

Four students attend Campus Challenge

by Jennifer Hockey

On September 9, Peter Edwards, Nancy MacNeil, Minh Tan and I headed to Washington, D.C. to compete against sixteen American and Canadian universities in *Campus Challenge*, produced by World Affairs. We had prepared through the summer and were set to compete against the best the continent had to offer in this new television show.

A seven-hour wait in Newark while our flight got delayed, re-routed, cancelled, and the new flight delayed again, gave us time to bond. We also had time to stare longingly from the lounge at Manhattan and consider ditching it all to have a great weekend in the Big Apple. Continental Airlines offered food but only fed us bogus information. Finally we finally got to Washington around midnight only to find out the hotel had filled our rooms and we'd been transferred. Welcome to D.C.!

After finding our way the next morning to George Washington U. Campus we were tired but pumped — and ready to kick some butt. We

walked into a room full of young, white, Republican males reading their Wall Street Journals and quizzing each other and began to wonder if there were any other women. Finally we spotted some — mostly Canadian, we relaxed and met some of the other teams.

Ten minutes before the first

The going was rough for a while, especially with the American history section (although we'd been told "no American slant"). We came on strong in the last rounds, though, and won with the highest score so far — a major ego-booster for us. Dal and Simon Fraser ended up being the only Canadian teams

schools, did Georgetown, and boycotted the final round on Sunday to see Washington, D.C. By this point the Canadian teams had a list of complaints a mile long about the American bias and how the game was run. And we can't forget the head honcho, Joe the Fascist, who clearly did not know what he was doing. They had trouble keeping score in the first game so good ol' Joe just declares Harvard the winner "cause he says so."

We had a great time, met some great people, and proved we are a great university. Out of it all, one thing's obvious though: U.S. College Bowl teams are great with rapid facts, but not too great with understanding them. One competitor stated that she's thinking of moving to Canada because she just can't stand living under a democratic government. You have to wonder what they think we have up here...

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show, though, we find out that the entire format was changed and did not focus on just current events anymore. And that Quebec Hydro was a sponsor, providing the science, technology and environment (ENVIRONMENT?!) questions.

Our first game was against Duke University, a College Bowl team.

advancing to the second round where we lost to Harvard and Virginia, respectively.

Of all the Canadian teams, though, Dal did the best. We were probably the most diverse, too. (Howard was the only university to send students of colour.)

We partied with the Canadian

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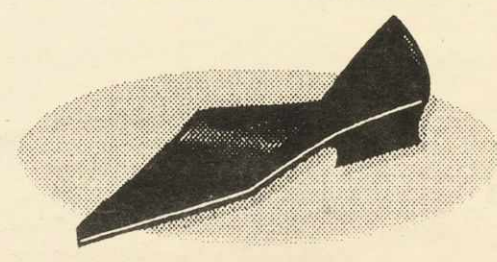
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