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## Police Action

An Editorial In The Acadia Athenaeum

There is an unpleasant ring given off by the action of the Fredericton police in arresting a U.N.B. student on a flimsy pretex, and refusing to allow him to communicate with his wife or University authorities until several hours had elapsed

It would be easy for us to declaim "violation of the rights and liberties of a citizen." Yet we recognize that effective police protection for everyone often requires that police be allowed to detain such a person whose actions may give rise to suspicions. In such instances the police must recognize their obligation to establish his identity immediately whether or not the person has done anything to justify further detention. This the Fredericton police refused to do, and is there the fault lies.

A certain capriciousness and exaggerated sense of the power of an officer is to be found in many police departments. It is not entirely absent in Wolfville.

Scarcely a week has passed since one of our own students was arrested through an exceedingly strict interpretation of the law. If this were part of a systematic drive aimed at a strict observation of all laws, or if it were even a measure for teh protection of the citizenry, it would receive our plaudits.

It can be neither. It is the rare day that cars speeding through the town of Wolfville do not constitute a danger to everyone crossing the street. We have been looking for a strict enforcement of the laws against speeding, and we have been looking in vain

Deserved or not, the Wolfville police force has been acquiring the reputation of being out to "hook" non residents for every minor infraction of the laws. Such actions are aimed, not at enforcing laws, and protecting citizens, but at increasing revenues. Like many other people, students have very definite objections to an enforcement of petty laws patently aimed at either increasing revenues or fattening some officer's record of arrests.

It would be advisable for those responsible for local police action to look into the matter before some unpleasantness similar to that of Fredericton occurs here.

The Athenaeum

## DEBATING SCHEDULE

HOME DEBATES

1. With King's College: John Hildebrand and Harold Stafford for UNB; date and resolution to be decided; and MIDL debate.

2. With University of Maine: Hugh Whalen and Alan Mitchell for UNB; Februrary 11; negative of resolution, "Resolved, that the Federal government should adopt a policy of equalizing opportunities in tax-supported schools by means of annual grants."

3. With Bates College: Skip Anglin and Julian Guntensperger for UNB, details to be arranged.

AWAY DEBATES:

1, With St. Mary's College: Julian Guntensperger and Bob Stevenson for UNB; date and resolution to be decided; an MIDL debate.

2. With Saint John Law School: Bob Allen and Bob Church for UNB; date to be set; affirmative of resolution, "Resolved, that the Federal government should adopt a policy of equalizing opportunities in tax-supported schools by means of annual grants".

4. With Bates College: Ed McKinney and Harold Stafford for UNB; January 19; negative of resolution, "Resolved that the United Nations be revised into a federal world government.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Two debates with Saint John Law School yet to be arranged: for UNB — — Mrs. MacLeon, Norma Mclean, Bob Gibbs, Jim Horner.

Three Magic Words

There are three words, the sweetest words,
In all human speech . . .

More sweet than all the songs of birds
Or pages poets preach.
This life may be a vail of tears

A sad and dreary thing . . . .
Three words and trouble disappears
And birds begin to sing;
Three words and all the roses bloom,

The sun begins to shine;
Three words will dissipate the gloom,
And water turns to wine,

Three words will clear the saddest day . . .
"I love you?" . . . wrong by heck!!

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