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DOES CHARITY BEGIN AT HOME?

In the last issue of the Gazette, the president of the Glee Club gave an account of the club's plans for the coming year and an outline of certain proposals made by two other campus organizations.

As it appears to the Gazette, the Dal committee of the WUSC and the Rink Rats committee wish to sponsor a show along the same lines as last year's "Singin' in the Seine" in order to raise money for the respective organizations. Last year's production resulted in each organization receiving something under three hundred dollars each and it is anticipated that this year's show of the same type, will realize a similar amount.

At this writing it looks as if the Glee Club is unwilling to present such a show under the conditions desired by the WUSC committee. The DGDS argument seems to be that if the show is going to make money, the money, at least a major portion of it, should accrue to the benefit of Dalhousie students. Accordingly, the Rink Rats have been welcomed to share in the production of a musical-comedy type of show, since they are a committee of Dalhousie students whose object is to help realize the sum of ten thousand dollars, which the students pledged to raise as part payment on the Dalhousie artificial ice rink.

On the other hand, the WUSC committee, although formed of Dalhousie students, is designed to achieve objects which are remote from the Dalhousie campus. It, along with other WUSC committees across Canada, is designed to promote the education of students in other areas of the world, especially the Far East. The question then is: Should the money provided by Dalhousie students who support a show produced by Dalhousie students, be spent in raising the educational standard of youth in other parts of the world, or would they rather see the profit spent on the Dalhousie campus to help clear an obligation undertaken by the student body several years ago.

The Glee Club president has expressed a willingness to undertake the production of a show which has little expenses, but he says the money should remain on the campus to the benefit of the student body as a whole.

According to the letter in the last issue of the Gazette, the Council of Students took a somewhat high-handed approach in the handling of the matter. The writer said that the Glee Club is being forced to undertake the production of a show in so-called "co-operation with the WUSC committee" or else! Whether that is true or not, it seems quite clear that the council is in favor of WUSC sharing in the proceeds of any profit-making show which WUSC helps to produce.

And it seems equally clear that the Glee Club executive is not in favor of working with WUSC.

Enriquez Blasts I.U.S.

CUP. — The International Union of Students and organization, the purpose of which is to further relations among the universities of the world, has been blasted by Tony Enriquez in a press release on his return from Moscow.

Tony, who is president of NFCUS and a Mexican student at Ottawa U., was one of the six Canadian students sent to Moscow for the purpose of observing activities of IUS. NFCUS has received an invitation to become an associated member in the IUS. However, according to Tony, such an association would be unrealistic and unsatisfactory because the IUS is merely a tool of the communist government for furthering their party policy.

The IUS, with many branches in different countries, has a well-supplied budget. Tony claims that this money, stemming from the communist government is used as a lure to induce students to become members, assisting them with books and other supplies.

His complaint is the inability of NFCUS to counteract this situation because of lack of funds. This is very unfortunate since the IUS has become an instrument in the hands of Red propaganda.

Students Take Loyalty Oath

(Queen's Journal)

BERKELEY, Calif. (Special) — Male freshmen and sophomores at the University of California must take a loyalty oath which will allow them to enrol in the Reserve Officers' Training Course. This course is a requisite of the University curriculum.

The new ruling is a result of a rider on a defence bill passed by Congress, said Acting Chancellor Alva R. Davis recently.

Previously all juniors and seniors who agreed to take four full years of ROTC training toward a commission on graduation have taken the oath, Davis said, but this is the first time it has been extended to first and second year students. The same ruling is in effect at nearly all land-grant colleges in the United States, since all require male students to enter ROTC for at least two years.

The oath is the same as that taken by Army officers, declaring that they are not members of subversive organizations.

Ralph Ornelas, second-year student, refused to sign the oath when it was put before him at registration. He was warned that failure to do so means that he cannot enrol in ROTC, and also the possibility of his dismissal from the University.

Letters to The Editor

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention an error in the article, "What Every Freshman Ought To Know" that appeared in the Gazette on October 12. The Student Christian Movement is NOT intended primarily for Protestant students on the campus. The SCM encourages open membership, "open to all who will tolerate different viewpoints and who decide to share in community of life and thought in the university."

We invite adherents of all faiths to examine with me the basis of the Christian faith; we also invite atheist and agnostic to share in discussion, debate, projects in work and worship, study and service, in an attempt to discover, realize, and acknowledge God as the basis of all worthwhile life.

Thank you,

Signed Fred Neal
General Secretary,
Dalhousie, SCM

Dear Mr. Editor,

The tempest in the campus teapot concerning the Freshmen and their representative on the Student Council, I feel was too drastically presented to the students on your front page.

It occurred, not because they were "mad", but rather because they misunderstood. That misunderstanding has been cleared up between the Freshman class and myself.

It should be added here that they are a class with plenty of enthusiasm and spirit, and I feel that this spirit should not be mistaken for "revolutionary" tendencies.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Scammell.

Student Groups in Dispute over Show

WUSC and the Rink Rats have had some dispute this year with the Glee Club concerning the appropriation of the funds from the forthcoming musical revue "T.V. or not T.V." Last year the Glee Club produced the revue "Singin' in the Seine" for the financial benefit of WUSC and the Rink Rats. Members of WUSC and the Rink Rats looked after publicity, refreshments and the selling of tickets for that show and they thought it only fair to have the same arrangements for this year's revue. The incoming President and Vice-President of last year decided the profits from the Glee Club's production would go to the Council of Students to relieve a pressing financial situation.

WUSC appealed to the Council, which then requested the Glee Club to again take in WUSC and the Rink Rats. The Glee Club refused on grounds of complying with previous instructions. The Council passed a resolution which forced the Glee Club to bring in WUSC and the Rink Rats to the general benefit of WUSC, the Rink Rats, the Glee Club and the Council of Students.

The only query which the Glee Club has is that money which goes to WUSC does not remain on the campus and the Glee Club feels that home organizations are of primary importance. The Glee Club resents the Council's actions in interfering with the autonomy of a subsidiary organization.

It must be clearly understood that the personnel of WSCU and Rink Rats do not enter the question on grounds of actual co-operation. There is nothing but equanimity between the organizations.

WUSC and the Glee Club have decided among themselves that WUSC and the Rink Rats will sell only tickets at the three Glee Club performances for which they will receive a percentage of profit of the entire Glee Club over and above their profit which will be agreed upon by the Council.

C. U. P. Column

One of the topics at the NFCUS National Conference in Toronto, Oct. 18th-23rd, will be "income tax exemption for students," let's hope they will be as successful as in the past, when they obtained the reduced student train fare for Xmas vacations, and also the abolition of the excise tax on school books.

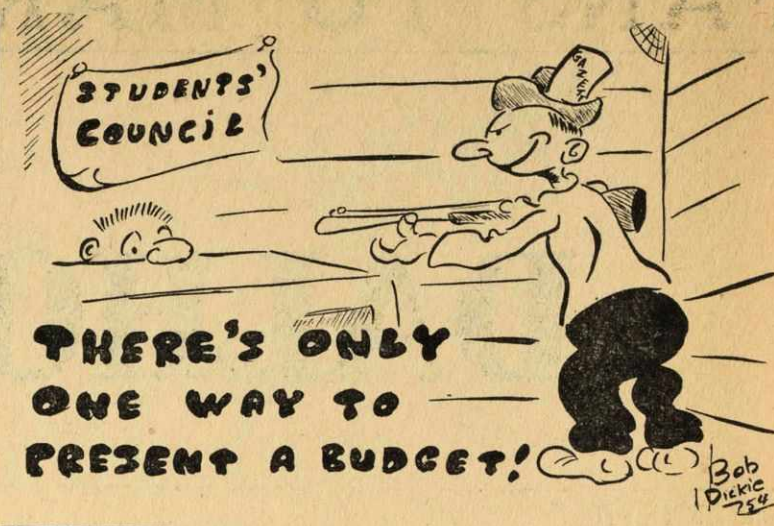
"Riot '54", will be the name of this year's Queen's Revue. A most appropriate title, No. ? —

Classes are not necessary! This was decided in a public debate, which took place at Ottawa U. Mind you the debaters were not students, but fulfilled profs.

Curious Financing

It seems that the Council of Students of the last academic year completed its operations with a surplus of some \$4,000.00. Part of that resulted from student organizations not spending all they had budgeted for, and another part came from reserve funds which had been dipped into because the Council expected to run into a deficit.

There is, however, a third reason for the surplus and one that should not happen again. Evidently, a mistake as to registration figures led to a smaller calculation of income from student council fees. And it was a mistake that was not discovered until close to the end of the 1953-54 term. Consequently the council, when determining the budgets to be approved for each organization, did so under the belief that incomes from student council fees would be less than what they actually were. As was quite natural from the picture at hand, the Council cut budgets and economized with student expenditures in accordance with the ex-



pected income. And since it is customary for student councils to apply any surplus from previous years to reserve funds, this year's estimates will in no way be affected by the \$4,000.00 left over from last year. That goes to reserve accounts and this year's council will start anew and try to calculate expenditures to meet incomes, which is also the usual way of financing.

A special effort should be made this year by those responsible, to see what every available source of income is included in this year's budget when they get down to the business of determining total income. Otherwise, the same thing will happen as last year: some student organizations will be handicapped to some extent by having their budgets slashed unduly.

Eleven Rhodes Scholarships for Canadians

Canadian university men who have reached at least the second year in their courses are invited to consider making application, by November 1, for the Canadian Rhodes Scholarships which will be awarded early in December.

These scholarships are tenable at the University of Oxford, England; are of the annual value of £600 and are granted for two years with the possibility of a third year. Scholars may follow courses of study of their own choice, and will be required to go to Oxford in October of 1955.

The eleven Canadian Rhodes Scholarships are allotted annually, two to Ontario, two to Quebec and one each to Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Students resident in P.E.I., may apply in either New Brunswick or Nova Scotia.

The scholars are selected in each province (subject to confirmation by the Rhodes Trustees) by a local selection committee made up partly of Rhodes Scholars and partly of other persons of public eminence.

There is no written examination for the scholarships. Mr. Rhodes specified four groups of qualities which he would desire to see in his scholars: (i) literary and scholastic attainments, (ii) fondness for, and success in, mainly outdoor sports, (iii) qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for, and protection of, the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship, and (iv) exhibition during school days of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates, for those latter attributes will be likely in after life to guide him to esteem the performances of public duties as his highest aim.

This is a reminder that a Rhodes Scholarship is not a prize for an outstanding record to date, but an opportunity for future achievement; and that in Mr. Rhodes' view the final test of his foundation was to be not even so much the success of his scholars at Oxford, as their standing and influence in their own countries 20 and 40 years later. As he himself put it, in a letter to the Chairman of the first Selection Committee in South Africa, he wished to 'get the best man for the world's fight.'

The words 'public duties' should of course not be understood as referring exclusively to a political career; the Trustees have always interpreted the phrase to cover all those activities which have as their aim the welfare of others as distinct from mere individual self-advancement.

Gazette Backs Council

The "brainiest school in Canada has done it again. This time, Dalhousie's legal beagles have come up with the "brainiest plan" in years and it concerns every student of Dalhousie. For the first time, a concrete and logical plan for the canteen has been formulated and the new plan has been sanctioned by the Council of Students.

The canteen is not only a disgrace to the University, but also an insult to the dignity of the students of the University. Upwards of 200 students daily, make use of the canteen, either by eating a "full-course" meal or by buying a lunch of sandwiches and coffee. Daily, 200 or more students are jammed three rows deep waiting for the "waitress" to amble up to the counter, nonchalantly take your order and then even more nonchalantly amble over to the cigarette, soda-pop, or milk stands and amble back to the counter with your demands. The Council did not criticize the service at the canteen; the Gazette hopes that any new plan will also include better service, and by "better" we mean plenty of improvement.

The proposal for renovation of the canteen along lines of a cafeteria, with furniture and tables in the site of the present horseshoe counter is one of the best plans that has been formulated. Instead of eating on undignified high chairs, we MAY get the opportunity of eating, perhaps even dining at attractive, modern chrome-backed chairs. As the Council pointed out, space can be made available to renovate the present canteen along such lines.

One of the most striking resolutions was the cleanliness of the canteen. Cleanliness is important not only from the point of health, but also from the psychological point. It is mighty hard to enjoy a meal or a snack if the premises are drab or unclean.

The proposal to cover over eating utensils and to have clean cups, plates and saucers, is not only well made, but also completely necessary.

The Gazette is pleased to join with the Council in seeking better canteen facilities for the students of Dalhousie. Apparently, the Lawyers move has been the spark. Maybe we can now move, but when we do, let's move together.

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