

SILVER LINING HARD TO FIND

People on this campus, this paper not excluded, seem periodically to be afflicted with a common disease — it's called "UNB-run-downitis".

One of the major occupations on this campus appears to be complaining. Many times there is a good reason for it... but... why is there so little time spent praising?

Obviously the University has its faults; every place has.

It is time perhaps that we quit slamming and start shouting.

Our campus grounds have to be classed as the most beautiful in the east. Our buildings are new, clean and well-situated.

Academically, the University will stand up to the claims of all comers.

We have one of the most sensible residence systems in Canada. All a detractor has to do is compare our residences with those at Queen's, St. Thomas, Loyola, Mt. Allison and a host of others.

Facilities on the University for extra-curricular activities are almost unlimited. Students with the ability and inclination have

an opportunity to participate in Varsity or intra-mural sports, student government, radio and newspaper management and production, and any other number of organizations provided.

Another of the advantages of the University is contained in the student body itself. The majority of us are from outside the Fredericton area. We are forced either to make new friends and associations or revert to hermitage. This is laudable. A metropolitan student body leads to a broadening of outlook in each student, which, incidentally, is a major reason for the existence of higher education.

It really isn't too hard to think of the University's good points; in fact, it seems to have surprisingly more on the plus side than the minus.

The next time you find yourself entertaining your friends by running down the school that you are attending and hope to get a degree from, pause for a second... THINK... what are you gaining by it?

DAN SCANS

The state of affairs in Canadian politics has taken a distressing plunge into the depths of petty quarrels, smears and personality conflicts. Let us hope it is temporary and characteristic of a minority government situation.

At a time when problems ranging from Quebec's discontent to an upsurge in unwed mothers stares our parliament in the face, the papers reek of nothing but bribery allegations and intrigue. Both major parties throw mud balls back and forth appearing infuriated that the other even dares to suggest the existence of dishonesty in civil service. The impression they must be trying to create is that corruption in the saintly realm of civil service is a rarity and when found it must be severely punished. Who are they trying to fool? Politics is as corrupt as any other field, and to suggest that dishonest civil servants are a rarity is madness.

Obviously, wherever the law is broken the offender must be punished, but surely it must not become the prime concern of parliament to take this responsibility upon itself. Canada has a national police force that has gained a worldwide reputation for integrity and proficiency. Certainly it is more expedient to let the R.C.M.P. deal with the crime, and allow our parliamentarians the chance of earning their \$20,000 salary.

The opposition leader, Diefenbaker, is unfortunately a very good vote getting politician, but an extremely poor policy making statesman. Mr. Pearson on the other hand is the exact opposite. He had made decisive moves of policy but is completely uninspiring as a political figure, and it is this meeting of opposite characters that exemplifies the saying, "Bull roar baffles brains."

Until the opposition restrains itself to scrutinizing matters of more significance, and the Government party musters enough nerve to call an election and seek a clear majority, we will not have an efficient government.

LETTERS

Editor:

According to an article which appeared in the January 14th issue of the Brunswickan, "Home Sweet Home", apparently one student, and probably others are laboring under a misapprehension concerning the functions of the Accommodations office.

Briefly, it is our responsibility to obtain as much information as possible in connection with living accommodations available in the area and to make this information available to all who enquire. We are in no way responsible for restrictions imposed, nor for rules and regulations laid down by landlords — or landladies, as the case may be. As for not caring, I think very few students leave our office with the impression that we do not care. Innumerable phone calls are made, much time is spent with individual students and every effort is made to see that the person who is seeking accommodations starts out armed with a list, a map of the city and with perhaps a few definite appointments with people who have listed accommodations which would seem to meet his requirements.

On the assumption that our students are indeed reasonably mature people and capable of making their own decisions, we rarely offer advice. Only when sought is it given and then, because of our "middle man" position, it must be of a general nature, i.e., "This is a new home and should be fairly nice"; or "Mrs. B. has a reputation for being very good to the boys who stay there", and so on. You know, we may as well face it, while some landlords may not make perfect guardian angels, our students are not all perfect little angels either and in some cases at least, rules presently in effect at a private residence



are the direct result of an unhappy experience with a former tenant or tenants.

So how about practising some of that bragged about

maturity and looking at more than one side of the picture. If an inspection service would solve any problems, let some of the student organizations make representation to the proper authorities here at the

university. However, it should be kept in mind that such action could conceivably create more problems than it would solve.

The article referred to raises many other questions which could do with some further airing but which can be touched only briefly here — entertaining friends and just how much freedom should be

allowed — and taken; increased rates which must be considered in relation to increased cost of living, "education of citizenry" AND education of students; the

whole question of the rights of a landlord versus those of a tenant. Analyze, criticize, take action — by all means — but keep in mind always that these are at least two-way

streets with rights and privileges on both sides.

One other comment, a mature person does not strike out blindly at those who wish to be friends. Our policy is based on courtesy and co-operation and is in effect twenty-four hours every day. I recommend its adoption on a wide spread basis.

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