

MORALITY ON CAMPUS

The main project of this St. Patricks Day activities was an exhibition of artifacts originating with the Irish settlers of P.E.I. The Irish Heritage Society had only two days to collect artifacts for the display, but the response was excellent, and over eighty-five items were lent to the society by over thirty individuals.

The display was officially opened on St. Patricks Day, but it was set-up on the Thursday, so that CBCT could videotape it. The exhibition remained open in the Robertson Library for three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and, despite the poor weather, over four hundred people arrived at the library to view it. Many more saw the display on "Afternoon Delight" on CBCT.

Professor Brenden O'Grady of the Irish Heritage Society insured that the exhibition and the society was well publicized by sending letters to island newspapers, and

speaking on open line radio programs. As a result,

there were visitors from Lennox Island and from Souris, as well as other Island communities.

One of the most interesting objects in the exhibit, was a letter written by Daniel O'Connell, who is considered one of Irelands great emancipators, and that countries most pre-dominate politicians. This letter, which has never before been publicly displayed, was a letter of recommendation concerning a Mr. Stevens, the great great grandfather of Barb, Jean, and Clair MacDonald, all U.P.E.I. students. It is surprizing that a such a rare treasure of Irish history could be found in P.E.I., when such a letter would probably be difficult to find even in Ireland.

As well, there was on display a piece of a "mass rock". Proffesor O'Grady tells us that it is from one of the bolders used by

priests for alters during there secret masses, back in the penal days of oppression of Catholicism in Ireland.

Other intresting objects were a large harp, and a very old brass kettle brought over by Irish settlers around eighteen twenty.

Professor O'Grady says that the best part of such artifacts as the kettle is that they have been kept in the homes of the descendents over the years.

It says that the Irish Heritage Society encourages everyone to retain the ol possessions they have in their home, which respresent their heritage. These possessions have a much greater value in their heritage than they have in there monetary value. Artifacts, the society says, should be kept in the home, preserved, and perhaps occasionally displayed. The society does not suggest the articles be put in museums.

On St. Patricks Day,

the society also arranged a one half hour radio program of Irish music and heritage. Anne Keane, wife of U.P.E.I.'s Dr. M. Keanne, read in, and translated Gaelic.

The Irish Heritage Society of P.E.I. is rapidly growing in membership. In a ten day period around St. Patricks Day, the orginal thirteen person membership of the society grew to 135 persons.

The Irish Heritage Society encourages everyone to try to trace their family tree. The tracing of family ancestry is becoming a major pass time, the third most popular hobby in the U.S., after stamp and coin collecting.

The society is trying to spread this intrest around, because as Professor O'Grady says, "the Island is behind in this respect."

He also says that, as the tracing of family trees continue on the Isalnd, one finds that most all

Islanders are related through blood or marriage.

The society hopes to facilitate the tracing of family ancestry by conducting a survey of some Irish cemetarries on the Island, and catologuing the names and dates found. This project will be in conjunction with the surveys already carried out by the Island Heritage Foundation.

Right now, the Irish Heritage Society is attempting to find out the intrests of its members. Comittiees may be set-up in order to collect Irish settlers reciepes, folk songs, and to research the histories of communties through oral and written evidence. A future project for the society after the collection has been completed, may be publication of materials.

In the meantime, the Irish Heritage Society definatly plan to continue the observences of St. Patricks Day through exhibitions and other events at U.P.E.I.

This story was written by Rick Webber

DAL FACULTY DIVIDED ON UNIONIZATION

HALIFAX (CUP) -- The Dalhousie faculty association's bid for certification as the bargaining agent for the university's teaching staff is facing stiff opposition from some senior faculty members.

Opponents of unionization circulated a 15-page document saying that if faculty choose to unionize, they accept "the responsibility for running the university." The document, signed by 18 senior faculty, links unionization with the imposition of "deadly uniform criteria...the loss of real freedom and professional rights."

Their view surfaced at a March 14 information on certification, which drew more than 200 faculty members, university administrators and a lawyer from the Canadian Association of University

Teachers (CAUT). The faculty association, which has 670 dues-paying members among 850 eligible faculty, voted overwhelmingly last month to direct its executive to seek certification.

Senior economics professor John Graham, the main spokesman for the anti-union faction, said he represented "those that recognize trade unions as necessary in some areas of society but who see them as inimical and unsuitable to an academic community."

Faculty association president Philip Welch said that voluntary contracts, which cannot be enforced in a court of law, remain based on the mutual trust and faith that both parties to an agreement will continue to observe it. He pointed out that in some situations, such as in conflicts at the University

of Toronto, trust and faith had proved to be inadequate guarantees.

The meeting and certification bid followed a mid-January breakdown in negotiations between faculty and the administration.

Classics professor J.A. Doull said "the underlying assumption in the existence of a union at Dalhousie would result in a kind of civil war within the university with two governments constantly engaged in bitter conflict."

Another view came from education professor Edgar Friedenberg: "There exists at Dalhousie an 'old-boy' oligarchy of senior

faculty that is impossible to distinguish from the administration and I want protection from that."