

Winnipeg Team Scores Touchdown With The Political Football Gag

Local Stop-gap Team Gives Fine Display.

Hampered by lack of experience and insufficient grasp of subject matter, the local College team dropped a close decision to the visiting Wesley debaters who refuted the claim that Canada's educational system should be nationally controlled. The deepest gratitude and appreciation of Brandon College should go to Bernice Albright and Bob Beamish who filled in at short notice when Frank Samis and Del White, the original speakers came down with the 'flu late last week.

Miss Albright in what we believe to be her initial major appearance in debating circles lead the affirmative, and opened with a definition of the terms of the resolution. Quoting freely from Mill, she submitted education to be a vital problem of national importance and charged Canada's present system failed signally to serve this purpose. Though handicapped by lack of familiarity with the subject, she gave a very logical argument in support of the resolution.

Mr. Westwood, an accomplished speaker and humorist, and obviously at ease, raised numerous practical objections to nationalization of our educational system and in rapid fire staccato address covered the subject rather completely and earned a good round of applause.

Mr. Beamish, also handicapped by lack of familiarity with his subject, took the opposition to task on their laxity of terms and pointed out the crying need for uniformity of methods and standardization of qualification of teachers. Referring to numerous writers he gave a convincing summary of the advantages of the advocated plan.

The negative supporter, Mr. Murray Smith, who incidentally, we gathered is no Communist, claimed all needed reforms were obtainable under the present system and obviously impressed judges and audience with the danger of the educational system becoming a glorified political football.

During the interval, Mrs. J. H. Aitchison positively enthralled the audience with a group of three piano numbers. We were almost sorry to see the judges file in.

The verdict in favor of the negative was given by Mr. H. A. McNeill on behalf of Rev. Ashford, Dr. Matheson and himself.

Wesley Cagers To Play Blue and Gold Saturday

Brandon College's annual basketball contest with Wesley College Winnipeg, will take place in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium next Saturday evening at 8.15 o'clock. Both girls' and boys' teams are definitely slated to come on that date and if past games with Wesley are any criterion these games should prove to be "wows." Last year in Brandon the College quintette was victorious in a close, fast game. Wesley turned the tables in Winnipeg however, and won the series on total points. Of course Brandon's team is "itching for revenge" and judging from recent appearances against the Royals and Aces, the seniors are now playing the smartest basketball of the season. Whether Leighton Robinson, the star of last year's series

is still playing for the United Colleges has not been ascertained, but the visitors will undoubtedly floor a fine aggregation.

This will be the first appearance of the girls on Brandon floor in recent years, but it is said that several of the Wesley team play in leagues in Winnipeg and so should provide even greater opposition than Aggies who were defeated 13-12 in a close, exciting, ding-dong battle. It will be a series you cannot afford to miss. Reg. Gardiner is ticket manager, and tickets may be obtained from Einar Egilsson, Jack Labelle, Gwen Munt and members of the basketball team. It is also rumored that a social hour will follow. The teams need your support. Don't miss these games!

OPEN FORUM LIKELY AS DEBATERS PETITION

An open discussion on some topic looms in the near future, following the action of the debating club last Thursday in petitioning the debating society* to sponsor such a function, preferably in place of the projected senior-junior debate. While the debating society executive is not committed to any action, it may be noted that all the members of the debating executive are members of the club and voted in favor of the open form petition at the meeting.

The main feature of the meeting was a debate on the subject, "Resolved that the jury system should be abolished," in which Walter Dinsdale and Polly Pattison upheld the affirmative and Doug Rupp and Evelyn Bowen the negative; an open discussion followed. In the absence of president Bob Beamish, Doug Downing was in the chair.

*The debating society executive consists of the president and a representative from each year, and supervises the debating activities of the association as a whole. The debating club is a closed club which meets monthly to give its members practice in public speaking, etc.

WE EXTEND

. our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following: Del White, Howard Stone, Frank Smis, George Reynolds, Frohmer Streuber, Anne McKillop and Bessie Kent.

KELLY STONE SENDS MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

I am very glad to avail myself of this opportunity presented through the courtesy of the Editor to extend hearty greetings to the readers of the "Quill" and at the same time to give you my very best wishes for these significant days.

It has been a pleasure and a very real privilege to spend a few days in the old College and to become impressed anew with its fine spirit. I have appreciated the generous hospitality which you all have accorded me in making me feel very much at home amongst you; and it has been an inspiration to speak to audiences so evidently interested in the real issues that are before us all.

These are great days in which to live. I am increasingly grateful for the opportunity of witnessing and having any part in what is taking place before our eyes. This is peculiarly youth's day. You will be especially equipped because of your training and because of the absence of inhibitions that hamper older people to cope with the problems that confront mankind. This one thing is becoming increasingly clear to me—that they are at bottom individual problems and only that man can make any real contribution toward their solution who has first of all come to grips with the fundamental issues in his own life and has made some definite and courageous resolution of them.

BRANDON WINS IN WINNIPEG VERBAL TILT

Contrary to the rumor that spread through College halls Tuesday morning, the Brandon team of George Cowan and Bill Potoroka won a close decision in Winnipeg.

The debate, held in Convocation Hall, Wesley College, under the able chairmanship of Prof. C. W. Kirstead, was thrilling from start to finish and was greatly enjoyed by the small, but enthusiastic audience. The subject was fairly treated by both sides, the affirmative (George Marshall and Gwen Henderson of United Colleges) stressing the great variations in curricula in different parts of the country and the dangers of sectionalism, while the negative built its case around the different educational needs in different parts of Canada.

The judges, Dr. E. Loftus, K.C., Rev. W. E. Donnelly and Rev. H. C. Olson, on the strength of the polished performance of the Brandon team, favored the negative in the decision.

Mr. Potoroka, when interviewed, modestly affirmed that the main argument was upheld by his colleague. (Mr. Cowan could not be reached at the time.) He also mentioned the entertainment given the debaters following the verbal battle, when they went to the home of the Lady Stick, Miss Kathleen Richardson.

Congratulations Bill and George! You have very capably upheld the honor of Brandon College.

STUDENTS GO DRAMATIC AT FRIDAY'S FUNCTION

Friday night's function in place of the oft-postponed Sleighing Party took the form of a Social Hour in the dining room. Here, under the leadership of Earl Mills a series of dramatic (?) skits were offered. Based upon scenes from history and with the added handicap of absolute silence, these skits gave ample opportunity for the dramatic talent of the students. Perhaps the most amusing was "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers" with Jack Prugh in the starring role as the Plymouth Rock. Dean Richards acting in the capacity of a dramatic critic gave a most unbiased verdict. After these four-star dramatic offerings, refreshments in the form of honey doughnuts, coffee and candy were served. Following this on impromptu sing-song was held at which several of the yells used on Saturday were practised. Mr. Fraser with the mouthful of candy so prominent on all such occasions, lead with Mr. Mills assisting.

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EDITORIAL

SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE

It is almost a legend that youth is the time of life in which the individual is most energetic, most radical, and most filled with originality and a desire to go in new paths.

Surely the students of Brandon College, taken as a whole, must be "the exception to the rule". Not only is tradition strongly entrenched in the student activities of the college, but anyone who proposes something new is regarded as little less than a criminal. Tradition in Brandon College dictates, unfortunately, every detail in practically ever phase of student activity. We grant that traditions do play an important part in student life and activity, but they need not be elevated almost to a position of reverence to play this part. We think that any new idea which shows itself to be definitely superior, should by all means be incorporated in the student activity in question and that new ideas should be welcomed, not contemptuously turned away. There is only one crime which is worse than that of introducing something new, and this is the offering of any resistance to the wishes of the man executive. This is no reflection upon our governing body in student affairs—it is a reflection upon the students as a whole. Only a short time ago a few members of the student body attempted to organize opposition to a proposal of the main executive. They did succeed in having the proposal modified; but a large proportion of the students opposed them, and have borne a grudge against those individuals ever since, not because of any merits or de-merits of the proposal itself, but because those individuals had committed the unpardonable sin of opposing the wishes of the powers that be. What chance has open-minded discussion in an atmosphere like this?

We have another bone to pick with the student body. A recent article in these columns declared that the work in our student activities is carried by practically the same people in each activity. This is all too true. We have two hundred students. About twenty are the leaders in student activities. Perhaps eighty more take an intelligent interest in student affairs. What of the other hundred—one half of the student body? They go, most of them, to Friday night functions, they get the Quill every week, but as far as taking any active co-operation in student affairs, they might as well not be there.

What our student activities need and what the students of Brandon College need, above everything else, is less hallowed precedent and more genuine enthusiasm. Two hundred students have paid their fees and become members of the students association. Why should half of them take no more part in student activities than that involved in appearing in the chapel on Friday nights?

"No, sir", said the clerk, "I can't give you a room. The best I can do for you is to give you a half of a private dining room. There's a screen across it, and a lady has the other half, but I reckon she won't bother you."

The T.M. agreed that the accomo-

dation would do in a pinch, and retired to his apartment. Thirty minutes later he ran into the lobby, wild-eyed and pale.

"Hey," he yelled to the clerk, "that woman is dead!"

"I know it," said the clerk, "but how did you find out?"

LADIES, WE ACCEPT

This being Leap Year it is quite in order that we "good eggs" (it's the first time the co-eds have admitted it) accept, in the same manner in which it was offered, the advice and favors which the fairer sex have so kindly proffered us. We appreciate their noble efforts to promote a better and happier social life among college students.

We are almost inclined to believe that perhaps the girls do have some grievances as for example that against ridicule, did they never hear that Confucius, the eminent Chinese philosopher, once said: "She that layeth herself open to ridicule, should be woman enough to take it." And for the most sort, girls, ridicule is all in fun.

This psuedosophistication (we could not even find it in our dictionary) is a new one on us. We'll have to get together sometime about this, girls for it has come to our attention that even you are not quite as natural as you might be. Maybe your actions are influenced a little by Hepburn or even Zasu Pitts. However, since this is the year for co-eds to give the lead we will follow in their dainty footsteps, by telling just what gets "in our hair" or more appropriately what gets our goats, we being "good kids" you know.

When one phones the girl of his dreams for a date and she sweetly says "I can't say for sure, just now, but phone me back on Friday," What could be more exasperating!

And another thing, the girl who stops to window shop when you're going to the show, or the girl who says something like this just after you've met another couple. "I can't for the life of me see what she wants him for, and did you know who she was out with last night?" We soon lose any liking for girls who say things like that.

We also dislike the girl who spends the whole evening telling you what a swell time she had the night before with some other fellow, or the girl who talks for about an hour to someone on the phone when you're calling on her, or the girl who sits, stands or lounges like a deaf and dumb person. Oh for an intelligent answer or remark once in awhile! We never did like the girl who won't say "Hello" when you meet on the street unless you greet her first. According to Emily Post, it is the girl who should speak first you know!

Another thing we detest (and "detest" is not too strong) is the mix-ups concerning dances. We know some girls who can keep good account of their dances, and if some can, why do the others always get mixed up. Is there a little of what is sometimes called "chiselling" going on?

After all though, girls, you have

your good points, and we think a lot of you, but "Oh, those gals from the M.A.C.!"

So let me say for Publications, We men folk have our tribulations—Ne'ertheless, we'll do our best, To be no neat, we'll pass your test.

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With special dedication to the inimitable Mr. Mills whose ties are the cause of so much visual Agnosia about the college.

O, some may long for the soothing touch

Of lavender, cream or mauve
But the ties I wear must possess the glare

Of a red-hot kitchen stove.
The books I read and the life I lead
Are sensible, sane and mild.

I like calm hats, and I don't wear spats.

But I want my neckties wild!
Give me a wild tie, brother,
One with a cosmic urge!

A tie that will swear
And rip and tear

When it sees my old blue serge
O, some will say that a gent's cravat
Should only be seen, not heard,

But I want a tie that will make men cry

And render their vision blurred.
I yearn, I long, for a tie so strong
It will take two men to tie it.

If such there be, just show it to me—
Whatever the price, I'll buy it!
Give me a wild tie, brother,

One with lots of sins!
A tie that will blaze
In a hectic haze

Down where the vest begins,
—The Sheaf

COMING EVENTS

- Thursday, February 20th—
Basketball games.
- Friday, February 21st—
Open Night.
- Saturday, February 22nd—
English Club Meeting.
Basketball, Brandon vs Wesley.
- Tuesday, February 25th—
Science Club Meeting.
Arts III function.
- Wednesday, February 26th—
Quill Staff Meeting.
- Friday, February 28th—
Arts II Literary.
- Saturday, February 29th—
French Club Meeting.

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THE INSIDE TRACK

Brandon College skaters did not fare so well at the Kinsmen Carnival last Friday. Only Einar Egilsson and Cliff Bowes were able to place in the individual competitions, and Egilsson was very unfortunate in not being able to defeat Dawson of B.C.I. in the Men's two lap event. The latter got away to a fine start and beat Egilsson to the first turn. This start proved to be Eniar's downfall for in such a short race, it is almost impossible to gain on the turns and very difficult to pass another on the short straight-way and so the competitor who reaches the first turn ahead of the rest has a decided advantage. Egilsson repeatedly gained on his rival on the stretches, but Dawson was able to keep the pole position and thus prevent Einar from passing him on the turns.

In the Men's 4-lap race, Lloyd Bell had much the same experience as Dawson had in the first race. Lloyd beat the pack to the first turn and managed to stave off McCrory's attempts to pass him. Unfortunately for Lloyd the skaters got the number of laps mixed and only skated three instead of four. Consequently the event had to be re-raced. Bell was not as fortunate in obtaining the pole position this time and Jim McCrory of B.C.I. took the honors. Cluff Bowes of our College team managed to place second so that he and Egilsson were the lone Blue and Gold point-getters.

Last Thursday at the Y.M.C.A., the junior Royals basketballers went into a tie with College for second place, when they scored a surprise 22-21 win off the fast-travelling Collegiate team. Next Thursday our gold-clad juniors face B.C.I. in what should be the best game of the season. A win for College will place them in a tie for first place with Collegiate, with five wins and four defeats each. On the other hand a defeat for our team will leave them tied with Royals and may prove disastrous to the play-off hopes. The girls meet City girls in the second game while the seniors meet the Royals in what should be a great game.

Eeny, meeny, miny, moe.
 Catch a co-ed by the toe,
 If she hollers,
 She can't take it.

Ode To The Main Executive

I
 There's a fellow named Earl Townsend Mills,
 A steady consumer at Bill's
 We think he's a brick—
 He's our next senior stick,
 Promoted from editing Quills.

II
 Our new lady stick's name is Dorey,
 And that is the theme of our story;
 As a singed renowned,
 And in Twelfth Night we're bound
 For electing her we'll ne'er be sorry.

III
 We don't know just what to say,
 Of the Sec. of the B.C.S.A.
 We're sure she will read
 The minutes with speed;
 And the faster the better, we pray.

IV
 And now we have D. Cuthbert Downing,
 With a great reputation for clowning.
 His stuff in the Quill
 Will be sure fit to kill—
 Some think the right treatment is
 drowning.

V
 For debating we've Walter Dinsdale
 Whose store of words never did
 fail; (?)
 His signature's awful
 Tho' technically lawful—
 As IRLATO he now gets his mail.

VI
 For our lit. president we have Reg.
 On the others he gathered an edge;
 He's "safe, sane and sound"
 And when next fall comes round.
 We hope that he sticks to his pledge.

VII
 Our athletic rep. is Frank Ball
 Who often is seen in the hall.
 If elected he'll try
 "To revive sport or die."
 He'll surely be busy next fall.

VIII
 There's Mary, the minister's daughter
 For S.C.M. Pres. we have got her.
 Both with test-tubes and flasks
 And her S.C.M. tasks,
 She'll do her work well, as she
 oughter.

This defamation to the art of poetic achievement was perpetrated by some malefactors calling themselves "budding poets." We will not mention their names in the fear that they may be nipped in the bud.

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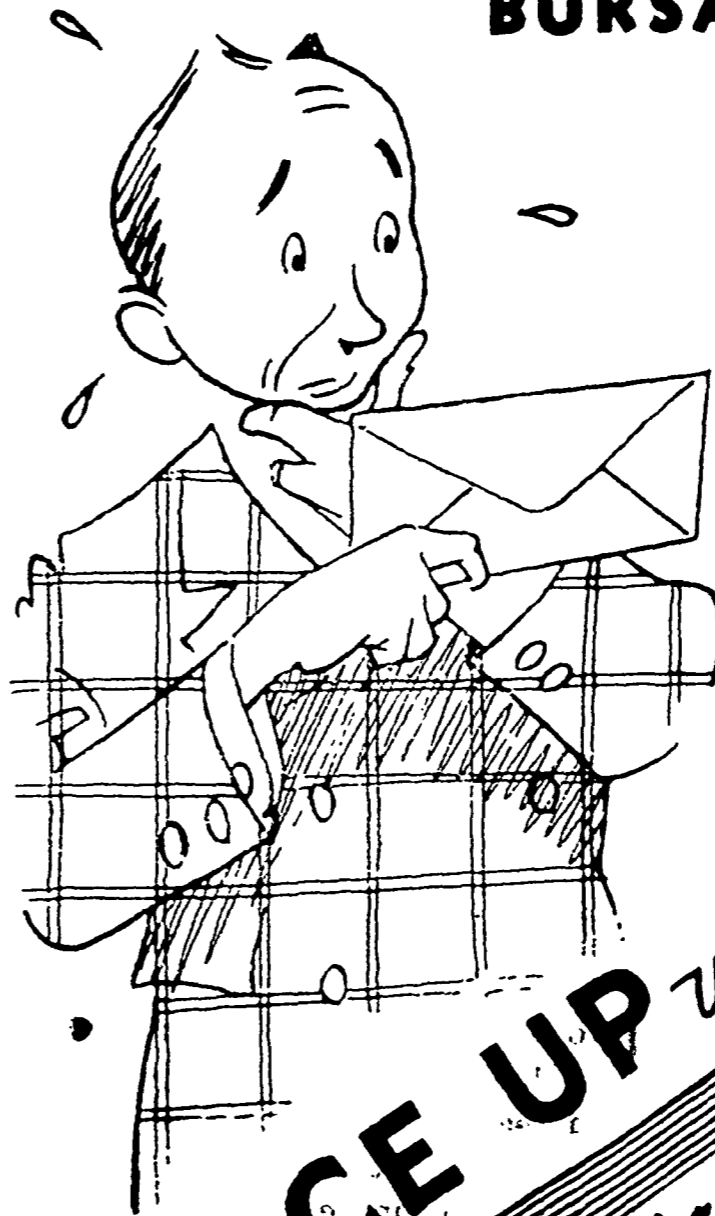
Art Galvin forgetting to blush when the nurse called him "Romeo" . . . Bryce Taylor trying to persuade a waitress that there would be no customers for a couple of hours . . . Our smallest theolog frustrated in his efforts to catch up with a certain Arts III belle on the rink. Ever try cutting corners, Don? . . . Norah Penton gazing wistfully after her big, handsome, blonde Adonis as he again passed in silence. You sure slay 'em Don! . . . Ken Galvin making frequent visits to the Dean's office. It is rumored that they are going into partnership . . . And what's this we hear about Elsie Scott sending love-laden letters to "Hank" Ostrander? And what will Puss say? . . . So Bert Fraser has a rival. The red-headed "bellboy" had better look to his laurels or a certain freshman will be found calling regularly at the residence of Mr. W. A. Robertson—eh Suds? . . . Burr Carrothers with a wistful look. Wondering where Norm is keeping himself, Burr? . . . Samis going cheerfully about his tasks—we wonder if it isn't because Edith-Rose is back in circulation . . . Trowell, on good speaking terms with our pianist of last Friday—but we think she has her eyes on Boom . . . Professors Perdue and Richards making a great hit with the gals last Friday—or did class standings have something to do with it? . . . Muriel Bell riding Bert Fraser—just a packhorse, eh, Bert!

At the Aggie Basketball Game Pat Heywood bowling 'em over in great style . . . Dan Stark being closely held in check. Those Winnipeg gals furnished a little competition, eh, Peg? . . . Schachter and one of the Winnipeg gals enjoying each other's company at the dance following the game. Well—at least Schachter was enjoying it . . . McTavish feeling pretty lonely at the game. We missed Mary too, Ed. . . . Gwen Munt showing Ramsay the finer points of the "Biggar Wiggle" . . . Tillotson showing traces of his ancestry sliding down the brass pole—a peanut would have completed the picture. . . . Keppel and Co being "Home Economically" inclined . . . Marge Thompson threatening to leave Ruttan flat in the middle of the floor.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR C. G. (Kelly) STONE

Students and Faculty assembled in Clark Hall Reception room Sunday evening to bid farewell to Rev. C. G. Stone who has been here with us for the past week. Mr. Stone led a sing-song, after which he spoke in his informal and interesting manner. Dr. Evans and Mr. Morison then added words of appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the faculty and student

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body respectively, for the very inspiring messages, Mr. Stone brought during the week. Refreshments and a social hour were then enjoyed by all present. After a visit as inspiring as this one was we look forward to the time when we may again have the opportunity of having Mr. Stone with us and we wish him every suc-

cess in the great work he is doing.

And then there was the Scotchman who married the half wit because she was fifty percent off.

Del. White—"My ancestors sprang from a long line of pears." Tom Morison—"Did they drown?"

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