

Moncton High wins N.B. debating contest

Moncton High School last Saturday won the High School Debating Tournament on the UNB Campus. Moncton took the negative of the topic, "Resolved that the Maritime Provinces should be united."

The Moncton team consisted of Michael Richard and Peter Dunca both grade twelve students. They argued that Maritime union would cause disunity, confusion, unemployment, and higher taxes. Evelyn Russell and Donald Bowes formed the Harkins Academy team.

Other schools in the competition were Harrison Trimble, Oromocto High, Grand Manan High, Fredericton High, Woodstock High and St. John Vocational School.

Each school debated three times. The two finalists were chosen by their win-loss record and speaker point difference.

Mr. William Fairbanks, a third year law student from Amherst, N.S. was the tournament chairman and John A. Blaikie a third year honour arts student from Kentville, N.S. was the Debate Co-ordinator.

Meldrum Presents Trophy

At the tournament banquet the Honourable W. W. Meldrum, Minister of Education, presented the trophy to the Moncton team.

Red brick honoured in 68th year

In a colorful ceremony at McConnell Hall, UNB students celebrated the 68th anniversary of the laying of the first red brick on the UNB Campus.

The first red brick was laid by "portly President Harrison" in 1900 in what is now the engineering building.

Allister Robertson, one of eleven MacKenzie House students who organized the ceremony, gave an address which outlined the historical part that red brick has played in the development of the university.

He spoke praising of the architectural masterpiece which adorns our campus bringing to even the most unaesthetic eye the raw beauty of red brick. He singled out the university buildings as being the most noticeable examples of architectural techniques which mark the inherent beauties of style beneath the rough texture of red brick.

The eleven students, dressed in cap and gown, were served by three female students, dressed appropriately in gowns of brick-red material.

Fight for fees, CUS challenges

OTTAWA (CUP) — If you don't want your fees to increase next year you'll have to get out and fight for it. And go on strike if you have to.

That's the advice from Canadian Union of Students president Hugh Armstrong, who Wednesday urged student governments and provincial unions to take the initiative in leading the battle.

He said CUS is ready to offer strong support to such efforts, but the prime responsibility rests with the provincial student unions.

"It is clear that costs must go down," he said, "but provincial governments want to let costs go up."

"This to me demonstrates the necessity for students to organize more effectively in order to make their demands more forcefully to administrations and provincial governments."

Armstrong termed the recent Moncton student strike a "courageous example of what can be done, and in some cases what must be done."

(Students at Moncton boycotted classes for ten days, demanding a freeze in fees and increased government grants to the French-language Université de Moncton. Armstrong led a march by 3,000 students to the legislature from all the province's post-secondary institutions last month.)

He praised the government of Newfoundland for abolishing tuition fees and paying stipends to its students, claiming more universities should follow suit.

He said Ontario has encouraged the stabilization of tuition fees at one level through its method of determining operating grants to the universities. This proves that governments can freeze tuitions or lower them, he said.

He said with residence fees rising along with tuition, higher education is becoming more and more inaccessible to any but the rich. "This is intolerable," he said.

The CUS chief pointed out the high cost of residences is partly due to inflated capital costs. He urged builders to make use of building techniques pioneered in co-op residences. "If it can be done for \$5,000," he said, "there's no reason why seven, eight or ten thousand must be paid."



Award winner David Atis and Bonnie Sherman in the UNB Drama Society production *A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE*. The modern tragedy by Arthur Miller won the Dominion Drama Festival award for best production at the New Brunswick Regional Drama Festival held last week in Bathurst.