

Debating Tournament

More than sixty debaters come to UPEI

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On the weekend November 1, teams of debaters from across Atlantic Canada came to UPEI for the Atlantic Debating Tournament, an annual event bringing together members of all of the university debating societies in eastern Canada.

In all, 32 teams from 8 Atlantic Canadian universities – the University of New Brunswick, Atlantic Baptist University (Moncton), Acadia University, Mount Allison University, Dalhousie University, St. Francis Xavier University, University College of Cape Breton, and Memorial University of Newfoundland – attended the tournament.

The turnout was approximately double that expected by the organizers of the

tournament.

By process of elimination, the number of teams was gradually reduced to two – Memorial's Team "C", and Dalhousie's Team "B."

The final debate between these teams took place at Memorial Hall, in the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Dalhousie "B" – the "government" team – made a case proposing limiting advertisements for birth control pills in magazines oriented towards the pre-teen market. After a hard-fought debate, Memorial "C" came out on top, and won the first prize position.

Chris Bentley, Physics major and head of the UPEI Debating Society, said that this year's debating tournament

was a great success.

"This was the first time that we put it on in a long time, and we did really well at it," he said.

The reaction of off-Island debaters to the first UPEI-hosted tournament of the school year was also quite positive.

"This year's tournament was well-organized – it was really good," said John Scanlon, a debater from Acadia.

The Atlantic Debating Tournament is only the first of two debating tournaments that will be hosted by the UPEI Debating Society.

In March, UPEI debaters will host a second tournament: the fourth Lucy Maud Montgomery Invitational.

Top 5 Team Rankings

Memorial Team "C"	1 st Place
Dalhousie Team "B"	2 nd Place
Dalhousie Team "A"	3 rd Place
Acadia Team "A"	4 th Place
Dalhousie Team "D"	5 th Place

Top 5 Individual Rankings

Carmel Teasdale, Dalhousie	1 st Place
John Scanlon, Acadia	2 nd Place
Ken Johnston, Memorial	3 rd Place
Shannon Hunt, Memorial	4 th Place
Tim Maly, Dalhousie	5 th Place



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