleasant week. Congratulations first off, are in order to Bob Spurway and the first lady of the S.R.C. (We're wondering now if we can get the S.R.C. to subsidize the Forestry Association!)

We want to thank the authorities responsible for ending our worries about drought, Fire Danger Index, dust bowls, etc. Water is again flowing on the third floor. What a beautiful sight!

An interesting sidelight on the election was the percentage of student who voted. Foresters came through as usual with 86% the next highest being only 67% from Arts and Science faculties. Intermediate Foresters by the way voted 96% and as far as we know, the highest of all classes.

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Forestry Association, it was found that enough funds were available to permit the ordering of furniture. As a result three sets were ordered comprising, all told, three couches and six upholstered chairs.

Dr. Gibson gave an enlightening talk on the history, geography and forestry of B.C. after the business.

Another successful learn-to-swim session was held last Thursday evening. This is the regular time and any non-swimmers are urged to waste no time in getting down to the pool to learn. A few engineers were seen there last week, and it should be brought out that anyone from any faculty is welcome.

It is claimed that except for vultures and parrots, wild geese live longer than any other birds. Authentic records give them as much as 70 years.

The Monte Carlo night was a great success, getting a good lively crowd after the basketball game. The six game tables were jammed to capacity most of the evening and thousands were won and lost during the course of play. All in all the evening was successful from the point of view of both sponsor and gambler.

It is hoped that foresters will rally again for the cause and bring extra coat hangers to the third floor. The hangers will be wired to the racks to make their removal more difficult. It would be a genuine pleasure to have a place to hang a coat.

L. W. Barwick.

Jim Currie, The Inquiring Reporter . . .

Do you think that there is too little school spirit and interest in UNB? If so, what do you think causes it and what could be done to correct the situation?

Bob Jonah, Junior Forester: "Yes. After their freshman year students take almost all their lectures with the same class. A fellow soon finds that most of his friends are in his year of his faculty. With such a narrow circle of close friends his interests lie in his faculty rather than the university as a whole. To correct this situation, the academic schedule should be revised so that students in any one faculty could take as many lectures as possible with students from other faculties."

Carmen Bliss, Intermediate Civil: "Yes. It is particularly apparent in the lack of support for athletics. The attendance at games is poor and the cheering is almost non-existent. The general listlessness and lack of school spirit is due partly to the failure of the student organization and university officials to foster interest in the university. In my own case I want to get out of here as fast as possible. I think most others feel the same way."

This could be partly overcome by organizing publicity and having pep rallies and parades before games. This is done during freshman week and everybody has a good time. Why not keep it up and let other people as well as ourselves know that we're breathing."

Jack Elliott, Junior Arts: "Yes. The lack of sufficient residence facilities keeps the students apart. The students in different faculties could get to know each other if they lived in residences. We need a proper meeting place such as a student centre where everyone would have an opportunity to make a wide variety of friends."

John Wilson, Freshman Forester: "Yes. The students as a whole are just not interested and there doesn't seem to be anything to excite their interests. The people who came here don't get a sense of loyalty that other students have to their universities. A very low college spirit results from this. I think that fraternities on the campus would help raise the college spirit."

Bob Coke, Senior Forester: "In certain things there is good school spirit. In others, it is not so good. There is plenty of spirit shown in the Red 'n Black. The forester's Monte Carlo got lots of enthusiastic support. In sports though, school spirit is sadly lacking. If we can make up songs and skits for the Red 'n Black we can write songs and cheers for games."

If we are to get support for games and enthusiasm in general we must start in the freshman year. The freshman class this year has spirit. I think that in four years or so we will see a lot more school spirit at UNB.

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