# United Church Sponsors Varsity Night Sunday

Ministers and guest speakers from the University at Central, Garneau,

Knox, McDougall, Metropolitan,

Pleasantview, St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Strathearn, Westminster, Kirk, Robertson, Norwood, Avonmore, and Wesley United Churches

will direct their messages in the evening service primarily to Uni-versity students.

This second annual Varsity Night

arose from the concern of the Young People in the city churches that University students, and, in partic-ular those from out of town find a

church home during their Univer-sity career. Last year 100 Young People contacted 1500 United Church

Varsity students. This year, about 125 Young People will be personally

visiting about 1750 students in an ef-

fort to interest them in attending Church and Young Peoples'.

Special Varsity Night services and Young People's programs will be held in United Churches throughout the city on Sunday evening, Oct. 23, as an expression of the churches concern for University stu-

Churches participating plan a variety of evening services and Young People's programs. Knox United Church is having as guest preacher Dr. L. H. Cragg, vice-president of the University. A panel of foreign students will be the feature of Strathearn's YP meeting. The Nurses' Choir from the University Hospital will

#### **Opinions Differ** At Confab

The nature of Christianity, as seen from Christian and non-Christian viewpoints, was the theme of the agnostics conference, held Saturday in the West

The conclave was sponsored by the Student Christian Movement, and was attended by about 75 persons representing several Protestant de-nominations, Catholicism, agnosti-cism, and other religions and philo-

Speakers were Prof T. M. Penelhum of the department of philo-sophy, who took the agnostic's viewpoint, observing Christianity from the outside, and Theologian Dr. Piet-er de Yong from the University of Saskatchewan, representing the Christian's inside view of Christian-

In debating Christian doctrine, Prof. Penelhum said that a secular view of the world was quite adequate; Dr. de Yong said faith was necessary for living. Both agreed that the fact that God's existence cannot be proven is fundamental to Christian doctrine.

As a result of the conference, an agnostic study group is being formed under the guidance of Prof-Penelhum. Interested students should contact him at the depart-ment of philosophy.



## **Professor Compares Universities**

modern languages department spoke on European Universities, comparing them to their American counterparts.
Ignoring the United Kingdom

and Ireland, which he did not consider part of the continent, traditions have reappeared. Dr. Szoverffy split his topic into two parts; first discussing the Universities of Western Europe and the those behind the Iron Curtain.

Concentrating on German Universities, he commented that the students were divided by class distinctions, political ideals and religious differences. Few students took part in the Nazi movement, in fact during the war many were executed for under-ground activities against the Nazis.

In an address to the Newman Club Dr. Szoverffy of the characterized by confusion and economic difficulties. But after the characterized by confusion and economic difficulties. But after the German economic miracle a strong spirit of consolidation appeared and the student organization regained its intellectual status with a new inter-national orientation. There was a strong reaction to pre-war abuses, although drinking and other German

> On the academic side the students have a great freedom in picking their courses and professors. Specialization is not so general; in fact one day a week is set aside for universal classes. Many students in courses such as medicine and law attend courses in the liberal arts in order to broaden their education.

In France the economic condition is poor and students find themselves working at oustide jobs up to 36 hours a week besides their University work. Again there is a strong interest in the social sciences, philosophy

and theology.

European students have an advantage in the proximity of other countries, in the presence of the historical sites, theatres, operas, and well established traditions.

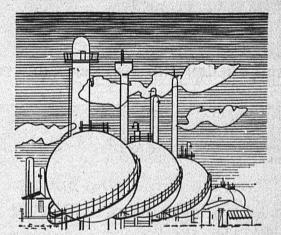
Behind the Iron Curtain students are considered the cream of society but have no freedom in the choice of their courses, and must keep up a igid standard so as not to fall in the bad graces of the party. Despite these censors, Dr. Szoverffy pointed to the Hungarian Revolution as evidence that the students could not be forced to accept communist dogma, and from their favored posi-

tion were in a good position to revolt.
"Europe is not a model," Dr.
Szoverffy concluded, "but we should study their way of life and adopt the best of it. North American students must mature, must play a more decisive role in the cultural and social movements—and not let these movements be controlled by rock and roll propaganda."

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