

# 'Magic Thumb' Their Ticket

by Barry Yoell and P. John Drew

On our way to Palestine this Christmas we passed through China, Norway, Delhi, and Venice. We by-passed an exceptionally quiet Cuba, a dilapidated Rome and ended up in Mexico.

This fantastic journey was made possible by merely hitch-hiking from Fredericton, N.B. to Port Isabel, Texas. On the way to this southernmost part of Continental United States, we passed through most of the world's capitals and many foreign countries both in Europe and Asia, at least, we passed through U.S. towns of these names.

Perhaps the fact that we made light of our last Christmas excursion—to Miami—made us blasé of the distance involved, perhaps the attraction of warmth made us forget that Mexico is over 3,000 miles away, and perhaps the wander-bug hit us again, but whatever it was, we headed south by south.

It might be thought that this would be an expensive trip. Lord Beaverbrook evidently thought that it was last year—he asked if we hitch-hiked in our own car or hitch-hiked by air-line. Lord Beaverbrook has it all wrong however. We hitch-hiked the ordinary common or garden "thumb in air" method, no gimmicks (unless P. John can be called a gimmick), no sleep, virtually no money and sometimes no rides!

The mad English are thought to be even madder now than before, from Maine to Mexico (as in Harry Belafonte) despite our efforts to prove otherwise.

We met customs and police (on friendly terms this time) who frankly disbelieved that we had travelled the distance, storekeepers who gave us bonuses for being "so adveaturous" and Mexico kids who just didn't care and asked for dimes and mentioned their sisters.

Perhaps it is best to explain that we didn't actually mean to go to Port Isabel. It was all a big mistake. Our original plan was to go to Mexico City, another 450 miles through Mexico, but our destination looked very remote as we walked through the foothills of the Smokey Mountains on December 22. We almost decided to only go as far as New Orleans, when luck hit us and when we recovered from it, we were in the Rio Grande Valley, after a 1,000 mile drive. Orange groves and 80 degree temperature are most conducive to sleep and if you add tequila and the Gulf of Mexico, sleep becomes almost irresistible. So for 6 days we lay in the sun and for want of a better word, slept.

The local inhabitants, mostly Mexican, freezing in the unseasonable cold weather (70-75°F) marvelled at the fact that we went swimming in the Gulf, and that we walked around in our shirtsleeves, but to an Englishman, and perhaps to Canadians, a 78° Christmas temperature is warm.

The uninitiated may imagine that hitch-hiking approximately 6,000 miles in 11 days presents problems. They might be right. Admittedly, a certain amount of luck is helpful. The fact that we travelled from southern Texas to the LBR in but two rides might be attributed to luck, but skill is probably the better word! One ride of over 3,000 miles, followed by another of almost 1,000 might be considered luck by those not knowing, skill by those of the "magic thumb". This latter 1,000 miles were taken on the back of a ¾ ton truck driving through seven yellow lights in succession on 5th Avenue at 5 pm, in New York City, taking out three N.Y. buses in a row, and stopping in mid-street to look at the Empire State Building for a while.

The driver of this truck was originally heading for Toronto. However, after hearing of the Maritimes in our glowing terms, he came to Fredericton instead, rather helping our hitch-hiking efforts!

Thus, three weeks after leaving UNB, we returned, sitting on the back of a truck, cold, hungry and tired, but sunburned and happy, 6,000 miles the wiser, and \$100 the broker.

## Radio On The March

At the end of the fall term, the first active production of Radio UNB was made. It took the form of a questionnaire tape sent to the UBC Radio Organization, asking for information on their set-up in the West.

The return tape has been received and studied and it seems that UBC has quite the set-up. With more than \$40,000 worth of equipment, they broadcast from Monday to Thursday and 8.30-12 pm Fridays over a purely campus network. They have speakers in their Students' Union Building, in all their clubrooms and are presently applying to have them in their residences and faculty buildings.

At present, the UNB Society has but limited equipment and no place to put that! The future, however, looks slightly more bright and perhaps the campus may hear from us in the coming term.

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## INTER-RESIDENCE FRACAS THURSDAY

by Ed Bell

Thursday night marks the advent of inter-residence debating at UNB. Jones House has issued the First Challenge to LBR. The topic: "Resolved that Jones House, as a residence, is an improvement on LBR".

This debate will be conducted on the lines of British Parliamentary debate. Any person in the audience may arise to a "point of information" and question the debater. Audience voting will help decide the winner of the debate.

The debate, to be held in the LBR, will begin at 7.30 pm. Large numbers of the residents of Jones House are expected, as well as those from LBR. A few of the residents from Aitken are also expected. LBR, as host to the event, issues a cordial invitation to Maggie Jeaners, and other interested students, in order to ensure a large impartial audience. This debate promises to be lively, and will provide an apt illustration that debating can be entertaining.

This is only the first in a series of debates among the four residences, sponsored by the Debating society, to raise more interest in debating at UNB. In addition to the regular inter-collegiate and club debates, there are also plans for inter-faculty competitions and debates during such events as Arts Week. A really "hot" debate arising from the conflict between certain organizations and individuals on campus is in the planning stages.

New lifeblood is being transfused into the debating society, worthwhile student organization. Debating can be fun. If you don't believe me, come to the LBR vs Jones debate this Thursday at 7.30 pm in LBR. It promises to be a real "rouser".

Dave Fairbairn

## THE HOTBED



Seems that everyone is sponsoring contests these days. For instance, the Scrambled Words Contest at CFNB, the Tower of Power, was a resounding success. The Silver Dollar Contest of Purity Flour has been popular on the radio waves for years. All the "why-I-like-oswichgauchi-pens-in-25words-or-less" contests that are flooding the newspapers these days even seem to be accepted by the public.

Etc., etc., etc., . . . . .  
**HOTBED** has decided to get into the act. **HOTBED** will sponsor a completely original contest. An exciting contest, and one which will require the skill and effort of the contestant. And **HOTBED** is proud to announce that this contest will have two very valuable prizes for the winners.

It will be called the Sensational Seven Contest. Below are the measurements of seven campus figures. Their names have been withheld. The object of the contest is to fill in the blanks with the names that correspond to the measurements. The person with the greatest number of correct answers (whether it is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7) will be the winner of the contest. In case of duplication the entry with the earliest postmark will be accepted.

The prizes are: a steak dinner for two at the **Flame** provided by the **Brunswickan** on the opening night of the Carnival (Thursday February 4th); and second prize will be two complimentary tickets for the Winter Carnival donated by the Winter Carnival Committee.

In each issue of the **Brunswickan** until the deadline, which is February the 1st, there will be clues provided in various places in the **Brunswickan**, to help the contestants make a wise decision.

Here are the vital statistics:

- #1 5' 6" —125 pounds—36-25-38
- #2 5' 4" —115 pounds—36½-23½-37
- #3 5' 7" —124 pounds—34-24-35
- #4 5' 3" —115 pounds—34-24-34
- #5 5' 2½" —120 pounds—34-25-36½
- #6 5' 7½" —140 pounds—37-25-38
- #7 5' 6½" —140 pounds—38-27-37

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