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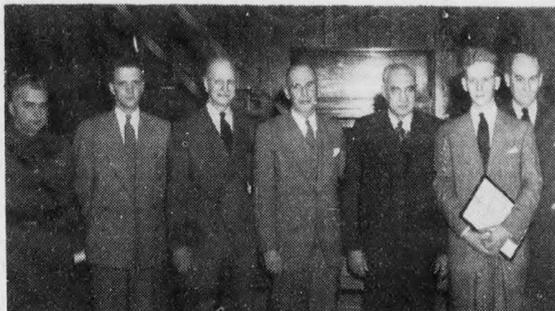
## ENGINEERING WEEK HERE

### U.N.B. DEFEATS DAL IN DEBATING

At 7:15 Friday evening the first of U.N.B.'s 1952 Intercollegiate Debates got under way on the second floor of the Arts Building. The topic—"Resolved: Capital punishment under the Canadian Criminal Code be abolished", was vigorously discussed with U.N.B. on the affirmative and Dal. on the negative. U.N.B.'s team consisted of Jackie Webster (first affirmative) and Ruth Nicholson (second affirmative). Dal. had Ron Stevenson, former S.R.C. president and well known figure at U.N.B. now at the Dal. Law School (first affirmative) and Turney Jones (second affirmative.) Present as judges were Col. George Beardsley, Mr. Charles J. Hughes, and Judge George M. Bryon. The subject was handled with lots of vigour and considerable wit. The audience, however, was small. This was unfortunate as those who were there enjoyed it intensely. It is indeed regrettable that more students were not there to back up the debaters who handled a difficult job well.

Miss Webster got the debate going by pointing out a number of disadvantages of capital punishment. The ethical point of view of capital punishment in a country as supposedly Christian as Canada was questioned. Alumnus Stevenson rallied to the issue and while admitting that he was not a student of theology but of law, discussed the religious aspect of the question briefly with an appropriate quotation from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Then it was pointed out that capital punishment was favoured by public opinion and so should stay in the law. The death penalty was defended because it deterred potential criminals from committing murder. The burglar does not carry a gun because he fears he will be hanged if he uses it and is caught. Miss Nicholson then took the floor and questioned Stevenson's legal approach. She attacked capital punishment from the sociological and psychological standpoint, considering murder as a social problem, perhaps the fault of Society not the individual. Rather than hanging the murderer the humanistic attempt to "rehabilitate" him to become a useful citizen was advocated. "Two wrongs don't make a right." Mr Jones spoke next, and in a forceful presentation attacked the idea of "rehabilitation." The speaker pointed out that sending a murderer to a penitentiary did not reform him, and if he were let out again he would be all the worse. It was claimed that the hardened criminal can't be reformed, and the audience was warned not to view the problem from a sentimental approach. The heinous nature of crime was shown and the death penalty was justified as a defense of Society against such outrages, since a hanged man can't commit another murder. Statistical and factual data were presented to back up some of the arguments. The rebuttal was perhaps the best part of the debate. The

Engineering Prize Winners



Shown above are l. to r.: Maj. M. A. La Salle, G. M. Whitcomb, Dr. L. Austin Wright, Dr. E. O. Turner, Dr. I. P. McNabb, Stig Harvor, Dr. J. B. Stirling at presentation ceremony.

### New Student Centre Given Alumni Approval

The alumni and alumnae plans to erect a new student centre on the campus as a war memorial are a step nearer to realization. At a meeting of the Associated Alumni in Saint John last week it was unanimously resolved that the original war memorial plans be changed in favor of erecting a new building.

The committee which has been working on the memorial project was continued, and instructed to study the matter further and to make a submission to the Senate of the university, which meets on the campus on Feb. 19.

Originally the alumni and alumnae planned to convert Memorial Hall into a student centre. The Senate had approved this plan. A campaign for funds for this purpose in 1948-49-50 was successful in raising approximately \$170,000.

audience was shown that the value of statistical data and quotations from "authorities" was doubtful. (Figures from Chicago seemed to show the very opposite result as those from New York.) Miss Webster seems to have clinched the argument for U.N.B. when she contended that other forms of punishment could be more effective than capital punishment—life imprisonment more dreadful than hanging.

The judge brought up a split decision of 2 to 1 in favour of U.N.B. It is arranged to have Tom Drummie and Don McPhail to go to debate at Acadia University later this year. The Pine Hill Divinity School of Halifax is coming to Fredericton to debate U.N.B. Plans are also under consideration for an international debate with the University of Maine. With such a good start hopes are high that U.N.B. may come off with the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating Championship. Lets have lots of student support!

### URP OFFERS DOUGH FOR RADIO SHOW

A prize of \$10 will be awarded to the student who submits the best half-hour radio script to University Radio Productions, in a competition announced Friday by URP Chairman Dave Gallo-way. A proviso was added that the script must reach a sufficiently good standard for radio production by the group. Mid-day, Saturday, Feb. 23, was set as the contest deadline. All entries, with name, address and phone number of the author, must reach Bob McGowan, Alumni Office, by that time. All entries become the property of URP, and may be broadcast by it. The winning entry will be aired.

Scripts may be on any topic, and in any form readily adaptable to broadcasting, it was said. A play, short story, or documentary were mentioned as suitable forms. Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced, if possible, or else very clearly written. The URP committee, which makes the final decision, urged contestants not to pad or cut material to fit the half-hour time.

### Calkin Awarded Scholarship

The Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick scholarship has been won by Jim Calkin, an intermediate mechanical engineer. The scholarship was presented by Dr. A. F. Baird, professor emeritus of Electrical Engineering at U.N.B., during the Association dinner in Saint John last Thursday.

Jim is from Woodstock. Last year, he was co-winner of the engineering paper contest up the hill.

The scholarship is valued at \$200, and is given annually to an intermediate engineering student at U.N.B.

### RED 'N BLACK UNDER WAY

With the Red 'N Black Revue only a few weeks away, excitement is rising. The acts have been rehearsing separately this year, and the arrangement has proved most satisfactory—saving time and patience. The time has come, however, to start putting the acts together, and a full rehearsal of all acts and skits has been called for Sunday afternoon, February 10, at 2 o'clock.

#### MOVIES

This rehearsal, unfortunately for onlookers, does not include the girls' chorus line, but it does include movies. Jack Murray, the Alumni Secretary, has graciously offered to show movies of last year's show to the members of the cast during the afternoon. It is understood that these pictures will also cover shows of previous years. Anyone interested in the Revue is invited to attend the afternoon's proceedings. This is an opportunity for Freshmen, and others who do not know what the "Red 'n Black" is to find out. Perhaps they will wish to try for a spot in the show.

In an interview with the Brunswickian, George Shaw, the President of the Senior Class and Producer of the show, disclosed that everything is "running smoothly" and that the show is shaping up into one of the best. He added that there is still room for skits (the theme of the show: A student's Vacation). It is needless to say that anyone with a really good act (talent, that is) can always push their way into the program.

### Wilma Sansom Wins Scholarship

Drama President Wilma Sansom has been awarded the Thomas E. Hoben Scholarship by the Associated Alumni of the university. This was announced following the alumni meeting in Saint John last week.

Wilma is well-known on the campus as an actress and as the driving force behind the Drama Society this year. A senior student honoring in English, she maintains a first class academic standing.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Sansom, of Durham Bridge, N. B. and a graduate of Fredericton High School. Hoping to continue her interest in drama, Wilma plans to do post-grad study in that field when she leaves U.N.B.

The Hoben scholarship is worth \$50.

### Starts Rolling With Wassail

The walls and ceiling of Castle Hall shook and vibrated last Saturday night as dozens of lusty voices raised in song at one of the best Wassails ever. The Wassail, annual banquet and social get-together of engineers and engineering professors, was established years ago to give the Lady Godiva Clan an opportunity to enjoy themselves and exchange stories of engineering skill. Last Saturday, tradition was upheld with as much zeal as ever.

The evening started with a delicious turkey dinner served by the Pythian Sisters. At the end of the meal Dr. Turner provided some informative and highly interesting accounts of engineering accomplishments. A number of other interesting stories of special interest to engineers were told by Profs. Stevens, Beatty, Galbraith, and McFarlane. A toast to the engineering staff was then proposed by Ray Roy. Most of the fellows then grouped around the piano and filled the air with songs of a quality achieved only by engineers. Others gathered in small groups and discussed general topics of interest to all engineers.

Some over zealous fellows obviously ate too much turkey and suffered indigestion as they were seen struggling home with some difficulty. Other, more hardy sorts, were seen later at the GYRO Club dance proving that engineers are second to none in versatility.

The second outstanding social event of Engineering week will take place at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel on next Friday night when the Engineers' Ball will be held. This dance is open to everybody, so plan to be there.

### NOTICES

General meeting of Red 'n' Black, Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 P.M. Memorial Hall.

Supper meeting of the Ladies' Society at Ladies' Residence, Wed. Jan. 30.

U.N.B. RADIO CLUB: The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday February 4th at 7.30 P.M. in the Electrical Building. A short business meeting will be followed by films.

The Forestry Association is scheduled to meet again on Feb. 4. Best we turn out and do some more planning for the reading room.

Application for Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarships must be received before January 31st.

### S. R. C. CUTS BUDGET

At the S. R. C. Meeting, Monday Night it was decided to cut out one edition of the Brunswickian and forego purchase of new hockey pads. Two N.F.C.U.S. proposals, to set up commissions to study possibilities of a national intercollegiate sports union and a national intercollegiate newspaper, were turned down.