

On points and prizes

Because, according to speakers at Sunday's SRC meeting, too few people qualified for activity awards last year, the system of awards is probably going to undergo radical changes. The present system includes a list of points, given to student leaders in almost all organizations. At the end of their tenure at the University they total their points and apply (if they wish) to the SRC for an award. Certain totals are set as divisions for first, second, third, or fourth class awards, to distinguish the top men from the rest.

At the council meeting, it was suggested that the totals be scrapped, that the point system undergo a few changes, and that new totals be accepted as a basis for awards of which there will be two, instead of four. They would be "Award" and "Award with distinction". The only arguments for changing the system were that not enough people were getting awards, and that people who did not qualify for first class awards would be reluctant to appear as "second-class citizens", as a council member said.

We would contest the first argument. Only one person claimed a first class award last year, but four did the year before, and three in 1963. We do not want more than that. There are not many people here who deserve awards, and more

would be slighting those who deserve it. One winner a few years ago had enough points for two first class awards.

Last year there were 15 award winners, including second, third, and fourth class. In 1964 there were 16, in 1963, 20. There is no reason to believe that it will change much this year.

Even if it did, the grand total requirement could easily be changed.

Second-class citizens? Aristotle said that anyone who doesn't claim the credit he is due deserves it. We agree. But for the sake of these people the system could be changed so that there is no connotation of "second-class". The simplest way (probably the best) is to drop the names altogether, simply present awards, which speak for themselves (gold ring, silver ring, gold pin, silver pin).

We hope the SRC doesn't go off half-cocked again and eliminate another one of the Universities traditions by eliminating the four-level award system. This is one of the few ways active students can claim glory. The athletes have their athlete-of-the-year. Student activities make this impossible because of the importance of background.

The system should be kept with a minimum of revisions. There's nothing unfair about the one we have now.

Getting to know them

The election is getting very near, and still UNB students have not had a chance to get close to the three candidates. We feel that the best way to bring them to the voting students is to invite all three to the campus for informal discussions.

We don't mean the kind of Tartan Room with tea discussions, but simply a peaceful sit-around session in a residence

lounge with refreshments of various sorts and no other influences.

The ideal situation would be a cocktail party, with two or three members from each party in attendance (including the candidates). This is a proven method of getting to know politicians, who seem to perform best, with least fear of the press, standing in a small circle of voters.

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THE FLAG OF YOUNG CANADA**

A Centary Ditty written for Professor C. and Canada's Coming Birthday Celebration

Now the old king's dead and so's Howe's old Jack
So let's jig-jig round our new ornj-white sack,
Badge of Mike's wolf-patrol which took the Hill,
After nine lean months by standing stock-still.

'Street-Chorus'

Peanuts, chips an Canajun flags —
One thin dime, twobits the 'bags!

What the hell, what the hell,
Who gives a damn so long as they sell.

It's shredding, staining, fading fast,
But we're Canucks jig-jig at last!
By God, hip-hip hurrah for good old Mike,
The Grit of iron who saw when to strike.

'Chorus'

Peanuts, chips an Canajun flags —
One thin dime, twobits the bags!

What the hell, what the hell,
Who gives a damn so long as they sell.

— Paul Michael

**after Joseph Howe's "The Flag of Old England"
'grab-bag

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLITICAL FREEDOM

Editor:

This letter is written in an attempt to destroy some of the narrow-minded views of certain individuals on this campus in regard to the Christian Atheist Party of Canada (U.N.B. Chapter). The Christian Atheist Party is not an order of religious fanatics. It is not in any respect an atheist organization; in fact, it has no religious affiliation whatsoever.

The Christian Atheist Party is a political party dedicated to the pursuit of political freedom. Membership is open to those who wish to participate in political discussions (i.e. Model Parliament) without committing themselves to any of the established Canadian political parties. We stand for organized anarchy, militant pacifism, and middle-of-the road extremism. Resolve your political doubts — Join the Christian Atheists!

Mary Wilson,
Scriba Maxima
Don Gallop,
Diseminator Verborum

STRIKE OUT THE BAND?

Editor:

Every year the student body gives \$365 to a non-entity referred to as the U.N.B. Band. It is a shame that we must use the word "non-entity" but to most students it is exactly that. The band is rarely seen except at Convocation and Encaena. Occasionally it does appear at football games but this occurs sporadically at best (or worst).

Since we do give financial support to the band we might expect some dividends in return. On the few occasions that

it does appear it serves only to disgrace the university. At Fall Convocation it was unfortunately quite evident that little time had been devoted to practice. I haven't heard "God Save the Queen" played in a similar fashion for years — like a left-

handed ocarina player with his middle finger missing.

The band is presently seen as a service club to the university. In light of its poor return we might better define its role as parasitic.

— F.O.B.

Reflections

Editor:

Perhaps you may have a space in your paper to print these "Reflections". This is my third year at U.N.B. and I think it's a really great university and yet I have one pet peeve... So many of the students seem to think that they are about the only people on campus, and don't lose too many opportunities to display a complete disregard for the feelings of others. I have been in close contact with many different people and perhaps I feel a greater need than others to see empathy as well as sympathy exist between people. I guess my whole point is — I wish people in general could be more friendly toward each other — especially here in our "college world". If only more students would take a few moments to seek out the more important things on the inside of another instead of ignoring and rejecting him on the basis of outward appearances...

Thank-you for your attention and if you think that the enclosed bit of poetry expresses the above opinion please put it in your paper — if not I'll just regard it as a "good try".

REFLECTIONS UPON SITTING IN THE STUDENTS' CENTRE

What is this world of nothing that I find myself within
Which seems devoid of feeling and full of sloth and sin?
The people here are puppets who move by strings of fate,
Their smiles are artificial and hide their thoughts of hate.

I don't belong — I never will — I'm lost and all alone,
Will no one lend a helping hand and make me feel "at home?"
I'd love a conversation — some pleasant company,
Yet talk goes on with greater speed but always without me.

Won't someone dare to step outside their selfish little sphere,
To give a thought to someone else and spread a little cheer?
Just a smile — a grin or nod — even a simple "Hi!",
Will mean a lot to someone whom you usually pass by.

So take a chance on being nice — you'll be rewarded in the end,
For this poor soul you've just ignored could have been a friend.

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