



ALUMNI NEWS

EDITORIAL

"There are few men, I suppose, for whom the names of the College Halls among which, as under-graduates, they lived and studied, do not touch a special note, like the sound of clock chimes heard in the depth of a tranquil house . . . names not remarkable in themselves but in their power to evoke. For at their sound that campus and its structures with all their associations rise upon the memory, as in reality they rise above the campus within the encircling rumble of the city. This is the physical university. Above it rises another college that is more lasting, for it is built not of bricks or stones, but it persists in each of the thousands of minds that it has in any way helped to shape.

Exactly in the degree in which that second college constitutes one of the citadels of the mind, and a repository of the culture of the West, it must admit the impact of what is new, (and) be shaken by the crisis of history in the 20th century, which is pre-eminently a crisis of the mind.

Freedom for the play of ideas is the indispensable precondition for growth on that college of the mind"—In these words, in part, Whittaker Chambers has introduced, in a recent issue of Life Magazine, a thoughtful consideration of the question of academic freedom. It is not our purpose to follow through with the interesting development of Mr. Chambers treatise. We would hope that it has been read by the large majority of our readers.

The conception of a college of the mind, a citadel of our culture is a challenging one—one which every one of us should face squarely.

Are we in our own community and in our own sphere of influence, citadels of freedom for the play of ideas? Or are we the hollow echoes of the easy slogans which mark the superficial thinking of our wordy generation?

Do we rise quickly to condone or condemn situations, philosophies, people, about which we know very little, or do we recognize that in the search for truth we do not draw conclusions until all the evidence is in.

At the moment, studies of human behaviour have passed into the realm of the ridiculous—however it would be interesting if some one would make a study of the intellectual behaviour of the university graduate. What is he reading, what is he studying, what is he thinking, and particularly, what is he contributing?

In our age when over half the world longs for the privilege of learning to read, it is the shocking truth that many people who have enjoyed the privilege of a university education are too intellectually indolent to willingly devote one hour a month to any exercise of the mind which might remotely be referred to as study.

Dr. T. Dadson used to tell a story about Mazie's friends, who planned to give her a gift on the eve of her departure to other fields. When the question of what the gift should be arose one girl suggested a book. "Oh", protested another sweet young thing, "but Mazie has a book."

There is no padlock law as dangerous to our academic freedom as the padlock we put on our own minds.

The Alumni Pay Tribute to Dr. J. R. C. Evans at the Annual Dinner.

The annual meeting of the Brandon College Alumni Association held in the Prince Edward Hotel on May 21, 1953, was the occasion of a special celebration in honor of Dr. J. R. C. Evans, who had just completed his 25th year as President of Brandon College.

Nearly a hundred members attended the dinner. Among the guests at the head table were five members of class of '12, classmates of Dr. Evans. They were Rev. Robert Harvey, Evelyn (Simpson) Bucke, Muriel (McCamis) Hunt, Willa (Speers) Brandon, and Constance Gunn.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, Rev. R. Harvey presented the honored guest with a gold watch, as an expression of congratulations and appreciation. Mr. Harvey paid fitting tribute to the contribution that Dr. Evans has made to the history of Brandon College through difficult years of transition.

Dr. Evans replied with a sincerity and humility characteristic of the personality which has made him the beloved friend of everyone who has had the privilege of attending Brandon College.

Mrs. Evans was, in receiving congratulations, the recipient of a bouquet of roses.

Others at the head table included Mrs. R. Harvey, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright, who had come from B. C. for the occasion, and the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. T. H. McLeod, '40, Dean of the Dept. of Commerce, University of Saskatchewan. Mr. McLeod gave a pithy and challenging address on the true purpose of the University in the modern world.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

His enthusiastic listeners were proud to claim him as a fellow Alumnus.

TAKE THIS WITH YOUR COFFEE

Among the many Canadians who visited Britain this year were Dr. and Mrs. J. R. C. Evans. The Dr. was at-

tending an Educational conference at Cambridge, and both he and Mrs. Evans enjoyed an exciting and interesting tour of England and Scotland.

We hope to have a more detailed account of this trip in our next issue. Meantime a few of the highlights were: their visit to Edinborough, where they saw that proud city take our lovely young queen to their hearts; their visit with Victor Coen '16, who is a gentleman of importance in the Law Courts of London; their visit with Earl J. King '23, who has made a name for himself as a Professor of Chemistry at the University of London, London, England; Dr. Evans' visits to Hyde Park, and the thrilling moment when, at a Canadian Dinner on the 1st of July, Dr. Evans heard our own Tommy Douglas '30, cast a spell on his delighted audience with his eloquent charm and oratory.

This has been a year of Elections, and the Brandon College Alumni Family has not been missing when the Laurels were being handed out. Congratulations, to Premier Douglas Campbell for winning the nod of approval from the people of Manitoba in the June Election. Walter Dinsdale '37 and Stanley Knowles '30 are also receiving congratulations on their return to Ottawa as the peoples' choice. It is an interesting tribute to the democratic approach to life, fostered in the Halls of Brandon College that her sons are found giving leadership in all the major parties of our political scene.

And while we are in the mood, we extend congratulations to our Alumni President, Lloyd Henderson '47, who, on Aug. 7th, became the proud father of a scholarly looking young man, Charles Robert, a candidate for Alumni President in about 1975.

The Editor

Excerpts from an Address by Dean Thomas H. McLeod, of the University of Saskatchewan given May 20, 1953 at the Brandon College Alumni Banquet.

In attempting to catch a glimpse of the spirit of Brandon College, my mind goes back to my first history teacher, Robert MacGregor Fraser, a man whose kindly and eternal good humor fell like

a warm light on all around him. I think that it was from him that I gained my first insight into that integrity of thought and humility of spirit which epitomize the true scholar. We heard him frequently in chapel, and more frequently in the class room discuss his views on the true nature of learning. Time and time again he returned to that simple biblical structure—"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". Thus was summed up succinctly Mac Fraser's philosophy of university education.

My point is this, that Mac Fraser besought us to hold steadfastly to the fundamental principle that the primary function of the College and the university is to search for truth—wherever it may be found. . . .

An examination of these simple propositions against modern-day experiences, however, must raise certain doubts and even fears in the mind of the educator, the college administrator and, indeed, all those who have any genuine interest in higher education. To me there are, in particular, three major danger areas or potential danger areas which must be examined with some care:

(1) Atomization of learning. The first major problem arises as a result of the atomization of learning into a series of academic fields of specialization. The compartmentalization of academic disciplines may be desirable as a teaching technique, and may be necessary as part of the methodology of research. But as a total approach to education—in the light of our original proposition—it is completely and totally inadequate. . . .

It seems obvious, that in the search for truth, it is necessary for every person to have at his command as many weapons of learning as is possible. To the extent that this emphasis on specialization acts as a hindrance, the hindrance must be removed.

(2) Professional training. The second major danger that I see is the growing stress on the "professional" aspects of the university training—the emphasis on mastery of certain specialized techniques directed toward economic rather than intellectual improvement. As the head of a professional college I am

doubly sensitive to this particular problem, and also compelled to thread my way through the argument with particular care. I am not arguing that there is anything reprehensible in the desire to obtain the best possible training for earning a living. I am also of the opinion that the belief of the various professions that a university training is a desirable pre-requisite for professional life is wholly salutary. But I do believe that the situation contains the seeds of perversion wherein the university, rather than being an institution of higher learning may become a "trade" school—adding to the problems of academic compartmentalization mentioned previously, the problem of professional compartmentalization . . .

The position of the university must be primarily one of providing a broader academic background for the individuals going into professional fields rather than one of catering to the desires of the professional specialties. . . .

(3) Attacks on Academic Freedom. More important, however, in discussing present-day goals for university education is an examination of the environment within which the university must do its work, and, in particular, the external pressures upon the university which work to divert it from its true purposes. As a matter of public policy we have declared that certain areas of human inquiry, those areas dealing with nuclear fission, shall as a matter of military necessity, be placed beyond the boundaries of normal academic freedom of enquiry. As a responsible citizen of Canada I accept that dictum, even though I might question the success of its application, or the breadth of the area of enquiry to which the policy is actually being applied.

As an academician however, I feel constrained to call for a careful assessment of such policy in all its implications. First and foremost, those connected with the academic community must realize that military advantage is not being secured without a cost to the academic community in terms of its traditional ideal of freedom. The logic of the circumstance indicates that such a price must be paid—but it is a price. Unfortunately circumstances also compel us to express some doubt as to how long a reserved and qualified freedom

does indeed remain freedom. The spread of proscription upon free enquiry can only serve to destroy the very purpose of the university as a place where, without let or hindrance, free men amid the free play of ideas and opinions, may persue the truth. . . .

Once the concept of a limited academic freedom has been accepted, the problem of defining what those limits shall be offers a most fertile field for exploitation by the ruthless, grasping political charlatan who, bereft of the last vestige of human decency, builds out of human fears and human suspicions a monument to his own ego and ambition, a monument which will serve only to mark the perversion and destruction of the very values he professes to defend.

The university finds its basis in, and is dedicated to, the pursuit of truth its environment must. by nature of its task, be one of freedom of enquiry, and of opinion. Once the university accept, or is forced to act as if it accepted the proposition that the truth may be prejudged by fulminating politicians or omniscient editorialists it has lost its only reason for existence. Once the proposition becomes established that the truth may be established by fiat, that it may be achieved by proscription rather than by free and diligent enquiry and research, our society has lost one of its major weapons for purposeful living, and its days of freedom are numbered. As a university community, our task is to ensure against such misfortune ever befalling our native land.

Truth, as we see it, transcends national boundaries and partisan squabbles—it finds as its handmaiden certain basic moral principles. We believe that there does inhere within the individual some element of divine reason which leads him to prefer the truth to the untruth. That being the case we believe that unreason can only be conquered by reason, and not by mass hysteria; an untruth, even a communist untruth, can only be destroyed by truth and not by official fiat.

This basic principle of academic freedom is so simple as to seem hardly worth stating. It does not lend itself to high-sounding demagoguery or to appeals to mass emotion. It is a matter of calm personal conviction. In the face

of klieg lights of the investigation room and the blare of the media of mass communication it appears as slender as a willow rod, but we remain convinced that it is as strong as the right arm of God."

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The following were the officers of the Alumni Association elected at the Annual Meeting; President, Lloyd Henderson, '49; First Vice Pres., Ted Cantwell, '50; Second Vice Pres., Orval Calverley '20; Third Vice-Pres., Kay Heywood Findlay '35; Sec., Val Trent, '50; Treasurer, Don Simpson, '48; Social Convener, Gwen Munt Sutherland '37; Editor of the ALUMNI NEWS, Maria Carlotta Nelson, '25.

The report of the treasurer at the Annual Meeting, showed a balance in the bank of \$488.

In line with the established policy of financing a \$100. Entrance Scholarship, a motion was carried authorizing the Executive to present to the College Board this year the sum of \$200, for two \$100. Entrance Scholarships. Since we also finance the Publishing of the ALUMNI NEWS, this does not leave us a very large margin on which to operate. However we hope that a growing interest in our Scholarship Fund will bring an ever increasing stream of support into our treasury.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Life Membership Fee of Ten Dollars, instituted in 1952 is becoming increasingly popular. Some thirty members have already become Life Members. The ALUMNI NEWS is anxious to impress upon the Membership this convenient and efficient method of dispatching fee obligations. In the next issue we will publish the names of all Life Members.

Assoc. Secretary, Val Trent, Brandon College.

Assoc. Treasurer, Don Simpson. Brandon College.

ious treasure of your College. The support of the Scholarship program by the Alumni Association is truly in keeping with the ideals and objectives of humanity always associated with the name "Brandon College."

BRANDON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1948 the Alumni Association, under the Presidency of Mr. Hugh Knowlton, took as its objective the provision of a \$100.00 Entrance Scholarship to Brandon College. The efforts of the Association that year provided a Scholarship, and it was used to very good advantage to bring a deserving student to your Alma Mater. Since that time the number of Scholarships has increased until now there are fourteen Entrance Scholarships, which can be said to be the result of this "Pioneer" effort by the Alumni Association. At the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association in 1952, a report was given on the effectiveness of this Scholarship, and it was then that the graduating class of that year volunteered to support the Entrance Scholarship Fund by giving, as a departing gift, a \$100.00 Entrance Scholarship for one year. A former graduate, Mr. Gordon Cumming, also came forward at that time and offered the Cumming Entrance Scholarship of \$100.00 in memory of James Russell "Susty" Wright, who was a class-mate of Mr. Cumming in 1935. Although the idea of Entrance Scholarships had been started in 1948, it was not until these two spontaneous gifts that it was seized upon and the additional Scholarships were donated by leading citizens of Brandon.

During the summer of 1952 a member of Class '53, Miss Mildred McMurray of Dauphin, met a tragic death in an automobile accident, and it was the wish of her class-mates that a Scholarship be named in her memory. The entire class unanimously supported an Endowed Scholarship which provides an annual revenue of \$25.00, and is known as the "Mildred McMurray Memorial Scholarship", and is offered for Scholarship in English III.

The salutary effect of Entrance Scholarships and competitive Scholarships on the enrolment prospects of Brandon College cannot be over-emphasized. It is a source of real happiness to the members of the administration and the faculty of the College to see a deserving student to come to an institution such as your Alma Mater. Academic standing rewarded is also a prec-

In this column in future we hope to present Letters to the Editor, but since, at the moment our bag is empty, this time we are going to write to you. It has always been our ambition to be an Editor, and now that we have achieved that pinnacle of success we wish to clarify our position.

It is the purpose of the ALUMNI NEWS to serve as an organ of Communication between the members of the B.C.A.A. and the College and between the various Alumni members themselves. Through this publication it should be possible for the Alumni to become acquainted with the Board, the Faculty and the Student Body of Brandon College today. We hope to have reports of interviews with interesting personalities connected with the past and present College life. We will try to keep you posted as to changes in policy or program. It is anticipated that B.C. will see many physical changes and wider opportunities in the near future. We are convinced that every member of the Alumni would wish to be familiar with these changes.

It should be possible to keep our readers informed of the activities and achievements of our ever growing family. But this can be accomplished only if everyone of you considers himself a reporter for the NEWS. If you wish news of other members, you must be prepared to share your news with them. Just tell us where you are and what you are doing. Or if you do not wish to admit what you are doing, please tell us what you are thinking, what, for instance is your opinion of the Government, or United Nations or Modern Art, or Senator McCarthy or Pogo or florine in the drinking water. Surely you have a thought worth sharing on at least one of these subjects. So do let us hear from you.

Some of you may think that with

my huge salary as Editor of ALUMNI NEWS I should be able to dig up my own News. The fact is that although my husband did not object to me taking on the job, he is a proud man, and he insists that I continue to live on his income, so I am setting aside my Editorial Wage, to establish a foundation for worthy and struggling College Bulletins.

I hope that I have proved my point that it is important for you to write to me before I am driven to Write to You.

NEW CONSTITUTION TO BE PRESENTED OCTOBER 27th

One of the most important matters to be discussed at the Annual Meeting was the question of a new Constitution. It seems the old one just quietly walked away and has never been heard of since.

Don MacKay, '39, Bob Clement, '30, Val Trent, '50, Marjory McKenzie, '24, and Maria Nelson, '25, were named to a committee which was directed to prepare a proposed constitution, to be presented to the membership of the association, at a meeting to be held not later than the end of October.

This committee has given a good deal of time and thought to this assignment, and the Executive has planned a Meeting of the Association in the Brandon College Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 8 o'clock, at which time the report of the committee will be submitted.

It is hoped that every member of the association who can possibly be there will come to this meeting with this copy of the proposed constitution in his hand, so that he can voice his approval or disapproval effectively.

As an added attraction we hope to have Dr. J. R. C. Evans tell us about his thrilling six weeks in England and Scotland during the past summer.

Remember the time, October 27th at 8 o'clock.

Remember the place, The Brandon College Chapel.

The Proposed Constitution of the Brandon College Alumni Association

Article 1. Name

The Name of the Association shall be The Brandon College Alumni Association.

Article 11. The Objects

The Objects of the Association shall be:

(A) To encourage and promote friendly relations and a spirit of fraternity and unity among the members

(B) To encourage and promote the interest of the Alumni in, and their support of the College in all phases of its activities by the following means;

(1) keeping the Alumni well informed concerning the College activities,

(2) encouraging Alumni members to represent the College in their local communities, both individually and through local Alumni groups,

(3) encouraging Alumni to seek out young and worthy students and to acquaint them with the advantages of attending Brandon College,

(4) encouraging members to give financial support to the College, commensurate with their interest and financial ability,

(5) securing and retaining the good will and interest of the undergraduates in the Association,

(6) promoting membership in the Brandon College Incorporated Association, from which body members of the Brandon College Board are elected,

(7) such other means as may best promote the Objects of the Association.

Article 111. Membership

(A) Any person who has received a degree or diploma, while in attendance at Brandon College, in the Faculty of Arts, Science, Education or Music, shall be a regular member of the Association.

(B) Any person who has had at least one year's attendance at Brandon College in the Faculty of Arts, Science, Education, or Senior Music, may be an associate member of the Association. Such persons must indicate a desire to join the Alumni Association.

(C) Any person who had contributed to the spiritual and cultural tradition of Brandon College, having been nominated by the Executive Board, and elected by the Association at the Annual meeting, shall be an Honorary member of the Association.

(D) The term "a member in good standing" as hereafter used shall be understood to mean a member whose fees have been paid for the current year.

Article IV. Fees

(A) For all regular and associate members of the Association there shall be a fee of \$2.00 annually.

(B) A fee of one levy of \$10.00 shall entitle a regular or an associate member to a life membership.

(C) Honorary members will pay no fee.

(D) The Executive Board may make recommendations to the annual meeting for such additional levies as may be required.

Article V. Executive Board and Committees

(A) Executive Board.

(1) The general control and management of the association shall be vested in an Executive Board, elected from the regular membership.

(2) The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the association, the past president, the chairmen of standing committees and the Editor of the "Brandon College Alumni News."

(3) The officers of the association shall be: President, First Vice, Second Vice, Third Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(4) Duties of the Officers.

(a) President shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Executive Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office of president. He shall submit a report to the annual meeting of the Association.

(b) The First Vice President shall assist the President, and in his absence shall fulfill all the duties of the President.

(c) The Second Vice President shall in the absence of the President and the First Vice, perform the duties of the President. He shall also be the chairman of a Standing Committee (Scholarship).

(d) The Third Vice Pres. shall in the absence of the Pres., The First and Second Vice Presidents, fulfill the duties of President. He shall also be the chairman of a Standing Committee (Program).

(e) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, take care of all correspondence, send out notices of meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board, (press).

(f) The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the association and shall deposit same in a Branch of such Chartered Bank as may be determined by the Executive Board. He and the President shall be the signing officers of the association. The Treasurer shall present an audited financial statement at the Annual Meeting. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

(5) An Auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Board one month prior to Annual meeting.

(6) All officers shall enter upon their official duties as soon as elected, and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors shall be duly elected.

(7) First meeting of the new Executive Board, at which Standing Committees shall be setup, shall be held, not later than one month after the Annual Meeting.

(B) Standing Committees shall be:

(1) Scholarship Committee: responsible for the raising of funds for an annual Scholarship, amount and conditions to be determined by the Executive Board.

(2) Program Committee, responsible for the arrangement of program of general meetings of the association, an outline of which shall be presented at the first Fall Executive Meeting.

(3) Social Committee, responsible for arrangement of social aspects of the association activities.

(4) A Ways and Means Committee, responsible for money raising projects, exclusive of Scholarship Fund.

(5) A Nominating Committee, which shall present in nomination at the Annual Meeting a full slate of officers and nominations for chairmen of Standing Committees as well as other Executive Members, having first published this nomination report in the spring issue of the Alumni News.

(C) Chairmen of Committees. Second Vice-President shall be Chairman of Scholarship Com. Third Vice-President shall be Chairman of Program Com. All other Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

(D) Members of Standing Committees other than Chairmen, shall be appointed by the Executive Board, from the Membership of the Association.

(E) All Chairmen of Standing Committees are members of the Executive Board.

(F) No Member shall hold the same office or Chairmanship of a Standing Committee for more than two consecutive years.

(G) Special committees may be appointed by the Board and shall perform such duties as may be fixed by the Executive Board.

(H) All Committees shall carry on their duties subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

(I) The Executive Board shall hold meetings at the call of the President or any two Executive Members.

Article VI. ALUMNI NEWS

(A) The official publication of the Association shall be known as the "BRANDON COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS."

(B) If possible, at least three issues shall be published each year.

(C) Copies of this publication shall be sent to every regular member of the association whose address is on file with the secretary, to Honorary members and to associate members in good standing.

Article VII. Meetings of the Association

(A) The Annual Meeting shall be held in May of each year and if possible in connection with the Convocation Exercises.

(B) Special Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Board may decide.

(C) Number of Meetings. The Association shall hold, each year, at least two regular meetings, one of which may be a Home-Coming party, in Clark Hall during the Christmas Vacation.

(D) Notice of Meeting. Notice of an Annual, a regular or a special Meeting shall be sufficiently given if mailed to each member (as defined in Art. VI.) at least ten days before the meeting or if the notice of such meeting is inserted in the ALUMNI NEWS published prior to such meeting.

Article VIII. Elections

(A) Election of the Executive shall be held each year at the Annual Meeting.

(B) Only regular members in good standing may be nominated to hold office.

(C) The Nominating Committee shall have its first meeting not later than the 10th day of January and shall submit its report to the secretary not later than the last day of February.

(D) The Report of the Nominating Committee to be presented at the Annual Meeting, shall be published in the Spring issue of the ALUMNI NEWS.

(E) All offices of the Executive Board will be open for election at the Annual Meeting, and further nominations may be presented providing the nomination is presented by two regular members who have the consent of the Nominating Committee.

(F) All offices shall be voted on, one at a time.

(G) Elections to fill vacancies for which there is only one candidate shall be held by a show of hands.

(H) If there should be more than one candidate for one vacancy, the secretary shall provide the members with the necessary ballots and the election shall be by secret ballot.

(I) If a vacancy should occur during the year in any office the Nominating Committee shall have the authority to make an appointment to complete the unexpired term.

Article IX. Amendments.

Any proposed Amendment to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the regular members present at the Annual Meeting of the Association, provided proposed amendment be published in the ALUMNI NEWS prior to the Annual Meeting