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The Cultural Aspect

The purpose of this editorial is neither to comment on intellectualism nor to appeal for a greater appreciation of those subjects usually considered cultural. Rather, it is of greater concern to bring to public focus the individual's need to participate in the heritage and achievements of our people and to show how this may be done at our level.

A composite view of the undergraduates of this university would reveal many surprising things. This is not to say that such facts are not recognized or acknowledged, but that they are accepted without criticism. Take for example the dress of our students. In comparison with the dress of other universities—Toronto, McGill, or Bishop's—it will be found that the 'freedom of choice' we have does not exist elsewhere. At Bishop's it would be unheard of not to wear jacket, shirt and tie under the academic gown worn to all classes.

No regulations govern what we wear—the result being that bush shirts, gum rubber boots and oddly assorted 'casual' clothing are commonly seen, almost to the exclusion of everything else.

Such clothing can hardly be considered appropriate at an institution of higher learning. It is not conducive to gaining knowledge, reflects an immature and lazy outlook, and should be relegated to high school children. When one leaves to work for General Motors or the Civil Service, as a professional man or as any white collar worker, this is not done.

From the last editorial it can be seen that certain quarters have had second thoughts on personal neglect. This is to be commended, as is the general calibre of dress of our women undergraduates.

This problem suggests the question of responsibility. To whom are we, as students at UNB, responsible? To ourselves of course, to gain personal satisfaction in achieving our purpose. For many of us, to our parents, whose investment in us needs repayment by success or material reimbursement at a later date. But of greater importance in these troubled times—we are responsible to the nation. We are the best the nation has to offer—its intelligentsia, upon whom our future leadership depends—like it or not. This responsibility has of past months come into painfully clear focus in the United States where a 'make-do' attitude has been replacing principle and sense of duty.

Such a sense of responsibility is closely connected to the "cultural aspect", for it represents what must be the keynote of our society. This keynote is a conscious awareness of what we seek, and the best possible way of achieving our goal. How many of us are here to increase our knowledge and fashion ourselves for the tasks that lie ahead? Too much emphasis is placed in passing examinations and working toward that goal. How many read a book for its own sake? How many went to the excellent concert by L'Orphéon des Trois-Rivières Sunday evening? How many solve mathematical problems to learn the principles, rather than to gain solution for an exercise? These are but a few examples of the underlying question—how many of us are working honestly toward our goals? Our goals must be to use our heritage (material and cultural) to advantage, and to match and surpass our nation's achievements in all fields of human endeavour. In this must we participate, in a spirit of co-operation and friendship, to succeed.

Only then will the material value of our campus be equalled by a spiritual beauty which we alone can produce. Our efforts together will ensure victories in sport and in work and the academic, intellectual and social levels of our university will be remarkably enhanced.

R.T.

PREMIER TO SPEAK

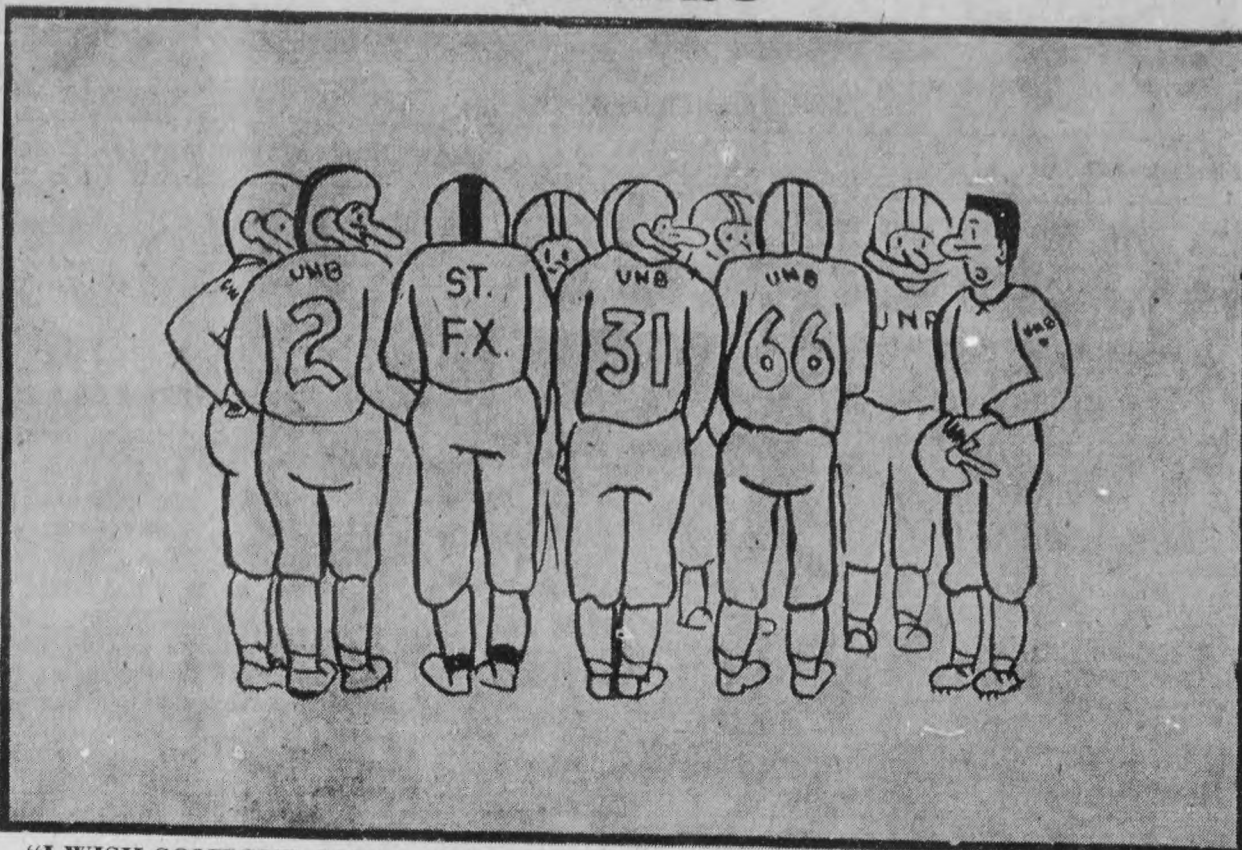
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League of Scholastic Merit in 1955.

A degree of Doctor of Civil Law will be presented to Alfred Leslie Rowse. A native of St.

Austell, Cornwall, he is a graduate of Oxford where he distinguished himself in the field of English literature. His other academic achievements include membership as a Fellow of the British Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

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Letters to the Editor

Sir:

In the past few issues of the Brunswickan, there has been considerable comment on the manner in which the Lady Beaverbrook Residence conducted its Freshman initiation. I, being an LBR Freshman, would like to correct the mistaken impression that has been presented by the upperclassmen from the houses on the hill.

True, our initiation was quite unorthodox in comparison to that of Jones or Aitken. However, we feel that it was well worth it, giving us as it did the privilege of becoming a member of the Society of the Lady Beaverbrook Residence. We did not lose respect for either ourselves or the upperclassmen in LBR, and firmly disagree with all those who make our orientation out as unbearable torture. Also, I know I am safe in saying that the stiffer the initiation, the more the House spirit. This is indeed the case in LBR.

We noted that all comment came from upperclassmen in the "dormitories". If either they, or the Freshmen they purport to represent, still have any illusions as to the advantages of living in Residence, we will gladly debate the matter with them in public at their convenience.

Respectfully yours (not theirs),
Geoffrey A. Stevens
for the Freshmen of LBR

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Sir:

I would like to comment on a statement in the September 27 edition of the Brunswickan on the football game. "It was a quiet game, cheering wise, a fault we trust will be corrected as frosh become adjusted to spectator status". I believe that the problem is a little deeper and more serious than this statement suggests. There was a great lack of team spirit at this game although another type of spirit was well represented. I am not a prohibitionist, but then college field is not a bar. The need last Saturday was not for adjustment but for leadership. It was not given. The cheerleaders did a valiant

job in attempting to get things rolling but they were too busy dodging empty beer cans to get any support and as the game progressed it got weaker and weaker.

In the last half the Bombers put on a fine defensive show. At the interception of a pass or a long run there was nothing but silence. The only event that raised a cheer was when a member of the campus police escorted a drunk off the field. At the end of the game many were too far gone to care.

There is a time and a place for everything. It's up to the upperclassmen to provide leadership for the frosh and the rest of the game and in spite of what some believe, leadership does not come out of a can.

Bob Goodwin

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Sir:

I noticed in a recent edition of the Brunswickan that you refuse to print unsigned letters. This is a ridiculous regulation. Why don't you print unsigned letters? If letters are written in good taste, and are an honest effort to render opinions on controversial subjects; why should they be signed? What is important is what the letter says—not who wrote it.

It seems to me to be prudent

(especially at UNB) to submit unsigned opinions; just to give the opinion, such as it is, a slight chance of being noted. All too often what one says, is evaluated by whom one is.

Roger J. Smith

Ed—We can assure you, Mr. Smith, that your future letters will be fairly evaluated—the Brunswickan will print signed letters anonymously on request.

Duplicate Results

Rising nobly to the challenge issued in the last Brunswickan, three co-eds placed extremely well in the final results of the UNB Duplicate Bridge Club's first nights play last Tuesday evening.

RESULTS

North-South

1. R. MacNamara—P. Villard (27 pts).
2. R. Matheson—J. Harper (26 pts).
3. Liz MacFarlane—Elaine Mooers (20 points).
4. Libby Newroth—John Donaldson (19 pts).

East-West

1. T. Owen—J. MacNaughton (23½).
2. L. Blanchard—G. Robinson (23).
3. Chuck Rice—Barry Foster (22).
4. Gord Howse—Steve Hart (20).

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