

Internationalism For Dalhousie?

A few days before exams enveloped Dalhousie in a black cloud of despair, several students met to hear Mr. Gordon Campbell, Canadian Executive Secretary, International Student Service, outline the post-war program of the I. S. S. Mr. Campbell's visit to Dalhousie was the last stop on the eastern section of a trans-Canada tour of universities, designed to acquaint students with I. S. S. Unable to address the student body as a whole, he was obliged to confine his talk to a small group of interested Dalhousians.

During the war years Dalhousians were acquainted with I. S. S. as a relief organization, an organization to which they duly signed over two dollar caution deposits on Council election day, and then promptly forgot. With the end of the war, and subsequent reconversion of everything from hairpins to automobiles, I. S. S. has ceased to function solely for relief. Once again it is turning to the students of the world, offering a student service, by which students and professors of all nations may meet each other, visit each other's countries, and, when the need arises, help each other.

I.S.S. Completely Impartial

In an attempt to indicate these trends, Mr. Campbell answered a series of questions pertinent to the organization. He hastened to point out that I. S. S. is completely politically neutral, religiously impartial and without prejudice of race or color.

I. S. S. is based upon an ideology—the sincere, disinterested search for truth. But—this ideology is only the basis. I. S. S. is intensely practical, characterized by the work it accomplishes. To Canadian students, it offers no membership in a definite organization. It does offer Student Exchange, correspondence schemes with students around the world, publications, and a chance to aid in student relief programs. Close co-operation with other international bodies will be maintained, particularly with UNESCO when the constitution of that body is ratified. This year I. S. S. will direct its work in emergency aid to students, university research, and international education—conferences, exchanges and student association.

Needed At Dal

As an international body, I. S. S. can answer a long standing need at Dalhousie for an organization offering participation in affairs beyond the bonds of campus or nation. To start the wheels of organization prior to the formation of an I. S. S. committee on this campus was the reason behind Mr. Campbell's visit. Such a committee must be composed of students interested in such work. (Continued on Page 8)

D. V. A.

1. All ex-service students receiving benefits must explain to the Veterans' Adviser if they have missed any examination.
2. To qualify for continued benefits ex-service students must remain in all classes unless special permission is given for change of course.
3. All married personnel, or others with dependents, who are now, or who have been entitled to "living-away allowance" (maintaining two establishments) should complete a form supplied by D. V. A. which may be obtained at the Veterans' Adviser's Office, if they have not already done so.
4. Any unclaimed December cheques will be returned to D. V. A. on Monday, January 13.

New Political Clubs At Dal

Progressive-Conservatives

A group of students met last November to form the Dalhousie Progressive-Conservative Study Group with the aim to study the platform of the Progressive-Conservative party as applicable to the needs of today. This will be accomplished by study material and the procuring of outside guest speakers. To prevent the forming of biased and provincial attitudes the guest speakers will represent each of the three main political groups of Canada.

The first speaker will be Mr. R. Ritchie, prominent Halifax barrister, who will present the views of the Progressive-Conservative party to the group.

The temporary executive of the group is composed of Roy Black, president; Mark Yeoman, vice-president and Len Mitchell, secretary.

A meeting of this club will take place on Tuesday, January 14, at 12:00 noon in Room 3 of the Arts building. In keeping with the policies of the group, the meeting encourages the attendance of any interested students.

Political Study Group

At a meeting held before Christmas a club was formed with the intention of studying the political theories and philosophies of all Canadian parties. The spokesman of the club, George Hawkins, announced that it is their intention to invite speakers of various "political colors" to address their meetings, with the aim to promote open forums and discussions among students.

Politics Neglected?

It is the opinion of the three existing political clubs at Dalhousie that politics have been too long neglected by students, and that, whereas university students will take leading parts in their communities, an intelligent and unprejudiced study of political issues should be made by all.

Six thousand student refugees in Pao-chi, China, living in caves and sleeping on mud floors, were recently supplied with 1500 blankets by International Student Service at a cost of 7,500,000 Chinese dollars.

The Man Who Came To Dinner

After a great success in "Twelfth Night" H. Leslie Pigot has returned to the campus to tackle the direction of his second play at Dalhousie this year. Casting of "The Man Who Came To Dinner" was a difficult task for many reasons. Exams were closing in, the Shakesperian had just been completed, new names and faces had to be found because one major production is the most any student should attempt in one year and also because we must keep training new actors to prepare

GREETINGS

Christmas and New Year greetings addressed to the Students' Council and the student body were received from the students of the following institutions:

- Acadia University
- St. Francis Xavier University
- Mount St. Vincent College
- Mt. Allison University
- University of New Brunswick
- St. Dunstan's University
- Sir George Williams College
- University of Toronto
- Queen's University (Alma Mater Society)
- Queen's University (Arts Society)
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Manitoba
- University of British Columbia
- and from
- J. & M. Murphy, Ltd.
- Veterans' Taxi.

King's Xmas Concert

The excellent work of the Dalhousie Glee Club's mixed chorus was carried on during the holidays, with the presentation of a Christmas Carol service on Monday evening, December 23. The service was held in King's Chapel with the kind permission of Dr. Walker.

The programme, under the capable direction of Geoffrey Payzant, chorus director, was composed of familiar carols, some of which were sung congregationally by those in attendance. Beryl Farmer and Shirley Williams were heard in the well-known "Jesu Bambino", arranged for soprano and alto duet, and the solo parts in "We Three Kings" were taken by Gordon Hart, Cyril Bugden and John Pauley. Two selections were rendered by the ladies' chorus. The programme was accompanied by Geoffrey Payzant on the chapel organ, and announced, with comments on the origin and period of each carol, by Cyril Bugden.

The recital was well attended by an audience of local students and the public. General approval was expressed at the excellence of the evening's programme, and a similar degree of musical enjoyment is anticipated on this Friday night, when the chorus will again appear in the annual Glee Club "EVICOMS" with six choral selections. The local members have been practicing with Mr. Payzant throughout the holidays, and results should prove most creditable to the director and his group.

for following years, but surmounting all these difficulties the play was cast before the students left for their vacations. Rehearsals have been carried on with those who live in town and now the preparations are in full swing. Lloyd Soper is playing the leading role, "Mr. Whiteside," and with a few exceptions most of the players are new to the Dal. stage this year. This performance promises to be a great one so you can look forward to seeing it on the 31st of January 1947.



CANADA'S OLDEST STUDENT PUBLICATION

Passing Parade?

The climactic results of pent-up feelings were the bursting and spilling over the floor of the Lower Gym on the morning of January 6 of tears,—tears of grief and tears of joy. Students pushed and elbowed through the multitude before them, no longer able to hide their emotions, raving and frenzied animals, hungry for news expected to be bad and hoped to be good. Cries of "Oh, a first in History 9," and "Oh, another first" echoed and re-echoed through the gym, and only the observant noticed the cowed and beaten ones wiping bitter tears from their baggy eyes as they silently eluded former friends and brooded over irate parents and mused of long walks on short wharves.

The GRIPES (Gazette Research Institute on post-examination sorrows), ever on the alert for expressions of opinion, selected students at random and procured the following statements.

Exams Fair—But . . .

This from a third-year student: "I think that the Dalhousie exams were, on the whole, very fair. There seems to be a sadistic tendency, however, among certain members of the staff, who consider exam time as their hour to strut and fret upon the stage, causing them to wield their blue-pencils with all the rapaciousness of a plantation bull-whip. This, no doubt, is the cause of the glaring discrepancy in the results. In certain subjects almost all pass, and in others, the majority of the class fails. I have often wondered that this did not affect their professorial pride, for it would seem that the best teacher would have the most successful students, and vice-versa; but, of course, the philosophers say that there must always be sad people in the world; and less important, the university standard must be kept up at all cost."

So The Story Goes

Muttered a second-year student: "Portal to portal pay is what I want."

This from a first-year student. "There's something wrong with the marking." And on being asked his results, he averred, "Well, I got four firsts and only got a pass

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NOTICE BOARD

Dawson Geological Club

An illustrated lecture will be given by Prof. G. Vibert Douglas based on the geological results of the Newfoundland-Dalhousie expedition to Labrador in 1946. Place: Chem. Theatre. Time: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11. All students are permitted to attend.

Inter-Faculty Debate

Law 1 vs Law 2. Place: Munro Room. Time: 7.30 p.m. Subject: "Resolved that all remaining appeals from decisions of Canadian Courts to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council should be Abolished."

First Inter-Collegiate Debate

King's vs. Dal. January 16.

Millionaires Ball

Sponsored by Commerce Society. On January 17. Dancing from 9:00 until 1. Don Warner's Orchestra. A sweater dance. Watch the notice boards.

EVICOMS TONIGHT

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society welcomes the return of all students and planned to start off the New Year with a musical touch. Tonight, Friday, Jan. 10, at 8.00 p.m. the music department of the Glee Club will present their annual concert, "EVICOMS" for the enjoyment of all members of the student body. Feeling the need for a name, other than the words usually used to describe a concert, we have developed the word "EVICOMS" from the first letters of each word in the descriptive phrase, "Evening of Vocal, Instrumental, Choral and Orchestral Musical Selections".

The component parts of Evicoms are the Dalhousie Concert Orchestra, the Dalhousie Chorus, the Dance Orchestra, and our individual artists both vocal and instrumental. A wide variety of selections will be performed to meet the tastes of all. Come and enjoy the talents of our own university. Evicoms is being presented for students only tonight but on Saturday evening it will be for the benefit of the public, so tell your friends about it.

While most students have been giving their minds a rest from student activities during the holidays Frank Padmore and the concert orchestra have been slaving away over their scores. Rehearsals have been regular and very well attended. Congratulations are in order for the director and members of the orchestra who have devoted so much of their time to practice in order to present a fine performance tonight.

So too have the members of the chorus been active during the holiday season. Through the untiring efforts of director Jeff Payzant and the splendid co-operation of its members the Dalhousie chorus has not only given a splendid recital of Christmas music in King's chapel but they have been holding many practices in preparation for this evening's concert.

Evicoms will also be flavored with a touch of the modern mood by Don Warner and the Dal. Dance Orchestra, and the evening will be balanced off by our individual soloists.

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.