

Annual Moot Court competition this weekend

(UNBPRI) Can evidence seized in an illegal search be used in a criminal prosecution? Can women be excluded from a jury in a case that involves an issue about which many women have strong views? These questions with constitutional implications underlie a case to be argued in court by four law students from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

The questions are part of a fictitious court case to be argued during the Trilateral Moot, an annual competition among law students from UNB, Dalhousie University and the University of Maine. This year's event will be

held on Friday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the courtrooms of the New Brunswick Justice Building on Queen Street in Fredericton. Members of the public are invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The hypothetical case involves a bus passenger who agreed to a search of his luggage by police during a brief stop. The police charged the passenger with rape when they found a bandanna similar to that worn by a notorious rapist. The passenger seeks to have the bandanna excluded from evidence on the basis of an illegal search. He also

wants to exclude women from the jury.

Teams of student lawyers from the three universities will argue for and against the merits of the case before panels of three judges representing the Supreme Court of Canada, a fictitious country located between Canada and the United States. In the course of the competition, participants will be

called upon to argue both sides of the case. The winner of each case is not necessarily also the winner of the competition. The winning team members are awarded a victory by virtue of the quality of their submission, their presentation, and their ability to deal with problems raised during the argument. Each team has just 50 minutes to present its case to the moot court.

Participating as members of the UNB team are third-year students Gordon Archibald of Sussex, N.B., Neil Brennan of Johnville, N.B., Suzanne Fraser of Ottawa, Ont. and Sheila McNeil of Glace Bay, N.S. All four students are enrolled in an advanced moot court course in the faculty of law and will be graded on the basis of their participation in the competition.

Ability Fund appeal begins

Press Release

The message is clear. Ability Fund dollars translate into wheelchairs, bathroom aids, orthopedic shoes and specialized rehabilitation services say 1992 campaign organizers.

Ann Marie Wood, 1992 Ability Fund Chairperson, encourages people to help reduce barriers for individuals with disabilities from leading a productive life. "Lack of money for necessities should not be an unreasonable concern for persons with disabilities," says Wood.

This year's Ability Fund appeal, formerly known as the March of Dimes, will begin in November with a mail campaign to New Brunswickers and topped off with a Saint Valentine's Gala Evening fundraiser in Fredericton on Feb. 13, 1992. June Hooper, Executive Director of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled - New Brunswick Branch, also notes that there will be a surprise or two during the 1992 campaign that should excite the province's golf community.

Hooper says the time could not

be better for people to support the Ability Fund's efforts. "Most recent Statistics Canada surveys indicate that New Brunswick's disabled population has risen significantly since their last studies," explains CRCD's executive director. "Results show that 17.7 percent of New Brunswickers have a disability." In addition, Hooper highlights the exciting transformation taking place within New Brunswick's disabled community. Individuals who may be considered severely disabled by many people's perceptions are now beginning to live independently and become

employable. Ability Fund donations will help this progress to continue by providing rehabilitation equipment and access to specialized services.

Elected earlier this year as CRCD's president, Wood says that she has an "opportunity to see first hand the great benefit that Ability Fund dollars achieve."

Anyone wanting information concerning the Ability Fund or wishing to make a donation to the 1992 campaign can contact CRCD at 65 Brunswick St., Fredericton, N.B., E3B 1G5 or by phoning 458-8739.

U.N.B.'s first annual history weekend

Press Release

The University of New Brunswick History Club's first annual history weekend proved to be a success.

Sixteen members of the club and five UNB history professors travelled to Anderson House in St. Andrews for the Halloween weekend. There, they were joined by six students and two professors from the Orono campus of the University of Maine.

The event was organized in such a manner as to be both informative and fun. The schedule included talks, discussion, games and of course an evening of cavorting with the demons of halloween.

Following introductions, Dr.

Babcock of Maine gave a talk about the close historical ties between New Brunswick and Maine, then Dr. Cody of Maine followed with an interesting discussion about the misconceptions that Canadians and Americans have about each other.

A presentation about witchcraft and magic by Dr. Waite of UNB, and a talk about the Salem witch hunt by Dr. Patterson of UNB helped set the stage for the evening's Halloween escapades.

The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning trek up Chamcook Mountain.

The University of Maine has offered a similar weekend at the Roosevelt Cottage at Campobello Island early next fall.

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

THE AWARD is dedicated to the late Dr. Allan P. Stuart and is to honour persons who are representative of outstanding teaching achievement at the University of New Brunswick.

ELIGIBILITY: A candidate must teach at least one 3-credit hour undergraduate course, and at least one 3-credit hour course each term, during the academic year in which the nomination is made. It is not expected that the nominees should excel in all criteria listed on the nomination form, but they should be qualified in most categories. Individuals are not eligible if they have been previous recipients of the Award.

NOMINATION: Candidates for the Award are proposed and recommended to the Senate Committee on Quality of Teaching by students and faculty of the University.

The basic information required is contained on the Nomination Forms, which are available from the University Secretary, Fredericton; the Vice-President (Saint John); the Student Council, Saint John or Fredericton; and Faculty offices. No one may nominate or support more than one candidate. The form must be signed by two nominators. The Committee places little value on long lists of signatures supporting a nomination. However, signed letters or paragraphs of support may be appended.

Send nominations to the University Secretary, Room 110, Old Arts Building, UNB Fredericton, or to the Vice-President (Saint John), Room 234, Ward Chipman Library, UNB Saint John.

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