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Debating . . . Lost?

Another of the numerous incidents brought to light at S. R. C. meetings has provided the student body with a thought that is well worth pondering.

A motion was made at the last meeting of that legislative body which proposed a modest supplementary budget to enable our Debating Society to meet some outstanding commitments by competing in the regular manner with other Maritime Universities. The motion of course was quashed.

As always, an ardent defendant of the cause at stake—in this case Alder Gerow—made a valiant stand to keep his particular interest from joining the ever-growing list of dying activities, being stifled by lack of funds and student interest. Mr. Gerow admirably extolled the merits of debating, but his fluid oratory fell on seemingly deaf ears. No money.

Two years ago U. N. B. represented the Maritimes in the Canadian Finals. (And well, we might add). But our luckless debaters of the present seem to have lost skill, interest, AND S. R. C. support. Which is the determining factor?

How does this come about? the student may ask. Will it merely be an addition to the long list of failures attributed to some gremlin called student apathy, or may we be considered as an inferior student group to the one which produced the top teams or team of two years ago . . . so far inferior that we cannot even summon enough interest to support Maritime inter-collegiate debating.

That the debaters failed to represent their budget properly appears to be the current argument, or proximate cause, which is obscuring the true issue concerning debating. This lack of fund appropriation for the Debating Society may not be the cause, but rather an effect of the deterioration and disappearance of debating from our campus scene. If this is so it is indeed unfortunate. It is our opinion that debating is a more than worthwhile endeavor for college students.

Must we now lose it? Will it fall into the bottomless abyss of never-to-be-revived activities?

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Condolences . . .

It is too bad that all sports must take their toll in accidents. More explicitly, we wish to offer our condolences to the visiting skier who broke his back last week-end while competing in the Maritime Ski meet here.

Aside from the physical inconveniences necessarily resulting from such an experience, we must reflect on the extreme distress which must be added to this by the fact that the man is only three months away from graduation from a University. Perhaps it would be in order for the student body of U. N. B. to extend material expressions of commiseration to the hapless student.

Nonetheless, we feel justified in taking the liberty of joining the students of U. N. B. with ourselves in wishing Bob Girardin a speedy and complete recovery.

Attention Students!

Elsewhere in this issue of the Brunswickan appears an official notice to the effect that nominations are now being called for the various positions on the SRC, AAA, and Class Executives for the year 1951-52.

Every student should take these nominations and elections seriously. Every attempt should be made to nominate candidates who are capable of carrying out the duties of office in an efficient and responsible manner.

Every position open for election is an important one — and each provides the incumbent with a wonderful opportunity to serve his fellow-student in the democratic responsible government of the student body. They also present opportunities for invaluable training and experience in administration and human relations.

To those who are nominated I would say one word of caution — one should not accept a nomination unless he is willing to accept the responsibilities of the office if he should be elected. This is important as an organization may be greatly weakened if the members fail to live up to the trust put in them.

NOMINATE AND ELECT WISELY
 Ron Stevenson.

Letters To The Editor

McADAM, COSTER GO AS VOTE APPROACHES

Dear Mr. Editor,
 In regard to the article which appeared in the last issue of the Brunswickan, we wish to make a qualified public apology. We are indeed sorry that we made impossible a final decision on the ski budget. However our trigger-happy Brunswickan reporter soft-pedalled 3 facts.

(1) Presentation of Ski Budget for \$276. Due to a glaring oversight on the part of the Ski Club this considerable budget was not presented at either the Preliminary or Final Budget meeting. When it was presented the SRC had but a \$10 surplus. Neither the SRC nor the Ski Club appeared to know how we could finance the cost of the skis.

(2) Insufficient turnout of SRC reps. This happens far too often to place the blame on two individual members.

(3) We thought it a poor policy to spend money we did not have.

In conclusion we reiterate our apology to the student body for misrepresenting them.

Signed,
 JIM COSTER,
 JIM McADAM

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