



Gary Saunders and Fred McDougall

"Under a spreading chestnut tree, the village smithy stands"—This is a sad line. We say this not because village smithies are all but extinct, for that had to be. The line is sad because spreading chestnuts—live-spreading chestnuts—are all but extinct—and this did not have to be. Once, fifty years ago, trees like the one that stands on the campus not far from the Poets' Corner Monument (but three times as tall and often four feet in diameter) marched down the hills from southern Maine to Alabama, and west to the Missouri, and dominated the Appalachian forests.

Today, from southern Maine to Alabama, and west to the Missouri, there is a difference: but for isolated groves of green ones, and some sprouting stumps, the chestnuts are but stark grey skeletons. They look as if a blight had swept them—and it has.

A traveller in northern China started it all about 1900. So admiring was he of several Oriental relatives of the American species that he imported several varieties into the United States. With them he imported the minute spores of *Endothia parasitica*, a bark fungus, and they, with the help of insects, birds and the wind, tolled the death-knell of the tree.

Soon a brown swath of withered leaves crept southward, and then it was that the village smithy lost its protection from the August sun. But more than shade was lost with the near demise of this great tree. For one thing, furniture, coffin, and casket makers lost a good lumber source—one that yielded a beautiful, extremely durable wood. (Salvage harvests in dead standing timber alone totalled 90 million board feet in 1941). For another, leather tanners lost half their supply of tannin. (Until recently the bark from dead trees was still being used for this purpose.) A third loss was to chestnut-eaters, for "chestnut roasting by an open fire" was very much a tradition, and the bigger European ones never really took their place.

This, however, is not an elegy: ever since a lady in Pikesville, Kentucky, tried to save her young tree by laundry soap treatments, people have been looking for a way to give the chestnut a second lease. Today, they are close to having found it. While the hybridizing of American and Chinese varieties has already shown promising results, there is of late a startling development at two southern universities. Irradiation of nuts with cobalt rays, an atomic trick that works well with other crops, may, it is thought, induce blight resistance. The battle, it seems, is all but won.

Now all that remains to be done is to restore the village smithy.

## UNB Offers Scholarship

Seventeen WUS scholarships will be available for overseas students to study at Canadian universities during the 1959-60 academic session.

The awards, which are primarily for post-graduate studies, are for one year only, and provide board and lodging, tuition fees, and a small monthly allowance. But they do not include the cost of travel to and from Canada.

Scholars are dominated by the WUS national committees in

other countries. Several of the countries have also agreed on an exchange agreement which is to enable Canadians to study abroad.

Canadian universities which have made offers of scholarships include: British Columbia, five; Saskatchewan, four; Alberta and McGill, two each; Manitoba, McMaster, Laval and UNB, one each.

The awards are financed in a variety of ways. At British Columbia, Saskatchewan, McMaster and UNB, a levy of \$1 per student and tuition fees provided by the university administrations cover the cost of the project. At Alberta, the university's board of governors provides \$1,000 per scholar and waives tuition fees. University authorities provide free board, lodging and tuition at Laval. At McGill, the students' council grants \$3,000 for two scholars, and the university normally waives their fees. Manitoba finances its student with grants from both the university and the students' union.



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## Campus Calendar

by Sheila Caughey

To prevent duplication of meeting times and places and to ensure a listing in THE BRUNSWICKAN, please report all campus events to SHEILA CAUGHEY, campus coordinator, at the Maggie Jean Chestnut House (Phone GRanite 5-9091).

### THIS LIST COVERS TODAY THROUGH MONDAY

**MARITIME INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium, Friday and Saturday.

**FORESTRY MONTE CARLO:** Boxing Room, Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium, 8.30 p.m., Friday.

**TRI-SERVICE BALL:** Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday (music by the Collegians.)

**JUNIOR VARSITY CO-ED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** UNB at Halifax, Friday.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE AND OPEN SKI MEET:** Friday and Saturday.

(Friday):  
10 a.m. - Downhill, Royal Roads  
2 p.m. - Cross Country, UNB campus  
Saturday:

10 a.m. - Slalom, Royal Roads  
2 p.m. - Jumping, Royal Roads)

**SCM:** meeting, New Lounge, Student Centre, 2.30 p.m., Sunday. ("Science and Christianity")—Professor Patricia Roberts).

**CANTERBURY CLUB:** St. Dunstan's Hall, 8.15 p.m., Sunday. ("Church Union", a panel of suspicious clerics).

**FILM SOCIETY:** Chemistry Building, 8.30 p.m., Sunday. (Silent Comedy Programme—Series B).

**MAIU CURLING BONSPIEL:** Fredericton Curling Club, all day, Monday (observers welcome).

**CHESS CLUB:** Meeting, Oak Room, Student Centre, 7 p.m., Monday.

**THE COMMONWEALTH TODAY:** Film series, *Can It Hold Together?* and *The Invisible Keystone*, National Film Board Theatre, Federal Building, Queen Street, Monday, 7.30 p.m.

**CURLING CLUB SOCIAL:** Cafeteria, Student Centre, 10 p.m., Monday, (to entertain visiting teams, UNB Curling Club members and dates welcome).

### VOTERS NAME

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Mockler who defeated his opponent, Don Bryant, by 64 votes. Gordie felt that, "I owe my victory to the hard work of those who supported my campaign, and I am extremely grateful to the students for expressing their confidence in me."

### Largest Number of Candidates

Ron Manzer, President for the '58-'59 term, had a special word of congratulation for the sophomore class who had the largest number of candidates up for election. "The sophomore class is to be congratulated on the interest which they showed in nominating candidates for this election."

## Walker Stresses Individuality

by PETER KENT

"Canada is a land of hope, and we must justify that hope. Time is getting short, ladies and gentlemen."

With these words, David Walker, Scottish-born novelist, concluded his address to the UNB Arts Society at their Bacchanalia.

Mr. Walker spoke on the life of a fiction-writer, and finished with his ideas on the Canada of today and the Canada of tomorrow.

He said that Canada is a land of great promise, with stable government, relatively full employment, and domestic security. However, security does not provoke a search for new horizons.

The peril in society and in Canada in particular is that there is too much emphasis on adjustment to the group and, hence, people tend to see themselves too much in terms of other people, and do not develop the adventurous spirit of the frontier.

He illustrated his point by telling of the "rebellious questing" necessary to be a successful fiction-writer. "The novelist must be a human being first and a writer second", said Mr. Walker. The artist cannot live in a world apart, yet he must never lose his individualism to the norms of the group.

In giving advice to aspiring novelists, Mr. Walker told them to gain experience for their novels first. This experience should be gained by going anywhere and not returning to write until "the inward eye is the only notebook you need".

"Straight fiction is about the guts of life or it is nothing", he said. Commenting on his own novels, Mr. Walker said: "With myself, I put the guts into it."

## C'EST LA GUERRE!

You are ordered abroad as a soldier of the King to help our French comrades against the invasion of a common enemy. You have to perform a task which will need your courage, your energy, your patience. Remember that the honor of the British Army depends on your individual conduct. It will be your duty not only to set an example of discipline and perfect steadiness under fire but also to maintain the most friendly relations with those you are helping in this struggle. In this new experience you may find temptations both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations, and, while treating all women with perfect courtesy, you should avoid any intimacy. Do your duty bravely, Fear God. Honor the King.

*Earl Kitchener: A message to the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force, 1914 to be kept by each soldier in his Active Service Pay-Book.*

## for WOMEN...

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Mrs. J. C. Higginbotham, convenor of the Ladies' Street Sweeping Guild (LSSG), Joseph Smith Chapter, entertained at her home on Campbell St. The sitting room was decorated in a fine film of dust, and the ladies pursued their weekly ritual of sweeping before tea was served. Miss S. S. Spinster poured, Mrs. H. R. Seveets served milk, Mrs. C. M. Ecallaw passed the sugar, Mrs. P. L. Selim squeezed the lemon, Miss S. F. J. Yaf replenished, and Mrs. J. C. Higginbotham drank.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. K. Brown of Salamanca were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Jones of 155 Waterloo Row, Fredericton.

Friends of little Nancy Slocum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Slocum, will be sorry to hear that she has gone to the Victoria Public Hospital with a ruptured kidney. Best of luck, Nancy.

Miss Susan Murtz of Regent St. has just returned from Houlton, Me., where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Flushton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWeaver and children John, Ethel, Mary, Samuel, Clarence, Jessie, Gertrude, Rachel, Lionel and baby Winnifred, from Temperance Vale, arrived Sunday for a two-week visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Johnswatter. Mr. and Mrs. Johnswatter were highly surprised, not having seen the McWeavers for at least ten years.

Bobby Bright celebrated his third birthday by having several of his little friends in to watch CBC Folio on television.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWeaver and children John, Ethel, Mary, Samuel, Clarence, Jessie, Gertrude, Rachel, Lionel and baby Winnifred returned yesterday to Temperance Vale. They had been the overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Johnswatter.

### CFNB CARRIES

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contests among Maritime universities will be broadcast over the local radio station, CFNB, tonight at 10 p.m.

The debate is between St. Mary's and King's. Other broadcasts will include debates between St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's, on March 6, and between UNB and King's, on March 13.

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