

# First Hugill Knock-Out Debate Held; Hyndman-Evan Combination Defeats Proposal For Exams After Christmas

By Brian Watson

The first debate in the Hugill knock-out series was held in the West Lounge of SUB at 12:30 p.m. Friday, January 20, before a large audience, Chris Evans and Peter Hyndman defeated a proposal by Bernice Steele and Myrna Blumell "that Christmas examinations should be held before Christmas."

Miss Steele argued that the experiment of holding the Christmas examinations after the festive season robbed the student of his traditional right to an enjoyable holiday; that it caused him to be anti-social by forcing him to study; that it lowered his marks by clouding his ability to think.

Miss Blumell maintained the schedule change caused psychological tensions, which adversely affected the student's health. This, she said, was detrimental to his chances of success in the examinations. Furthermore, the

change, because it conflicted with student opinion, was undemocratic.

Speaking first for the negative, Mr. Evans pointed out that each type of student—the below average, the average, and the above average—reaped the benefit of the extra study time made available by the holding of examinations in January. He suggested we must be guided by expediency, not tradition. The administration considers January examination to be, not only expedient, but in the best interests of the students.

### THREE FOLD BENEFIT

Mr. Hyndman argued that January examinations constituted a threefold benefit. They effected an even distribution of the workload, and made possible a semester system, should such be considered desirable. They increased the student's desire to work by forcing him to study in early January. By balancing the academic year, they facilitated and even distribution of the year's extra-curricular activities.

Rebuttals for the affirmative were that extra study time before the Christmas examinations was only required by those who do not work early in the year, which was unfair

to conscientious students; that student complaints, which were many and sincere, should be heeded; that December examinations bring the student to his senses at a time when he can do something to improve his standing; and, that the arguments of the negative were "like the Chinook wind, wild, warm, but not too hot".

The negative views were that after-Christmas examinations created a more Christian holiday. "Common misery creates brotherhood"; that an even distribution of the workload enabled the student to plan his time more effectively; that, because the resolution contained no reference to the Administration's right to experiment, any remarks about democracy were irrelevant; and, that University students, as mature persons, should be capable of adjusting to changes which seek to improve their education.

Summing up, Dr. Gutmann pronounced this the best debate he had attended during the University year. He awarded his decision to the negative on the strength of Mr. Hyndman's well constructed argument and the excellence of his presentation without notes, Miss Steele, he felt, lacked the delivery which her fine case deserved. Mr. Evan's arguments were void of conviction, and Miss Blumell had unfortunately, lowered her style to that of Mr. Evans.

### More Politics

## Parties Outlawed And Newspaper Criticized

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CUP)—Following the banishment of political clubs on the Mount Allison campus last week, the students' council may now take steps to "investigate" the student newspaper.

Campus politicians—associated with either provincial or federal parties—saw their clubs outlawed following alleged intimidation in their ranks, and charges of hinderance to the effectiveness of the model parliament. The Argosy Weekly criticized the SRC for its action.

Editor David Grant said there were rumors that the SRC may try to declare his paper "unconstitutional". The paper does not operate under a constitution, and receives its money from the University administration and not the students.

The Eurhretorian Committee—

seven students and eight faculty members—is the only body which has the right to suspend an editor. Both the business manager and the editor are members of the committee. Four members of the council executive and the president of the Eurhretorian Society make up the remainder of the student representatives. The society—a social activities board—is responsible to the council but the committee which predated the SRC is not. It was the society which recommend that the SRC ban political parties.

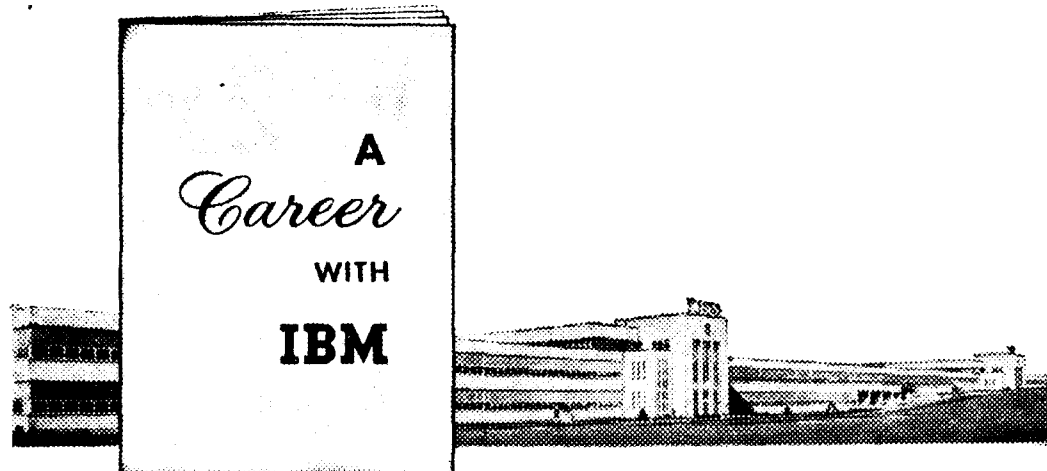
An editorial in the paper reproved the council on three grounds: more students voted in the model parliament elections than in the SRC election, and 10 per cent of the students were candidates; only one side of the case was presented to the council—the leaders of the student Liberal Party were attending the National Liberal Rally in Ottawa; the action taken was extreme, political parties could be forced to adopt constitutions, thus placing themselves under council jurisdiction."

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