# UNB Moots Hit The Top

By DEAN JOBB

An eloquent team of law students from the University of New Brunswick took top honors at the annual Canadian-American moot court competition hosted on the weekend at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Delores O'Neill, Rick Williams, John Brace and Andrea Sadada were judged the top performers as they matched legal argument and courtroom skills with law students from Dal and the University of Maine at Portland.

O'Neill was also selected best speaker.

The competition, called the trilateral because three universities are involved, is aimed at honing advocacy skills of in a courtroom setting and offers a window on how the law works in another country.

"It gives our students an insight into another legal system at work," says Paul Thomas, a Dal law professor who coached the school's team. In addition, "they get to perform in front of real judges as well as academics."

The trilateral invariably involves a fictitious legal dispute highlighting a conflict between Canadian and American law. This year, the dispute centred on the sale and resale of a $44,000 concert grand piano.

A pianist named Starlight bought the piano from Musicland, a retailer in Mainshire, moved it to New Scotia and promptly defaulted on his payments. Starlight sold the piano to a man named Hill, who moved it back to Mainshire unaware of the outstanding lein.

Musicland promptly repossessed the piano from Hill, who sued for damages all the way to Mainshire's highest court. It's a complex dispute involving a lot of dry commercial law.

The competitors had to argue both sides of the dispute, applying Maine and Nova Scotia laws and relevant legal precedents.

"It's very practical," Dal competitor Christina Perry, a second year law student from Newfoundland, said of moot court competition. "A lot of people don't want to go to court, but, personally, I prefer that."

The challenge is "to learn to present an argument in the most persuasive manner without putting the judges to sleep," said Fiona Orr, a Dal student also from Newfoundland.

Moot court allows students "to learn the ability to speak on your feet," she added.

Dal won the trilateral competition last year and boasts a team that captured the Jessup Cup in 1984 in a moot court competition involving law students from more than 20 countries.

The importance of moot court in exposing students to the rigours of litigation has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Barristers' Association, which added mock trials to its bar admission course this year.



## The Six Marketeers

In order to raise funds for the marketing Team for this year's competition at the University of Manitoba, the Business Society and College Hill Social Club are sponsoring a "last day of classes bash" in the SUB Ballroom from 1 - 5 pm. Admission $1.00; all proceeds going towards the Marketing Team.

The UNB Marketing Team representing the Faculty of Administration is comprised of (from left to right)

Chris Delong, Derek Hassay, Prof. Ross Darling (Faculty Advisor), Shirley McGrath, Kevin Waller and Kevin Doucette.



*Kevin MacDonald (second from left), a third-year law student at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, is the first recipient of the $500 Starr House Memorial Award. Mr. MacDonald received his award from members of the selection committee (left to right): Mr. Justice Patrick A.A. Ryan; Daniel M. Hurley, UNB Professor of Law; and Murray F. Cain, QC. The award was established by alumni who graduated from the UNB Faculty of Law when it was located in Starr House in Saint John, 1953-59.*
*(Joy Cummings-Dickinson photo)*

## The Just Society

By KAREN MAIR

This week saw the publication of the first ever Political Science Students' Journal. The ten page journal, entitled *The Just Society* will be published on a monthly basis, according to Sean Riley.

Riley is one of four members of the journal's editorial board. Riley, along with Tom Collins, Natalie Folster and Christian Levesque have established an Editorial Policy that states that the journal is intended "to contribute to the promotion of human understanding."

In an interview with the Brunswickan, it made clear that the PSSJ is not directly affiliated with the Political Science Students' Association but that the Editorial Board and contributors are all members of that association. A constitution has been drawn up that clearly defines them as a separate entity.

Riley admits that this first journal was a bit 'rough around the edges' but the future issues will be more professional - they will be looking to have their future issues typeset and printed. As well, the circulation will double to one thousand once the journal "gets rolling."

Funding for the PSSJ is also a "gray" area, according to Riley but there are several options. The Editorial Board is looking at operating a funded club through the student union or even operating a self supporting journal. Right now, everything is still in the works.


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