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Elections . . .

Were you satisfied with the SRC of 1955-56?

Do you want to change the distribution of student fees?
Is the student levy too high for the year 1956-57?
Should Campus Police rates be changed?
Should U.N.B. be a member of N.F.C.U.S.

Have you asked yourself any or all of these questions this year? Right now is the time to think about it in definite terms.

On Wednesday, February 29, 1956, the students of the University of New Brunswick will go to the polls to elect the Executive and their Class Representatives to the SRC, the Executive of the AAA and their Class Executive. If you are a student of UNB then you should be interested in these elections to the point of nominating a good candidate and then voting for him.

Nominations CLOSE February 18th at noon. Take an interest in student affairs, nominate a candidate, act as his campaign manager and get him elected so that he'll represent YOU. A position on the SRC gives you a chance to express yourself before others, helps your public speaking and believe it or not, adds to your general education. Don't let the other fellow do all the work as he might not be the right man.

If a keen interest is taken in student elections, a good and efficient Council will be elected. College spirit starts first with student government.

Remember next year that you had your chance and passed it up!

—DICK HALE.

Our Answers . .

We feel that answers are due the respective authors of the three letters in the columns to the right. For brevity we have adopted the policy of tabulating our opinions and request the readers' indulgence for any difficulties this method may cause him. MR. GRIFFIN: The meetings of the Atlantic Regional Conference of NFCUS were attended by a staff reporter. Any story is written stressing the more important points. Everything of importance cannot be written due to space. Neglect of the scholarship campaign is regrettable. The remainder of the article, including quotes, was quite accurate and is considered sufficient coverage for such an event.

A resolution was passed concerning the debating finals. What action can be taken by the Atlantic Region? What was taken? — one of the representatives was requested to speak to his room-mate concerning the matter.

Expectations where NFCUS is concerned are not news. It is expected that another depression will come, nobody knows for sure if at all, when, or how bad. Is this news?

MR. MOTLUK: Everything but food, clothing and shelter are expendable. The latter two are even expendable in some places and climates.

The fact that the UNB NFCUS Committee was composed of four students in October and still four in January leads us to think that possibly there is just a "small but obstreperous element on this campus" supporting NFCUS.

That a president should be unbiased is true—when he is chairing a meeting. The chairman of any meeting must be so, so that debate can be orderly, discussion summed up, and motions put. Dick Hale was not in the chair at the time in question; the Treasurer was. The President had every right to speak as he felt. He was not out of order.

It would appear as if "honour" were the only reason to remain in NFCUS.

The "vociferous group" could learn little from Mr. Martin at that time. Most questions had been answered, at that point, the results of which are the cause of not only the "vociferous group's", but a large portion of the student body's vocalizing.

"The Brunswickan" is not anti-NFCUS; but it is not pro-NFCUS. We agree with the fundamental idea. History shows that NFCUS has not worked at UNB and it appears as if it never will. The SRC for two years has requested the local committee to concentrate on local affairs. It has not been large enough, or active enough, to concentrate on anything. As Bill Griffin and Peter Martin know—we will not be able to support NFCUS until it is worthwhile, that is, doing the job the students have requested it to do. "The Brunswickan" has been pleading with NFCUS to come out of the doldrums and work. If it cannot then UNB would be better off out, and NFCUS would be better off without us.

MR. GIBSON: To be a loser one must be trying to win something. If to see NFCUS an active, working organization at UNB, worth \$1.00 not 50c were the prize; then yes, we feel we have lost. If to see UNB withdraw from NFCUS were the prize; then the decision is in doubt. The students are the ones to decide now, not the SRC, "The Brunswickan," or anyone else. That is why we urge a referendum be held on the question.

The NFCUS Committee was set up, so we are told. The Committee has yet to do what the SRC has requested it to do. If it cannot bear up under criticism, then there must be something to said criticism.

WE have one question. Where is the letter from the fourth member of the committee?—or are there only three now?

Letters to the Editor

The Editor,
The Brunswickan.
Dear Sir:

Complying to the request of one of your reporters that stated at last week's S.R.C. meeting when questioned about the articles written in the "BRUNSWICKAN", if you don't like what we write or how we write it, why don't you send a letter to the Editor. I am writing this letter in complaint to the coverage given the recent Atlantic Regional Conference held here on the 29th and 30th of January. Most of what was stated in this article was reported with a fair degree of accuracy but there are, nevertheless, certain issues that need clarifying and certain issues of importance that were completely omitted, which would be of great interest to the students of this university.

The conference passed a resolution to the effect that there should be two weeks between the MIDL and the national finals. It was felt, by the delegates present, that there should be a greater period of time between these two events to allow the Maritime participants adequate time to prepare for the finals.

The investigations being carried on by Alberta and Laval are not of the nature to decide whether to drop out of the Federation or not but rather to see if there is a need to for reorganization on the National level.

There are a few things that were not mentioned at all in the article, undoubtedly through a sieve of forgetfulness by the writers.

Firstly, McGill is expected back in the Federation at an early date and Memorial University of Newfoundland also expressed its desire to join the swelling ranks who consider the Federation worthwhile. Acadia, while non-committal at the conference, is thinking of rejoining us.

Secondly, and most important, no mention was given to the establishment of an Entrance Scholarship to be sponsored by the Atlantic Region of NFCUS. This Scholarship will be given to a needy student from the Maritimes to attend a Maritime university. There will be a drive on each campus to raise 15c a student and this money will be pooled for the formation of that Scholarship. It will be given each year at a Maritime university starting with King's and proceeding in rotation, around the circuit, from there.

The Conference, as a whole, was very successful, as all who attended the meetings will say. It was mentioned by the National President that we were the second strongest region in the country (behind Ontario) and there was no reason, with a little more work, why we couldn't be the strongest.

The whole coverage given the Conference by the "BRUNSWICKAN" was unfair and by no means just. I hope that in the future the Editors remember their policy of supposedly fair coverage and unbiased policy.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN,
NFCUS Chairman.

Dear Intermediates:

The controversy as to whether NFCUS is a worthwhile organization has raged loudly and strongly in the past few weeks. In particular a small but obstreperous element on this campus has demanded that we have nothing more to do with the federation. These students base their arguments on the claim that NFCUS is bleeding the students and giving nothing in return, that a large portion of these funds go toward administration, that NFCUS planning is unstable, an example being the debating mixup, and that all these add up to withdrawing from the organization.

I cannot but agree that some of these actions were such that misgivings did appear. However, I feel that NFCUS is a great necessity in Canada, and that we should not cast it aside and discard it for its existing failings. We should stand up and make it strong enough and effective enough to carry through its aims.

Only an organization like NFCUS can consolidate our aims and act as a platform from which we can voice our collective viewpoints as a significant element of Canadian life.

NFCUS is as important to Canadian University students as the Brunswickan is to the UNB students. Each has its own way of uniting students, both have faults, both are operated by students, one costs 59c per year; the other approximately 16c per copy. Which is worth more? THEY ARE BOTH INEXPENSIBLE.

Exactly four weeks ago this controversy flared up to its peak at an SRC budget meeting. The question "Can we refuse payment to NFCUS at this time?" was put to the treasurer. Our President, of all people (unbiased as he should be and as UNB's representative) said "Why not?" That took the cake. If that's student government, it's at its lowest. For the SRC President even to suggest dropping from NFCUS at this time, after accepting it on a unanimous SRC decision during the Fall term, was well out of order. What he was in effect suggesting would place, not himself, not the SRC, but all the students at UNB in a dishonourable position, and one which future students at UNB would have to pay the consequences of.

NFCUS National President, Peter Martin, spoke to a group of interested UNB students during the recent Regional Conference. Among others, our vociferous group was well represented. Yet when Mr. Martin asked for questions, not a cry was heard from them. Mr. Drummie was present as an OBSERVER and in speaking to Mr. Martin after the talk, was quoted as saying, "I'm not against NFCUS." Have you ever read a "Brunswickan," Mr. Editor? It's anti NFCUS through and through.

Yours truly,
GENE MOTLUK,
Intermediate Rep.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan.
Dear Sir:

I would like to pass comment on your paper's February 8 report of the NFCUS Regional Conference. Perhaps, too, mention should be made of your year-long barrage of sarcasm that has been aimed at the National Federation and indirectly at the Student Representative Council's NFCUS committee.

Never before in our university paper have I seen such a biased and foolhardy report as that which appeared last Wednesday. Combined with usual sarcasm found in previous articles were designed to be misleading and other statements that were absolutely incorrect.

Your attitude seems to be that of a poor loser. If not, what is your point? At the beginning of the school year you expressed your hearty disapproval of NFCUS. The student government, however, decided to maintain the university's position in the National Federation. This year's campus NFCUS working committee was then set up. Since then the committee has been working under a constant attack of sarcasm and denunciation from your paper. You have been most unfair to a student body which is paying fifty cents per person to a National Federation; whose working committee on this campus sees all its attempts to gain some recognition and carry on its labours to benefit the students frustrated at every turn by your newspaper.

Sincerely,
HUGH B. GIBSON.

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