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BRUNSWICKAN

This fast rising and very popular folk-music group featuring Alex Hassilev, Lou Gottlieb and Glenn Yarbrough, will appear at the Gym on Saturday, Feb. 4 for a one hour show, and later in the evening at Mem Hall for another show of the same duration. Rave reviews by leading music critics and the success of their performance on top TV shows are a good indication of the quality of their show at UNB. They should be a big hit.

Campus Comment

by ROY DAVIS

You're reading the first words of what will become a regular feature of the Brunswickan, providing I can come up with enough time and bright ideas to keep it going.

The brightest idea in my mind at the moment is the current state of student politics on the university level. It seems that national parties are doing much to destroy the political freedom of students in Canada today.

To begin with, we have seen student Liberals hold their gathering in Ottawa. Now they're all fired up with enthusiasm, as is normal after pep rallies of this kind. But apparently all the pre-convention ballyhoo about how successful it would be wasn't completely justified; officials expected 50% more students than the number who cared to show up. UNB did its part by sending three delegates; I am told that Mount A outdid us a bit by sending 24. Perhaps this bears out what I said last fall about the state of UNB's Liberal organization under its present leader.

On the other hand, sincere congratulations are in order for Ed Bell, who came from defeat in the election for national Vice-President to win the Canadian University Liberal Federation's oratorical contest. This shows rewards of hard work. But his hardest work lies ahead in the struggle to get the UNB Liberal Club on its feet.

I may have created the impression that my political affiliations do not agree with Mr. Bell's. That is correct. This is the basis of democratic society. UNB students are fortunate to attend an institution where they are given an opportunity to take part in political affairs with the party of their choice. The same was true of our friends at Mount A until last week. But now all parties with a national or provincial connection are on the verge of being banned.

This certainly looks like a strange form of democracy! According to information I have available at this writing, it seems that the action was prompted by a fear on the part of the student council that "Ottawa-controlled political machines" were becoming too powerful on the marshland campus. These movements were charged with attempts to unconstitutionally dominate student government there.

For any student council to take such a move is indeed a drastic step! We must wonder if the action was warranted. On the one hand, we see the Liberals sending 24 delegates to the national conference in Ottawa—out of a total attendance of 200, that's not bad for a small universiy. (There are more than 50 university and college Liberal clubs in Canada). On the other hand we see Donald Fleming, who until recently took an unkind view towards university students (as I reported last fall) addressing the Progressive Conservatives on the campus.

Those clubs are active all right! Perhaps there is some ulterior motive behind these displays of grandeur. Let us hope that the political parties on our campus with national affiliations don't force our student council to take the same action. Fortunately they seem to have no desire to do so. Let's hope they continue on their nonchalant way. But UNB students are fortunate to have on their campus a party such as the Christian Atheists who represent no national body, only the students at UNB.

Support the party of your choice, but if you support a national party for heaven's sake don't go to extremes! Just remember what happened at Mount A could happen here!

Elected CUP Atlantic Regional

Notice

Bell Wins Trophy President for the coming year was

gate from the University of New University of Newfoundland. Brunswick and a Brunswickan staff member was awarded a trophy for winning the oratorical contest at the annual convention of the Canadian University Liberal Federation in Ottawa.

After he received the award he introduced Premier Louis J. Robichaud of New Brunswick who spoke to student and professional politicians at the last luncheon of the CULF conference. The Premier told the delegates that they must examine their philosophy of Liberalism to know if they were true Liberals. He told the students that the future of the party depended upon them and it needed their energy and enthusiasm.

The CULF convention came out in favor of free university education, increased immigration, abandoning of unemployment, insurance for students and continued support for Term 29 for Newfoundland instead of the additional Grants Act.

CUP CONFERENCE

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of Laval University.

The Bracken Trophy for general excellence in editorial writing was awarded at a later date to the Varsity, University of Toronto.

Engineering Wassail at Kent OTTAWA (CUP) Ed Bell, dele- Miss Verna Robbins, of the Muse, Inn Saturday, January 21, 1961, 7:00 p.m.



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