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The CBC's Wednesday Night

On the Feature page of this issue will be found a summary of the highlights of the forthcoming programs to be presented on the C. B. C.'s "Wednesday Night" series.

The "Wednesday Night" programs, comparable to the "Third" program of the B. B. C., are the first attempts in Canada to present classical and modern productions of art to intelligent audiences. The students at U. N. B. should fit into this category.

The C. B. C. should be commended on its efforts in raising the programs quality of Canadian radio. Surely the commercial stations in Canada and the network productions in the United States have not directed their efforts in this direction. The attitude that the lowest level of intelligence should receive the most attention is only indicative of the "praise of ignorance" that exists both in this country and in the country to the south. A poll of Canadian women on the subject of favourite radio programs is proof that more intelligent programs are desired. On this particular poll it was found that "Stage 48" and "Wednesday Night" were the most popular of the evening programs.

We are not trying to say that everything the C. B. C. does is necessarily good. Many outstanding critics have pointed out weakness in many programs but at the same time they all agree that their value is unquestionable. We are very fortunate in having the abilities of a talented group of Canadians at our disposal. We hope that they have as much success in the future as they have had in the past.

The Progressive Conservative convention has put forward a platform which 99 out of every 100 Canadians cannot help but like. It promises everything from free enterprise to a contributory social security plan. It is too bad that Mr. Diefenbaker had to receive such a kick in the face on his civil rights bill but, after all, this is a democratic country. Another part of the platform which has already caused a resurgence of the Maritime lament is the question of "winter ports". The platform states that the Maritime ports will be more fully used subject to the limitations of "sound economics". It is still a lot shorter to Portland from Montreal than it is to St. John or Halifax. The road is also Canadian - owned.

Student's Forum

This space is provided for any student wishing to express his views on any subject. Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent Brunswickan policy. Any opposing views will be printed in this space and not as letters to the Editor.

Revival Or Survival? Students And Politics

A COMMENTARY

It started away back in 1946. Tom Prescott was one of the principle promoters of the whole "shaggy" affair. Great idea . . . Able to get back at the controls again . . . You know, all that sort of thing. Prescott and his pals had a big idea of turning the whole campus into a runway. Rumour has it that he was going to change the Beaverbrook Gym into a hangar for his dozen planes. Lord Beaverbrook was going to build a flying field back of the University - former Minister of Air for Great Britain, you understand. That was two or three years ago.

Finally it happened. Prescott and his colleagues approached the SRC for the necessary funds. Through the promotion of the idea that all other Universities across Canada were going to take up flying like UNB, and furthermore these future business men of our land must fly . . . save time . . . only cost \$5.00 per lesson . . . the SRC granted them money to buy a field. When the "air-minded" group found the field couldn't be bought, they persuaded the SRC to buy an airplane. Murray Seely, V.P. of the SRC at the time, called the whole deal a piece of foolishness. Poor Atyeo (he presumably bossed the SRC that year) didn't know what to think of the whole mess.

Prescott and his associates bought the airplane. Business doing fine. No more money from SRC . . . BUT every budget meeting found the Flying Club's budget for funds. And again wrangles developed. Most of us remember the last one. Andy Fleming and Tom Prescott were the main characters. Times were getting hard . . . the club was going in to debt . . . going to sell the plane . . . Fleming knew what was going to happen - he proposed the whole \$2,000 from the sale of the plane or a major fraction thereof be turned back to the SRC. Then George Smith, Fred Murray, and others all found themselves in the midst of a glorious battle . . . Most of us never really knew what the outcome of that meeting was . . . The minutes of the SRC represent chaos . . . Your commentator remembers nearly a dozen motions made, later withdrawn or defeated.

Finally the SRC approved the Flying Club's decision to sell the plane and use the money derived from its sale to purchase block time from Sturgeon for the students and the Club's use at Barker's Point. That was last spring.

Now, the airplane has never been sold. It probably won't be insurable much longer. Sturgeon went out of business, and the result - Hugh Church's "red elephant" or is it a

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From The Manitoban

The universities of Europe Asia and South America play a significant role in national politics. Egyptian students, for example, have probably touched off more bloody revolts than most South American armies.

By comparison Anglo-Saxon students are politically unconscious. Prof. Shea came close to the truth when he said, "Instead of being hot-beds of radicalism, Canadian universities are iceboxes of indifference." This is unfortunate, not because students should be "radicals" necessarily, but because the universities should be able to contribute a healthy dose of informed, unprejudiced opinion into the realm of national politics.

Apparently the Liberal Party executive has recognized this fact. Over fifty university students were fully accredited delegates to the recent National Convention and many more were alternates. Manitoba had five. The impact of these universities delegates was interesting and encouraging.

The most obvious contribution was one of the convention's touches of color in form of a torchlight parade of students to Laurier House. This "collegiate" stunt so moved the retiring P.M. that he delivered his best speech of the convention. Of more importance, however, were the motions, passed by the University Liberals' convention held just prior to the main gettogether.

Among the students regional splits in the voting were conspicuously absent. There was always division in the usually solid Quebec bloc Saskatchewan and Alberta differed all down the line. The national approach to our problems was in pleasant contrast to the senior convention.

The students went out of their way to endorse the unpopular Abbott budget as being courageous and in Canada's best interests. This might reflect the teaching of the principle of cyclical budgeting at the universities, accentuated by the fact that few students pay income tax.

Appeals to political expediency were wasted on this little convention. The usual motion for low tariffs had this unusual introduction, "Whereas the Liberal Party has been committed to a policy of low tariffs since the days of Laurier and whereas it has at no time carried this policy into effect"; a motion calling for re-imposition of price and wage controls passed even though it was pointed out that this came close to an endorsement of the current CCF policy.

Nationalism demonstrated its strength in motions condemning appeals to the Privy Council and the absence of the power in Canada to amend our own constitution. The students showed their determination to get a Canadian flag by insisting that it contain "neither the union-jack nor the fleur-de-lis."

The reception of the students at the main convention was understandably mixed. In the Ontario caucus they were referred to as "Boy Scouts." On one occasion a federal minister told a student "you may be of use to your mother some day, but for now shut-up." Most of the university motions failed to be incorporated into the party platform.

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Every Thursday night the wives of UNB students gather for an informal evening in the Co-Eds' lounge at Alexander College. This is a reminder to the old hands and a cordial invitation to newcomers.

Arrangements have been made for another recreational period at the Lady Beaverbrook gym on Saturday night at 8 p. m. There will be facilities for bowling, table-tennis, volleyball, tumbling and badminton. Supply your own racquet and birds for badminton and wear sneakers. There is a small charge for bowling. For further information phone Mrs. Beulah Webb 1902-41.

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