

## FROSH "MORTALITY" HIGH

By Peter Kent and Dave Crowther

The general consensus of opinion among the faculty is that this year's Freshman class did not prepare themselves adequately for the Christmas exams.

In an interview with professors of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Classics, English, Geology, German, History, Mathematics, Physics, and the Romance Languages, the reasons for some of the high failure rates were given.

Speaking of his History 100 course, Dr. J. K. Chapman said, "Many students failed to apply themselves to the course and some are definitely not college material." Dr. Chapman said that his class had a 50 per cent failure rate, but that there were some very good papers written as well as some very bad ones.

Professor Allan Donaldson of the English department stressed a similar point for the English 100 exams. He said that there were a large number of first divisions and second divisions and a large number of failures, but very few third divisions.

### Illiteracy Blamed

Professor Donaldson said this would indicate that the reason for the 63 or 64 per cent failure rate in English did not lie in the exam itself, as many students were able to get high marks.

He laid the blame for the high failure rate on an under-par Freshman class, saying that there was a high degree of illiteracy in the papers.

He suggested that possibly the fault lay in the occurrence of more extra-curricular activities in the first term than in previous years.

Dr. R. L. Rosenberg, head of the Mathematics department said that, on marks alone, 70 per-cent of the Freshman class failed Mathematics 100.

However, he stressed the fact that he feels the students will do better in May, stating that the Freshmen never really settles down to work until the second term.

### Not College Material

Speaking of Chemistry 110, Dr. A. P. Stuart indicated that 12 per cent received "A's", 22 per cent "B's", 11 per cent "C's" and 55 per cent failed. He said that a lot of the Freshmen just don't do any work, and that very few attend the tutorials. He also says that there are a lot of Freshmen who are not college material.

Professor C. D. Herisson found in his Freshman French papers that there was a gap between the good and the poor students, although only 30 per cent failed French.

He said that Freshman French is very elementary and can be done mechanically, so there is little reason for failure in this course.

### Lack of Attention

Professor Alvin Shaw said that the standards in Spanish 100 and 110 are down from last year. He attributes this partly to the lack of personal attention/available in the large classes.

The Geology 100 papers were not up to university standards either, according to Dr. G. S. MacKenzie. Seventy per cent of the class passed at Christmas, but he believed that those who passed could have prepared themselves better and acquired better marks.

### Some Exams Adequate

Dr. C. W. Argue of the Biology department, Dr. M. E. Milham of the Classics department, Dr. Harold Lusher of the German department, and Professor Allan Boone of the Physics department felt that their papers were written adequately, and that the pass rate was similar to previous years.

Dr. Milham said that the exams in the Classics department were particularly well written.

### RETIRING OFFICER HONOURED



Retiring commanding officer, Major R. J. Love, is shown receiving a gift from O/C R. L. DeWitt. Also present is the corps new commanding officer Major D. R. Galloway.

### Cadet Corps Presents Major R. J. Love With Gift

Members of the COTC, past and present, recently gathered at the N.B. Area Headquarters Officer's Mess to honour their retiring commanding officer Major R. J. Love ED. At the smoker, the mess president, O/C R. L. DeWitt, presented him with a set of engraved decanters.

Major Love retired last month as the commanding officer of the U.N.B. COTC contingent after twelve years of service. He has been connected with the army for

some thirty years, first joining the Fredericton High School Cadet Corps, and then serving in World War II, retiring with the rank of Major.

The new C.O. is Major D. R. Galloway M.C., professor of English here at the University. Major Galloway received his officer's training at Cambridge University in England, and served with the British Army in the Mediterranean area from 1941-1946. Major Galloway had been adjutant since 1956.

### PANEL TO DISCUSS HEALTH INSURANCE

The widely anticipated panel discussion of National Health Insurance is scheduled for tonight at 7.30 p.m. in the Upstairs Lounge of the Student Centre.

Featured as panelists are four eminent authorities in the field: Dr. C. W. Kelly, planner of the present New Brunswick hospital scheme; Mr. R. H. Stocker, Admin-

istrator, Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton; Professor W. Y. Smith, head of UNB's Economics department; and Dr. A. F. VanWart, president, Canadian Medical Association.

The panel is sponsored by the Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Club. Chairman for the event will be Dave Petrie.

### Tunis Accepts Position With McGill Grad. Society

Albert A. Tunis, formerly U.N.B.'s Director of Public Relations, left Fredericton Sunday to take over his new position as Director of Public Relations for the Graduate Society of McGill University.

A familiar and popular member of the University Administration body, Mr. Tunis had previously occupied positions on the McGill Daily, the Montreal Gazette, and the Daily Gleaner before arriving at U.N.B.

Mr. Tunis contributed his services as Faculty Advisor to the Brunswickian during his stay here. With regard to his association with U.N.B.'s college paper, he stated:

"It has been a very great pleasure for me to be on the masthead of the Brunswickian during my years here, and I think the Brunswickian a lively student paper. I wish it the very best in the future."

Mr. Tunis' family plan to join his later in Montreal. He was in charge of Public Relations at U.N.B. for five years.



A. A. TUNIS

### GREGG TO SPEAK TO ARTS SOCIETY

The Honourable Dr. Milton Gregg will address the next meeting of the Arts Society on January 15.

The meeting will be held in the New Lounge of the Student Centre, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

#### Former President of UNB

Dr. Gregg, a former president of UNB and federal cabinet minister, has just returned to Canada from Bagdad, Iraq, where he was with the United Nations' Technical Assistance Scheme.

Dr. and Mrs. Gregg were in Iraq at the time of the revolution last summer, and had a first hand view of the uprising.

#### Questions Discussed

On Thursday evening, Dr. Gregg will answer questions on the Iraqi revolution and give his impressions of it.

Dr. Gregg's talk will be preceded by a brief business meeting. President Carl Wallace will call for reports from the Arts Week and Winter Carnival committees, along with other items of business.

### Drama - Carnival Clash Resolved

The Drama-Winter Carnival clash has been resolved, as the Drama Society no longer plans to show "The Moon Is Blue" in early February. Because there are insufficient entries in the New Brunswick Regional Drama Festival this year, there will be no preliminary adjudication.

This change eliminates the necessity of presenting the show already

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### Just Passing Through?



In view of recent developments, some freshmen have decided upon an extended leave of absence. The nature of their trip was not disclosed. It is suspected, however, that the gentleman above has postponed the seeking of knowledge until a later date.

### GALA PLANS COMPLETED FOR CARNIVAL WEEKEND

By Marg McLelland

February 5 to 7 are the big dates for '59's Winter Carnival, a gala weekend of sports, dances, parades, and general revelry. Traditional ideas mixed with improved features are to be highlighted in this year's festivities.

The success of last year's production of "Around The World In 80 Minutes" has led to another extravaganza by Steve Patterson. We mean, of course, "Vicki".

Producer Jerry Scarfe promises an even greater degree of polish in this year's production. Although many people have already shown interest, there are still positions unfilled in all phases of the production. Anyone interested may contact Jerry Scarfe, Phone number 1-2450, or Steve Patterson, at 5-6786.

#### Opening Spectacular

The Winter Carnival Committee feels enthusiastic that this year's revamped edition of Opening Night will be the most spectacular in the four-year history of the Winter Carnival. In an effort to have the chosen queen of the carnival preside over all events, she will be crowned on the first evening.

The Committee expects to double the size of the fireworks display and the torchlight parade will have several innovations as well. Approximately 200 torches will be carried through the downtown section to the gym, where the queen will be crowned.

#### Prizes Offered

A fifty dollar prize will be awarded to the float best representative of its faculty in the float parade. A new system of judging floats will be used. Points will be allocated as follows: Originality, 20 points; finesse, 20; colour, 20; additional features such as mechanical movement and humour, 20.

Competition among the four residences should be keen, with a trophy presented to the best residence entry in the parade. There are tentative plans for a float entry from Mount Allison.

#### Bigger Sculptures

As for snow sculptures, they should be bigger and better than ever this year. The new point system will also be used in judging the best snow sculpture. Points will be awarded as follows: Originality, 20; detail, 20; finish, 20; general appeal, 20; size, 20. A trophy will be presented to the best residence snow sculpture.



By GARY SAUNDERS and FRED McDOUGALL  
GROWING PAINS

Last term, while grumbling about the "ill-informedness" of the public in general, we nevertheless noted in passing that there has been in late years a trend toward the promotion of better understanding. One instrument in that promotion is "The New York State Conservationist", official organ of the New York State Conservation Department, and the following is an excerpt from an article in the October-November ('58) issue. Although one statement applies chiefly to the American forestry scene (ie; manner of employment), we feel there is meat in it for the Canadian citizen also:

"Today a lawyer or a doctor commands respect in the community simply by reason of acceptance in his chosen profession. But it was not always thus. Professions accepted with respect today were once looked upon with doubt, lack of confidence, misunderstanding; even fear.

"Yes, there were growing pains in the professions that are so widely accepted and respected today. So it's not surprising that forestry—a comparatively new science and profession—has suffered these same growing pains. It is difficult to say how long it will take before full public acceptance is obtained, but it is encouraging to note that the profession of forestry has made significant advances during the past half century. Whereas fifty years ago nearly all foresters were employed by the Federal government, today we find them all represented in private industry as well as in state, county and city governments.

"Perhaps the greatest factor working against the forester is time. Whereas a dentist can calm an aching tooth in a matter of hours, a physician can reduce a severe infection within a few days, it takes the forester and nature a generation or more to heal the wounds found in a poorly managed forest stand. In comparison with the time required for replacing other natural resources, however, that required by the forester is but a fleeting moment. For instance, our scientists tell us that it took millions of years and a series of accidental natural phenomena to produce our coal, oil, natural gas, copper, other minerals and soil. While it is true that industry is developing excellent substitutes, man at this time does not have the know-how to replace most of these precious inheritances. Timber, too, is a precious substance, but the difference is that the forester, if given the opportunity and time, does have the know-how to bring it through to maturity and harvest."

**ACTIVE SOCIAL SEASON PLANNED**

The pattern of many winter and spring events was plotted last term. The brief sketch of coming events includes some, but not all, of this term's activities. It would be advisable to check this list picking a date for future events.

- Jones Formal, Friday, January 16th.
- Wassail, Saturday, January 17th.
- Engineering Formal, Friday, January 23rd.
- Winter Carnival, February 5th to 7th.
- Arts Week, February 16th to 21st.
- Arts Ball, Friday, February 20th.
- Drama Society, March 7th to 10th, (View from the Bridge)
- Band & Choir Concert, March 19th.



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**A FRANTIC FIRST**

New Year's Eve occurs on December 31st — annually. Why do people celebrate New Year's Eve so intensely? No one can actually see the New Year coming in — most people are blind by midnight. This condition is acquired in various ways in different part of our native province of New Brunswick. From letters received by the Brunswickan, a few have been chosen for publication to depict some distinctive provincial activities.

Sir: I spent New Year's Eve standing under the misletoe.

I am,  
Frustrated  
Hawkshaw

Sir: Down home we celebrated New Year's by changing the calendars. We always know when to do it, becuz the cows kneel down.

B. Barnyard  
Nackawic

Sir: On New Year's Eve, we had a square dance — for the squares — the rest of us went out for a drink.

I remain,  
Recuperating  
Burnt Church

Sir: We had a very punchy New Year's Eve.

E. Yon  
Baie Ste. Anne

Sir: I curled up in front of the fire with a lively book.

Faithfully,  
Mrs. Joe Book  
Pokemouche

Sir: I spent New Year's Eve working.

Your good friend and  
mine,  
Boot Legger  
Fredericton

Sir: I can't remember!

Stew Dent  
Upsalquitch

Sir: I spent New Year's Eve practicing total abstinence.

Unsuccessful  
Beersville

Sir: We had a barbecue in our backyard.

Seven-minus-One,  
Barker's Point

Sir: We missed New Year's Eve — the clock winder died.

Whatime Izzt  
Napodogan

Sir: I had to work New Year's Eve — people always leave things to the last minute.

Faithfully,  
Sidney Stork  
Campbellton

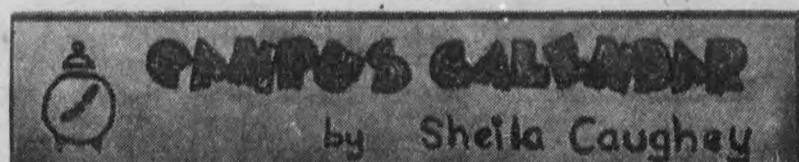
Sir: I spent New Year's Eve studying.

A. Kinsey, jr.  
Point Wolf

Shirr: I BROUGHT THE NEW YEAR IN!

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To prevent duplication of meeting times and places and to ensure a listing in THE BRUNSWICKAN, please report all campus events to SHEILA CAUGHEY, campus coordinator, at the Maggie Jean Chestnut House (Phone Granite 5-9061).

- THIS LIST COVERS TODAY THROUGH THURSDAY**
- BASKETBALL:** UNB at SRC MEETING: Oak Room, Student Centre, 7 p.m. Wednesday.
  - STUDENT WIVES:** Bridge night, Oak Room, Student Centre, 8 p.m. Tuesday.
  - PRE/MED & DENTAL CLUB:** Panel Discussion on 'National Health Insurance' (hospitalization plan), New Lounge, Student Centre, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.
  - CHORAL SOCIETY:** Art Centre, 7 p.m. Tuesday.
  - BAND PRACTICE:** Mem Hall, 7 p.m. Wednesday.
  - ARTS SOCIETY MEETING:** New Lounge, Student Centre, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.
  - IVCF:** All Purpose Room, Student Centre, 7:30 Thursday.
  - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CLUB MEETING:** Oak Room, Student Centre, 7 p.m. Thursday.

**ENGINEERS PLAN FESTIVE WEEK**

When Miss Esther Hoyt is crowned Engineering Queen at the Engineer's Ball, Friday, January 23rd., Engineering Week will be nearly over. The Ball is the highlight of the week. Engineering Society members and members of the local EIC will dance with their own queens to the music of the Black Watch Dance Band. The price is \$2.00 a couple and the place is the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

The annual Wassail Banquet, on Saturday, officially begins the week. At 6 p.m. in Kent Inn a delicious chicken dinner will be served to the lucky 120 Engineering Society members who first buy tickets.

Feature events between the dance and the banquet will be hockey and basketball games (if any Foresters will take the challenge), a social night in the Student Centre, and an evening of very interesting films and speakers.

**ON NEWS**

by Jo-Ann Carr

News is wonderful. It's what is keeping a great many radio stations and newspapers in business. That, by the way, is why G. B. Shaw advocated crime, as an employment for jailers, lawyers, hangman, etc. One could then conclude, if ones reasoning is faulty enough, that news is a crime.

Nevertheless, this mass movement towards more, and more, and more, news broadcasts is unfortunate, to say the least. Radio

stations conclude, erroneously I hope, the the public wants popular music and news broadcasts, in that order. It wouldn't be so bad if the news was good, but the chaotic mess that is world affairs, combined with all that is shocking, gory or unfortunate in local happenings results in one long and unending "horror movie".

The gossip that led housewives to their back fences has taken to the air waves, with apparent relish.

There is a difference between being well-informed and saturated.

**WUS SEMINAR**

World University Service of Canada has announced that the 1959 WUS Seminar and Study Tours will be in the newly-formed Federation of the West Indies. The theme of the Seminar is, "The West Indies in Transition: Implications of Self-Government".

Nearly one hundred students and professors from North America, the Caribbean Region, and South America are expected to participate in this project. This year's Seminar is the 10th in a series initiated by WUS of Canada in 1948. Seminars have been held in France, Germany, Holland, India, Japan, Ghana, and Yugoslavia.

Further information and application forms are available from Local WUS Chairmen, the Registrar's Office, or direct from the WJS National Office, 2 Willcocks Street, Toronto 5.

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## Western Gazette Leading Paper

WINNIPEG—The Western Gazette of the University of Western Ontario has won the Southam Trophy for the fifth time.

The award was announced here during the 21st annual conference of Canadian University Press, held Dec. 29-31.

The Southam Trophy, presented to CUP in 1948, goes "to the English-language paper achieving highest general excellence among all papers publishing twice weekly or more."

### Seven Beaten

Seven other papers, including *The Brunswickan*, competed for the trophy. The papers were judged on the basis of their first three issues after Nov. 5. The papers were not told which issues would count until after they appeared.

Other awards made during the convention included:

The Bracken Trophy, to *The McGill Daily*, for the best editorials among all CUP papers. Editors submitted their own selection of editorials in this competition.

The Jacques Bureau Trophy, to *The McMaster Silhouette*, for the best paper publishing less than twice weekly, and

Le Droit Trophy, to *Le Quartier Latin* of the University of Montreal, for the best French-language paper.

### Dull Writing

In the competition for the Southam Trophy, *The Brunswickan* was praised for the amount of material carried in the very limited space available. However, the paper was guilty of dull writing, sloppy make-up, poor headlines, a lack of feature stories and reprinting, albeit with credit, an editorial from another paper.

The judgment was handed down by L. N. Smith, managing editor, St. Catharines, Ont., *Standard*; F. W. Doyle, managing editor, Halifax, N.S., *Chronicle-Herald*, and Hugh P. Buchanan, publisher, Lethbridge, Alta., *Herald*.

## CUP To Test Full-time Prexy

WINNIPEG—The Canadian University Press is to experiment with a full-time president.

The organization, a loose federation of 22 student newspapers, made the move at its 21st annual conference here Dec. 29-31.

In the past, the president has been a full-time student and a part-time president. During the conference, a number of editors, particularly those of the bigger papers, said that the job was too demanding to be carried out well by a student. As a result, CUP's news services were suffering.

Despite the objections of many editors of smaller papers, the conference passed a motion calling for a trial run with a full-time head. The experiment will run from Sept. 1 to December 31 and will be reviewed at the next CUP convention, which is scheduled for Quebec City.

### New President

The man chosen to fill the post of president for 1959 is Doug Parkinson, former editor of *The McMaster Silhouette*. He succeeds John Gray of the University of Toronto.

While most editors agree with the principle of having a full-time paid prexy, some were against taking the step because of the cost involved. As a compromise, the bigger papers, particularly *The McGill Daily* and *The Varsity* of the University of Toronto, offered a plan whereby the president would be financed on a voluntary basis for the trial period. No paper would lose CUP's services by not contributing beyond the present annual membership fee of \$20.

In addition, CUP, will in future have the free use of office facilities at the Ottawa headquarters of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. The accepted offer was made here by Mortimer Bistrisky, NFCUS president.

## ROYAL LIFE SAVING

All students who are interested in a Royal Life Saving Instructional Course are requested to attend an organizational meeting to be held in the Trophy Room of the Gymnasium, Tuesday evening, January 13th, at 7:15.



By Dave Folster

# The Campus Beat

**THESE CHANGING TIMES:** As well as being a day of recovery, stuffed turkey and unbroken resolutions, New Year's is also the occasion for football's annual Bowl games. On this date the gridiron game has a final romp before locking up for another season, as well as serving as a reminder to the fan of the heroics he has seen throughout the past season. If this is true, then New Year's Day must have brought to the UNB football fan, many fine memories, indeed.

Unfortunately, it may also have brought to mind the thoroughly confusing situation which arose at the end of the regular season's play. This, of course, was the chaos which was climaxed by the disastrous meeting of the N.B. representatives, the Saint John Wanderers, and the Nova Scotia champs, the X-men of St. Francis Xavier. It was regrettable, disappointing and simple bad publicity that such an ending should be written to an otherwise very successful New Brunswick Football League and Intercollegiate League season. How did it occur? Well, as they say on television, it happened this way:

### Were Definite From Start

Long before the season began, UNB authorities announced that they were definitely not interested in a post-schedule playoff for the New Brunswick Football League title. Thus, there should not have been any question about the Red Bombers playing for Maritime intermediate honors. Over in Sackville, however, the people of the institution which rests in that village (I don't recall the name), took a different and somewhat bewildering stand: If their magnificent Mounties defeated the dastardly Red Bombers in the final meeting of the two teams, then they would be proud to represent our fair province. If, by any chance, however, Lady Fortune were to deal their Garnet and Gold warriors a foul blow, and the UNB'ers did drop their team, then they would call it a season. Of course, that wouldn't happen, and the Mounties were told to pack their bags for the trip to Antigonish.

We all know what transpired on that glorious, sun-splashed afternoon in November. On that shining date, our heroes, many playing the finest game of their brief careers, rose to defeat, those self-delegated titans of N.B. football. This naturally led to the chaos that followed, since now, neither of the top two teams in the league was interested in going any further. Consequently, the third-best team in the N.B. league, a team which hadn't played any football for a full three weeks, was called upon to vie with St. FX for the Maritime title.

### Why Did U.N.B. Say 'No'?

Why did UNB not wish to pursue the intermediate title? The reasons are simple: We are trying to promote the college brand of ball and the college league, NOT intermediate football. We simply play teams like Moncton and Saint John for the sake of giving these squads competition and games with another twelve besides themselves.

Here in the Maritimes the foundation already exists for a very fine Intercollegiate Football League. This framework is the loop inaugurated this past year with teams from Acadia, St. Dunstan's, St. Thomas, St. Mary's and the squad from Sackville, as well as ourselves. The greatness of this loop rests, however, on universities such as Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier. Their introduction to this league would be the beginning of what someday could become one of Canada's great football leagues. Until they join, football in the Maritimes can not reach its potential. Unfortunately, at the present time, the football authorities at these colleges prefer to look back rather than ahead to the possible greatness of the proposed college loop. They apparently cannot see that college games produce even keener rivalries and, if you want, bigger gates than such as exist, for example, between St. FX and Shearwater.

### A Vision of the Future

Football, in the Maritimes has come a long way in the last five years, but its best years undoubtedly lie in the future. Someday, the Tigers of Dalhousie and the X-men of St. Francis Xavier WILL become part of the college league. Someday fans will crowd into Halifax on a late November week-end to watch the final to a tremendous football season. (Halifax will have been chosen because of its somewhat warmer climate.) In the morning they will watch a gala parade, then in the afternoon they will file into perhaps a re-built Wanderers' Grounds to watch that annual Maritime football classic, the Lobster Bowl, a play-off between the two top college teams in the Maritimes.

Before this day arrives, however, the two afore-mentioned teams must comply with the rules of the Maritime Intercollegiate Football League. Dalhousie, for instance, must no longer allow players of over four years college competition, such as their five- and six-year medical school veterans, to play. St. FX must drop from their squad all players carrying more than one conditional course.

When this day finally comes, Maritime universities will have a start toward achieving football maturity.

## UNB Should Pay Top SRC Officials

The work load of the top officials on UNB's Students' Representative Council has increased markedly in the past few years. And with the prospect of a fast expanding enrolment during at least the next decade, the students shall require even more time and talent for those individuals willing to shoulder the responsibility of office.

There is no question about it. A student has to sacrifice something, time from either his studies or social life, if he accepts any of a number of key positions.

Yet UNB remains one of the few major Canadian universities where the students' president receives no pay for his services. The secretary also, in effect, works out of the goodness of her heart.

True, the students have seen fit to reward their treasurer. He receives the princely sum of \$50. But after all, he is responsible for administering a budget of about \$25,000.

How long can we expect these three key offices to attract self-sacrificing people of ability?

How long before the jobs become mere stepping-stones for place-seekers whose only distinguishing characteristic is a lust for power?

Some students see a day in the near future when their council will have to pay for a permanent secretary-treasurer. At Dalhousie University — with an enrolment about the same as UNB's — the step has already been taken.

According to Ron Manzer, president of the SRC, UNB does not yet need a permanent secretary-treasurer, though establishment of such a position would give student affairs a continuity they now lack.

Probably the major reason we do not require a permanent official is that our student officials are doing their work unusually well.

As a means of promoting continued good government, *The Brunswickan* suggests that the council vote to reward its president with an annual grant equal to the cost of his tuition. In addition, a smaller, but generous, stipend should be set aside for the secretary, and the grant to the treasurer should be increased.

These sums would not be great enough to make the positions professional, and this is a good thing, for SRC officials should never forget that their first obligation is to their studies.

But even if their grants do not meet the standards of the provincial minimum wage law, they would be an indication that the students of UNB are willing to recognize and reward financially those people who do so much on their behalf.

Furthermore, as more practical of our readers will quickly realize, the grants would give the students a measure of control over their chief representatives. By not voting to supply the required funds until the end of the school year, the council would be in a strong position to demand that the services of the three top officials be up to par.

## DRAMA - CARNIVAL CLASH

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produced on the campus, before the festival held in Saint John from March 10 to 14.

### Accepted For Festival

Since there is to be no preliminary adjudication, the 'moon hit' also has been accepted for the

festival. "A View From The Bridge" will not be shown until March.

Originally the latter was to be played at the end of this month. This will allow for more time to work on the play, and also enable a fresh presentation in Saint John.

