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MED SUPPLEMENT

Med Society . . .

Comparatively speaking this has been a successful year for the Students Medical Society. We have seen numerous films, have enjoyed several parties, have had a successful banquet, and have carried on the society business in the usual manner. And yet, on looking back, these activities were carried on by only a small minority of medical students. Why this indifference of so many toward things extracurricular? Is the individual entirely to blame, or can some blame be attached to a system under which the demands of the curriculum are so great that there is no room for outside activities?

Sir William Osler, in his famous

PRESENTING —



KEN MACLENNAN. . . . our genial society president, to whom and to his executive goes credit for the successful past year. "The Monk", has his fingers in many pies—is President of his class, is president of his fraternity, has been a council member, has played varsity football, and is now active in interfac basketball. Knowing that in the future, as at present, Monk will be in the fore, we say "thanks again" for a job well done.

Faculty Facts . . .

The ranks "de facultate" have been swelled this year by three new members—Dr. Chester B. Stewart as professor of epidemiology, Dr. Robert W. Begg as assistant professor of Biochemistry and Dr. Dan Tinning as assistant professor of Medicine.

Dr. Stewart after graduation in '38, was a co-worker of Sir Frederick Banting, in the research field. He entered the airforce, where his work was focussed on aviation medicine. After discharge from the service in '45 he studied public health at John's Hopkins University, following which he came to Dal.

Dr. Tinning comes to us with a very impressive record, and although having graduated only in '38, his reputation as an Internist is very widespread. Previous to joining the Med. Staff at Dal, he was on the hospital Staff of the St. John General, N. B., and since his graduation has spent much time at various medical centres in the U. S. A.

Dr. Begg graduated from Dal in '42, having previously received his B. Sc. and M. Sc. from the same institution. Following this,

essay on Student Life said that the hardest conviction to get into the mind of a beginner is that the education in which he is engaged is not a college course, not a medical course, but a life course for which the work of a few years under teachers is but a preparation. Again in the same essay "cultivated systematically, the student societies, the student union, the gymnasium and the outside social circle will enable you to conquer the difference so apt. to go with bookishness and which may prove a serious drawback in later life."

To-day the man with the highest marks is graduated at the top of his class. While commonly he is the best all-round man, this is not necessarily true. This is not to say that high marks are incompatible with those other traits of personality which are seen in the most successful men in the profession. Such is not the case. Nor is it logical that the playboy with an average of fifty-five should be the leader of his class. But it is felt that a healthy admixture of the two—curricular and extracurricular—produces the best type of graduate. Hence why not judge a man on the basis of both? Could not twenty-five percent of his average be totalled from extra-curricular activities having the remainder as it is? Such things as hobbies, attitude toward medicine, of dress, speech, interest in societies and social activities, etc., instead of being a hindrance as many of them now are, would be assets to the student, assets that will take him farther than many of his marks. As for the mechanism, why not a committee of faculty and students which would judge each man when third year is reached?

Will we can defeat the present attitude that books are the entire structure of a medical education, until we can achieve the abolition of slavery to the curriculum, we are falling short of perfection in complete medical education.

he served in the paratroop division of the Canadian Army, and went overseas in 1944. With the cessation of hostilities in Europe, Dr. Begg accepted a scholarship in pathology at Lincoln College, England, after which he joined the staff at Dal.

The appointment of Dr. Clyde Holland as professor of medicine, was certainly a gratifying one to the student body, for his keenness, ability and interest in the students, has long been appreciated.

The work of some of the more recent additions to the staff, particularly that of Drs. Charlie Beckwith, M. G. Whillans, Richard Saunders, Hal Taylor, "Tabby" Bethune, and others, not to mention their very active interest in the students, has been greatly appreciated by all concerned.

In regard to senior members—Dr. Allan Curry's appointment as head of Surgery has proved to be a wise one—the work of Drs. Colwell, Gosse, Mackenzie, "R. P.", Wiswell, Carney, Atlee to mention a few, goes without mention.

With such an eminent and resourceful faculty, Dalhousie will be sure of its rightful place in the field of Medical Education.

WHY VETS TAKE MED Men Of Distinction . . .

It has been said that the boys that came marching home in 1918-19 to the tune of "Good Bye Picadilly", the few who entered, or returned to college, often did not make much success of it. A marked contrast then is presented by those who came back humming "Lili Marlene". Thousands have enrolled in the colleges of the country, and of more significance, are holding their own with the people they found there.

The results are first, that the profession will soon have a goodly number of veterans in ranks—and since the training of these men has been slightly different, it will mean more new and radical ideas. The second result is that the country's treasury is being spent to pay for the education of the veterans, the actual amount of this expenditure being roughly \$6,000 for each Med Student, or approximately \$50,000,000 being paid out for all student veterans.

Why should an ex-serviceman take medicine? Probably his reasons are not very different from those of an ordinary student. The study is intensely interesting as everyone is interested in the human body and its workings. The field is unlimited—a lifetime of intensive study will make a man master of only one small corner or give him a mere familiarity with the whole terrain. The average doctor is secure financially, come boom or depression. He enjoys a respected place in society, and his opportunity of service is unparalleled. Most of the chaps wanted to be doctors before the war, so their careers were merely interrupted. Some perhaps had always cherished the idea and now the opportunity presented itself, as they could now perhaps hurdle the financial barrier. Perhaps many, while in the service, discovered the desperate need of doctors, and in this way were swayed to make their choice.

The Canadian soldier was renowned for his resourcefulness and initiative. A certain famous 1st. Division Colonel said he required two things of a soldier—"colour and dash," by which it was generally conceded he meant, independence and individuality. The Canadian doctor is famous for breaking new ground, the Canadian exserviceman M. D. should certainly not fall down on that score. Above all the ex-serviceman learned to be practical—his life depended upon his resourcefulness; this too should help the ex-serviceman doctor in his years of practice, where resourcefulness is the key note.

Why veteran's should study medicine probably doesn't matter so much—the fact is that they are studying it, and apparently with success. The service lessons of "passing the buck" and doing the least possible work certainly do not apply here. The ex-service man realizes this, and as a result, the cogs in a machine that worked well, are showing they can do an equally good job as individuals.

A VET.

International Student Service found at Vienna that a plate of dry noodles and potatoes with a bit of lettuce, is the usual fare of Viennese students.



LARRY SUTHERLAND . . . Came to Dal in '40. Since then his experiences in committees, executives, fraternity, etc., are far too numerous to enumerate. President of the Students Council, Vice-President of the Council, Vice President of his class, Secretary of the Med. Society, Chairman of the awards committee, could be mentioned as a few of the positions Larry held. Outstanding in all departments, Larry should raise to great heights in his chosen work.

IAN RUSTED . . . Or "Rusty", as he is more commonly known, took his pre-med at Toronto U. His rise to fame at Dal was precipitated by the McGill-Dal racket, (or-quet). No slouch scholastically, Rusty has been a CAMSI representative, has been a member of the Dal tennis team, and in addition sings a mean tenor. Currently in fourth year Med, Rusty is a character to be reckoned with in the future.

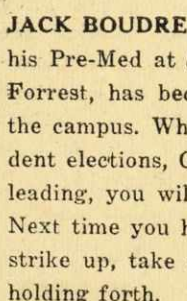


DOUG ROY . . . An old Mt. A man, Dugger came to Dal in '43, and entered campus activities with much gusto. Intercollegiate football, band work, cheer leading, interfac sports, Munroe day committees, Glee Club shows, and even a dabble into politics have all been Dugger's lot—and at no expense scholastically, for "when the roll was called up yonder", Dugger was there close to the top of mighty fourth year . . . Best of luck, Dugger!

BRUCE MILLER . . . Coming to Dal in the fall of '44, Bruce lost no time in making himself quite at home. Now in his third year, Bruce has had one year on the Students Council, has been president of his fraternity, Phi Chi, president of his class, has played interfac hockey, and has been no wall flower socially. The keen head and jovial character which he possesses, will make his ultimate success a certainty.



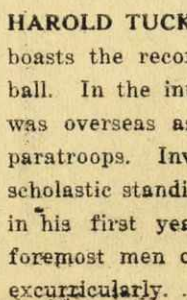
BILL MORESIDE . . . Hailing from the Island, Bill took his pre-Med. at P. W. C. Now in his third year, Bill has been the main cog in the champion Dal Tennis team for two years, has played varsity hockey, plays trumpet in the Dal dance band, and has somehow managed to keep up his high scholastic standing. An all round good fellow, Bill will have no difficulty in making a name for himself in the Medical profession.



JACK BOUDREAU . . . A Halifax boy, who during his Pre-Med at Studley and his two years Med. at Forrest, has become a well known personality on the campus. Whether it is Munroe Day shows, student elections, Glee Club, Newman's Club or cheer-leading, you will always find "Boud" out in front. Next time you hear the second year Med quartette strike up, take a look, for there too will be Boud holding forth.



GEORGE HILL . . . Our amicable friend from Pictou took his Pre-Med and B. A., at Mt. A. While there, he was the intercollegiate boxing champ, as well as starring in both hockey and football. During the war, Squadron Leader George, made an outstanding record, and was presented with the D. F. C. and two bars. Now busy in his Medical studies, George still finds time to play interfac hockey and take part in other excurricular activities.



HAROLD TUCKER . . . Coming from Mt. A., Hal boasts the record of varsity football and basketball. In the interim between Mt. A. and Dal, he was overseas as a lieutenant with the Canadian paratroops. Invariably at the top of the class scholastic standing, versatility is his password; now in his first year med, Hal will be one of the foremost men of his class, both curricularly, and excurricularly.

