

examinations . . .

The type of examinations that are inflicted by universities on North American students are a pitiful means of assessing the success of an academic program. Annual or semi-annual written papers of three hours duration are more of a stress test (poetry incidental) than they are an evaluation of how much an individual student has benefited from a given course.

To commence with (?), some of the students who gain the most from the academic tidbits offered are totally incapable of regurgitating a general summary of a given course's contents under the severe strain of an arbitrary three-hour session in the pit. From this pit . . . falls the student, and one who is intellectually superior to most university students may have to leave the sanctified premises in disgrace.

Would it not be better, I ask you, if a more reliable indication of academic success were employed? You say, "Such as . . .?" I say, "Such as monthly papers and oral interviews with the pertinent professors." You say, "Why make so much needless work for the profs?" I reply, "For the benefit of the students . . ."

Yes, exams are evil. Our system is likewise. Will it be changed as we become more enlightened as to the newer means of social testing, or will it be petrified? Like the students who must write the damnable things.

open rooms . . .

It occurs each year. A crisis arises over the boys in residence inviting young ladies into their rooms. The root of the trouble is in the residence regulations. It states there that on the occasion of the annual open house(s) the rooms will be open, under strict supervision of course.

Each year the individual residences have their formal, with the rooms open. Then they begin to have 'open houses' and socials, requesting open rooms for each event. After a number of such requests have been sanctioned, the administration clamps down and forbids any more. Usually, some houses have had more than others, and the universal reaction is a great protest from the boys.

The reasons given annually by the administration are of the nature of 'immorality', 'impracticability', or 'poor taste.' These reasons seem weak when it is considered that such events were sanctioned before.

We are informed that a faculty committee is now sitting on the problem. It would seem to us that there is a simple solution. If it were set down in the regulations how many times annually a residence could have open rooms, and under what circumstances, then the rigid enforcement of those conditions in the future would avert the annual row (as in cow).

Library Hours

During the Christmas examination period, the Library hours will be extended as follows:

1. Friday evenings, open until 11 p.m., instead of 10 p.m. on December 7th and December 14th.
2. Sunday Study Hall: open as a study hall, but with no circulation services, on December 9th and December 16th, from 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGIST: A man who tries to find out if infants have more fun in infancy than adults do in adultery.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Wed. Dec. 5: SRC, Tartan Room, 6:30.
 Thurs. Dec. 6: Rod and Gun Club, Oak Room, 7:30. Christmas Band Concert, Mem. Hall, 8:15.
 Fri. Dec. 7: Chapel, Room 109 Douglas Hall, 1-1:20. UCC Study Group, Cathedral Hall, 6-8. Maggie Jean Christmas Party, McConnell Hall, 9:30.
 Sat. Dec. 8: Arts Society Dance, Student Centre, 9:00. Bridges House Christmas Party.
 Mon. Dec. 10: Para-Rescue Team, Training, Armories, 7:15.
 Tues. Dec. 11: Bridge Club, Oak Room, 7-11. Chapel, Room 109, Douglas Hall, 1-1:20.

INTERVALES

All contributions for 1963 Edition of Intervales must be submitted by January 10, 1963. Contributions may be given to Peggy Gammon or Diane Thompson or placed in Box 1 of campus mail. Cover designs may also be submitted.

From Our Readers

Dear Sir:

Pat yourself on the back for a much improved paper. If you have any serious faults (and we all do), they don't show up in your job as editor. I also think that Russell Irvine should be included in the applause for the excellent job he is doing as sports editor. I was amazed to see such a complete listing of the upcoming sporting events in your recent editions. One thought:—Don't you think that due to the number of people involved in sporting activities, the (1) sports page should become two pages excluding large advertising ads?

Yours truly,
 (ex-U.N.B.) John R. Gardner

Dear Mr. Gardner:

No large advertising ads — no money — no Brunswickan — no sports pages at all.

Yours monetarily
 Business Manager.

Sir:

Its about this year's excuse for a student directory. I realize that a few mistakes are inevitable, but this edition is plain ridiculous. I haven't examined every page; it isn't that difficult to find the mistakes. An example: (from page 67)

Patterson
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Other examples, besides numerous omissions and misspellings, a Smythe in the middle of the Smiths, and the Mc's at the end of the M's. Apparently someone has very little knowledge of proper alphabetical order.

I think the individuals involved in the publication of this directory should have shown more care. They had a certain responsibility to the students. I don't think they fulfilled this responsibility as well as they should have.

Sincerely,
 a disgusted senior,
 Gerald Stiles
 Aitken House

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Dear Sir:

First let me offer my congratulations to U.N.B. for its very collegiate and friendly attitude toward "foreigners."

Upon a short but very enjoyable four day visit, I had the extreme privilege of attending your social events of some nate.

This in fact was the L.B.R. Formal dance, where I had the honour of being one of a number of guests at the function. I was highly impressed with the decorations and the smoothness with which the dance proceeded.

Finally I would like to thank you and your fellow staff of the Brunswickan for your kindness in selecting (accidentally I am sure) a picture of my girlfriend, Miss Linda Blais (U.N.B. Science) and myself as a representative couple from the dance. This picture appeared on the front page of the November 7th issue of the Brunswickan along with a short summary of the event.

Again, a real vote of thanks to all of U.N.B. for an enjoyable evening and a terrific weekend. I only hope that any such "foreigner" at McGill could be guaranteed an equally good time. Yours sincerely, a "foreigner"
 Greg Gooch
 B. Eng. Electrical V
 McGill University

LBR is proud to be such an ambassador for the campus —ed.

Dear Mr. Sellick:

Many thanks for your letter (published in the Nov. 21st issue). It has aroused a large amount of interest on campus. Also, many apologies for the time lapse—you managed to present us with quite a toughie.

After much searching through minutes, reports, and such, as well as various consultations, I am afraid that we cannot yet give you a very satisfactory answer. However, I shall summarize what has been found to date.

The first mention of concern felt for the Hungarian Refugees was during the November 14, 1956 meeting of the S.R.C. Ron Pearsall, corresponding secretary of WUSC asked for the council's opinion. It was moved that the S.R.C. "endorse thoroughly the WUSC plan to bring over a Hungarian Refugee student next year" (term of 58-9) "and look into the mechanics of the idea."

Various reports appear throughout this term of office. It was proposed that a plebiscite be held at the time of the student election to determine the levy for the benefit of these students. We find the following in the minutes of January 30, 1957: "The situation is being ironed out, and the plebiscite will be held at the time of S.R.C. elections, February 27. There will be a maximum of five Hungarian students coming to U.N.B. this fall, and the first year their books, board,

and tuition will be paid for and the following years their tuition only will be paid, the students having to pay the maximum and WUSC will pay for the remainder."

The situation becomes more vague and confusing—on February 6, 1957 it was moved that " . . . a plebiscite be held on the same date as the WUSC plebiscite for one dollar student levy for a NFCUS scholarship to be applied for by a Canadian Student, and that this be the total amount levied for NFCUS from the U.N.B. student body in any one year. In this dollar the usual NFCUS 50¢ annual levy is to be included."

From here nothing more is mentioned. We, (WUSC and the S.R.C.) assume that at this time a larger student levy was received by WUSC, or NFCUS or both, and due to this it was left to the discretion of the organization to use the money for whom-ever it saw fit.

I realize that this seems presuming, however there is no further mention in the minutes of any council since, nor is there anything on record in the WUSC files.

On closing I should like to say that your questions are still, very obviously, unanswered—we are still searching and would appreciate any help that you or any other reader might have to give.

Sincerely,
 Lally Mitchell,
 Second Vice President,
 Students Representative Council

Thanks for your conscientious search.—ed.

Dear Sir:

Hurray for the Brunswickan! It's about time that someone started to show the campus bigshots who are trying to increase their prestige by getting their own offices that the Student body will not stand for it. I may be slightly prejudiced, but I feel that the only worthwhile proposal made as yet for floor space is by the Business Administration Club in their efforts to bring a student co-operative store to the campus and reduce the prices which we are paying for many articles which we find it necessary to purchase during our stay at U.N.B. And I feel that even this could be housed elsewhere—the room in the basement of the Forestry building which does not appear to have been used since the branch of the bookstore selling Frosh books was closed is a good example.

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