

# NEWS

# "French Canada Conference"

## Cancelled

**Carnival Vacancies**  
 Winter Carnival Publicity Chairman Stan Rust has announced that a number of positions are being thrown open to would-be carnivalites. Positions open on the 1967 Winter Carnival Committee include Finance Chairman, Secretary, Publicity Chairman, Tickets and program, Sports, Prizes and Dances, Floats and Sculptures, Technical, Opening night Campus Decorations and Queens. All applicants are asked to address their applications to the Winter Carnival Committee, Campus Mail. The deadline is Sunday, February the 28.

## Rhodesians On Tour

OTTAWA (CUP) — Two Rhodesian students are touring parts of Canada to explain the implications of the Rhodesian crisis to Canadian students. Chris Chetsanga, 28, and Robert Zvinoira, 36, both formerly active in Rhodesian nationalist movements, are being sent on tour by the Canadian Union of Students to those campuses who wish to help pay for the tour. Paul Ladouceur, CUS associate secretary for international affairs, said that 26 student councils had asked to take part.

At last Sunday's meeting of the SRC, Roger Savoie announced that plans have not progressed well in the proposed conference on Confederation. He recommended to the SRC that their plans for the conference be cancelled. The theme of the conference was to have been New Brunswick's relation to the rest of Canada with special reference to the relationship of French to English speaking Canadians.

About twenty noted Canadians were invited to speak at the conference. For various reasons, all of them refused to come. Mr. Savoie said it was possible to have four Members of Parliament, but that their drawing power was not so great. The University had promised \$500, but felt that the conference as it stood now would not merit this expenditure.

Mr. Savoie recommended that the University try again next year, when, he feels, there will be a greater chance of having noted speakers. "I think it could succeed next year," he said.

He added that many other Universities have attempted this activity this year and met with similar results.

**Promoting Peace**  
 Canada is a member of the International Control Commission which has been active in Southeast Asia attempting to maintain the terms of the 1954 Geneva Treaty. The past few years have been grim and the ICC has appeared all but useless. Recently, however, our External Affairs Minister, Paul Martin, has been seeking aid from Poland and India (the other ICC members) in a peace initiative intended to establish a conference co-chaired by Britain and Russia.

In a report to our House of Commons, the Minister stated that the initiative has drawn "nothing but the most favourable reaction."

**The General Demands**  
 On Monday, General de Gaulle shook NATO to its foundations. He announced that by 1969 all military bases in France will have to come under French control. This demand would mainly effect massive American installations but will also include RCAF stations.

This "France for the French" move threatens the NATO structure as terms of the 1949 agreement expire in 1969 at which time de Gaulle threatens withdrawal unless there are drastic alterations.

**Act Passes**  
 Tuesday, the most criticized measure ever introduced to a New Brunswick Legislature was passed. The beleaguered Assessment Act, cornerstone to the Robichaud Plan, will allow the Province to take over from the municipalities the job of property assessment. The Legislature prorogued but there will be little rest for the Law Amendments Committee as they begin public hearings, reports, and recommendations for 16 other bills which will take their place in the "Program of Evolution".

**Acadia To Get The Axe?**  
 A bill, sponsored by representatives of Acadia's alumni, faculty and board of governors, is to be introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The Bill would cut to 25% from 100% the proportion of board members appointed by the Atlantic Baptist Convention.

The two tours now underway, in the Maritimes and the West, will be followed by others in central Canada during March, if a speaker can be found.

## Spring Formal

The UNE Spring Formal to be held March 11 from 9:30 to 1:30 in McConnell Hall promises to be the biggest social event of the year, surpassing any previous UNB formal. Featuring Denny Vaughan and his Orchestra at a cost of \$1500, the theme of the formal is "International".

So that all might have a fair chance in obtaining tickets, the low ticket price was made possible by an SRC subsidy. A limited number of tickets go on sale March 2, 1966 in the Student Center at \$3.00 per couple. Lavish decorations amounting to \$300 will be put up by the International Club including scenes from France, Australia, Africa, and New York.

McConnell Hall witnessed a first last Thursday when ten residence students commandeered a table and commenced a dinner that Altitude 727 couldn't match. In dark suits and academic robes Messrs. Derrah, Bates, Fairchild, Asprey, Gold, Ruiter, Wade, Inch, Golding and Devereaux flowed into the Hall, threw out a table cloth, set down their candelabra and bouquet of Mums and rang the bell. In snapped Lawson Hunter (a WUSC slave) and Steve Hanson, their vests and black ties assuring the audience that this dinner was no hoax. When the wine had been poured a toast to the Queen nearly incited a riot but the real coup came when the piano was rolled over and a violinist (David Nielson from the New Brunswick Symphony) and his accompanist (John Archibald) purposefully moved in, opening with Moon River. The dining hall lights were dimmed at this

point. Their filet mignon looked better than the chicken served "the plebs" and their coconut cream pie was, to say the least, a jump from jello.

The after-dinner speeches provided a fine finish. In one the intent of the dinner was recalled. "The purpose of our gathering here this evening, as you all know, is to celebrate that most solemn event in the academic year known as Flounder's day. It is the day on which we remember all those great men, who one hundred and thirty-seven years ago today, floundered their way up the hill and established this university. It was certainly no easy task, let me assure you, gentlemen. It was certainly no easy task. They hacked their way up the wooded slope, red maple to red maple, stately elm to stately elm, until they reached the little rise on which was built that graceful structure we now know as the

Old Art's building." The address became increasingly humorous as the speaker described, among other things, how "the entire population of Fredericton stood in line from the old rock quarry at Nashwaaksis, across the rickety old bridge which once spanned the mighty St. John river, along the river front by the Cathedral which was not built at that time and up University Avenue.

"Then, at a given signal from the President of this University, who was standing on the exact spot where the cornerstone was to be laid, the first stone, the cornerstone, was passed from hand to hand from the old rock quarry at Nashwaaksis, across the rickety old bridge which spanned the mighty St. John, along the water front past the Cathedral which wasn't built then, up University Avenue, and up the Hill to where the president was waiting for it. Ah! those were the good old days, gentlemen, when everyone in Fredericton stood shoulder to shoulder in support of our hallowed institution. But alas, times have changed; things ain't what they used to be."

After a selection of verse composed especially for the occasion, the academics rose and thunderously raised their glasses to the Floundering Fathers of our alma mater.

Then together they bowed, turned and disappeared into the recesses of the night, completing their satire of the barbarian Hordes of the Dining Hall, and ending their rehearsal for the real Mackay.



David Nielson, first violin in the NB Symphony, provides music for the Flounder's Day Dinner in McConnell Hall. Serving the table of ten academics are Steve Hanson and Lawson Hunter.

This space was empty  
 and I needed to fill  
 it - now it's filled.  
 Happiness is finding  
 a filler.

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