THE COLUMN

by Ed BELL

This is the last word! The last word, that is, about this discussion of male attire at UNB. In a series of editorials and articles, the *Brunswickan* has criticized the way we dress and has suggested that we wear "jackets, shirts and ties". In my opinion, these people who criticize (and who lack the courage to sign their names after their material) do so because they are simply trying to find something to attack.

After we graduate, the majority of us will spend the rest of our lives in suits and ties. But they tell us we should not wait until we graduate . . . do it now. Since other colleges *make* their students wear this type of clothing . . . UNB should too. Perhaps the men at UNB should wear grey flannel suits and look like a convention of Bloor Street bankers . . . so the criticizers would be satisfied. Or would morning coats, spats, and cravats be more effective? Bah-h-h . . . I can see it now . . . a Forester in a suit and tie blithely skipping through the woodlot collecting leaves!

What is so wrong with our present manner of dress? It has been branded as sloppy and more befitting a high school (as if "high school" were a dirty word). After the Sophomore Class spent two weeks trying to impress upon the Freshmen that wearing a UNB jacket was an honor and a privilege, our jackets have been lowered to a "mottled sea of red" on the same level as black leather motorcycle jackets. Well, I hate to be difficult but . . . I like the way we dress. Casual shirts and slacks, a UNB jacket are comfortable, easy to keep clean (far from our ironing mommas), and allow some variety from day to day.

According to the last editorial by *R. T.* (whomever that brave soul might be), our clothing "is not conducive to gaining knowledge, reflects an immature and lazy outlook, and should be relegated to high school children". Well, R.T., you who think that a change in our clothing will improve our culture, I think, you are being snobbish. Have you never heard that "Clothing doth not make the man"? How would wearing suits and ties make it more conducive for us to gain knowledge or add to our maturity? It merely would create a little society of conformists in white shirts. Would that be a boon to our cultural aspect?

A university is not intended to be a fashion centre . . . it is intended to provide a setting for the exchange of ideas. I know that this can be done, and is being done, without putting on a "show window" front for the benefit of cultural snobs. Certainly, there are those who carry our "casual" clothing too far; and there are also those who dress too well (those who have more money than common sense and people like "the Twentieth Earl of Aitken"). But the majority of our boys dress sensibly and well . . . they may not win any fashion awards, but they are clean and neat and they join with me in the squelching of our criticizers.

From a practical point of view, "dressing up" for college life is not advisable. Five clean dress shirts a week would entail $1.50 extra a week in laundry charges. Wearing a suit coat makes it necessary to wear an overcoat . . . again impractical and expensive. So let's ignore the few who find fault and dress sensibly. As the Bible says, "Let moderation be your guide in all things." This is sound advice for college life . . . and dress is only one of the fields where it applies.

The co-eds seem to share the view that our clothes are all right . . . but a few of the gals have made some pretty acid comments on male manners and courtesy at UNB. Apparently, some of the boys barge through doors, brushing the girls aside, and completely ignoring them. Improvement in manners would be of far greater benefit than wearing tuxedos to classes. The girls set us a good example in clothing too; sensible and neat (and attractive). I hope that people like R.T. don't suggest that the girls come to classes in low-cut evening gowns. One ridiculous suggestion a month is enough. For, as Aesop said, "It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds."

ODDS 'n ENDS

—:Nothing is more embarassing and demoralizing than the common cold.

—:Practically the entire student body is now demoralized.

—:Please get the ventilation and humidity adjusted in our new buildings.

NOTICES!

The Applications Committee announces that all applications for events (such as dances) must be in the SRC Campus Mail Box two weeks before the event is to be held. In the event that no applications are received, the first acceptable one will be considered.

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Court Session Monday Night

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The students of the UNB Law School invite all UNB students who are interested to attend the proceedings at 7:30 pm, Monday October 17th, at Somerville House.

SPIRIT!
Not Spirits

The UNB Pep Rally tonight will be a success if you, the students, make it so. All the disciplinary rules that apply for any other function will be enforced at the Rally and the Dance which follows. UNB spirit costs the students nothing. Other spirits could prove costly!

Bob Soward, Chairman, SDC

by GEORGE COURTIN and LORNE CRAWFORD

In the past this column has been for the consumption both of the Forestry Faculty and the students of the University at large. This year the practice is to be continued but with perhaps slightly more emphasis on forestry matters.

In this first column of the year which is appearing on the eve of Forestry Week we ask to be excused if the material is entirely for foresters and especially those foresters who are new to the campus.

The Forestry Faculty has always prided itself on its "esprit de corps" and this has largely been accomplished through the forestry student organization which calls itself the Forestry Association. The primary purpose of this association is to bring the various classes together in order that upper and lower classmen may get to know each other on an equal footing. Those people attending meetings receive the benefit of talks on forestry by interesting speakers from all branches of forestry, they are shown movies on forestry and get the opportunity to exchange notes with other students on experience gathered during the summer.

Towards the end of the school year this same group holds its famed *"Monte Carlo Night"* which is an evening of gambling frowned upon by the administration and enjoyed by as many students as wish to participate.

Finally, there is Forestry Week, that most hallowed week. It is a week for foresters only. Here, a "son of the woods" can try his strength in the tug-o-war, he can match skills with his fellows on sports night, he can recuperate at the Social, he can stomp at the Bushman's Ball and finally he can regain his spirits at the Hammerfest.

Come on, Freshmen! Give it a bash. You won't regret it!

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