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Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship active at UNB

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Many of us are unfamiliar with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (I.V.C.F.).

The I.V.C.F. at UNB is part of an international organization of students having branches in sixty-three countries. This organization was founded around the turn of the century and came to Canada in the thirties. The UNB chapter began sometime during the 1940's.

Although the IVCF internationally is evangelist in nature, the aim of this chapter is to attempt to show the relevance of Christianity in the world today. The membership is predomi-

nantly Christian. A Christian is defined by the IVCF as a person who basically believes in the Bible and in Jesus Christ. However, membership is open to all those interested in Christianity and whether one is or is not a Christian is not important.

At present, there are between 40 and 50 members and, unlike evangelical organizations, there is no special drive for increasing this number. There are no membership fees or dues as the UNB IVCF operates on funds derived from donations and fund-raising activities such as the sale of religious literature, dinners, etc.

The UNB chapter is headed by

Jim Murray, a fourth year Arts student. The second in command is the Projects Chairman, Peter Maclean, also a 4th year Arts student. His duties include such activities as the organization of extra meetings and the bringing in of guest speakers.

Cathy Carter, a 2nd year Nursing student is the Secretary-Treasurer and as such is responsible for public relations and liaison with other IVCF chapters.

Jim Krant, a 2nd year Forest Engineer is the Literature Chairman and may be seen at lunchtime on Tuesdays selling books in the SUB.

These members of the IVCF

hierarchy were all nominated by the previous year's executive and were all accepted by the members through the electoral process.

The IVCF also concerns itself with the well-being of others. Currently they are planning a party for the mentally retarded children at the CAMR centre this Friday and have already had a panel discussion on the plight of the mentally retarded. For next term, plans are being made for either another party for these children or for a visit to York Manor where the IVCF would provide music, entertainment, and company for the old people living there.

Also next term will be two more panel discussions. One is on the occult, at which the Maritime leader of the IVCF will be guest

speaker. Incidentally, all Satanists are encouraged to attend.

The second will be on the subject of Death and it is hoped that a minister, a lawyer, a doctor, a biologist, and a mortician will come as guest speakers.

Regularly there are Fellowship Nights during which such activities as bowling and coffeehouses are conducted. The regular Friday night meeting takes place at 8:00 p.m. and is usually in Room 26 of the SUB. The Wednesday night prayer house is at 6:30 p.m. in McCord Hall. This meeting consists of a half-hour of Bible study and an open-ended period of prayer, song, and discussion. These meetings are open to all and all those interested are most welcome to attend.

McGill U library staff can't solicit

MONTREAL (CUP) — Union solicitation during workers' hours is illegal, according to a memorandum sent to the McGill University library staff recently.

The memorandum quotes Chapter 11, Section 5 of the Quebec Labour Code: "No person, in the name or on behalf of an association of employees, shall, during working hours, solicit an employee to join an association."

According to library director Richard Farley, the memorandum was issued from the Personnel Office in response to staff requests that the law governing unionizing activities be clarified.

Larry Feldman, a library employee, said that the memorandum was "probably an attempt to stifle discussion by not clearly explaining what solicitation means."

Mike Cohen of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) said that the solicitation article in the Labour Code is "one of the most difficult articles to interpret. People have a right to talk," he said, but "signing a card during work hours is another matter." Feldman disagreed with Farley's contention that the memorandum was an attempt to clarify issues: "If they had wanted to clarify matters, they wouldn't have just printed one of the few sections in the labour code which supports the employer; they would have included the parts that

protect the union organizers. They must have printed the part about no solicitation during working hours for a particular reason."

When asked if the administration would prosecute persons believed violating the solicitation law, Farley said that the employee would be the one to report any problem to the proper authorities. He said that "a lot of people don't

understand about unions." According to Farley, the memorandum was designed to tell employees "what recourse of action they have."

Farley had no comment concerning unionization beyond saying, "it's up to each individual." In response to a question about whether efforts to unionize have hampered library work, Farley said, "No comment."

Breathalyzer

Halifax editor gets nailed

From Farmer Brown's column in the 4th estate.

There must have been some red faces around the newsroom at the Old Women of Argyle Street last week.

In last Friday morning's paper, in the usual spot on Page 3, where those souls are subject to public disgrace by having their names published for various offenses related to the consumption of alcohol while driving a motor vehicle, appeared the following, under Breathalyzer: "Alvin M. Savage, 51, Hubbards, Halifax County, \$200."

Alvin M. Savage is our old friend Doc Savage, the Managing-Editor of the Herald and Mail, and while I don't intend to hold an individual up to undue ridicule, it is rather ironic (perhaps not so to many

people) that the managing editor of the newspaper that has received nation-wide recognition for its campaign against drinking on the highways, should himself be convicted when put to the rest of a breathalyzer.

Publisher Graham Dennis was out of town when news of Doc's adventure was brought back to the newspaper office, and I hear a pretty heavy meeting was held in the board room (with Mr. Dennis absent) before the conviction of Alvin M. Savage was published on Page 3.

Guess Who Didn't Transfer?



Someone in this picture (can you guess which one?) didn't have his account transferred to a more convenient bank location when he moved. Too bad he doesn't know how easy it is to arrange for account and even loan transfers. And that the cost (no charge) is so moderate. If you see this person on campus, please give him the news.

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