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FERGUSON ADDRESSES CAPACITY AUDIENCE IN MEMORIAL HALL

Stresses Role of Free Press In a Free Society

The Editor of the "Montreal Daily Star", Mr. George V. Ferguson, addressed a capacity audience in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Ferguson's address on "The Role of the Newspaper in a Free Society", was the fourth in the series of lectures being given this year at the University of New Brunswick to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the granting of its charter.

Dr. A. W. Trueman, President of the University of New Brunswick spoke, in his introductory remarks of the speaker's journalistic career which included service with the "London Times" and with the "Winnipeg Free Press" finally resulting with the position of editor for the "Montreal Daily Star". Mr. Ferguson is also a well known C.B.C. commentator and was connected with the United Nations' Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press.

In his most interesting and scholarly address, Mr. Ferguson stressed the role of the free press in the larger freedom of information which, he thought, characterises democracy. He told the large gathering of students, faculty members and members of the general public that the "Freedom of Information has been rightly described . . . as the keystone of all freedoms".

He then went on to trace the birth and growth of the great modern newspaper and its struggles for freedom of expression. In assessing the value of the newspaper today, Mr. Ferguson suggested that its power to sway the public from the truth was greatly over-estimated but that at the same time its part in the whole informational process was a vital one. He remarked that for the press "to serve properly, it must exist inside a general frame work of freedom", and spoke of the lack of freedom of information when the press becomes a state monopoly, citing the complete state monopolies of Hitler and Stalin.

Although Mr. Ferguson admitted that the present day newspapers are open to criticism he thought that there was among the reputable papers in Canada today a striving after objectivity in an unprecedented manner. He replied to other criticisms by referring to the recent British Royal Commission on the Press.

In closing Mr. Ferguson remarked that in the main public opinion is swayed by the educated minority and although the press must take its share of the "blame" the University student must also accept his responsibility.

These addresses, given by eminent men representing the various fields of study, are intended to show how academic studies carried out on the campus play an essential role in the business and professional life of the province.

From Dr. Trueman

" . . . the University of New Brunswick claims as its purpose to further the aims of true scholarship, to enrich the mind and fortify the spirit of everyone who climbs the hill, to equip young men and women with the tools for successful living in a world of scientific miracle, and to do all for the glory of God and in grateful memory of those who with faith and vision plotted our course a century and a half ago."

—From Dr. A. W. Trueman's Introduction to Dr. R. C. Wallace, Founder's Day, February 13, 1950.

Treasurer to Introduce Motion

Treasurer Ron Stevenson will introduce a motion at tomorrow night's weekly meeting which would amend the present S.R.C. Constitution. Stevenson's amendment calls for the holding annually of all S.R.C. elections, class elections and A.A.A. elections on the last Wednesday of February. Under the new plan, the Chairman of the NFCUS Committee for the Campus will be elected. A new setup for preferential voting and the forming of a new Intermediate Class to consist of the Fourth Year Engineers and Foresters will become effective if the amendments are passed. The Fifth Year students of these faculties will be members of the Senior Class. Stevenson also calls for closer supervision of the polls and for more publicity for election notices.

Acclamations For New Council Reps.

Leonard H. Lockhart and Norman H. Kelly have been elected as S. R. C. representatives of the Freshman and Sophomore classes respectively. Since the applications of these two were the only ones turned in at the S.R.C. office by the deadline, Tuesday, Feb. 14th they have been chosen by acclamation.

Lockhart, a forester, who hails from Moncton, will occupy the position vacated by John Glass. He has worked on the photo staff of the Brunswickan, and since early in the fall term has been C.U.P. Editor.

Kelly, also from Moncton, is a science student, and takes the place of David Higgs who resigned a short time ago.



DR. R. C. COLWELL

West Virginia Physicist Next Speaker

A distinguished U.N.B. graduate, Dr. R. C. Colwell, will represent the faculties of engineering in the continuing series of 150th anniversary celebrations next week.

Dr. Colwell, head of the physics department at West Virginia University, will address the student body on Monday, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m. and the general public on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8.30 p.m. Both events will be held in the Memorial Hall. The subjects will be "Radio Waves and Television", and "Radar and Its Applications".

This will be the first occasion for a local alumnus to be the featured speaker in the celebrations commemorating the 150th anniversary of the granting of the charter to U.N.B. Dr. Colwell received his B.A. here in 1904 and his M.A. in 1909. He went to Harvard, and later Princeton, from which he got his Ph.D. in 1918.

Although remaining in the fields of physics and mathematics Dr. Colwell's work has been concerned mainly with electronics and its applications. During the first world war he was director of the Radio Laboratory for the Armed Forces in West Virginia and he served there in the recent conflict as director of the Physics Laboratory. He is particularly expert on problems of radio, radar and television and their applications to military and civil needs.

Hay to Resign, Warner New Editor

Ralph Hay, Editor-in-Chief of The Brunswickan for thirteen months, will resign his position at Wednesday night's S. R. C. meeting.

Alfred Warner, Associate Editor, will be recommended by Hay as Editor for the remainder of the college year.

Terry Kelly, Sports Editor, is the Acting Editor of this issue of The Brunswickan.

Editor Hay has spent 3½ years on the Brunswickan Staff including the following positions: News Reporter, Alexander Editor, Assistant News Editor, News Editor, Co-columnist—"Food For Thought", and Editor-in-Chief.

The incoming Editor, Al Warner, has served on the Brunswickan staff as News Editor and Associate Editor. On approval of the S.R.C., Warner will assume the editorship with next week's Brunswickan for the remainder of the College year.

Producing two pages of sports for the last six months, Terry Kelly is the Acting Editor for this issue. A former sports reporter and co-columnist with Jim MacAdam (Scotch and Soda), Kelly will continue as Sports Editor.

GIBSON ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ARBORETUM

Work To Begin In The Spring

An arboretum, a place set apart for the cultivation of different trees and shrubs for scientific or educational purposes, will eventually become a reality at U.N.B., Dr. J. M. Gibson announced this week. Plans have been laid to start work on the project this spring.

Engineers' Formal Is Big Success

Engineering week was climaxed on Friday by a formal in the Loyalist Room of the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Interesting side-lights in the way of displays by New Brunswick Telephone Company, CFNB, and the local Army detachments along with cartoons drawn for the occasion by Nick MacDonaid helped to make the dance a success. About 100 couples attended the dance to the music of the Critterions.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mowry won the spot dance and the door prize was carried off by Don Taylor and Andrea Doucette.

U.N.B. TO DEBATE MAINE ON REDS

The Debating team from the University of Maine, under Assistant Debating Coach Samuel V. O. Prichard Jr., will invade the campus on Friday, February 24th. The debate will be held in the Geology Lecture Room in the Forestry Building at 7.45 p.m. U.N.B. will uphold the negative of the resolution that "the Communist Party should be outlawed in the United States and Canada". John Hildebrand and George (Buzz) Kerr will compete for U.N.B. University of Maine debating teams are of the highest calibre and have successfully debated against Oxford University debaters. This should be one of the most severe tests which the Hillmen will meet this year. Refreshments will be served following the contest and everyone is invited to come and support the home team.

At the conclusion of the debate a general discussion will be held. The public is invited to question the debaters and expressions of opinion will be welcomed.

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In keeping with its emphasis on human rights, the S.C.M. Open House on Sunday, Feb. 26, will feature a student panel on the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. The panel will discuss the historical background of human rights—how the conception of them evolved as different thought-patterns added their contribution, the urgency and need for protection of our rights as human beings—as urgency and need amply illustrated by the atrocities committed during the actual drafting of the Declaration and, finally, an evaluation of the document. The panel will be composed of students now taking part in the study group on the U.N. Commission of Human Rights. If you are interested in attending any or all sessions of this exciting study group, direct your steps toward the U.N.B. Art Observatory on Monday nights at 7.30 P.M. or contact Bob Cadman, Residence, Room 213.

The Open House starts as always at 8.30 P.M. in the Community "Y". We'll see you there.

The senate has already approved the use of a twelve and a half acre lot which is situated a quarter of a mile to the north of the campus.

Dr. Gibson said that most of the trees would be planted in seed form and as a result it would be many years before the arboretum would be of practical use.

The arboretum will be a valuable asset to the faculty of Forestry as well as being an object of interest to sight seers.

TORIES HOLD PARLEY, GRITS ABSENT

The first Model Parliament sponsored by the newly formed political club on the campus was held in "O" hut on Friday, Feb. 10th. The political parties represented were the Progressive Conservative (the government) led by Alfie Brooks and the C.C.F. (opposition) led by Arthur Parks. The Liberal party was not represented, which caused people to assume things. (1) That the party had been eliminated or (2) that political fervor was lacking.

The debate was both heated and interesting, the subject being a bill to establish a Crown Construction Corporation in the province which the opposition wished to amend. The visitors' gallery on being asked to vote on the delivery of the debate voted for the opposition, (3 people that is) giving it the debate by one vote.

To sum up, it was a good show, let us hope that all the other sessions are as successful both in interest and political "know how". The next session will be held, by the way, a week from this Monday, Feb. 27th. How about a large attendance?

Applications Wanted For Beaverbrook Scholarships

The Selection Committee of the Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarships has announced that applications are now being received for the 1950 Scholarships. These postgraduate scholarships enable graduates of this University to continue study at the University of London for a period of one year providing for travelling expenses, tuition, normal living expenses, and also travel within the United Kingdom during holiday periods. Applications may be considered from both married and single men and from women, but no provision is made for the families of married men.

The winners of the 1949 Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarships were Elizabeth W. Brewster, Fredericton; Douglas E. Ryan, Fredericton; Benjamin Goldberg, Saint John; William P. Ryan, Saint John; Captain Reav M. Black, Sussex; Dorothy A. P. Walters, London, Ont.; Donald R. Fonger, Winnipeg; and Hugh A. Peacock, Saint John.

Information and official application forms may be obtained from Mr. J. C. Murray, Secretary, Selection Committee, Beaverbrook Overseas Scholarships, University of New Brunswick.

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