

# Ferment Groups At "Values" Conference

Recent new developments in group theory have led to much more useful and constructive conferences. The emphasis has been shifted from the large mass to the individual and the spontaneous creativity he can express in the right environment. One such environment is the ferment group.

The S.C.M.-initiated January Conference VALUES, CHANGE AND ACTION - '67 plans extensive use of the ferment group.

The ferment group might be called a "workshop". It is limited to about ten or twelve people. The small number allows the individual to get to know others in the group quickly. This induces maximum involvement of the individual and the group can then work toward set goals.

"Ferment" is a fairly accurate adjective to use, for the many interactions produce a constructive tension which when applied to a task often results in high group achievement.

At the January Conference three plenary sessions will be addressed by key-note speakers - Saul D. Alinsky, G. Gerry Duclos and William F. Ryan, S.J. These talks will provide a background against which the ferment groups can approach their particular topic.

In each small group will be at least one person who, as an active member of the ferment group, is also qualified to give factual information concerning the topic.

Some ferment topics for the January Conference are Mari-

time Mentality, The Crippled Community, The Sexual Revolution, Student Social Action, Maritime Union and many others.

For a complete list of topics as well as other information or application forms, contact THE SRC OFFICE, Student Centre or THE SCM OFFICE, the new white huts, Room 24 or 25.

Listen to Radio UNB, watch

## NDP Supports Co-ops

According to Malcolm Goldman, a member of the New Democratic Party at UNB, the NDP is a "going" concern. Although the party platform of the club is not yet formalized, the NDP party plans to take part in the Annual Model Parliament to be held early next term.

Among the planned activities of the NDP club on campus are debates on issues which are important both on and off campus. Topics such as "Why a Third Party", "University Living Conditions" and "The Program of Evolution" will be discussed. A prime interest of the NDP Club stressed by Mr. Goldman is Co-op Housing.

Mr. Goldman also stated that NDP is the party of organization and planning. He referred to the NDP as the "party of action". Although a new club on campus, it plans to be an active one and will welcome any new members.

the bulletin boards and read the *Brunswickan*. (Next Issue: A Values, Change & Action special).

NOTE: SAVE MONEY - APPLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

## PC Students Form Association

At a meeting of Delegates from Progressive Conservative Clubs at Mt. Allison University, University of Moncton, University of UNB at St. John and the University of UNB at Fredericton, the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Student Association was formed.

The purposes of the Association are:

I). To afford a medium through which the students of New Brunswick in institutions of higher learning may uphold the principles of the Progressive Conservative Party through active participation in political affairs.

II). To study, discuss, critically examine and promote the policies of the Progressive Conservative Party and Progressive Conservative Governments.

III). To co-ordinate student activities in the Progressive Conservative Party in New Brunswick.

Membership is open to all Progressive Conservatives who are in full-time attendance at any institution of higher learning in the Province of New Brunswick.

Executive officers for 1966-67: President: Albert P. Fogarty - Graduate School - UNB (Fred); Vice-President: Donald Savoie - University of Moncton; Secretary-Treasurer: Brian Hatfield - UNB (Fred.); University Provincial Representative - Peter Inman, Mt. Allison.

Immediate Consideration Will Be Given:

I). Assisting in the formation of new P.C. Clubs in various institutions in the Province.

II). Means whereby the various Clubs can improve their financial position so as to be able to better carry out their Club activities.

## DRAMA

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University is now considering an entry and interest is being shown in Edmunston. There are indications that it will be a week long event.

The Society will present the play for the benefit of the University early in February before going to Oromocto for the preliminary competition.

The Society is also considering entering "The Bald Soprano" in a provincial festival of one act plays held in Moncton during February.



## "A Bright and Shiny Thing"

When a little boy sees a bright and shiny thing, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket to keep. The object appeals to him, not because of any tangible value, but because the object is pleasing in itself. Too many people lose the ability to find bright and shiny things . . . intangibles with no other purpose than to make the possessor feel better . . . as they undergo the process of growing up.

It is a common usage in this land to give Christmas gifts . . . or perhaps I should say mis-usage, since most of the "gifts" are on an exchange basis . . . calculated value-for-value. I know of two people who agreed one year to exchange gifts of approximately the same value. They ended up sending each other a five dollar bill in a Christmas card. Neither the giver nor the donee received very much intrinsic satisfaction, nor was either moved very much by the spirit of the season.

How much better it is to receive an unsolicited, unexpected gift. It does not matter whether it has any material value . . . in fact, the best gifts . . . both to give and receive . . . are those to which no value can be fixed. Better one bright and shiny thing than a thousand gift certificates.

The most appreciated gift I ever received was the simple touch of a hand on my shoulder . . . when I badly needed to know that there was still compassion and be reassured that I was not alone. A kind word, an understanding act, an unasked for favour . . . these are the bright and shiny things which constitute really valuable gifts. And the gifts do as much or more for the giver as they do for those who receive them. Although there is undoubtedly a great deal of sentimentality involved, one never knows until one tries it just how magnificent an obsession Lloyd C. Douglas was describing.

And so to the Christmas season . . . the hush of the church on Christmas . . . a warm smile from a seldom-seen friend . . . sitting in front of the fireplace . . . the smell of fir and pine . . . the frantic nostalgia and optimism of New Year's . . . kissing everyone . . . not getting up in the mornings . . . houses with children in them . . . the clean, honest smell of your mother's cooking . . . these are the bright and shiny things of Christmas. To those who don't have these things I can't give them . . . but perhaps I can give you a bright and shiny thing of your own.

To each in his own fashion, I wish a pleasant holiday . . . and a meaningful appreciation that there is goodness and faith in all men . . . and that good will to all sometimes comes from surprising places. As Tiny Tim said . . . "God bless us every one."

## Stratford Company To Visit NB

Stratford - Bernard Behrens, Leo Ciceri and William Hutt are among prominent actors signed for the Stratford Festival Company's first coast-to-coast tour. The tour, sponsored by Festival Canada, opens February 15 in Calgary and continues through six provinces.

The company will present Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, which played to near capacity at Stratford this past summer, and *The Government Inspector*, a comedy by Michael Langham.

The six-week tour takes the company to eight major Canadian cities, including Fredericton, New Brunswick.



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