

International Tournament For Debaters Starts Friday

On February 4 and 5, the UNB Debating Society will be sponsoring an International Parliamentary Debating Tournament, the first of its kind to be staged in the Maritimes. This is planned to become an annual event. It is hoped to be on a par with such major competitions as those of Harvard and McGill. The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the Honourable J. B. McNair, has donated a trophy to be held for one year by the university whose representatives win the competition. For the members of the championship team there will be individual awards.

Participants in this year's event will be from Osgoode Hall (Toronto); Ricker College (Houlton, Me.); McGill, MacDonald College, and Sir George Williams (Montreal); King's College and St. Mary's (Halifax); Acadia (Wolfville); and St. Thomas and UNB.

The topic for debate is the proposition: **Resolved that the Student Protest Movement is**

Parliamentary debating is far more colourful than the formal inter-collegiate rules employed in Atlantic Inter-collegiate Debating League contests. Its most interesting features are points of privilege and order, provision for heckling, and Parliamentary background. The proposer of the motion is referred to as the Prime Minister, his colleague as the Honourable Member of the Government. The main negative spokesman is the Leader of the Opposition, his comrade, the Honourable Member of the Opposition. The only official rebuttal belongs to the Prime Minister: the Leader of the Opposition must incorporate his rebuttal into his main speech.

Outside the Limits of the Student's Role in Society. Each team is required to prepare both sides of the resolution because each will alternate between affirmative and negative in succeeding rounds.

Three preliminary rounds will be run off prior to the championship match. These preliminaries will be held on Friday 4, from 7:00-8:30, on Saturday morning from 10:00-11:30, and Saturday afternoon from 1:30-3:00. The two entries with the best records will advance to the Championship, to begin at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Preliminary contests will be staged in Carleton Hall, while the Championship Round will take place in McConnell Hall.

The Judge of the debate also acts as Chairman, while his advisor acts in the dual capacity of Clerk and Timekeeper. Judges for the preliminary rounds will mostly be members of the Faculty at UNB, while among the Judges for the Championship will be Dr. Colin B. Mackay, and Monseigneur Duffie.

Visiting teams will stay at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, where there will be a reception for them on Friday afternoon. Arrangements for the entertainment of guests are being made in conjunction with the Winter Carnival Committee. The debate schedule has been drawn up in co-ordination with the Winter Carnival program so as to permit visiting debaters to take in the Brothers Four, The Villagers and the Womenfolk. On Saturday evening, a banquet will be held in McConnell Hall at which the formal presentation of the McNair Trophy will be made by the Lieutenant-Governor.

It is hoped that the scope of the event will be enlarged in future years when the tournament is established more solidly. Sponsorship of this tournament is only one of many activities of the UNB Debating Society. UNB Debaters participate in the A. I.O.L., enter the McGill Tournament; and sponsor Inter Residence and Intra-Club competitions.

council met at a closed meeting and decided to advise students to pay on the 21st as the administration had demanded. However, council announced that its own members would continue to hold out.

Williamson said "we may not hold out until next Thursday (Jan. 27). That depends on the attitude of the administration."

"I want to make it clear that it is not fear that has forced a change. We honestly think we have made our point about fees and it is not worth going further."

"We did not want to put any students in jeopardy," he said.

"We felt it would be unfair to hold them to their pledges (to withhold) and thus risk the loss of their academic year."

Over 1500 students had signed pledge cards to withhold the \$56 after a referendum last November showed 85 per cent in favor of the plan.

The council promised the

Drama Spring Successful

When for its Fall production this year the Drama Society chose to present four modern one act plays of importance in contemporary theatre it indicated that it had ceased to pander to the taste of those whose sole requirement from any theatre is unimportant comedy. The plays were a success.

The choice of Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman", which was presented at the playhouse during the week, indicates the same type of attitude to the theatre which had been displayed in the Fall. The Society certainly did not lack self confidence in making this selection although I do admit that I thought that this choice might just be going a little too far for an amateur society. But I was wrong.

The play is a play of our times. Willie Loman, an unsuccessful salesman cannot complete his last sales trip, loses his job and begins his last journey to death. He is a fake but has lived the part so well that he confuses it with reality. Linda his wife, aged and long-suffering protecting Willie from himself knowing his deceits but covering up for them lives white-haired and tired for her husband and their two sons Biff and Happy. Biff, who left home and the possibility of a successful future when he discovered his father in a hotel room with a woman, despises his father from that day and the adoration which he had for him once, has soured his life. Happy is a loser, a useless pleasure monger who is allowing himself to become another Willie Loman wandering around seeing no further than the curves of sensuous women.

They are all caught in an almost inevitable web from which only Biff allows us the hope that he can scramble to safety because he finally realizes what he really is, something which none of the others could do.

From the moment that Willie Loman, played by David Attis, lurches his way into our attention and staggers into his home to begin the drama to the time when Linda his wife, played by Kate Lewis, cries "We're free" the play bounds along from climax to climax never allowing our attention to falter.

The credit for this much go to the actors who gave the best performance I have yet seen at U.N.B. We despised, pitied, hated almost cursed Willie Loman and around his broad frame the rest of the cast played magnificently.

Scenes merge into scenes. We race to the past and just as quickly back into the present. This work was a credit to the director and producer and of course the set designer. The four main characters Willie, Linda, Biff (Stephen Finch) and Happy (Myron Mitton) excelled themselves. They were supported in all they did by the rest of the cast.

Willie and Biff were particularly good in that the changes in emotion between two people, who once loved one another deeply and could never forget that love and now despised one another, were difficult to portray and yet I think everyone in the theatre realised the terrible conflicts. Willie slowly slid into madness and we watched each unfortunate and unavoidable step he took, as did Linda and we pitied him with her. Happy always on the intellectual fringe moved suavely from home troubles to the arms of any convenient woman.

The drama society has presented us with theatre of which we should be proud not alone because of the choice of play but more so because of the manner in which they have met the not inconsiderable challenge which a playwright of Miller's stature must be to any amateur group. They have done well and Sophocles is unchained.

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STU Joins UNB Program

The St. Thomas committee of the Canadian Union of Students will join the UNB committee in the annual high school visitation program.

The program was initiated last year by the UNB CUS committee. Under the program, students from UNB and STU will travel to major high schools in the province, expounding on the virtues

and problems of university life. The main purpose of the program is to encourage high-school students to go on to a university or some other form of post-secondary education.

Details on the program are available from the UNB Students Representative Council, or, at St. Thomas, from Donald Shea.

Co-Ed Week VICTORIA COUNCIL GIVES UP

Coed Week, an annual money-raising event held by the Ladies' Society, brought in over \$200 this year.

Publicity convenor Sheila Limenick reported that the proceeds from all of the Coed week events which were advertised as scholarship-fund-raising ventures will become part of the scholarship fund. The Ladies' Society uses this money, as well as some of its other funds, to provide an annual scholarship of "over \$100" for a coed, as stated in the university calendar. In the past two years the scholarship has been \$200.

The Campus King contest was the most profitable event, while the Saturday-night dance, the movie, and an auction of precious goods such as a favourite professor's gravy stained tie all raised the total.

Co-ed week provided some successful social events, and gave the girls a chance to show their ingenuity in entertaining their dates. "Novelty date night" showed a favourable response. One coed reported a highly successful candlelight dinner in the STU-TC tunnel, while another escorted her date to the Forest Hill cemetery, where they toasted poet Bliss Carman, over his grave, at midnight.

VICTORIA (CUP) — The student council at the University of Victoria has advised its students to pay their fees in full immediately, rather than waiting until Jan. 27.

Council President Paul Williamson, in an emergency "speakeasy" meeting Jan. 20, said the change was made because "we are no longer sure students can hold out on payment without having their registration cancelled".

The council originally asked students to withhold \$56 each until next year's fees were announced, then switched the date to Jan. 27 when the provincial legislature convenes.

On Jan. 18 the bursar of the university sent letters to all students who had not paid their fees in full stating that if students did not pay by Jan. 21 the registrar would be informed and regulations enforced.

They announced that 689 students were owing \$56 each. The next night the students'

students withholding fees that no student would have to pay the \$10 late fee. This means the council must raise almost \$7,000 to pay the fines.

Students End Strike

MONTREAL (CUP) — About 27,000 technical and trade school students returned to their classes Jan. 24, suspending until March 31 a decision on whether the strike will be resumed.

The executive of the Federation of Technical and Trade School students met in Quebec City Jan. 22 and voted to accept the Quebec government's offer to set up a special four-man committee to study the student's grievances.

The strike was called by the student federation Jan. 17 to protest the arbitrary extension of the school term

to June 23, which would decrease the summer earnings of students.

The government committee is expected to make progress reports every 15 days, and will make a report before the end of March on the implications of a longer school year, the financing of education and complaints of the students.

Michel Cardinal, publicity director for the striking students' federation, called the results a victory for student syndicalism. He said the LeSage government was forced to respect the demands of the striking students, realizing the serious intent of the demonstrators.

CARNIVAL TICKETS

This year's Winter Carnival committee has announced that a record 2800 tickets had been sold by Monday night. The previous record was the sell-out of 2500 when the New Christie Minstrels performed in 1964. This was also the fastest sale, at almost 1000 per day.