

New faculty at Dal - FINE ARTS -



B.F.A. Students at Work

PSYCH. DEPT.

Dr. Harry James

Doctor Harry James, born in the western part of England and educated both in England and in Canada is now a member of the faculty of the Dalhousie Psychology department. In 1956 he obtained his Ph.D. from London University. His varied background is exceeded only by his numerous interests. Although escape and avoidance, learning has been the topic of his most recent research projects he is also interested in imprinting, amnesia in animals, the effects of drugs on animal behaviour, and finally, the effects of early experience on behaviour.

NEWLY HATCHED CHICKS

As aforementioned Doctor James has been working on the escape and avoidance learning in newly hatched chicks. The apparatus used for this experiment consisted of a two compartment box of a kind commonly used for classroom demonstration. One half of the box contained a grid floor to which a shock source was attached. Simply stated the procedure was as follows: After the chick had been placed in the center of the grid a shock was automatically supplied. There was a one minute interval between the onset of one trial and the start of the next.

Each chick was run for 100 trials or until it had reached a criterion of five successive avoidances from the shock. The following results were obtained: Chicks trained for the first time on the day after hatching quickly learned to escape but do not learn to avoid the shock. Avoidance learning first appears on the third day of life, and from that time the number of chicks learning to avoid increases with age, so that by the fifth day of life the majority are able to do so. Perhaps this appears to be a trifle obscure and insignificant to you. After all, you reason, why should

I care if the chicken never learns to avoid the shock? On the contrary, this ought to be of vital interest to you as much of the animal behaviour that is being observed in the various laboratories can be directly related to human behaviour.

PSYCH NOW A SCIENCE

The psychology department is rapidly expanding. Psychology is now officially recognized as a science with a status equal to that of chemistry of physics. For those of you who may be working on a Bachelor of Science degree it may be counted as a science. A certain amount of lab. work is required for both the undergraduate and graduate student. The labs are presently situated in the top part of the arts annex. The most basic of equipment with which each student is supplied consists of a Skinner box and a rat. Various other facilities are available for research. Both an EEG and polygraph machine are in the process of being installed. Both of these machines are designed to measure human response. Greater work is expected to be accomplished in this field in the future. In order to obtain research specimens the psych dept. boasts an incubator which is very capably filling the demand for chicks.

All future Brier stars are hereby warned that an organizational meeting will be held on Thursday at 11:30 in the Gym. This is the first meeting and all interested parties are requested to be in attendance.

B.F.A.

In affiliation with the Nova Scotia College of Art, Dalhousie now offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. The B.F.A. is a regular four year course combining academic courses at Dal with practical courses at the Art College.

ONLY AT DAL

A similar degree is available at Mount Allison, but Dalhousie is the only Canadian University giving it through the facilities of an established art school.

The Fine Arts student has a thirty-five hour week with classes beginning at 8.30 and running through until 4 p.m. and night classes twice a week. Classes include Drawing, Basic Design, Figure and Life drawing, costume design, Anatomy, Clay modelling, Lettering, and Graphics. Art History and Understanding is also studied in great detail.

The Degree leads to careers in Fine Arts, Commercial Art, Art Education, and Applied Art.

TWO NEW ARTISTS

In order to provide the best possible foundation for the new faculty, two new artists have been appointed to the staff: Mr. John Miller, well known Saskatchewan mosaic artist, who plans to institute a class in mosaics; and Mr. John Martin an artist of considerable accomplishment from Ontario.

Principal of the College, Donald MacKay, has for several years taught the popular elective, fine arts, at Dalhousie.

Another of the staff of the new faculty, Horst Deppe, is currently showing at the Dalhousie Art Gallery.



Undergrad Psych. students at work on the inevitable rat.

ALUMNI CONCERTS

The third in the Canada Council University Concert Series will be held in the King's College Gymnasium, January 9.

The guest musician will be the noted concert pianist, Pierrette Lepage.

Co-existence Truth and Consequences

By Andy White

The latest development on the international scene, following the assassination of President Kennedy has been the appearance of the so-called "peace offensive" (in itself a contradiction of terms). Waged, allegedly, from both sides of the Iron Curtain, we now are privileged to read of the Prime Minister of Great Britain making remarks to the effect that he sees the re-establishment of friendly relations with the Soviet Union as one of his major ambitions for the coming year. We read of the new President of the United States stating that he would welcome any moves on the part of the Soviet Union to "relax East-West tensions". Even Nikita Khrushchev has made a number of public pronouncements, in which he has said that he would be highly in favor of any conciliatory moves made by the West; moreover, he has intimated that the Soviet Union would be ready, even eager, to respond in kind. The old Sino-Soviet split talk seems to be fading back into the woodwork as all and sundry fasten their eager eyes on the much refurbished, far from new principle of "co-existence".

Now, at last, say the pundits, true peace is within our grasp. Costly military establishments can be at least reduced, and all can settle down to a nice pleasant era of bland, brotherly love. The Russians, they declare, have finally given up their ideas of world conquest, having decided that peaceful co-existence and harmless competition between the two economic systems is as far as they would be willing to go in their plans for world domination. Even the Chinese, they say, quoting the recent pronouncements of Chou En-Lai made during his recent African tour have shown that they have "mellowed" and are willing to face what is termed by some "reality". The Germans, too, they say, have finally recognized the puppet regime of the so-called German Democratic (?) Republic, De Facto, if not de jure. Everyone is prepared, they state confidently, to "accept" things as they are, no matter how much of an offense this is to the wholly abstract concepts as justice and the like. This is a "realistic" world, they say, and judgements have to be made on "rational" grounds. Ideas of justice, fair play and such sound pleasant to the ear, but are not to be fully expected in an "adult, mature world."

However, in anything that really matters, our new friends in the Kremlin have shown themselves to be nothing but their bad old selves. In the current Cyprus affair, what major power sent inflammatory messages to Premier Makarios, pledging all support against the Turkish minority on the Island? Why, none other than the Soviet Union. This is yet another example of the duplicity of this regime which champions the "rights of minorities throughout the world, as well as blatant interference in the internal affairs of a small nation which has absolutely no binding ties to Russia whatsoever.

It would seem also, that the continued existence of the Berlin wall, is hardly a proof of a change of heart on the Russian side. This brick and mortar monstrosity is a continuous monument to the failure of Communism as a way of life or a system of economics. Yet still it stands. Firearms in the hands of the few stooges who have been sufficiently indoctrinated by the puppet regime of Ulbricht, Pieck et al still slash down victims as they attempt to leave the "paradise of the proletariat".

Finally, of course, there is the moral issue. The every existence of regimes such as those found in China and Russia is an offence against honor and decency. So-called "liberals" in our society cry out for the full independence of African peoples, yet these same are the loudest in their clamor for "co-existence" with a system that keeps a large number of human beings in a state of servitude. The people of the so-called German Democratic Republic, the Baltic peoples, the Hungarians who were betrayed by the West when they tried to expell the Soviet tyrants, are not all of these as worthy of our concern as Africans and other so-called "under-developed" people? Little time is spent by these so-called "humanitarians" about the state of the captives of the Communists behind the aptly named Iron Curtain.

The staff of the Pharos, commonly known as the Pharos Phynques, are hereby challenged to name a game where they shall go down to an unglorious defeat at the hands of the much superior staff of the Gazette.

In past years Pharos has attempted to defeat the Gazette Globetrotters in a game that is laughingly called basketball by this department. This year we challenge them to name a game, time and place for this the annual classic.

Pharos be warned.



All students whose names, addresses, or telephone numbers do not appear in the University Directory correctly are asked to place the correct information on the sheet provided outside the Gazette office. They will be published next week as an errata list. This applies especially to students in Health Professions, who are largely omitted in the Directory.

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