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## S.D.U. Victorious Again

The S.D.U. Debating Society has again emerged victorious in their second debate of the season. This year's society has gloriously carried the torch of former S.D.U. debaters. Speculation has it that we have an excellent

chance of securing the national championship.

On Wednesday night, Bob O'Rourke and Connie Cullen defeated U.N.B. debaters, John Filliter and Dave Carter. The judges decision was unanimous. The topic was

"Resolved: That Canada suffers from a lack of national purpose". The U.N.B. team defined the terms and defended the affirmative side. The S.D.U. team upheld the negative side. The S.D.U. argument was based on realism. They contended that Canada is not suffering from a lack of national purpose, and backed up their arguments with an impressive array of facts and statistics on Canadian economy, politics and culture. They agreed that Canada has no single national purpose, but that there was irrelevant because we are not suffering physically from this lack. The U.N.B. team got a little bogged down in definitions. They argued the issue with the idea of "philosophical Idealism". They contended that they were debating on a completely idealistic plan and that the S.D.U. club was not debating with respect to the terms of the debate. The judges thought differently.

This was the second victory for the S.D.U. Debating Society. On January 27, Ellen MacDonald and Paul Batchilder whipped Memorial on the topic "Resolved: that the Canadian Confederation Experiment was a success." That discussion was also unanimous for S.D.U. The next encounter will be the regional tournament on Feb. 16, 17, 18 in Halifax, Bonne chance, team.

## National Fees Up

**Ed's Note:** This is a national sidebar to our story on why our residence fees are going up.

OTTAWA (CUP) — Residence fee hikes will range from \$30 to as much as \$100 next year.

A Canadian University Press survey reveals most of these increases are due to inflation, higher costs of maintenance, and salary increases.

Leading the parade is the University of Western Ontario, where new residence fees beginning in September 1968, will top the \$1,000 per year plateau.

Other universities point to the Western example in justifying fee rises.

Dr. Henry Endress of Waterloo Lutheran University pointed out that in Ontario universities' fees next year will be in the \$900 to \$1,000 range, and raised fees at Lutheran from \$775 to \$825.

Fee hikes are also slated for Dalhousie, York University in Toronto, the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and, of course, here at St. Dunstan's.

At the University of Waterloo, living costs for their student village will go from \$850 this year to \$960 next, rising to the Western plateau of \$1,000 for a single room in 1970.

Paradoxically, these fee rises are set out with no consultation with students, though no university operating money is involved in residence construction.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I should hate to see the time when we would be called upon to make a choice between the Crown and our membership in this great Confederation, because we would be hard put to make such a choice."

—Joey Smallwood

An eminent Newfoundland on our campus explains the statement as follows: "What Joey meant was something like a choice between beans or weiners."

## Council Starts On Open Housing

Student Council acts immediately for Open-housing Wed., Feb. 7. Fourteen of the fifteen members voted in support. Bill Morse, the sole opposition, supported in principle but emphasized the problem can be met by adequate lounge facilities.

The brief, sponsored by Terry McGarragle, contains the following recommendations to be made to the Senate:

"We, the Student Council, are petitioning the above mentioned concerning a solution to a problem that caused a stagnation of social contact, believing that good social relationships are a necessary element in a community such as ours, we hereby advance the following recommendations and the reasons for such:

Firstly, that the Senate allow an Open-House system in the students' residences. This will permit students, relatives or guests of either sex to enter the rooms of any student who so desires to meet them in any of the residences within a prescribed period of time. Secondly, we suggest that this system should be a regular arrangement on a permanent basis.

Our major reasons, for such recommendations are as follows: First of all, the basis of communication between male and female students has and continues to operate on a level that can seriously

jeopardize the social and psychological norms of a Christian society.

Secondly, that a familiar, less cloistered environment among students will engender healthy moral relationships and release many students from pre-formed illusions about the opposite sex.

Thirdly, such difficulties in the residences as toilet facilities, etc., could easily be overcome within the planning stages of this system.

Lastly we feel the good name of any student in such close proximity to living quarters of other students will be an adequate guarantee of prudent conduct.

Reference to such Maritime universities as Mount Allison, University of New Brunswick Dalhousie, King's College, will furnish evidence of an Open House system and will illustrate the low level of social legislation on this campus. We hope, then, that our recommendations will meet with your approval in the near future."

Mr. Conley, faculty advisor, was pleased with Council's awareness of such a problem, and its willingness to act upon it.

With much debate, in council Mr. Morse stated his intention to present a minority brief to the Senate. He felt Open Housing was too great a step at this time. Lounges away from residence, he said, could serve just as adequately. If the students made use of lounge facilities which would be set up, then Open-Housing would be a logical development.

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