

Bright British debaters liven up strange debate

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It was a debate like no other debate—it sort of took the breath away from anyone who tried to understand it.

Usually, even a slightly dull-witted reporter can cover a debate and come away with at least a few quotes, an opinion and a general knowledge of the topic.

But Friday's noon debate in SUB theatre was different—or else the reporter was exceptionally dull-witted.

The topic, Resolved: That Youth is Naturally Revolting, appeared interesting.

The debaters promised to be of a high calibre.

The British team, on a centennial tour of Canada, were Colin MacKay of Glasgow University and Hannan Rose of Nuffield College, Oxford. Both are 23. The U of A team consisted of Judy Swan, president of the debating society, and her husband Ken, formerly of the Royal Military College in Kingston, where he was president of the debating society.

And then it began.

MacKay, first speaker for the affirmative, strolled towards the microphone and, hands in his pockets, peered down at the audience.

NO ORDINARY DEBATE

When he spoke of "winging across the Atlantic" and referred to rolling hills and fields of wheat and this beautiful city (Edmonton), the audience should have realized this was to be no ordinary debate.

Eventually, he did refer to the topic.

"When we say that youth is naturally revolting, we MEAN that youth is naturally revolting," said MacKay. He paused, permitting the statement to penetrate the minds of those who listened.

"We are asking ourselves this gripping question (is youth naturally revolting?)," he continued, in his magnificent British tongue. "I often asked myself this question.

"I never get an answer though.

"I don't talk to myself. I only ask myself questions," he explained.

Then, "apropos to nothing," he mentioned that his colleague, Hannan Rose, was of Irish descent. He also touched on the topics of American television commercials—complete with his own sound

effects—and North American football.

TOPIC OF YOUTH

He returned to the topic of youth rather suddenly, probably leaving a number of listeners, including the dull-witted reporter, still pondering the question of commercials.

His time up, MacKay thanked the audience and strolled back to his seat.

Swan, first speaker for the negative, said it was possible both to revolt and be revolting. "We would propose to defeat both," he said.

"Youth is not very good at revolution.

"Those who do take part (in revolutions) have to be led there or work at it. Therefore, they don't get there naturally," Swan said.

He went on to cite a number of revolutionaries such as George Washington and Mao tse Tung who were anything but young when they revolted.

LAST SPEAKER DISTURBING

Rose, second speaker for the affirmative, began, "The last speaker was obviously very disturbing for us all (in that he was concerned with the topic)."

He then took the opportunity to defend his being of Irish descent and went on to discuss the Scottish state of his colleague.

Preliminary comments dispensed with, he began debating the topic.

Speaking of indifference to revolt, Rose said if a youth is apathetic then he is naturally revolting. And "if you're an older person, you will naturally find youth revolting," he said.

He concluded that either way, the affirmative of the resolution must be accepted.

STRANGE DEBATE

It was whirlwind logic, following which Rose turned to the topic of the U of A's new SUB, saying "this magnificent building is far beyond the dreams of any students' union in Britain."

It was a strange debate.

Mrs. Swan, second speaker for the negative, debated by means of amusing stories, which somehow seemed to miss their mark.

A recent issue of Playboy, used to illustrate one of her remarks, was promptly perused by the three debaters sitting behind her.

The vote was taken following rebuttals.

The British team won.

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Campus parking resolution main issue in this year's Model Parliament

Model Parliament is back again this year, but with a difference.

This time a matter of direct student concern will be discussed.

A resolution establishing a committee to look into campus parking will be introduced. This subject was chosen to "get students aware of what we're doing" said Murray Sigler, Prime Minister of Model

Parliament.

Sigler is leader of the campus Progressive Conservatives.

The resolution, if passed, will establish a committee of four conservatives, four liberals, one social creditor and one independent member of model parliament to study the parking problem at the U of A.

Physical education building facilities left open Sundays

All facilities of the phys ed bldg. are open Sundays. Recreational skating is from 2-4 p.m.; all other activities 1-5 p.m.

The weight-training room is kept locked to prevent theft and vandalism. Keys for it and any other locked facilities are available at the locker rooms.

The ed gym is the only one closed Sunday.

There are no organized programs

in the phys ed bldg. Sunday except for intramural hockey which is played in the evening.

By tradition, the phys ed bldg. always been closed Sunday, said Mr. E. D. Zemrau, Business Manager of the University Athletic Board. This was changed last year. Even with the extended hours, there just is not enough room for all the individuals and organizations wanting to use the building, he said.

The committee's brief will be the basis of a government bill to be introduced to the second session of model parliament, in February.

The first session of model parliament will be held Nov. 23 to 25. The campus conservatives will form a minority government with 30 of the 65 seats.

The government will introduce a bill establishing a Committee of Inter-Provincial Affairs, said Sigler. The bill will deal with constitutional problems arising from interpretation of the BNA Act. Only one bill is introduced at each session of Model Parliament.

Opening ceremonies will be held Thursday 7 to 11 p.m. in Convocation Hall. Governor-General Mr. Justice O'Byrne of the Alberta Supreme Court will read the speech from the throne. Other sessions are Friday 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. Speaker of the House is Liberal MLA Mr. Bill Switzer.

At present the conservatives hold 30 seats; liberals 21; social credit 7; and independent 7. The New Democratic Party did not participate in this year's election.

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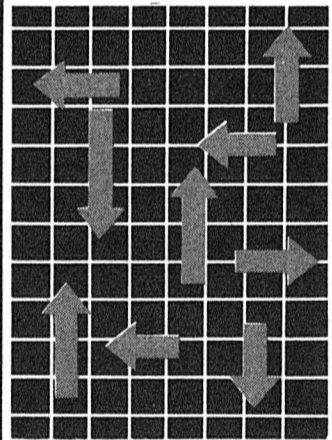
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