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Welcome Missioners

It is with great pleasure that the editor and staff of the Brunswickan welcome the University Christian Mission lecturers to our campus. Although the information and brilliance of the speakers has all but completed its impact on the student body we would like to express an additional thanks to the men and the woman who have so kindly consented to round out the insufficiency in our curriculum.

As indicated in the attendance at Mission lectures, we, in expressing this sentiment, echo the feeling of a majority of the student body. The thought-provoking remarks of the missioners themselves and the general return to the student for his attention have been widely received.

It was unfortunate that weather conditions delayed the arrival of the chief missioner, Dr. Gerald Cragg, and necessitated several small changes in program. Happily, the effect of the incident on the mission thus far has not been too great, and we look forward to a successful climax to the event on Thursday.

Wiles, Women and Wrongs . . .

If there were any doubt as to the status of women following last week, Alan King dispelled that with his "A Peek At Lady Godiva" on CBC's Stage 51 on Sunday night. There was no doubt in any student mind, of course, but the adaptability of the radio theme to last week's observance is so striking as to demand comment.

During Co-ed week, the girls asserted themselves with a vigour worthy of any suffragette group effective in the great emancipation. Our tribute is directed most specifically to the co-eds who lifted the gray, old Brunswickan out of its drollery as high as a chorus cuty's kick. If we continue to neglect cheesecake, it is not because we do not admire the progressive attitude of our girl-editors; they have a wrinkle. We are merely cultural wags catching up with Victorian prudery. The Brunswickanne was well done.

As to the other Co-ed week activities, the point of our parallel is this. Objectors to the New Brunswick Sales Tax have exhausted the bag of orthodox tricks in seeking its repeal. Perhaps if one of our progressive young ladies could avail herself of a white pony . . .

Or better still, if a sufficiently large number of provincial women are fortunate enough to be married to "Peeping Toms", or equally talented husbands, we might reconsider the alternative plan to "drink ourselves into economic stability". From the success with Mr. King's heroine met, we might soon be on the road to a land of mead and honeys.

If the above reads like Co-ed Week chatter, it is because we are now convinced that the women's place is not in the kitchen. The girls are to be complimented on the program which they carried off so effectively.

It has been suggested that the annual event be lengthened to about twelve months duration.

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Ski Meet is Example

An example in group determination for some of the more easily discouraged campus organizations may be had in the holding of the Maritime Intercollegiate Ski Meet here on the week-end.

The Ski Club had twice seen bright hopes fade, when the Students' Representative Council administered financial tourniquets to the big events which they had billed for the present term. Though narrowly voted, the first refusal had been at least plain spoken. The team could not enter a Canadian Meet to be held in Ottawa, because funds were not offering to finance the trip.

Last Wednesday evening the group entered a last-minute, supplementary budget for equipment, without which they could not enter the very Maritime meet which they were sponsoring. A skeleton Council, consisting of a bare quorum, heard their request, and considered it at some length. Suddenly, two of the Council members hurried out. Without a quorum, the remaining group was incapable of voting a decision on the matter. With the meet so near at hand, no decision was as good as a negative vote.

The whims and foibles of student government on the campus have been sufficiently aired in the Brunswickan so that comment on this most recent coup may be spared. The Ski Club officials, however, have managed to borrow, steal or make the required equipment with some shrewd, last minute tactics.

Fullest student support is definitely owing a group who show the persistence in their endeavours as the Ski Club has done. There may be no records broken in jumping competition with the mended barrel staves, but a successful defence of the Maritime Intercollegiate Ski Championship will be a worthwhile feather in the cap of U. N. B. athletics.

Student Editors Across Dominion Work For Freedom of the Press

(A survey of Canadian University Press by the Manitoban)

A survey of Canadian university papers for the first few weeks of the new year shows strong trends in editorial writing from coast to coast. One week most papers were trying to decide whether the Manitoban or the Toronto Varsity had more sex per issue with only the Fulcrum of Ottawa being opposed to sex and cheesecake. Another week every one from UBC to Dalhousie was concerned with the thievery of coats and similar articles from university premises. Apparently a miniature crime wave is sweeping the country and in the true crusading tradition most college editors are agin it.

But the major topic of the month has been far more serious — with the world situation as it is now should college papers allow pro-communist articles and letters to appear in print.

The issue was first raised at the Canadian University Press Conference when the assembled editors passed a resolution (unanimous with two abstentions) "affirming its desire to promote in the columns of members papers the fullest objective expression of opinion on controversial issues." At the same time the Ottawa Journal, which was carrying full conference reports, said editorially "Common sense shows the monstrous folly of opening college papers to the campaigns of those who would make us all slaves to the Kremlin." The fight was on.

The Toronto Varsity lead off with the suggestion that only by examining all points of view could we prevent the kind of one sided thinking that now threatens us, ending dramatically with "The truth shall make you free."

"We are sure the University students can maturely evaluate any 'objective opinion!' whether that opinion comes from Communists, vegetarians, or Scottish Nationalists," said JMS of the McGill Daily. The Carleton of Ottawa rhetorical-

ly asked "Is our belief in democracy so weak that we cannot allow ourselves to study both sides of the question?"

The Manitoban devoted its lead to the importance of asking "Why?" at University attacking both the Communist-fronters and witch-hunters as extremists who eliminate reason in their actions.

La Rotonde of Ottawa fought back. "The Communists, because they abuse the freedom of speech, must not be allowed to speak through democratic organs such as our college newspapers," said editor Cy Goulet. Many writers of "Letters to the Editor" agreed with him.

A Kingston student claimed that "Communism thrives on the type of publicity given it in the Queen's Journal" and further suggested that Journal writers refrain from criticism of US foreign policy. A Manitoba student felt that the editor should print only the "Truth", which would definitely not include, in his opinion, anything written by the LPP.

But those who favor a free editorial page have definitely won and are now practicing the freedom which they preached. The Varsity published a letter from a former University of Toronto professor in Poland which, it said, "We do not necessarily support" but which it felt should be read by students. The Manitoban had a series of letters from one "W" criticizing US, UN, and Canadian foreign policy and claiming that the Manitoban's editorials were "pompous and pontifical dissertations on world events in the best (if borrowed) Liberal style".

Campus editors have been writing more than meaningless words in the past few weeks. They have stoutly defended their right to present both sides of the struggle between Communism and Democracy and are proceeding to exercise it.

Stairs, Fairbairn Ballance Win Scholarships

The names of three scholarship winners were announced late last week by Dr. A. W. Trueman, president of the University. The Students, all sophomores, are Gordon R. Stairs of Fredericton, Harry Fairbairn of Kirkealdy, Scotland, and Richard C. Ballance of Ottawa. Stairs has been awarded the Thomas E. Hoben Scholarship,

while Fairbairn and Ballance are recipients of awards known as the Khaki University and Y.M.C.A. Scholarships, the president revealed.

The Hoben Scholarship was established in a bequest of the late Allan T. Hoben, of the U. N. B. class of 1905, in memory of his father. It has a value of \$50, and is administered through the Associated Alumni of the university. Stairs, a second years student in Forestry, is a graduate of Fredericton High School and a son of Owen D. Stairs of this city.

The Khaki University and Y. M. C. A. Scholarships are each valued at \$63 annually, and are made available in Canadian Universities from monies remaining from canteen funds of the first World War. Fairbairn, an Arts student, is the son of Mrs. E. Fairbairn, of Kirkealdy, Scotland, and a former member of the Royal Air Force. Ballance is a student in the Civil Engineering course at U. N. B. He is the son of E. Ballance of Ottawa.

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