

which is currently sitting across Canada. Included in this brief are recommendations regarding scholarships and the costs of textbooks. Plans have been initiated by N. F. C. U. S. whereby the University of Montreal is attempting to organize seminars on a national plane with the hope of getting internationally famous lecturers to conduct them. Then again perhaps the greatest contribution to our great Canadian Nation and its institutions is N. F. C. U. S.'s constant striving to promote Canadian unity.

It is our hope that the C. U. D. A. and the M. I. D. L. will retain its close co-operation with N. F. C. U. S. in future—a future filled with uncertainty and a future in which international understanding and goodwill can be achieved only through a mutual knowledge and respect for our various histories, traditions and institutions and a sympathetic understanding of our problems and difficulties. Debating is and always has been one of our strongest expressions of democracy and through this medium the Universities of Canada today which are moulding the leaders of tomorrow can do much to promote that feeling of international goodwill which is so essential if peace is to reign over this much-troubled world.

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MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

In 1947, the University of New Brunswick Law School succeeded in filling a very serious gap in its student organization when Mr. Gordon Harrigan introduced the Moot Court. Owing to the diligence of the committee and the enthusiasm of the general student body, the Moot Court soon became established as a vital element in the extra-curricular set-up of the School.

The succeeding year witnessed further spade work in determining the working policy of the Moot Court and as a consequence several changes in its mode of function. At this time the Moot Court was so designed as to permit the third-year students to sit on the Bench as Judges. The second-year students pleaded the cases and the first-year students acted as Junior Counsels—the duties of the latter involved looking up pertinent material, under the guidance of the Senior Counsel, and making a short introductory address at the opening of the Moot Court.

This procedure proved fairly successful and yet was neither devoid of weaknesses nor immune to criticism.

The year 1949 countenanced several proposed revisions plus a sudden aftermath of startling controversy. The scheme recommended by this year's committee clearly set out the necessity of calling in practising Barristers in order that the students might acquire proper direction from the Bench. Also put forward was the idea that third-year as well as second-year students should do the pleading as opposed to locating the former on the Bench,—a position ill-suited to their capacities and present training.

At this juncture may it be understood that these recommendations stemmed from the intention that the Moot Court should serve as a non-compulsory, practical course of instruction, in order to avail the students of any benefit.

The third-year students may possibly have experienced some measure of chagrin with regard to a plan suggesting that they assume a more preparatory role in favour of usurping Barristers. But whatever their reasons for discontent they most generously consented to a compromise which permitted the committee to stage an exhibition Moot Court. Mr. J. H. Drummie, K. C., acted as Chief Justice and was ably assisted by Messrs. F. S. Taylor and D. M. Gillis acting as Puisne Judges. The hypothetical case was prepared by the Faculty advisory committee and pleaded by both second and third-year students.

It is hoped most sincerely that the third-year students will take advantage of the opportunity afforded them to plead cases before experienced men and that they will become infected by the interest shown by several of their number.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This year our Social Committee is made up of Ted Gilbert, Wally Macaulay, Len Fournier and Miss Camille Robichaud. Their first and most important assignment was to organize the Law School Ball, which took place on November 4th. Without a doubt the Law School Ball measured up to our fondest expectations (although we did lose financially). The decorations, food and music were splendid. Everybody seemed to have a fine time.

From now on the Social Committee will be looking after the small informal parties that take place after debates and moot courts. If everything goes off as well as last year, we will have plenty of fun at these gatherings.

But while the Law School works and plays all thoughts will be on our second term party. Last year we held it at the El Belgrano and it was a thoroughly entertaining event. Let us hope we can obtain the same facilities again this year, and enjoy the dancing, eating and sing-song at the end of the evening.

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SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Sports Committee have organized a bowling league among the students of the School with teams from the different years competing. The league meets every Tuesday night and it is open to wives and lady friends of the students as well.

Great interest has been shown so far, with a good turnout every Tuesday night. It is hoped by the Sports Committee that they will be able to organize a badminton league after Christmas. However, for the present the Saint John High School have kindly opened their gym to the Law Students for badminton on Saturday afternoons.