
ALL-EXPENSE TRIP TO EUROPE FOR DEBATE WINNERS

Of interest to all debators at this university who may this year be competing in the M.I.D.L. series of final debates, is the announcement from the University of Ottawa by NFCUS debating commissioner Peter Tanguay, that, following plans approved at the annual NFCUS conference held recently, the winning team at this year's National Debating Finals will receive as their due an expense-paid trip to Europe where they will debate, in early spring. This is the first time that the association has offered an award of this nature. Its institution is part of a larger plan underway in the Canadian University Debating Association: that of reorganizing the league into a more tangible association.

For though the Canadian University Debating Association represents some 40,000 potential debators on over 30 Canadian University Campi, it has within the past few years operated under a great number of misconceptions. These misunderstandings exist not only in the minds of the average students but even in the minds of many student leaders.

Facing this fact the delegates to the Toronto NFCUS conference concluded that the CUDA must be closely integrated with its members. Though it had functioned well in the past as a sponsor of the annual National Debating Finals, it was agreed that in the future it be organized to operate as a true debating association.

What is the CUDA

The primary hope is to define the exact function of the CUDA and its specific relationships to NFCUS. The point of greatest importance which must be understood, is that the CUDA is an association receiving its main support and its year-to-year continuity from the National Federation of Canadian University Students, nevertheless it is a completely separate entity in its own organization, membership, fees, and regulations. It possesses its own constitution, budgets its own finances, holds its own separate annual meeting; it does however account to the NFCUS delegates at the annual conference of the NFCUS group, and its president, known also as the NFCUS Debating Commissioner, is usually chosen from among the delegates present.

Membership in the CUDA

The members of the Canadian University Debating Association are those colleges belonging to the various individual regional debating league: The Maritimes Inter-Varsity Debating League (MIDL) in the far east, the Inter University Debating League (IUDL) in Quebec and Ontario, the McGoun Cup Debating League among the four far-Western Universities, and lastly the Villeneuve League comprising the three French-Canadian Universities. The CUDA is the co-ordinating body of these four leagues and their respective members, the CUDA brings together Canadian Debators on a National level.

Program of the CUDA

The main function of the association this year, will remain, as in the past, the organization of the National Debating Finals. Winners of each of the four league competitions will meet for the Canadian title and trip to Europe, at some location in Central Canada. This trip is made possible by NFCUS, and as an example of the manner in which the National Federation supports CUDA.

The CUDA does not intend to stop work with the organization of the final this year. There are many other tasks which the organization may incorporate into its program: to mention only a few, it has been suggested that the League organize and publish a standard list of debating rules which may then be put into use at all the member colleges, thus facilitating inter-university encounters and raising the general level of debates. It is hoped at the same time that they may be able to induce more foreign teams to come to Canada to debate, as was the custom several years ago.

This year should consequently see a great advancement of the CUDA in Canadian student opinion; this year should show the CUDA as a true National Debating Association.

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"Hence the true Christian, product of Christian education, is the supernatural man who thinks, judges and acts constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason, illuminated by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ."

—Pope Pius XI in "Christian Education of Youth."