

SPUD TREK '91

On the past weekend, U.P.E.I. held its first ever CUSID Debating tournament (CUSID is the Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate). Four universities; Dalhousie, U.N.B (Fredericton Campus), Saint Thomas, and Mount Allison sent teams. There was a total of 24 debaters (including 3 from P.E.I.) and Finegan the dog (no, he wasn't a debater, he was a judge). This was a good number for our first tournament, enough for good debates, but not so many as to make the tabulation of results difficult.

Twelve members of the Debating Society were kept busy all day organizing, running results, setting up, preparing meals, judging, and debating. We met in the Faculty Lounge for briefings at 8:15. Over the following 10 hours, we held 6 rounds of debating. At 6:00 we broke for dinner, then at about 8:30 we held the final round, with President Eliot as a guest judge. The resolution for the final round was "Be it resolved that: Ex Eodem Fonte Fides et Scientia", or "From the same source, faith and knowledge.", the motto of Saint Dunstan's University. The Government, Mount Allison's B team, not knowing the origin of the resolution chose to define the 'source' to be parents and debated the importance of parents as the prime source of faith and knowledge for the next generation. After the debate, President Eliot provided the origin of the resolution, and his analysis of the debate.

There was unanimity in the decision, and a good time was had by all. The tournament winner was Mount Allison A, and the runner up was Mount Allison B. The winner of the "Most Enlightened Speaker Award" was Marc Lefebvre of U.N.B.'s A team. He took home a flashlight.

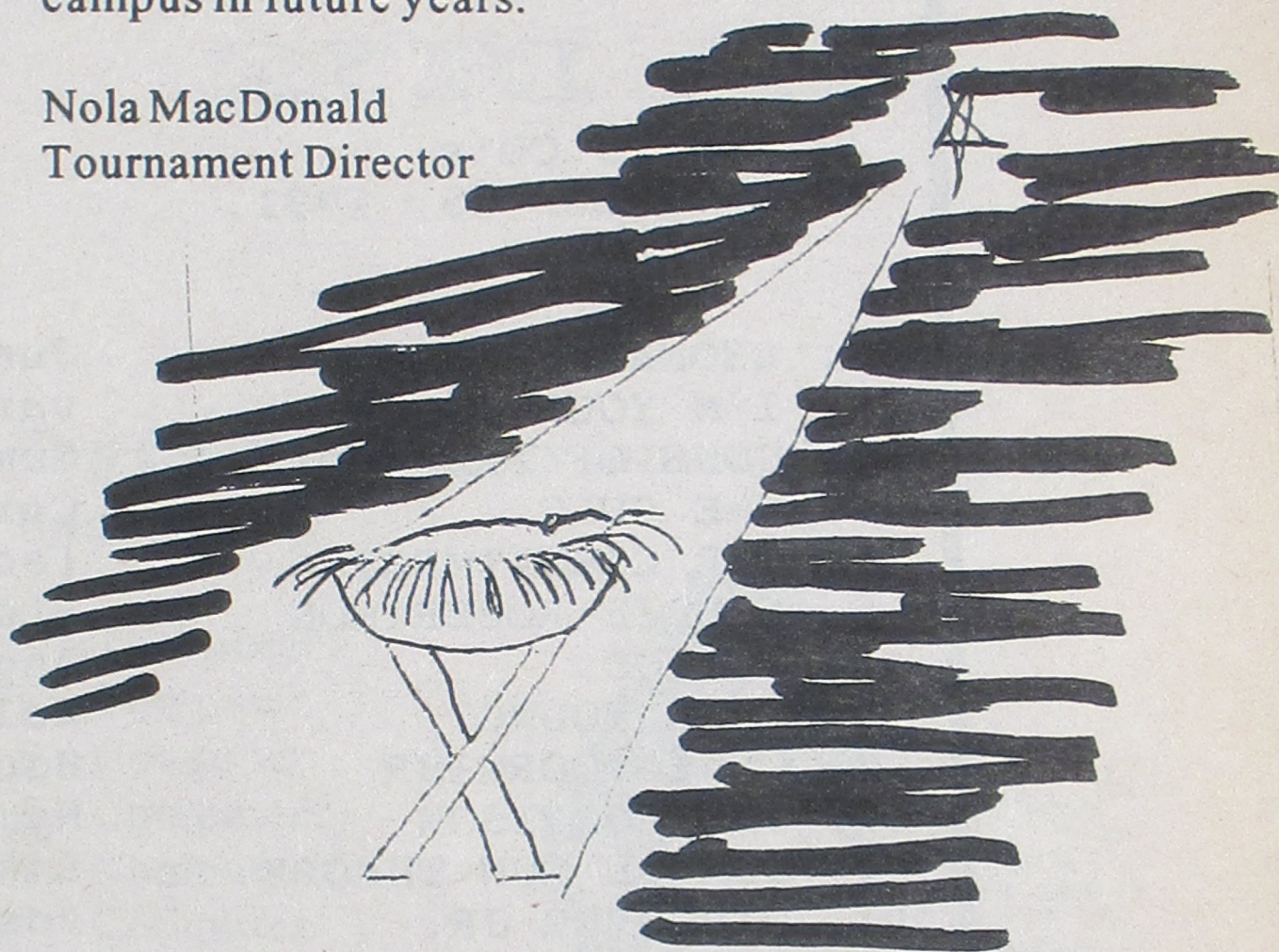
There were several comments about the beauty of Main building, where all of the debating took place. The room that got the most compliments was naturally the Faculty Lounge, which we were fortunate to be able to use for briefings.

The Debating Society would like to thank every one who helped with the tournament, especially the following: - President Eliot who graciously judged the final round. - Dean Smitheram for all of his help throughout the organization of the tournament. - Coastmasters for providing several excellent judges. -

Professor Peter Trnka, Research Officer John Degrace and AVC Graduate Student Gatei Nganda for their assistance in judging. - Co-op and Mrs. Kenny's for helping to provide us with breakfast and lunch. - All of the great volunteers who helped with judging. - Everyone who offered to billet debaters helped in food preparation.

Thanks again, and look for more tournaments on our campus in future years.

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Tournament Director



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