

Council should invite Mr. MacRae to speak

Before the Students Representative Council invites members of the legislature to speak to the students, it should bring the Member of Parliament, Mr. MacRae, to speak to council.

We have said that it was unrealistic for students to protest in the middle of the election campaign, but education has been an important issue. Mr. MacRae and the SRC should sit together to discuss the future of financing education in Canada. We should tell him our ideas, and we should ask him questions about what he plans to do in Parliament.

Today Mr. MacRae has more than 4000 post-secondary students in his constituency. Indications for the growth of the University and of the other institutions point to one thing — the quality of education in this part of Canada depends on our effectiveness in Parliament.

When he speaks to Parliament, it is of the greatest importance that he knows how students feel about the problems of education. He is fortunate in having so many students in his constituency, because he is one of the few Members of Parliament who can be in touch with the problems. He must be brought in close contact with the institutions if he is to represent them well before Parliament.

In a generous advertisement in last week's *Brunswickan*, Mr. MacRae outlined nine points of a 'National Plan For Education'. He advocates help for students who have problems with tuition, and help in the form of grants to universities. He would help us by increasing the amount deductible for gifts to universities, in addition to many other aids to higher education in Canada.

Up to now, Mr. MacRae has had almost no contact with students at the University. Now is the time for the SRC to invite him to a council meeting. We have a lot to talk about.

Improving communication will help to unify Canada

There is a trend towards unity in the Atlantic Provinces. This unity will increase as the provinces grow economically, and as the educational level of the area rises.

The recently formed Association of Atlantic Students, and the more recently organized Atlantic Student Press Association, are indications of this.

The students are among the first to realize that it is necessary to improve communications within a region if it is to improve itself economically and intellectually. As the rapid growth of colleges continues, so will the strength of the region, and the more important it will be to know what is happening within the region.

The very fact that the student newspapers of the larger educational institutions have made it possible for the smaller, but rapidly growing ones to become part of the regional scene will influence attitudes of the general public in the Atlantic Provinces. People will begin to realize the importance of being united.

In the same way, communications in Canada as a whole will improve. We must build from the ground up, starting with regions, building to a unified Canada.

The aim of the Atlantic Student Press Association is to improve communications within the Atlantic provinces. It, and the Association of Atlantic Students, will help to influence Canadians to draw closer together.

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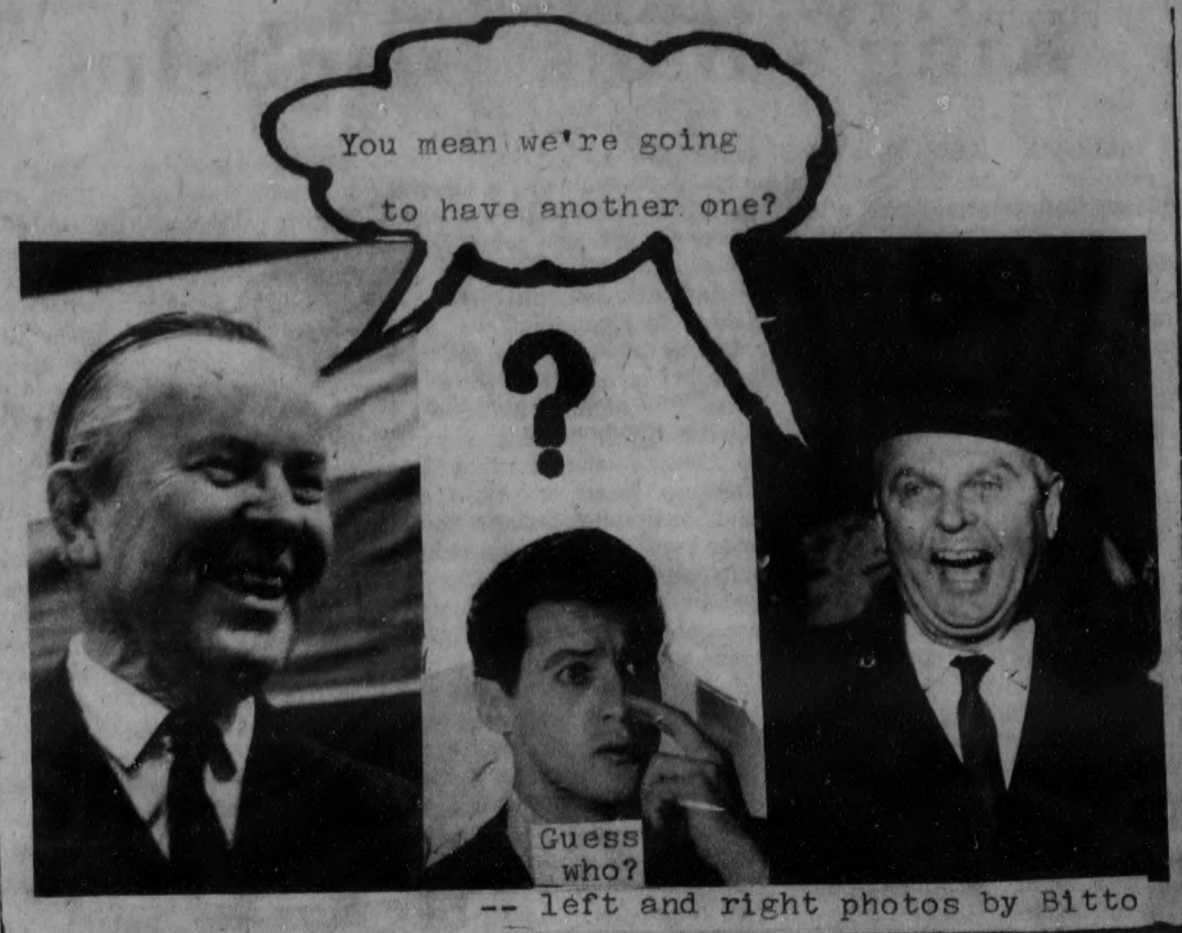
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOTBED FOR POSTERS

Editor:

The sight of several posters around the campus has prompted me to write a few remarks on student affairs at the national and international level.

Canadian university students, with some exceptions, are represented nationally and internationally by CUS, the Canadian Union of Students. CUS belongs to the International Student Conference, ISC, an organization of, and controlled by, the national students' associations of many countries around the world; its headquarters are in Holland.

Another international student organization exists, the International Union of Students, IUS, which has its headquarters in Prague. This body is controlled by the government of the USSR, and follows the current Moscow line. The IUS regularly sends out propaganda, more or less thinly disguised, including posters calling for "international solidarity" with whatever cause is currently favored by the USSR in its international manoeuvrings.

Some of these posters have been posted on bulletins on campus, either as a joke (I hope), or seriously. This letter has been written to point out that these posters have nothing to do with CUS policies (CUS and ISC are strongly opposed to IUS), and that they are Communist propaganda and should be taken for what that makes them worth.

The writer has no connection with CUS, but wishes to inform your readers for the good of all.

Yours truly,
IAN L. McQUEEN

POOR LEADERS

Editor:

The students of UNB are showing a serious disregard for the necessity of competent and responsible leadership, organization, and participation in all aspects of campus life and affairs. Following are a few examples.

One evening last week I attended a meeting of one of the larger campus clubs. There was no call-to-order, no reading of the minutes of the previous

meeting, and no financial report. The meeting began, or I assumed it began, when the president introduced the various officers and extended a warm welcome to everyone. He tactfully explained in great detail the benefits of belonging to the club. A plea for immediate payment of membership fees was made. One brave soul, upon realizing that the business (?) meeting was drawing to a close, asked for a financial statement. Mr. President still failed to divulge the secret figures and quickly adjourned the meeting. After adjournment dozens were to be seen obediently paying their fees. What was the money to be used for, charity? No one knew.

In one of the largest undergraduate societies there is a class representative who doesn't realize that he was chosen by secret ballot to represent his fellow students. I wonder who he voted for!

An astonishing number of students vote with the idea, "What the hell is the difference". During the recent election for secretary of the athletic association, I overheard two intelligent looking Juniors — "Who did you vote for?" "I don't know. I just marked 1, 2, 3." I wonder why she voted! This method is most prominent in the SRC elections.

Are the so-called leaders at fault? No. It is the individual student who permits such happenings. The cure is simple — each student has only to express his opinion, question, and play an active part in some role of student affairs. If the majority continue to neglect their responsibilities, our campus will eventually be controlled by cliques with their inherent evils. What a horrifying thought!

MIKE WILSON

BOMBING THE BAND?

Editor:

This letter is in answer to the one published October 29, 1965, which concerned the UNB band. As a band member I can say that the statements by the writer of this letter are made without grounds. It is evident that this person is not a band mem-

ber. As the Red Bombers and Red Devils have schedules, so the band has one too. The schedule consists of playing at football and hockey games, playing for Convocation and Founders' day, and two concerts — before the Christmas exams and in late March.

With regards to Convocation, the main purpose of the band was to introduce the graduates to the audience present. The letter implied that we were to give a music show before the ceremony began. This was not our main purpose. If the writer wishes to hear a musical show let him or her attend the band concerts.

The letter stated that the band sounded out of practice. We practice two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) at 12:30 - 1:30 and sometimes we include an additional practice on Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30, a total time of six hours. If the writer of this letter wishes to criticize us, I strongly urge him to join and to enjoy the music instead of despising it.

There was a reference made to the money given to us by the S.R.C. Upon reading this anyone except a band member would get the impression that we did nothing with this. I am quite certain that anybody gets bored playing the same pieces year after year. We of the band do too. So every year Mr. Start (Director of Music) posts a chart on which we list the pieces we would like to play. As far as I know, the band has gotten these pieces. This is what the money is spent on, trying to obtain music that will create an impression with our audiences.

Speaking now on the statement of sporadic appearances, I can recall that except for the first two home games against Acadia and Dal the band has performed at every function where it was required. The Acadia game was Oct. 2, 1965. There was too little time (one practice) between the game and registration to get in shape. As I understand it the Dal game was on Thanksgiving weekend. Most of the band left for home then, as I suspect the writer of (SEE page 6, column 4)