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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

October 30, 1956

The Editor
The Brunswickan,
UNB

Dear Sir,

As a student at UNB I am taking this opportunity to reply to a letter to the editor, written by a representative of the Student Body and published in the October 30th issue of your paper. I refer, of course, to Mr. Ritcey's outburst against 1. The SRC and 2. The Campus Police.

From this letter I would gather that little thought was actually given the subject by Mr. Ritcey himself. It would be inconceivable that such a large body of the students should set out on a trip of this nature with no responsible persons in charge. Therefore we used campus police for organization and control; chaperones were used for obvious reasons. Mr. Ritcey's opinion seemed to be that our campus police should consist of volunteers. (HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER).

If Mr. Ritcey had been on the train, he would realize that these boys worked. It is no mean feat for any person to be continually on his feet for 24 hours. Had Mr. Ritcey been present during any part of the trip, and in possession of an open mind, he would most certainly have been impressed with the efficiency and effectiveness of this small group of men. Also, in favour of these men, I would like to say that it is rather difficult for any person to make a trip of this nature, with many of their personal friends present, to refrain from joining these friends in their pleasures. And yet, as a person who was present I can honestly say that no evidence of such a large breach of discipline occurred.

Mr. Ritcey's letter seems to have two themes: 1. Money; 2. Policing in the MKVD style.

In answer to the first point it may be pointed out that the Mount Allison Campus Police, The Sackville Town Police, the Restaurant Proprietaries in Sackville, UNB Faculty present at the game, the chaperones and the CNR have expressed great satisfaction with the effectiveness of the Campus Police.

As regards the second point. At no time have I heard from any student any hint that the Campus Police Organization operates in this manner.

In summing this up, it would seem that possible damage was avoided and that the prestige of our student body has been greatly enhanced.

In closing I would like to say—

Congratulations to the Campus Police!

Yours very truly,
George McAllister
Engineering 4th Year

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October 30, 1956

The Editor of The Brunswickan,
University of New Brunswick.

Dear Sir:

It had been my intention that this be a letter congratulating the U.N.B. Campus Police on a most efficient job done during the recent excursion to Mount Allison; however, since the appearance of a letter in the Brunswickan of October 30, this must also be a letter in their defence.

All those who travelled to Mt. A. last week-end must have noticed the well-organized and effective action that our CP took during the various encounters between the most enthusiastic supporters of both universities. These eight fellows, especially the Campus Police Chief, Bill Baker, are to be commended on their tireless yet good-natured performance.

It should be remembered that the eight worked not only at the game itself but from the time the train left Fredericton until it returned, some twenty-five hours later. These fellows should not be abused for receiving payment, in fact, now might be the time to review their pay schedule. Mt. A. pays their CP \$1.00 an hour while U.N.B. pays only \$.65 an hour. It seems reasonable that our

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Letters to the Editor

YELLOW JOURNALISM

October 23, 1956

Mr. J. Barry Toole
Editor,

The Brunswickan,
University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Sir:

Though a newspaper editor lays himself open to criticism by commenting on another's efforts, your issue of Friday, Oct. 19, has prompted me to write a few remarks.

The front page of the issue named, carried, under a banner headline with no by-line, a highly biased story concerning the NFCUS Life Insurance plan. This letter is not written to support or attack NFCUS. It was written to point out to the students of the University of New Brunswick that no newspaper has the right to influence their thinking by running editorial comment in the lead story. No style of journalism, this side of the yellow press, can justify it. If the Brunswickan wishes to attack NFCUS, the place to do it is on the editorial page, not the lead story. The news in any paper should contain no editorial comment (a state easier desired than obtained) and though some does creep in, a story which so obviously tries to prejudice students against organizations can hardly be excused on these grounds.

I would like to have this letter printed in your paper as a letter to the editor. I am sure there are some students at your university whose interest in honest journalism, if not of fair play, will prompt them to support my allegations.

Yours truly,
Gary Thaler
Editor, The Silhouette
McMaster University

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Mr. Gary Thaler,
Editor,
The Silhouette,
McMaster University,
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I can do nought but applaud your extraordinary concern for the welfare of the students at UNB. It is, surely, a matter of some significance when a person of such undeniable merit and unquestionable integrity, as yourself, should generously give part of his time to the betterment of both the student body at UNB and the "Brunswickan". Should you continue to pursue this admirable project, however, I feel compelled to point out that any improvement on our part will be vastly outweighed by your hard work and earnest effort. If, then, I sound unappreciative at any time, I beg to be excused on that account.

Since you are unconcerned with the merits of NFCUS, I can only gather that your solicitude involves the journalistic worth of the "Brunswickan"; a touching regard that will not soon be forgotten. I have taken note of the various advice you offer, and have been astonished to discover, in all humility, that it is none of your business. As regards the thinking of our students, a fact, which I note you generously take for granted, I might point out the following — that the "Brunswickan" has had such a difficult job in influencing it in the past, that any attempt on the part of another paper to do so, can only indicate a somewhat unjustifiable optimism.

However, do not allow me to discourage your splendid evangelical spirit, prompted, as it must be, by an irreproachable concern for the morals and opinions of others. There is the slight danger, however, that the students would not accept your "allegations" in the illustrious spirit intended. They might even be prompted to regard their author as ill equipped to make these assertions. But, then, this is all beside the point; we are well aware of the note of authority that so abundantly characterizes your letter.

Since you are probably extremely busy ensuring the excellency of the "Silhouette", it is somewhat unlikely that you will again find time to devote to UNB? In any case, any future correspondence on your part will be met with unrestrained, but benevolent silence.

Yours truly,
J. Barry Toole, Editor

Campus Police should at least be paid overtime for service such as they rendered last week-end if the basic hourly rate itself cannot be raised.

Sincerely,
Michael Caughey

The Bulldozer

by Red 'N Black

Editor's Note: The Bulldozer was included on the Editorial Page because there was not sufficient room on the Features Page.

We are back with you this week—we hope! The Engineering column is having difficulty reaching the pages of the Brunswickan. The reason for this difficulty is a feeling on the part of the Brunswickan staff that engineering is of no interest to anyone but engineers. This column has tried to print engineering news. We realize that engineering news may not interest other students but the primary function of this column is to represent the views of the engineering faculty and secondly to include other material of general interest. However, since engineers make up almost fifty per cent of the student body, news for them interests at least half the student body. Few items of any sort will interest more than half the student body!

We notice the appearance of a new Paul Bunyan (or is it Jos. Laflamme) on the campus this week. Every dog must have its day and the foresters — their week. We wish the Forestry Association a most successful week. It is encouraging to see other university associations with some spirit.

Here's a fact that might be of interest to some of you. Of all Canadian universities having engineering faculties, U.N.B. ranks third, percentage-wise, in the number of student engineers holding membership in The Engineering Institute of Canada.

Last Friday, the senior engineers toured three of St. John's industries. Accompanied by Professor Stevens, the boys visited St. John Drydock, Simms Brush Factory — believed to be the largest in the British Commonwealth, and Red Ball Brewery — where an enthusiastic welcome awaited them.

Now, two closing notes. Don't forget the drawing for a free engineering jacket. Details are available at the engineering store. TONIGHT, attend the smoker at Woodridge's Cabins. We'll see you there.

Editors Note:

WHAT! NO EDITORIAL!

Because of the large (almost overwhelming) number of letters this week, we thought it best to attempt to print them all, to the exclusion of an editorial. A paper at its best is a forum of student opinion. Whatever may be a judgment of this particular number of the "Brunswickan", it certainly carried a wide range of opinion.

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