

U.N.B. BREAKS NEWSPAPER FAMINE AT MT. ALLISON

FREDERICTON (CUP) — A three-month newspaper famine at Mount Allison University was broken last December when student journalists at the University of New Brunswick distributed a parody edition of The Argosy, Mount "A"'s student paper, on the Mount Allison campus in time for Christmas.

UNB version of The Argosy — the creation of staff members of The Brunswickian, student newspaper at UNB — was in the hands of students at Mount Allison December 12th.

The paper, which was a parody of the Mount Allison campus scene, contained the following message for Mount Allison students: "The Editor and Staff of The Brunswickian, moved by that feeling of 'peace on earth, good will to men,' have decided to give the students of Mount 'A' a yuletide gift."

"The Brunswickian editorial board has always tried to foster that feeling of brotherhood and cooperation between itself and other campuses that perhaps do not enjoy the advantages of an inform-

ative and revered (and regular) newspaper."

Publication of The Argosy was halted in September after the 1964 installment issue, when the editor and staff resigned because of administration controls over the paper's editorial policy.

The administration and students' council at Mount Allison claimed December 6th that censorship problems had been resolved, but when applications for positions on the newspaper staff were called for, there were no takers.

The deadline was extended twice to no avail. Publication has not resumed to date.

Mount Allison's students' council president received the Brunswickian's Christmas gift enthusiastically. "Fabulous," he said.

ETV IN CANADA

By Canadian University Press

Public school systems in Calgary and Edmonton are both in the throes of deciding whether to go for a big, expensive and comprehensive program of educational TV (ETV)—and they're not alone.

An ETV committee of Ontario university presidents was set up in September and will issue a comprehensive report in June on the feasibility of using filmed lectures for university instruction.

In the meantime, the University of Toronto's Scarborough College will be the first in the country to include large scale ETV facilities. Scarborough College principal, Carl Williams, head of the Ontario university presidents' ETV committee, said, "Without TV we would have needed 500 teachers. With TV we will need 351. Our job is to run an experimental television campus," he added. "But, it is also to provide a damn good general arts course."

At McMaster University, students in first year physics, chemistry, psychology and history are acting as guinea pigs for ETV this year. Professors in these courses are using a closed circuit television system to carry lectures to their classes. More than 400 students are viewing each lecture.

Teachers who now use ETV for some courses claim advantages other than beating the teacher shortage. Professor James Church at the University of Waterloo who teaches an engineering drafting course, was faced with a class of 573 freshmen in engineering last fall. Even talking to nine separate groups averaging over 60 students, Professor Church found that some students were as much as 60 feet from the blackboard. But, with a 23-inch TV set for every six students, he said, "they could look over my shoulder" and thus pick up far more detail.

"What's more," says Professor Church, "we have more time to

give personal attention to students with problems, and we can more than double the amount of instruction we want to give."

Edmonton, however, is eyeing an ETV program that could cost about \$315,000 a year. Calgary's public and separate school boards are nearby rural school divisions, the University of Alberta and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology have set up a committee with a \$10,000 budget to look into ETV.

In the United States, more than 400 colleges now offer courses over Educational TV, according to Education USA, which reported on a recent survey by Stanford University's Institute for Communications Research. The survey prophesied that every college and university in the U.S. will have at least one closed-circuit TV system by 1971.

And, in Ontario, educationalists are awaiting the presidents' committee report — expected to be the first thorough study of ETV's potential for Canadian universities, including studies of aims, background, techniques, technology, financing, administration and law.

The Ontario universities are not considering broadcasting the same lectures all over the province. Dr. W. E. Beckel, head of the U of T's TV committee said, "I imagine some of the universities would resent a suggestion that, say, a history lecture be piped in from the U of T. They probably feel their history professors are just as good as ours."

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OTTAWA UNION PRESIDENT RESIGNS

OTTAWA (CUP) — The executive of the Students' Union of the University of Ottawa, resigned December 14th in the latest move in a running battle between the union and the university administration.

SUO president Robert Campbell, vice-presidents Georges Brossard and Louise MacEntyre, secretary Jean-Guy Leclerc and treasurer Jacques Duclos quit after a motion of non-confidence. The motion was made at a meeting of the grand council of the union by a council representative of the common law faculty.

The Motion was carried 7-4 with four abstentions. It was based on a letter by Campbell to the rector of the University of Ottawa which called the common law representative called "immature and rude."

The letter referred to the Student Union's demands for broader powers. Mr. Campbell had said, "We have become tired of half-measures, temporary solutions and the countless number of delays which have been accorded us since the beginning of the year."

The letter concluded with the warning that the council would "labor on our own structures and give ourselves the responsibility and constitutional freedom necessary for our full development. You will then be faced with a 'fait accompli'."

Earlier last year, Mr. Campbell complained that the council was not consulted by the University on matters concerning student affairs. But, a council executive motion to dissolve council in November was defeated.

The non-confidence motion was based on the fact that Mr. Campbell had not cleared the letters with the grand council before sending it to the rector.

After the president's resignation, his executive resigned one by one as they were offered Mr. Campbell's job.

Pierre-Yves Boucher, a second year student in common law, was elected interim president. Nominations for the vacant posts will be accepted January 15th and elections will take place January 20th.

SIT-INS SUCCESSFUL AT UNIV. OF CAL?

BERKELEY, California (CUP) — The chancellor of the embattled University of California has been released of his duties at his own request.

Dr. Edward W. Strong, 63, a target of sharp criticism from leaders of the Free Speech Movement (FSM), a student group which sponsored four mass demonstrations in three months at the University of California's Berkeley campus, asked to be relieved of his duties for health reasons it was announced last week (Jan. 2).

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SNOW HITS U.B.C.

VANCOUVER (CUP) — While most Ontarians and Quebecers doffed their overshoes during a recent spell of unusually snow-free weather, a series of blizzards in traditionally balmy British Columbia sent UBC students scuttling for cover in university lounges.

A snowstorm that paralyzed traffic in Vancouver January 4th made hundreds of students late for classes. But there were no traffic jams on campus and only a few students got stuck in slippery parking lots just cleared of two weeks accumulation of snow.

An emergency bus service shuttled students to and from UBC, while cars without chains and snow-tires were banned from the university grounds. Traffic officials warned that vehicles in difficulty on campus were liable to towing charges of \$5.00 and \$5.00 fine for obstructing traffic under UBC traffic regulations.

The season of unusually heavy snowfall on Canada's west coast kept 150 UBC employees working steadily during the holidays to keep main roads and walks and the campus clear, and to provide limited parking space for faculty and staff.

The Buildings and Grounds Superintendent reported, however, that no buildings collapsed from the weight of the snow, and that the snow had caused no service breakdowns on campus.

FSM has been campaigning since the beginning of this school year against university restrictions on the spread of political information and the solicitation of funds and members for political groups on the Berkeley campus.

Some 800 people, including 590 students and 50 teaching assistants, staged a sit-in at the main campus administrative building, Sprouls Hall, December 3rd.

Some 750 were charged variously with refusing to disperse, trespassing and resisting arrest. They began entering pleas in Berkeley municipal court last week at the rate of 11 a day.

The Sproule Hall sit-in reportedly grew out of a decision by Dr. Strong to take disciplinary action

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STUDENT CATS THRIVE ON STRESS

PHILADELPHIA (CUP-CP) — A little stress during infancy can produce a superior student during later life, in cats at least, and maybe in humans, according to a Pennsylvania State University psychology professor.

Cats and rats, and probably humans, which have been subjected to mild stress early in their lives react more adequately to stressful situations later in their lives, making learning easier, according to John M. Warren, director of the Penn State Animal Behaviour Laboratory.

Studies on 41 kittens in the Laboratory have shown that infant stimulation reduces emotional reactivity and distresses caused by learning situations.

Of four groups of kittens tested, the group which had received the most handling by the students when they were young—the group which has been subjected to the most emotional stress and new experiences—was the group which learned easiest and best, and which behaved best under stress and unusual conditions.

Warren said the study confirmed other research on rats which showed that handling before weaning reduces emotional reactivity and the exposure to complex environment after weaning facilitates problem solving.

against four students involved in protest demonstrations at Berkeley last October.

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