

ART PLANS GO FORWARD

PRECEDENTS CREATED FALL CONVOCATION

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Thursday was a day for creating precedents at U.N.B.

For the first time a convocation was held in the Lady Beaverbrook Rink, for the first time the new university crest was prominently displayed. Most important of all, however, the occasion was marked by announcement of the plans for Fredericton's art gallery. This announcement concluded a varied programme, presided over by the Chief Justice Hon. J. B. McNair. During it, 24 students—many of them teachers who have attended summer schools here—were given degrees in course, and President Mackay made several commentaries on the present university Senate, introducing a distinguished appointee, Mr. K. C. Irving, of Saint John, who replaces the late Hon. C. D. Richards, and noting that the Chief Justice, Dr. J. B. McNair, is to return to an active part in the deliberations of the Senate as an alumni representative.

Seldom have so many fields of Canadian life been represented at a gathering of this university. Honorary degrees were conferred upon one of Canada's foremost soldiers, Major-General John Meredith Rockingham, whose latest position is that of commander of the 1st Infantry Division; upon Hugh Mackay, one of New Brunswick's most distinguished financiers, politicians, and fosterers of education, formerly leader of the province's Progressive Conservative party; and upon Dr. William George Constable, world authority on art, at present curator of paintings at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. It was Dr. Constable who, in the main convocation address, discussed the projected art gallery to be built here by Lord Beaverbrook on the river bank across from the Legislative buildings.

Dr. Constable's praises were high, both of the paintings chosen by Lord Beaverbrook and of the proposed building itself, which he described as welcoming, intimate and dignified of interior, ideally located as regards setting and convenience.

The actual paintings are of course Dr. Constable's specific

interest. They are primarily of the English school, illustrative of several periods beginning with the eighteenth century. Gainsborough and Reynolds, famous rival portraitists, are admirably represented; there are works, too, by the pioneer Impressionist, Turner, romantic and imaginative; by Constable, "the Father of Modern Landscape Painting"; by moderns. Canadian art is appropriately evident, with examples Conder, Spencer, Nash and Smith by F. H. Varley and Homer Watson. Then, too, of particular interest to Lord Beaverbrook, are Graham Sutherland's masterly portrait of him, and a number of singular studies for Sutherland's controversial painting of Sir Winston Churchill; and a picture by Sir Winston himself of His Lordship's house in the Alps Maritimes of France.

These works, and those which will be added to the nucleus later, are among what Dr. Constable calls those "intangibles . . . that gives a community its chance to survive." Fredericton is notably honoured in being chosen at the site for such a repository of internationally valued art.

Fall Production Rehearsal Under Way

Rehearsals for "The Biggest Thief in Town" have now been under way for a week, and there is every indication that it will be one of the most enjoyable productions for several years. Director Joan Mansfield has expressed satisfaction with her cast, and optimism regarding the final production.

Arrangements have been made with the administration to produce "The Biggest Thief in Town" in Memorial Hall. It is hoped that this will give the student body a greater opportunity to see the show, and at the same time make use of the only available campus auditorium. Certain problems arise concerning the hall because of the rather limited playing area, and the fact that both stage curtains and lighting are non-existent. The possibility of a blackout curtain has been discussed, but it is hoped that some better arrangement can be made. Lighting, under John Coolen, presents a greater problem. Fortunately "The Biggest Thief" requires only general lighting, with few special effects, and it is hoped that lighting booms, now under construction, will be sufficient, if not all that is desirable.

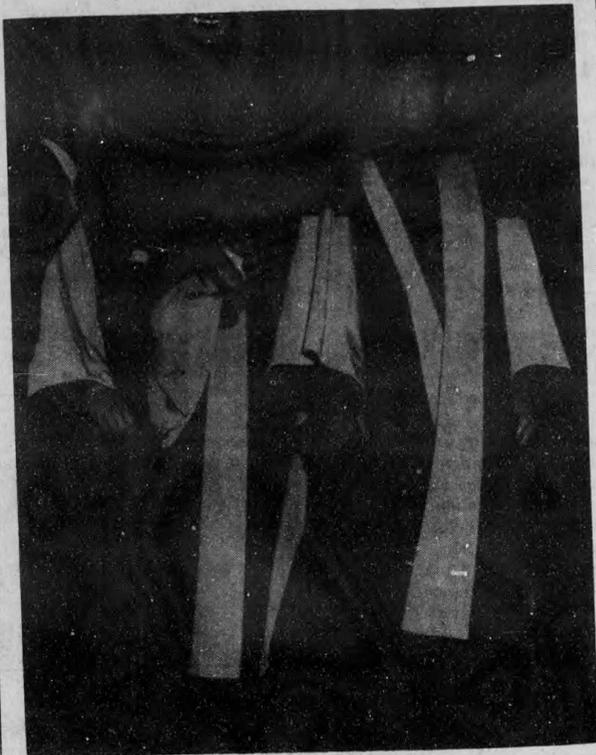
Not until a production such as this has been attempted does one realize the severe limitations of Memorial Hall, or the extreme need for a suitable auditorium on the campus. The money paid in downtown rental for an auditorium during the college year would, in a surprisingly short time pay the cost of remodelling Mem. Hall, or the construction of a small theatre.

CARNIVAL GROUP STARTS WORK

The Winter Carnival Committee has begun its organization and planning of this year's carnival. We hope this year will be even more successful than last. To make this possible we, the Winter Carnival Committee, urge the various faculties on the campus to begin immediately the planning of their floats and sculptures which they wish to display.

Appearing below is an outline of the committees concerned and their executive. As can be seen the social, queen, and sculpture committees are without chairmen. Anyone wishing to undertake one of the mentioned positions or work in one of the committees is asked to contact Bill Gray or Roberta Selig as soon as possible.

Chairman—Bill Gray
Treasurer—Phil Hooper
Secretary—Roberta Selig
Committees:
Tickets—Ted Boswell, Dawn Bell
Publicity—Jack Ellison, Jim McLoed
Accommodations—Pat Millar, Janet McNair
Prizes—Jim Bruce, Ted Jack
Parade—Phil Bird
Athletics—Jim Milligan



Major General J. M. Rockingham is presented with his honorary Doctor of Laws by Lord Beaverbrook. D. Colin B. Mackay holds the diploma in his hand.

Treasure Van opens at 2.00 p. m.

The WUSC Treasure Van, which arrived in Fredericton on Sunday, opens in the Ballroom of the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel at 2.30. It will remain in town for three days during which it will be open from 2.00 p.m. until ten o'clock in the evening.

This year the exhibit and sale has handicrafts from such countries as Mexico and Malaya, Jordan and Japan, in addition to Greece and Canada.

The Treasure Van has two worth while purposes, it provides a market for goods which might not otherwise leave the country in which they were made, and it provides much needed funds for the WUSC Programme of action and helps finance the annual summer seminar.

TORONTO BACK IN NFCUS

The University of Toronto is to apply for re-entry into NFCUS. The Students Administrative council voted that the University should rejoin by the large majority of 17-3. The expected decision came after a report on the National Conference by the three observers. They said that they were more successful than they dared hope.

Under the revised system of fees and voting Toronto will have five votes in the National Assembly, and pay about fifteen hundred dollars less to the national organization.

Convocation Citations . . .

The citation of Major-General Rockingham stated that, in awarding the honorary degree, the University was paying a symbolic tribute to the Canadian Army as well as a personal tribute to one of the country's most distinguished soldiers.

Mr. Mackay was lauded as "a man long prominent in the financial, political and educational life of New Brunswick and a member of the Senate of the university".

In the award to Dr. Constable, the university paid tribute to a critic, scholar and historian of art who is known throughout the civilized world as an outstanding authority in his field.

This convocation had a special attraction which added greatly to its colour. The University Band, composed of twenty-one musicians led by their conductor A. F. Trythall, performed admirably.

Preliminary Budget Coming

The third meeting of the SRC which takes place tomorrow in the Student Centre, is the preliminary budget meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize the students with the proposed budget to give them an opportunity to obtain any further information concerning the budget.

Before the meeting the SRC treasurer has collected all the budgets, added them up and compared the total with that of the SRC's capital.



Lord Beaverbrook congratulates Doctor Constable after he is presented with his honorary degree. In the background is H. J. Flemming, the premier of the Province of New Brunswick.