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'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE . . .

On this eve of another football season, players, fans, and league officials, are looking forward to this second year of action in the budding Maritime Intercollegiate Football League. Here at UNB, the table is set for tomorrow's opener. The trimmings, in the form of the high-stepping majorettes, the colorful cheerleaders, and the newly-suited band, will be brought on tomorrow.

But wait a minute!

Tomorrow's inaugural isn't against a MIFL team! No, tomorrow's game will have our Saturday heroes introduced against a squad from the New Brunswick Football League. Unfortunately, once again this year, the Red Bombers must fill the role of football promoters in New Brunswick by playing in the NBFL, as well as the MIFL. This is our sole purpose of participation in the former loop. As far as gaining experience and practice from these games, we just don't. The football played in this league is awkward and rough. In fact, one intercollegiate coach has stated that after his squad plays a squad from the NBFL, it takes another two games against collegiate teams to break his forces' bad habits picked up in the meeting with the NBFL group. No, we gain nothing from these encounters.

Naturally, if we withdraw from this loop as it now stands, Mt. Allison would almost undoubtedly follow suit. This would mean certain collapse of the league. However now, the day when we drop out of this loop without seeing it dissolve may not be hidden too far in the future. The forming of a third senior squad in N.B., the Oromocto Lions, this year, is perhaps proof that our football promotion scheme is at long-last producing results. Next year, perhaps, we may drop from the NBFL and play intercollegiate ball solely. The NBFL could continue to function with the three new-existing senior teams, the Wanderers, the Lions, and the Moncton Hubs.

Of course, the football dream of the Maritimes is an all-intercollegiate league which would include the two present dissenters, the Dalhousie Tigers, and the St. Francis Xavier Xavierians. Until these squads join the MIFL and abide by its rules, football in the Maritimes can never reach its full potential. Until the football authorities at these schools come to realize that an intercollegiate league would provide gates as big, if not bigger, than games in the loop in which they now participate, football in the Maritimes must stand still.

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From the President . . .

"FRESHMEN, GIVE OF YOUR BEST"

University President, Dr. Colin B. Mackay, in his address to one of the largest freshmen classes at the University last Saturday, urged them to adopt a pattern of behaviour that shows consideration for fellow students.

Addressing some 540 students in Memorial Hall, Dr. Mackay told them that "University officials have found that the increasing number of students, a larger faculty, more departments and new buildings have combined to make this exciting business of becoming a member of a university a complex and confusing time.

"It is my earnest hope that in this our 172nd academic session, we will measure up to your expectations, and that each of you will soon find that you can take a justifiable pride in the activity and accomplishments of this old institution on the hill, and also that you will develop confidence in its ability to give you something more than a long list of facts, interesting and useful though they may be.

"You have made the decision to enter this university. The kind of life which you will lead here, whether you work or remain idle, is up to you. There will be lots to do and you must decide what is important to you and what is not. The pattern of these decisions will have an important bearing on your performance here and ultimately on the success or failure of your university career. I am confident that you know what we hope we may expect from you and that you are prepared to give of your best.

"There are certain rules and regulations which we consider to be necessary for the orderly conduct of our day to day activities. One such regulation is to the effect that first-year students may not have cars at the University. We feel that there is good reason for this new regulation. We have found that those with cars have, in too many instances, produced poor academic records. Secondly, this year the construction has left us with very little parking space.

"My task is to provide you with the proper facilities of the good university life. In this, the University of New Brunswick has been helped in increasing measure by governments and friends who have provided much of the funds for the operation of the University. They have done these things because of their satisfaction with past accomplishments of our graduates and their faith in the student body of today, of which you are to become a part. Many have assisted to bring us to our present state of well-being—we are in their debt and the manner in which we, and you, acknowledge this indebtedness may well have a profound effect on our future.

"From now on, you will have intellectual independence. It will be up to you as to the way in which you direct and develop that independence. If you accept this offer in the proper spirit and with the enthusiasm that I know you possess, then you will leave us not as holders of degrees, but as educated men and women.

"When you pass through the University gates you will see our motto written on the book of the armorial bearings. It reads 'sapere aude'—dare to be wise. Accept that challenge and you

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Your editor has been kind enough to give me this opportunity to express a sincere welcome to the students of UNB. It is good to have the former students back on the campus once again, so that our many activities may soon be organized and under way; and it is particularly pleasing to have them joined by a very large group of new students. With an enrolment of more than 1600, this is no longer a small university. It is in a very real sense fulfilling the wish of a former Chancellor, Sir Howard Douglas, when he spoke the following words on the occasion of the opening of the old college building on January 1, 1829:

"Firm may this institution ever stand and flourish — in the liberal constitution and Royal foundation



Dr. Colin B. Mackay

on which I have this day instituted it—enlarging and extending its material form, and all its capacities to do good, to meet the increasing demands of a rising, prosperous, and intellectual people; and may it soon acquire, and ever maintain, a high and distinguished

reputation, as a place of general learning and useful knowledge."

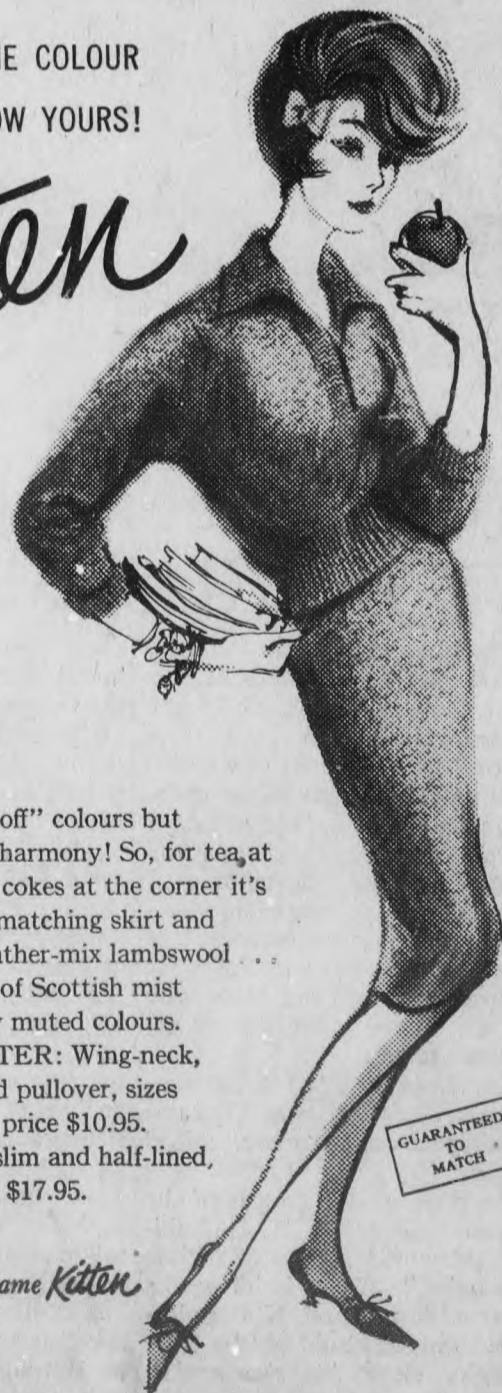
Today, UNB does have a high and distinguished reputation. In each of the past several years the size of its faculty has increased as we endeavour to keep pace with the growth of the student body. Again, this year new departments have been added and more courses offered for the first time. The University's material form is ever expanding with new buildings now rising on the hillside and more in the early stages of planning. Friends and supporters have come to our assistance in increasing measure and it is our hope that present plans and future prospects will soon take care of our present and pressing needs.

UNB has a long history and in that time there has grown a great tradition. To the new students I would say: "Take advantage of what it has to offer; enter into its work and activity with enthusiasm and with zeal. Then each of you should soon share our pride in its accomplishments as you become a part of the busy community which is the present-day University of New Brunswick."

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