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The non-collegian scoffs at the pleasant hours of the college student — the four years or more of mildly organized loafing — but if he ever stopped to consider the typical day of a student (if there is such a thing) he would no doubt be thankful for his eight hour day. The process of learning is long and arduous and time consuming. Classes begin at nine — three hours a day spent in class, a few more in labs — special lectures, debates, discussions, student athletics, dramatics, council meetings, letters home study periods — all take a great portion of the day. A collegian's life may be fun, but a student's work is never done.

Speaking of students brings to mind the admonition emblazoned on the back of every Barnes & Noble delivery truck in New York City. Barnes & Noble specialize in the College Outline Series that Roy Atwood stocks, and no doubt sells at a fast rate in the Spring. The pocket size books synopsise a variety of subjects from Accounting to Zoology, and give the cramming student nutshell notes. On the left side of each truck is printed "PASS"; on the right side "FLUNK".

The "stream of thought" process that characterizes a portion of James Joyce's *Ulysses* as well as many modern writers brings to mind Ed Harris. Accounting and Ed Harris could be synonymous terms around Dalhousie for Ed, Law '58 of Bennett Shield fame in 1954, carried off the Governor General's medal for all Canada in the final exams in Chartered Accountancy. Ed's accomplishment reflects great credit on himself as well as the Dalhousie University Department of Commerce. Congratulations!

The Dalhousie Commerce Company as a corporate body is to be commended for spiritually uplifting the Campus with their Sweater Dance. The decorations of the days of the week and months of the year definitely had a Petyesque effect on the viewers as well as the streamers and balloons. The overall effect made the gym into a pleasant place to dance, rather than a semi-renovated basketball court. The Commerce Co. seems to have fallen heir to the enthusiasm and spirit that once belonged to the Engineers and Lawyers in years past. Recognition must also be given youthful Janice Merritt, who possessed those qualities that reflected on the credit side of her ledger to the Commerce Co. in choosing her Sweater Queen.

Now this "stream of consciousness" business could carry one away — make one a fanatic about it. The American philosopher George Santayana defined a fanatic "as a man who redoubles his efforts after he has forgotten his aims." Seems to apply to this columnist.

Those students who intend to travel to England and Europe this summer might note the observations of the Travel Editor of the *Saturday Review* regarding liquid refreshment in England, as told to him by a pub keeper. "We've got some strange names for drinks in England. A gig's ear is a beer, a wallop is a glass of ale. They come in and ask for 'arf a wallop! Then there's the dog's nose, which is beer and gin. Shocking drink, that. A man who drinks too much is said to be sliced, or tipped, or three parts cut." Hope this does not cause confusion in fraternity row.

Time magazine this week as well as featuring a cover story on "Mac the bookie" Prime Minister Harold MacMillan of England carries this little item in their *Miscellany* column set out thusly:

**THE LAST FRONTIER.** In New Glasgow, Nova Scotia the *News* printed a classified ad: WANTED — A good woman who wishes a good home. Will marry if necessary — Charlie Morrison."

The Dalhousie Varsity basketball team played its best game Saturday night in an Intercollegiate Contest against Tech. Three freshman sparked the team, all Haligonians — Bill White, footballer Teddy Wickwire, and Tommy Dobson, who scored 28 points single-handed. Dalhousians who once backed their basketball teams seemed to have faded into the past. Saturday night the folding bleachers installed to handle the capacity basketball crowds of the early '50's were scarcely filled. The quintet will need more than moral support when St. Francis Xavier University team arrives on the 2nd of February — but then most of the fans will be Haligonians. Dalhousie, where is thy spirit?

Writers of the next generation arise! Throw off those shackles of indolence, and write for the W. H. Dennis English prizes. Notices have been carried in the *Gazette* and can be found on the Bulletin boards for the Joseph Howe Prize for Poetry and the James DeMille Prize for Prose. The deadline, for unlimited contributions, under certain conditions, is the 31st of March.

The Hyland Theatre at the Arm Bridge (Rotary now, I imagine), comes under the class of theatre that is performing a service for its patrons — each, every and all of them. The re-release of film classics would be lost to the general film public of Halifax with our big first-run houses, and the little "stinkies" that are unable or unwilling to bring us these films. The Hyland comes under the classification of an "Art" theatre and two of their recent showings bear this out...

**Lucky Kid**, the movie made from the story *A Kid For Two Farthings* was a charming film directed by Carol (The Third Man) Reed. Britain's answer to Marilyn Monroe, Diana Dors was relegated to a minor role in a film which seemed more a series of character portrayals held together by a slight theme of a small boy's world in Fashion Street, London. An interesting film.

**Hill 24 Doesn't Answer** is a film made in Palestine, and deals with the Arab-Israeli war in the early part of this decade. Hanya Hararit won the Best Actress award at the Cannes Festival for her work in the film; but considering the length of her appearance on the screen one wonders why. The film itself is a worthwhile and interesting production, with fascinating character delineation. Technically weak in some spots, it is however a thought provoking show.

Thought for this week from Bernard Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra*: "... when a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty."

## "400 Words or More"

by Peter Outhit

Despite propaganda directed at the student from all sides, the main purpose of a student at a University is to develop socially. There are various pitfalls that one must consequently avoid, and one must learn to recognize the enemy.

Know The Enemy (Step 1): When the enemy holds the rank of Doctor, Professor or above, it is comparatively easy to recognize; misinformed parents may be included quite easily in the above group. Secondly, certain members of one's class will assume a kill-joy attitude (*Blanketus Wettus*), assuring everyone within earshot that they have to come to college to gain an education. It is mainly to these doubtlessly confused types that the next learned inspirational will be addressed. All members of step (1) must be studiously avoided.

The most apparent means of dulling a student's social program was made obvious to most students at Christmas. No doubt you have been informed of the necessity of having 50% (or more, if desired) (but why knock yourself out) in order to pass a course here. It is the author's (1) intention to suggest at the next student forum that the basic requirements be lowered i.e. that mere registration shall constitute a pass, and thereby give the student a chance to get on with his/her education. Countless neurotic frustrations will thus be avoided, resulting in happy, unconcerned students who don't give a darn who governs Canada — Republican, Poujadist or Labour Progressive — and who couldn't recognize a Russian even by the C.C.C.P. on his sweater. But I digress.

A New Deal (Step 2): The author's above suggestion will inconvenience the erstwhile, fumbling enemy. It is here that the Student Controlled Lectures scheme will come into effect. A Benevolent Students' Committee will re-employ lecturers at starvation wages for disciplinary reasons only. Under this program the Mathematics department will embark upon a course of study designed to lead to a Master's Degree in the Theory and Practice of Gambling. We will set up fellowships under which deserving students of the T. & P. of G. department will be sent to foreign countries for firsthand experience at, e.g., Monte Carlo. Here, the student must have a working knowledge of French; money also helps.

Commerce of course will sponsor group lectures in Swindling, Embezzlement, and Shady Deals leading to a Degree in Underhanded Methods.

Other courses offered will be Sloth Skinning (Zoology); the Care and Feeding of Aard-varks (Biology); Purification of Sand (Science); and Gorgon-Training (Pre-Med). To ensure the supply of all the needed equipment our program will be built on the sure foundation of the Faculty of Engineering. Here is a veritable fountain of technical knowledge of engraving, scientific card-marking, dice-tipping and other proven insurances toward winning. We need not elaborate on this faculty's usefulness.

\*One of our greatest assets is a respected, influential Law School. Here, without difficulty, the whole system of Canadian Criminal law may be altered slightly so as to allow for the above New Deal. Distinctively Dalhousian lawyers will be sent into society, whose training will eventually set them aside as distinguishable from the rest, and factors to be dealt with.

Sports scholarships will be offered to Professionals, allowing them to continue their vocation here uninterrupted.

I feel sure that after due consideration most of you will see the merit in this system; and I wish to thank the *Gazette* for publishing this startling platform free of charge.

\*The women of tomorrow will be instructed in Greco-flemencan dancing, Military Tactics; and the Art of Conversation.

## Everybody Lives It Up Once In A While!



And bouncing balloons is such fun, too. This shot, taken at the Arts and Science Ball, goes to prove that every dog has his day, or something like that. Among the revellers are Arts Queen Janet Conrad and Prof. Peter Waite of the History Department. Let's live a little! (Photo by Rofihe)

## Ode To Winter

(By a shivering student.)

Of winter's praises there's enough;  
I'm made of less heroic stuff.  
My hardy spirit does not glow  
At seeing more and more of snow;  
In winds that blow and frosts that bite  
I do not find serene delight.  
There's nothing that's especially nice  
In falling down on sheets of ice.  
On chilly mornings, when, alas,  
I have to rise and go to class,  
And see my Bunsen burner burn,  
Or history's dates, I shivering yearn  
For climes where nothing's to be done  
Save bask 'neath palm trees in the sun—  
But lacking that, I'd like instead  
To be allowed to

Stay  
In  
Bed.

—Margaret Doody

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

(The following resolutions were purloined from one of the female students in the vicinity.)

1. Thou shalt not go out more than seven nights a week.
2. Thou shalt not be late more than five minutes at a time. It looks bad.
3. Thou shalt not play the radio loud when expecting a call or caller.
4. Thou shalt not sleep in classes — suppose thee talks in thy sleep — and who knows what secrets thy subconscious contains?
5. Thou shalt limit thyself to four cups of black coffee and three packages of gum a day.
6. Thou shalt get down to breakfast by 8:29 and avoid the wrath of Marge.
7. Thou shalt not frequent the Canteen more than three times a day nor lose thy temper at the existentialists who there abide.
8. Thou shalt not giggle more than is unavoidably necessary at the inane remarks of certain of thine contemporaries.
9. Thou shalt honour thy parents by reducing thy ten collect phone calls to five per week. Thou shalt also write once in a while.
10. Thou shalt not take thy psychology too seriously. Thee might be crazier than thou thinkest.
11. Thee almost forgot — to study if thee canst find the time.

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