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Let's Be Humane . . .

Most students are aware of the activities of the Canadian Red Cross in this province. Twice a year, the Blood Donor Clinic solicits donations from Students at UNB. Taken in whole, the volume received is not abnormally low. Yet it appears that many students suffer from misapprehensions, are malinformed or both; and there are those who do not care.

It would not be exaggerating to suggest that the majority of students here are in abysmal ignorance of the raison d'être of Blood Clinics. This is not their fault—they have never been informed. Yet to give credence to some of the wild rumours floating around the campus without first trying to substantiate them, is little short of criminal; criminal because it is wrong to neglect saving lives!

500 bottles of blood are distributed weekly in New Brunswick. If this supply is not used within 14 days from its extraction, it must be broken up into its component parts, which in turn are indispensable. Perhaps this is common knowledge, but the fact remains that persons must be made to realize that the demand for blood is continuous, it never stops. The only way to provide adequate medical service is to assure a sustained supply of blood.

It is our boast that scientific progress has all but eradicated superstition. Is this true? The response to the Blood Clinics would seem to indicate otherwise. If any student has a question concerning the Blood Clinics, direct it to the Editor of the Brunswickan. It will in turn be passed on to officials who will answer it in the paper.

Red 'n Black Revue

Students will have noted reference in the "Brunswickan" to the forth-coming Red 'n Black Revue, scheduled for the middle of March. Perhaps there are a few of us, notably freshmen who are unaware of what exactly this revue is.

The Red 'n Black was started in 1947 by a group of senior students, who felt that the UNB needed an undergraduate variety show. Since then, the success of the venture has amply supported their opinion. It would not be an exaggeration to state that the Red 'n Black Revue is the biggest single local attraction annually staged in Fredericton.

If there are students who have some special talent or only have a willingness to participate, we can assure them the time of their lives. Simply speaking, the Revue is one of the most enjoyable events of the college year, especially for those who take part. The main purpose is to have fun. The audience has fun, and more important perhaps, those participating have fun. Let's all support the Red 'n Black!

A CHALLENGE . . .

Last Thursday evening about 20 interested students met to discuss the possibility of holding a Mock Parliament. A venture of this sort has not been adequately investigated for too long. At the meeting was a large representation from the UNB Progressive Conservative Club, plus a few students who were interested in forming an opposition.

For some inexplicable reason, UNB students are completely impervious to political stimulus. Perhaps they are scared, perhaps they don't realize the importance of such activity, or perhaps they don't care. We prefer to believe the second. Experience derived from witnessing, or taking part in, a mock parliament will be invaluable after we leave the university. It is not a question of aligning oneself to a particular party; it is only a question of expressing an interest in the governmental processes of our country. When you reflect on this, you discover that this lack of interest is not only ridiculous, but dangerous. If we are to take an active part in the future of our country, we must prepare ourselves.

There is a nucleus of students at UNB who are vitally interested in the future of Canada. It would be sad reflection on our education, if these were the only ones. Presently forming are two parties to take part in the parliament. Watch the Brunswickan for further announcements.

The "Brunswickan" challenges the student body to prove that they are not uninterested in the future of Canada; that they, as future leaders, will take an active part in learning something about the democratic process; that students at UNB will leave the narrow field of book learning and broaden their now inconsiderable education!

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Editor does "Loose Thinking"

Mr. J. Barry Toole,
Editor-in-chief,
The Brunswickan.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have just read your issue of January 18th. As you suggest, a newspaper editor is allowed many latitudes. These should not, however, include the right to split an infinitive in the first line of an editorial, to indulge in loose thinking, to make unsubstantiated charges, or to print false information. I could comment on all but the first of these points—and even that perhaps—at length, but I am only too conscious of your editorial warning on the size of letters for publication.

Suffice it then to say that if you wish an article on what exactly UNB gains from its membership of NFCUS it may be had for the asking. It should, too, be said that the national budget of the Federation runs this year to some \$21,000.00, and that of this \$10,000.00 is allocated to salaries. I agree that the proportion should be two-thirds, and perhaps, between us, we can conspire to persuade the next National Conference that my salary should more nearly approach what my qualifications could command in the Civil Service or private enterprise. More seriously, I know that you are a good fellow at heart and that, in proper possession of the facts, you would not grudge us our honest dollar. The \$10,000.00 is divided among four of us—all overworked and underpaid—and even NFCUS employees must live!

Yours faithfully,
James Pickett,
Executive Secretary.

"Loose" Editor Answers . . .

Mr. James Pickett,
Executive Secretary,
NFCUS,
Carleton College,
Ottawa, Ontario.

"In search of wit those lose their common sense,
And then turn critics in their own defence."

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Permit me to apologize for suggesting that your salaries constitute two thirds of the national budget. I note you offer me part in a conspiracy to implement your present salary. Further, you suggest it should "nearly approach what my qualifications could command in the civil service or private industry". Perhaps I should be excused from this enterprise on the grounds that my opinion would not concur with yours.

You will agree though, sir, that the fact that the portion of the national budget allocated to salaries is lower than I stated, does not detract from the fact that the University of New Brunswick receives little or no indication of

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the existence of NFCUS!

If you will take part of your valuable time to re-read my editorial you will discover that my quarrel is not primarily with the National organization, but with the Local Committee. Judging by the results of last year's referendum, UNB overwhelmingly supports the National Federation. If you will agree that the "Brunswickan" must act in the students' interest, then you will agree that their interest is best served by assuring an active committee. We do not have a competent local committee!

I would be delighted to receive "an article on what exactly UNB gains from its membership of NFCUS". I am somewhat curious to find out.

In conclusion, let me point out that when I indulge in "loose thinking" the National Federation of Canadian University Students is farthest from my mind. In all honest humility, my dear secretary, do you?

Yours truly,
J. Barry Toole
Editor-in-Chief.

Letter to the Editor

University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Sir,

The letter of David R. Mount printed in the Tuesday, January 22nd issue of the BRUNSWICKAN demands a reply to his question: "Why are we making an all out effort to assist Hungarian refugee students?"

If I have interpreted Mr. Mount's remarks correctly, his entire letter boils down to the proposition: "Should we help foreign students at the same time as or prior to granting assistance to prospective Canadian students?"

Mr. Mount seems to think that we will be giving the Hungarian students something for nothing. Most certainly we are not for, while their first year among us may very well be financed, for each succeeding year they will be expected to provide by far the largest percentage of their educational costs. This may mean that, like so many of us, they too will find it necessary to make loans which, I think, is quite justifiable since it is not our ambition to give them a better chance than Canadians, but simply an equal opportunity.

From a matter of expediency it is a very wise move for us to offer the Hungarian university students assistance, as these people represent the element of immigrants who are best able to transplant that which is most desirable of their European culture to our Canadian Heritage.

From the economists it is also to our advantage to assist such people as these, for it is a known fact that one of the main barriers which is retarding the development of Canada is the lack of population. Furthermore, upon graduation these university students will for the most part assume positions in the higher income bracket and will undoubtedly return to Canada in taxes tenfold the amount we at present may give them.

Yours very truly,
G. R. Pearsall, '58.

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