



Sigma Lambda Beta Rho

By the "Jones Boys"

Oh the Goon Boys!

They built a snowman on the side of the hill,
And they worked all night, and they hoped all day
That their snowman would carry the "Jones Boys" away.
Carnival conspiracy on the campus! We're in danger. Sub-
versive plans are afoot to destroy the old LBR and to bring our
clock tower crashing down onto the CPR tracks. We did not
realize that we had become so unpopular as to incite a movement
to send tons of snow crashing down upon us from the heights.
But we have perceived the treachery and plan to nip it in the bud.
The "Goon" and his boys have lost the element of surprise.
We have learned our lesson from the Trojan Horse. The ruse of a
twenty-foot snow sculpture has not blinded us to the destructive
potential of five tons of snow perched precariously and ready to roll
down and engulf us.

We would like to announce publicly that unless the SRC takes
this opportunity to establish a truce team, equipped with a powerful
police force, we will be forced to take retaliatory action. We cannot,
and will not, stand idly by and allow such a subtle plan to be so
ingeniously executed. The future of our home is at stake.

As for the rest. It's amazing how the sculptures symbolize
their creators. Icy idols, worshipped and plastered with sacrificial
slush. The Geologists have gone prehistoric, Engineers futuristic
and the residence ALCOHOLIC . . .

The Lady Beaverbrook Rink or HOW POOR CAN IT GET?

Are you all aware of the fact that there is a Lady Beaverbrook
Rink? Well, if you are not, do not bother to become aware, because
it will not do you much good. The University calendar mentions
the rink as a modern building with a seating capacity of approxi-
mately 1500. That seating capacity is indeed the most prominent
feature of the rink because it seems to be only on rare occasions
that it is possible to feel the ice under your skates. The reason?
It so happens that the management of the rink apparently devotes
most of the day time to painting rings on the ice for the official
games of one sort or another, or, which is even worse, the manage-
ment claims that the ice is spoken for during the morning, while
it comes out afterwards that nobody has been on the ice all morn-
ing (January 29). If one then appears at the agreed time for hockey
practice someone has finally decided to start painting the rings.

Another reason for this sort of thing to happen is the apparent
lack of co-operation between the U.N.B. athletic department and
the rink management. Whether the fault lies with either the former
or the latter is of no importance. It is most likely that both are at
fault. Both probably feel too important to approach the other to
make reasonable arrangements. If this is true then Lord Beaver-
brook with the building of the rink founded an institution for
cushy jobs, where the people have their own comfort in mind rather
than skating facilities for Frederictonians; and the athletic depart-
ment does not have the affairs of the students at heart.

A glance at the official rink schedule might give the impression
that it is not quite as bad as it is made out to be. The skating
hours for the University are Sunday and Wednesday nights from
21.00 to 23.00 hours and an occasional Friday night for the same
hours. This however is a fallacy, for at 22.30 hours the "Queen"
is played the ice scrapers appear and skating time is up. The
occasional Friday night is after a hockey game or hockey practice
and the ice is then so badly cut up that the pleasure of skating
is greatly reduced. Surely arrangements can be made that U.N.B.
has more than three—or sometimes four and a half—hours weekly.

All students pay athletic fees at the beginning of the academic
year. That this is necessary to maintain varsity sports and athletic
facilities is obvious. There are however only relatively few students
involved in varsity and intra-mural sports. The only winter sports
in which students can indulge are skiing and skating. The skiing
facilities are good but hardly of any value to someone who has only
a few spare hours a week and then during the evenings. It should
therefore be possible to make use of the rink several times a week,
even if this were only for an hour or so at the time.

It should be obvious to everyone at this point, that there is
ample room for organizational improvements in the Lady Beaver-
brook rink. Let us hope that those people who are directly or in-
directly concerned with this institution will make an effort to look
into the matter.

Students' Representative Council ELECTIONS

The elections will be held on
Wednesday, February 27th, for
the purpose of electing students
to fill the following positions:

- The President, 1st vice-president, treasurer and secretary of the S.R.C.
- The 2nd vice-president of the S.R.C.
- The President, vice-president and secretary of the A.A.A.
- Four representatives of each class to sit on the S.R.C., one of whom must be a co-ed.
- The Class Presidents, vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer.

NOMINATIONS for the above
positions shall close at noon of
the second Saturday preceding
the date of elections.

All nominations for the posi-
tions outlined in section a, b, and
c above shall be in writing and
signed by a nominator, a second-
er and eight other students.

Russian Tour With WUS

Russia's Universities

Editor's note: This article
by Claus Wirsig of the Uni-
versity of Alberta appeared in
the Gateway of January 15,
1957.

Imagine yourself a Soviet stu-
dent.

There would be no fees to pay.
Books would be free, and best of
all you would be given a state
stipend to pay your living ex-
penses. Depending on the course
of studies you chose and the
marks you obtained, your stipend
might range as high as the wage
earned by a highly skilled worker
in industry.

You would go to a big shiny
institution with many books,
excellent facilities and good
teachers and professors. It
might be appealing to you also
to be a member of the same
trade union as your professors
and that this trade union is the
strongest political body in the
university outside of the state
ministry of education.

Lectures are given six days a
week and they, along with the
examinations at fixed intervals,
are compulsory. As a Canadian
student you should find neither
a great hardship. Your university
year might be as much as two
months longer than here but you
would not need the summer in
which to earn money.

Instead you would spend a
good part of the summer at gov-
ernment expense, in a student
rest centre in the mountains, or
at the sea shore. Or you might
volunteer along with thousands
of your friends to go on a student
brigade to some far off section
in your vast land to help with
some special project—perhaps helping
to build a new university site.

The length of your course
would normally vary from four
(engineers, agriculturists, teach-
ers, doctors, lawyers) to six
years. You would in all proba-
bility live in the university quar-
ters which are roomier and better
serviced than any other mass
housing in the Soviet Union.

Do not imagine for a moment
that a Soviet education is a shod-
dy one. When you graduate, you
may well be as fine a technician
in your field as will be found
anywhere in the world. To illus-
trate I will mention only the case
of a graduate geography student
I met, who happened to be study-
ing the physical, economic and
historical geography of British
Columbia because he said, "Many
areas of B.C. are identical to
some of our Siberian regions".

This fellow, we will call him
Vladimir, will one day help di-
rect the industrial expansion of
vast tracts of "virgin lands" now
being opened in the enormous
eastern regions of the Soviet
Union, and he will be basing his
policies on the experiences of
British Columbia's pioneers who
also tackled a virgin wilderness
and made it into a great indus-
trial province.

Vladimir had more accurate
information about industrial

By Claus Wirsig

WORDS . . .

By JOANIE YOUNG

production, population, trans-
portation links, history, geology,
and governmental administration
of BC at his finger tips than I
could hope to have after a year
of study; and BC is my home
province.

His room was literally stacked
with literature and information,
some of it expensive, from the
B.C. and Canadian governments
and other sources.

Vladimir is naturally not the
rule. But there are obviously
many Soviet trained students who
are equally competent.

In all there are 1,865,000 stu-
dents in 750 establishments of
higher education in the U.S.S.R.
That is a greater percentage than
Canadian education can boast.

Not only that, but if you were
one of these 1,865,000, you
would stand a better than 90%
chance of completing your edu-
cation and graduating.

And there is yet another won-
der to add. Upon graduation, you
would be guaranteed a job exact-
ly along the lines for which your
education has suited you, though
you might have to accept posting
in a remote area for two or three
years.

But wait! Don't book your pas-
sage for Moscow for another
week.

There is another side to the
story and next week I hope to
tell it to you.

College students are supposed-
ly the thinkers and doers of so-
ciety. They are undoubtedly
thinkers, but it is not much use
thinking if you cannot communi-
cate what you think to someone
else. Technical terms take care
of a large part of communication.
They are precise and accurate.
However, within the realm of
ideas, language must also be used
as a precision instrument. Today
we have bludgeoned language
until it is capable of expressing
only the most mundane of ideas.

Books are good conversational
topics but is a book which pre-
sents a new idea really "terrific"?
Terrific, perhaps, but so are
dances, parties, new clothes, holi-
days, meals etc., so what does
the word really mean.

For every situation and idea
there are specific words to use to
express what you wish to say.
Most of us know these combina-
tions of sounds but it is an effort
to reach for them. The hackneyed
and over used expressions should
be cast out so that once again
our language may become a pre-
cision instrument to use as a sur-
geon uses a scalpel.

S. R. C. Elections

Nominations shall be handed
to the President or Secretary of
the S.R.C.

Janet MacLellan,
Secretary of the S.R.C.

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