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ONLY SIX

# Coffee House Revolution: Canteen Reform Almost Here

by GREGOR MURRAY

The miraculous has come to Dalhousie!! After three years (at least) of discussion, contemplation, pleading, cajolery, and threatened violence, in fact just about everything short of being meditated on in S.C.M. discussion groups, Daddy Atwood's cafe is due to change, for the better. Wait! Don't collapse yet, for never fear, this improvement wasn't Daddy's idea. The Administration (and this too should be a good candidate for Believe It Or Not) has been prevailed upon at last, and because we've been good kiddies and have come to class sober we're going to get an early visit from Santa. And what do you think he's going to bring? Why just what every young'un likes to find in his stocking (unless he's wearing them)—coat hooks. Oh, joyous day! No more overcoats with buttered elbows, no more used clothing stands being set up on much needed chairs, and no more raincoat place mats to receive our dripping coffee cups. Progress has indeed come to Dalhousie.

Coathooks, you may be surprised to learn, were not the main item on the Council's agenda, which covered a great variety of topics.

A letter from Butsy got the meeting off to a good start when it revealed that Delta Gamma falling down in their job of helping to run the rink canteen. Mr. O'Brien said that the girls' services had not been available when needed, and that unless things improved immediately they would not be justified in accepting their agreed upon 5% share of the profits.

The evening's most interesting report came from Murray Fraser, co-chairman of the S.U.B. committee. He told the Council that three meetings of the committee had produced considerable progress, and that an architect is to attend a meeting in the near future so that plans as to the actual size of the building may be finalized. Further, informal meetings of the co-chairman with members of the Board of Governors have developed to the point where a brief from the committee is to be presented to the Board at its next meeting. Murray finished his report

by urging all interested students to come to meetings of the S.U.B. committee, both for their own enlightenment and to contribute any ideas that they might have.

The Hungarian student situation was discussed, it being decided to follow NFCUS's "wait and see" policy until more information could be obtained, and the Council then accepted Al Fleming's resignation as chairman of the Munro Day Committee, he being faced with the National NFCUS Congress being held next fall. Bill Wilson was acclaimed as Al's replacement, following which some comments were made on Munro Day itself re outside entertainers and overall improvements.

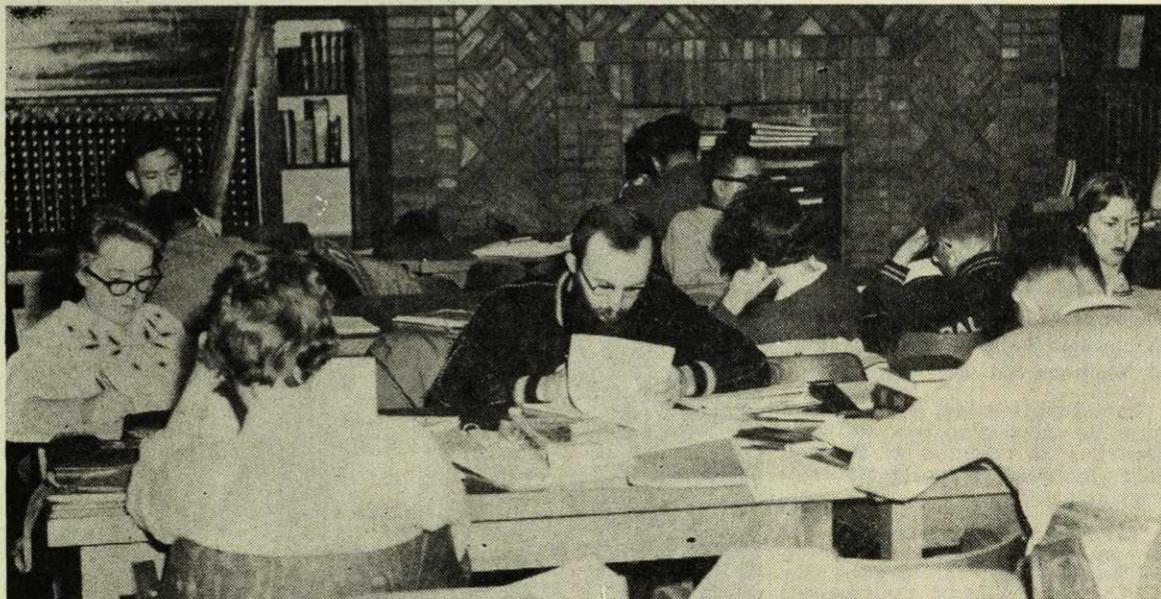
Considerable time was given to a current "hot topic", the Friday night dance situation. Poor co-ordination and mercenary minded sponsors were labelled two of the big reasons for the unhappy state of affairs, and on Bonnie Murray's motion it was resolved that a letter be sent to the various society's sponsoring dances asking them to consider raising the standards of the affairs by such as admission requirements, the attendance of chaperones, and closer police supervision of the revellers.

Other decisions of less importance included giving consideration to providing the band instruments with insurance coverage, not holding a students' forum until after Christmas, urging one and all to take advantage of Sunday skating, and adjourning the meeting.

cient development of technology and economy, but as long as the wealth remained in the hands of a few, there would not be the complete salvation of men in society.

In a question period after the lecture, Dr. Grant, when asked how he would criticise the Marxist theory, said he would tend to do so in terms of sin; he thought that Marxism had an insufficient understanding of the evil accounts of Marxism given in the "vulgar little rag" Time Magazine, and he warned us against capitalists who have confused the issue by decking their cause in the robes of piety.

At the end of the session Dr. Grant was warmly thanked by President Phoebe Redpath on behalf of the audience present, who had been privileged to hear an extremely clear and stimulating lecture.



The above shows the Macdonald Memorial Library a little before 10:30 last Thursday evening. The faces reflect the calm of the steady studier a month from examinations.

## CAMPUS RENAISSANCE IN MOTION

by ROBERT RYAN

### *It May Last*

If statistics are telling the truth, the majority of Arts and Science students at Dalhousie are spending more time with their books than ever before. One only need fight for a seat in the reading room of the library to find living proof of the fact that the number of students using it has increased by approximately 73 per cent between 1955-56 and 1958-59. What's more, this figure does not include its unprecedented use so far for this year.

In past years maximum use of the library seemed to be a phenomenon peculiar to exam time. This term, from the very first week of classes, the library has competed successfully with the canteen as a centre of campus activity both between and after classes. The coffee break is actually becoming less important than an English theme or a page of Physics problems.

The library remains open during a period of 81 hours a week. Throughout most of this time droves of students keep a staff of hardworking librarians continually busy filling an endless stream of requests. Within a period of four years, the circulation of books has increased by about 77 per cent. An extra full-time member has been added to the staff, bringing it to a working force of 12 full time and 6 part time members.

Although a new stock wing was added to the library in 1956, it appears that two more years will see it filled to capacity. Moreover, at present there is not adequate seating space for all of the M.A. and Honors students who want the advantage of studying in the stacks. An effort is being made to make further room available there in the near future.

Why is the student spending more time looking at pages? The answer may be that the great emphasis on the necessity of education is making a deeper impression on him. There

appears to be a sincere and heightened concern on his part to better himself. He is increasingly interested in doing a more thorough job on his subjects and is seeking the reference books and supplementary reading materials that are available exclusively in the library.

The indication is that preparation for exams is becoming a long term project, rather than a task to be accomplished within the space of a week or several agonizing days. Moreover, as a consequence of strictly enforced entrance requirements, many high school students are evidently cultivating the proper work habits necessary for reaching the required standards. This training is making them more conscientious and better disciplined university students.

## FROS DANCE

The throbbing frenzied beat of the steel drum beckons wayward Dalhousians to a FROS Dance, Friday night in the gym, 9-1, admission 50c—A wild floor show.

## MARX "THE PROPHET" OF WESTERN SOCIETY

An appreciative audience gathered in the Memorial Room of the Arts Building on Thursday noon heard an excellent lecture on Karl Marx, as Dr. Grant, in his lucid and forthright manner gave an account of this philosopher's thought.

Dr. Grant emphasized that Marx, who was more than a political economist, has been pre-eminently the philosopher of history. According to Dr. Grant, Marx took over the Biblical idea that history is the field for man's activity, that man's function is not contemplation but changing the world. Although Marx had a great appreciation of the Christian religion and its concept of activity, he was critical of the religious solution, which must maintain that all is ultimately well with the world. If God exists, then evil and suffering will ultimately be all right; such a "pie in the sky" attitude was not possible to Marx.

According to Dr. Grant, Marx's philosophy was most appealing because it was a humanism of universal salvation, and because it gave a positive role to the scientists in saving society. The Marxist theory turned to the technology and mass production already in existence, and suggested that the ideal was possible to be actualized in terms of what existed. Dr. Grant suggested that Marx might be more the prophet of our society than of the Russian state, for it is in our society that the situation is such that for the first time it appears possible that men shall be liberated from work. Marx appreciated capitalism, with its effi-