

# Winter Carnival Grows In Importance

## Pro Entertainer Added this Year

By DAVE BETTS

The winter of 1956 saw a very important figure first grace our campus in the form of the Winter Carnival "Bonhomme". Since 1956 he has grown to be of great importance as a major part of the winter social and sports activities at UNB.

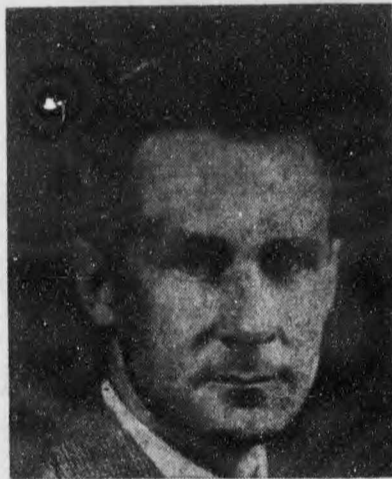
1956 was the year for the inauguration of the carnival, which then featured a float parade, snow sculptures, fireworks display, crowning of a carnival queen, and numerous exciting sporting events.

The celebrations have become so popular that this year the carnival committee decided to add a professional entertainer in the person of Stan Wilson.

### More Popular

To see the growth in both size and popularity of our carnival, we need only look back to former years and note the huge change in the number of floats and sculptures entered in the competition. Last year only twelve floats appeared in the parade. This year the number of entries far exceeds that total.

## Prexy Praises Carnival Group



**DR. COLIN B. MACKAY**  
... UNB's president

Dr. Colin B. Mackay, university president, has high words of praise for the Winter Carnival Committee.

In a statement to The Brunswickan, he said the committee has done "an excellent job of organization again this year."

This annual event has become a part of the traditional pattern of student life at UNB, and I know that Mr. Jack Ellison and his many assistants have continued to set a high standard for this event.

"I feel certain that the committee would wish me to thank the many citizens, the press and the radio, for the enthusiastic support which they have given to this project. From the beginning we have had the interest and support of the citizens of Fredericton, and this has helped to make the Carnival an event which is enjoyed by the whole Fredericton community, both city and university."

### COMING FOR SHOW

Reporters from Time and Life Magazines, and The Toronto Telegram will be on the campus Friday and Saturday to cover the Carnival activities.

### SEMI-FORMAL

Many local dignitaries will be present at the opening of "Vicki" tonight. Students are advised that dress for this premiere performance will be semi-formal.

### DEADLINE SET

The deadline for entering snow sculptures in the various competitions is Wednesday. The deadline for floats is Thursday. All entries must be recorded with Dave Fairbairn at 1-2450 or 5-8001.

Each year the carnival has been fortunate in fitting in well with MIAU schedule, thus allowing a full schedule of varsity athletics during the three-day event. Each year, the carnival has featured a hockey game on Saturday afternoon between Mount Allison Mounties and the Red Devils. In these matches UNB holds a 2-1 record. This year the Devils will be out to make it a 3-1 effort as they and the Mounties meet again.

Always Featured  
The Red Raiders and Red Bloomers have always been featured as the students storm the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium for the basketball and the subsequent dance. For skiing enthusiasts, Royal Roads this year offers ski meets for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Here the Red Falcons will compete in invitational and open meets. Each year at carnival time, the Lady Beaverbrook Residence has been the scene of swim meets between UNB Beavers and other Maritime teams.

With all these sports represented, the Carnival theme has had an emphasis on sports. Last year a new attraction was added in the form of Steve Patterson's show, "Around the World in Eighty Minutes". The production was the first venture of this kind, but was an immediate success, being held over for an additional performance. Mr. Patterson has written another show for this year. It's entitled "Vicki". This event will be staged in the Memorial Hall Theatre and is scheduled for five performances.

### Novelty Events

The extent of the Carnival's novelty events, namely the fireworks display and torchlight parade has been greatly increased due to increased interest. The custom has been to open the carnival with the dazzling display of rockets on the Legislative green, followed by a Torchlight Parade wending its way up University Avenue to the opening ceremonies which this year will be held outside the gymnasium.

Socially, the Friday and Saturday night sock dances in the gym have been huge successes. Previously, one of these dances was a record-hop. However, this year two dance bands have been booked. They are the Collegians and Robin Roberts' Orchestra from Camp Gagetown. Also to be featured at these dances will be Stan Wilson.

The Tradition is being broken this year in that the Carnival Queen is being crowned on opening night instead of at the closing dance. The race for Carnival Queen has always created interest both on and off the campus.



**STEVE PATTERSON**  
... writer-director



**JERRY SCARFE**  
... producer



**JOAN YEOMANS**  
... leading lady

## Patterson Show Said Better Than 'World'

By JOAN YOUNG

Many people wait with expectation for tonight's opening of "Vicki", Stephen Patterson's second musical comedy. As nearly everyone knows, last year's production of "Around the World in Eighty Minutes" closed as a complete success in all respects. It achieved uniqueness in packing Memorial Hall for five consecutive nights and an additional performance had to be held due to popular demand. Many have said in the past few weeks that Steve could not possibly do it again. After having witnessed several rehearsals, we are sure that this year's show will be even better.

Steve says that the most important single thing that he learned from last year's show was that to make a real improvement, he would have to develop his characters to a greater extent. This he has done! We feel that the audience will immediately fall in love with this typical Victorian family and will soon be com-

pletely absorbed with their laughable domestic problems. What may prove to be the highlight of the show is the charm exuded by three very entertaining children from St. Dunstan's School, who have already stolen the hearts of the cast and stage crew.

The props and scenery are also going to add a great deal to this year's production. Cathy Davis and Hugh Millar have their crews working very hard at present on many detailed and colourful sets. The costumes will undoubtedly be another highlight of the show. Janet MacNair has been working on these for several weeks now, and has come up with authentic replicas of late Victorian styles.

As you probably know by now, "Vicki" starts tonight and runs until Saturday. Because of the spectacular carnival opening there will be no performance on Thursday evening but a special matinee will be shown on Friday afternoon. Admission to the show will be covered by a carnival pass and it would be advisable to purchase one at a very early date. There will be a few separate admissions sold to this event, but the number is limited and many people may be turned away at the door.

## Dance Plans Nearly Final

Plans are well under way for the social events, of the Winter Carnival. The Social Committee reports that already the final plans are just about completed.

Following the basketball games on Friday night a sock dance will be held in the gymnasium. The well-known Collegians will be on hand to supply the music. Chaperones for the event will be Professor and Mrs. W. Y. Smith and Professor and Mrs. J. K. Chapman.

The final highlight of the Winter Carnival will be another sock dance on Saturday night in the Gym. As on Friday, dress will be casual sportswear. Music will be supplied by part of the Black Watch Band from Gagetown, under the able direction of Robin Roberts. During intermission the trophies for floats and sculptures and a number of other awards will be presented. Chaperones in attendance are to be Professor and Mrs. A. L. McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murray.

### LECTURES CANCELLED

UNB students are being given a holiday from lectures to encourage them to participate in this year's Winter Carnival. Dr. Colin B. Mackay, university president, has cancelled all lectures scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. However, there will be classes as usual on Friday morning.



**ROGER CATTLEY**  
... male lead



**ZORA OLDHAM**  
... supporting role



Shown are Carol Ann Brewer (left) and Dave Wilson, two members of the cast of Steve Patterson's "Vicki" the musical comedy which opens at 8.15 tonight in Memorial Hall. The show is a feature of this year's Winter Carnival and is scheduled for a total of five performances.