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Winter Carnival Set To Go

Connolly Says Entertainment Best In Maritime Region

The St. Dunstan's University fifth annual winter carnival is set to go. Beginning this coming Wednesday and lasting until Sunday night, the scheduled activities will include varsity sports, inter-class competitions, a hootennany in the Coffee Shop with the Winsmen, a carnival queen competition, a variety show in the gym, a full dress ball, and the feature performances of the internationally famous imitator Rich Little and Canadian folksinger Gordie Lightfoot. Mr. Little and Mr. Lightfoot will perform at the Provincial Vocational Institute Friday night.

The man spearheading the winter carnival this year is Paul Connolly, a Junior Arts student from Charlottetown. In a statement to the Red and White, Mr. Connolly said that the winter carnival committee at St. Dunstan's had succeeded in obtaining the best carnival entertainers in the Maritime region this year.

"I was speaking with all the Maritime university carnival chairmen," he said, "and the general consensus is that St. Dunstan's was on top as far as the feature entertainers is concerned."

The carnival at St. Dunstan's this year is similar to most held at the University since the first winter carnival was held in 1963. This year, however, St. Dunstan's is cooperating with Prince of Wales College and the City of Charlottetown in combining to form one mammoth winter carnival, with each retaining its own identity. St. Dunstan's effort will be entirely independent of the other carnivals except for the feature entertainment and the Centennial Ball which will be held after the SDU carnival on February 20.

The crowning of the SDU carnival queen from among the six class contestants will be at the ball Saturday night; the carnival queen will then represent St. Dunstan's in the finals, when representatives from both universities and the City of

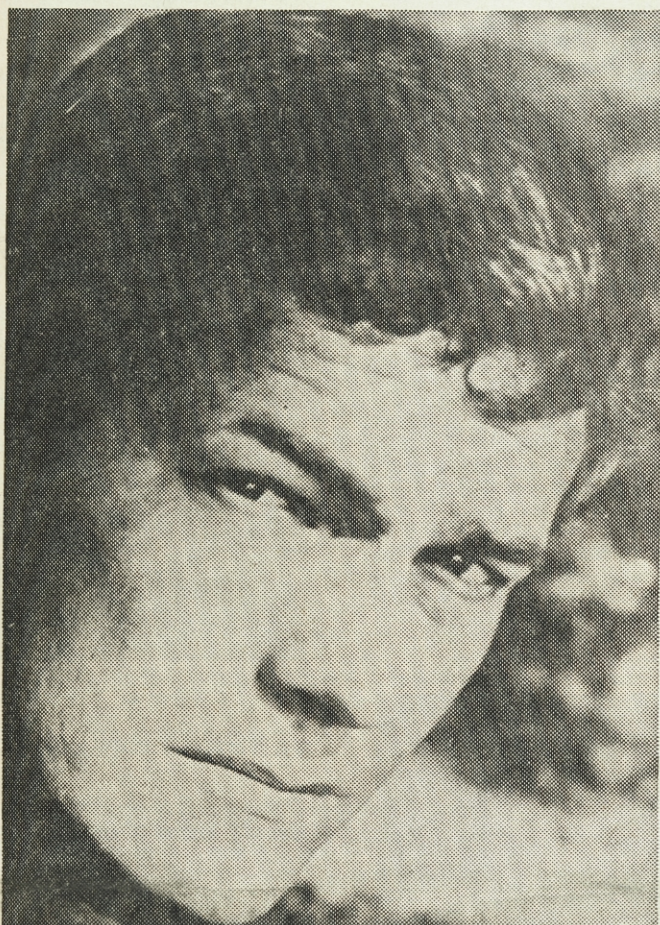


PAUL CONNOLLY

Charlottetown will vie for the Centennial Carnival Queen title.

Asked how successful he thought the carnival would be, Mr. Connolly stated: "I think it will be the most successful carnival held at St. Dunstan's to date. The schedule is set up to attract the interest of every student. However, if our program is to be a success, 100 per cent participation is necessary from the students."

Carnival passes are on sale from the class presidents at \$5.00, which is a considerable saving over the total cost of paying for each event individually.



GORDIE LIGHTFOOT



RICH LITTLE

Winter Carnivals, Past and Present

A break from the regular routine of daily academic work, Winter Carnivals are a relatively new venture at St. Dunstan's, but in the four held so far, they have been quite successful.

The idea of staging an annual Winter Carnival some time during the second term originated with John Dunphy and other members of the Class of '64. Dunphy, then a Sophomore Arts student from St. John, N.B., studied the matter over the summer that year, and presented his proposal through the Students' Union to the administration.

The first Carnival turned out to be an outstanding success, and highlighted the famous Journeymen and their hit song "500 miles."

The following year's Carnival was a joint effort between Ken McInnis, who acted as chairman until Christmas, and Jim Griffith, who continued to organize the many activities involved. The feature entertainment in 1964 was held at Birchwood High School and was provided by the celebrated New Christy Minstrels, who had such hits as Denver, Green Green and numerous others.

The following year was the first financial snag in Winter Carnival operations, but socially the affair was a partial success. Bob Lymburner acted as chairman that year, and the entertainment switched from high school auditoriums to the new Confederation Centre. The Bitter End Singers from New York were the entertainers, but did not show the professional polish which had been a feature in previous Carnivals. Poor coordination and insufficient control of the purse strings marred the effort, but the carnival still remained an intricate part of the college activities.

LAST YEAR

Last year's Carnival combined what was felt to be the best of all previous efforts, and the result was both a financial bonanza and a social hit.

Appointed late in the first semester, the Carnival Committee, headed by Junior Arts student Charley McMillan, and assisted by Bob Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Brian Dornan, business manager, Carol Anne Power, Publicity, and John Driscoll, sales manager, pushed for a shorter Carnival but more intensive schedule.

The result was a compact, tightly run Carnival which gave all students a chance to participate in most events. Highlighting the 1966 Carnival were the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, who proved to be not only a great drawing card and pleasing entertainers, but first class social entrepreneurs.

THIS YEAR

The expanded committee last year established a helpful precedent for succeeding years and this is being borne out by the efficient and comprehensive job done by this year's committee.

Headed by Paul Connolly, a Junior Arts student from Charlottetown, the 1967 committee has proven entertainment success in Gordie Lightfoot and Rich Little, and with the combined efforts of the City and P.W.C., should have the makings of the best Winter Carnival in St. Dunstan's history.



SIX BEAUTIES: Pictured above are the six class princesses who will be competing in the carnival queen contest. Miss carnival queen will be crowned at the ball Saturday night, February 18, at the Confederation Centre. From left to right, the class representatives are Mary Cain, Sophomore; Helen Kelly, Freshman; Pat Sinclair, Engineer's; Donalda Coade, Charlottetown Nurse's Residence; Mary MacInnis, Junior; and Carol Ann Power, Senior.

PHOTO BY GENE MURPHY

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

The SDU Liberal Club has been awarded a trophy as the best campus Liberal Club in the Maritimes, it was learned this morning. The award was presented to the Liberal Club by Welfare Minister Alan MacEachern at the Canadian University Liberal Federation convention held in Ottawa over the weekend.

Club president is Mary Cullen, a Junior Arts student from Charlottetown.