

Sodales beat Princeton & Columbia

by Stephen Campbell

Sodales — the Dalhousie Debating Society has just had two teams return from an invitational debating tournament at McGill University in Montreal. This tournament brings the best of the debating schools together from eastern Canada and the northeastern United States. The competition at McGill is considered to be the North American Parliamentary Debating Championships.

The two teams from Dalhousie, consisting of Fred Schmidt, Glenn McCurdy, Donald Sword and Collin Sword, met and defeated teams from such

universities as Princeton University, New Jersey and Columbia University from New York. Unfortunately, because of some close scoring with teams from Colgate and the University of Chicago Dalhousie was eliminated from the final competition.

Despite the preparation necessary for these debates, Sodales has also been busy preparing for, and organizing an "Atlantic Provinces Tournament" for the universities of the region. This tournament will be taking place on March 15 and 16. The

opening debate on Friday evening will feature teams from University of King's College and St. Lucy's Debating Society from Acadia University. The competition debating will occupy all day Saturday with the Final debate late that afternoon. The main

theme of the tournament will be centred around International Woman's Year, and some of the things that it stands for. The debates are open to the public and details of times and places of debates will be available at the Information Desk in the S.U.B.

Concordia U in an uproar

MONTREAL (CUP) -- The Department of Sociology-Anthropology at the Sir George Williams campus of

Concordia University is in a state of uproar.

Students want the Chairman fired and faculty are

openly criticizing the Chairman for over-ruling decisions made by faculty committees. Both groups

seem to favour a restructuring of the department.

The Dean of Arts has set up a three-man inquiry to find out what went wrong and how to correct the problem.

The anthropology-sociology students' course union says that strategic non-renewal of contracts, intimidation tactics and undemocratic decision-making are destroying the department.

"Stagnation, deterioration and self-destruction -- based on the events of the past few years, one might think that this is the department's program," reads a statement from the course union.

The course union wants the Chairman fired as a beginning, but they concede that the problem "is not simply a matter of personalities, but is rooted in the very structure of the department, namely, the lack of an explicit and democratically formulated point of reference in the form of a constitution."

Faculty discontent came to a head after the Chairman placed an advertisement in an academic periodical to fill a vacancy which the faculty had already filled.

In November the faculty committee had voted to fill a vacant position with a lecturer already in the department. In February the position was advertised in "University Affairs" as being open.

Department Chairman Dr. Joseph Mouldeux inserted the ad with the approval of the college dean because he thought it would encourage "healthy competition."

Dean of Arts Ian Campbell, who admits to having authorized the ad, claimed that advertising vacant positions was standard procedure. When asked why it was that the faculty and students in the department were unaware of these procedures he said that "such policies don't always percolate down to the last members of the faculty".

Campbell refused comment on the three-man inquiry on the grounds it involved "internal matters of the Department".

The members of the committee are all academic administrators. They are expected to report to the Dean within a few weeks.

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