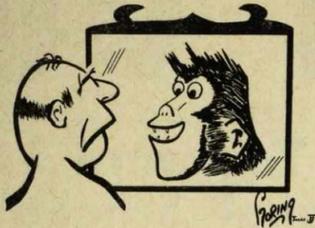


LET'S FACE IT



By Anne Coburn and Libby Mayall

"Never have so few done so much for so many"
—Churchill.

We, the students, still owe the University a large debt. Just what are we doing about it? We refer of course to the contribution the students volunteered to raise towards payment of the Dalhousie Memorial Rink; the "few" are represented by the "Rink Rats."

Bounding with enthusiasm at the prospect of a rink, the students held a forum in 1949. At this time they decided to help the University by raising \$10,000, towards the cost of the rink. To the best of our knowledge, this decision was in no way pushed by the Administration; it was a voluntary expression of the students' gratitude, enthusiasm, and enterprise. At this time a committee of six students was appointed to start the proposed project. After only one year of operations this committee, later dubbed the "Rink Rats", had raised almost \$2000.

Some of their projects included the House of David basketball game, dances, a box social, a talent parade, a circus midway with a variety of booths, and, of course, skating, canteen and hockey profits. All these activities combined to swell the Fund total with a minimum of pain to the campus contributors. Indeed, by the very ingenuity exercised by the enthusiastic "Rink Rats", campus activities must have profited by a new and fresh approach to the old problem of raising money.

"Rink Rats" is not a completely independent organization. Each year the Students' Council calls for tenders for the maintenance of the rink canteen, nearly every year the privilege is granted to the "Rink Rats", as they have their past record to offer as security. Originally independent, this organization now works through the Council, and is an affiliated committee. Moreover, it turns over a certain percentage of the profits to the University and to the Council. These profits are, in turn, used mainly for the maintenance of the rink. The "Rink Rats" clear profit is turned over in its ENTIRETY to the Rink Fund. This point cannot be emphasized too strongly. How many of us know of the actual work involved in the "Rink Rats"? How many of us fully appreciate the time they are selflessly devoting to the service of the University?

The original committee expanded to include members from each of the fraternities, in addition to other volunteers. The organization is now composed of approximately fifteen students. However, "Rink Rats" is open to anyone and everyone, and will gladly welcome any new members.

In order to show the scope of

Exchange Scholarships Offered By N. F. C. U. S.

The "National Federation" of Canadian University Students, better known as NFCUS, has for its members numerous benefits, one of these being a study exchange plan wherein inter-regional scholarships are awarded. Each scholarship covers complete tuition costs. The plan is entering its twenty-second year of operation and hundreds of students have taken advantage of the opportunities it offers, including some of our own Dal students. This year Sarah Pullen, last year's Sophomore queen here at Dal, is studying at UBC under the NFCUS plan and Marjorie Chepeswick is, at the University of Toronto. These girls will return to Dal next year as seniors, with a great scope of knowledge in all phases of univer-

sity life, and will thus be enabled to contribute greatly to our activities and progress. This exemplifies one object of the plan; that especially selected students be permitted to attend other universities in their Junior year, and thus reap personal benefits as well as beg service to their home college when they return for their senior year.

For the purpose of the exchange plan the universities of Canada are divided into four divisions:

Division 1: The University of British Columbia.

Division 2: The Universities of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Division 3: The Universities of Ontario and Quebec.

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WUSC INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR — MARK '56

by Pam Campbell

This year again the World University Service has arranged for the International Seminar. Last year the location will be in year it took place in Japan and Germany. Canadians attending the Seminar will sail from Montreal on June 12th and will return to the same port on September 13th.

Five weeks of study tours will commence when the students ar-

rive at La Havre. They will be divided into groups, each of which will visit one of a number of chosen countries: the Balkans, Greece, Spain, France, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Russia and Germany.

The purpose of the Study Tours will be to provide the participants with a background of personal experience and a basic understanding of European conditions. With this knowledge, the students will be able to contri-

bute more effectively to the Seminar. The tours will teach them about the work of the international headquarters and agencies of the United Nations Organization. It is also hoped that they will visit the universities some time during the month of the tours.

After the month of touring has terminated, a three-week seminar will commence in Germany.



Textbooks are very scarce in Indonesia and World University Service has organized mimeographing co-operatives which help offset this situation. Here an Indonesian student prepares mimeographed copies of essential text-book material. WUS in Canada this year will help in the construction of student dormitories in Indonesia where the student population has grown from 500 in 1945 to 20,000 this year.

The aim of this seminar, in which all countries will be represented, is to promote greater understanding of other nations. It will tend to bring together the experiences, ideas, and understandings of the visited countries. The universities of Canada will send a number of representative proportional to the size of their individual student bodies. There will be 35 in all. The rep-

resentatives are chosen on the basis of scholarship, participation in university activities, and emotional maturity.

Dalhousie will be sending one, and he or she will be selected by a committee consisting of the University President, Students' Council representatives, WUSC representatives, former Seminar participants, and faculty members.

The delegate will be required to provide spending money during the two-week free time, to contribute \$150 towards the cost of the program, and to provide for any personal or incidental expenses. WUSC is not responsible for meals en route or for sleeping accommodation.

It is expected that the Selection committee will have completed its work by February 8th. We wish the person of their

Cross Sex-ion

It seems that Dalhousie students have a preference for things that begin in "S", namely: sex, Scotch whisky, silk stockings (when in the process of being worn on shapely legs), sweaters (when filled), soft music, speed, and sin (in general).

These facts came to light during the past week when this reporter interviewed a large number of Dal students, asking questions:

1. What is the burning question of the moment?
2. What gives you the most pleasure?
3. What are you doing tonight?

In answer to the first question, the replies ranged from "What was wrong with the fountain at the Engineers' ball" to "Where did all the VG nurses go after the ball was over (how about that Al?)" One erstwhile gentleman replied, "Carolyn," while one TV viewer replied, "Cunard's." Another gentleman was most concerned with his African Violet. Among the female of the species one damsel was most concerned with whether the run in her stocking showed (it did), while another wondered when her pet chameleon was going to turn green.

The answers to the second question were very evenly divided. The men said "Women," and the women said "Men." Al said nurses and that gentleman in the first paragraph said "Carolyn." Some said Scotch, but there was some disagreement here, it seems some prefer Rye. One gentleman when queried replied "Fat par-teesh" (or something), while another answered that he derived the most pleasure from being with his friend and constant companion Lady Hamilton. One lady replied "Playing Gin Rummy," but I think I misquoted her, I'm sure she said "Drinking Gin, or rummy." Another lady claimed she gained her greatest pleasure

from sticking pins in little dolls (Funny thing they all looked like professors).

The third question was very tricky and required very delicate handling as I discovered after asking it of one sweet young thing. (I was rewarded by a hard right hook to the head followed by etc, etc.) Most people were going to various places of entertainment, while one odd chap I found was going to study. Al was going to the VG, while that other gentleman was thinking of Carolyn. One lady was going down to the Pigma Sty to mend socks for the boys (Ha!). Several were going out with Lady Hamilton, who seems to be a very popular girl. Some were going to the Engineers' Ball, even if they didn't have their fountain, others were going to the Nurses Ball at the VG (weren't they, Al?), while still others were going to something called the Hi-Lo ball at the Lord Nelson.

Having recorded the various answers, we tabulated them, made them into an array (in keeping with all the fine old traditions of Economics 6), finally charted them on a frequency distribution, analyzed the curve, and came up with the answer to the problem, which we were trying to solve—NOTHING.

Studley, Forrest, Clam Up

What is wrong with the students at Dalhousie? Do they lack intestinal fortitude? Do they have some great fear of speaking their minds? Do they fear the administration so much that they will not voice their wishes to that administration? Or the they simply not interested?

When the Gazette attempted to conduct a student opinion poll, this writer asked over twenty students the following question, "Were you satisfied with the answers given at the Student Forum?" The answers received from this question were far from satisfying. Many said, "I'd rather not say"; others were quite willing to give an opinion, until they found it was for publication, still others replied, "I was there but I didn't know what was going on!"

What is the reason for this wish not to be quoted in public? Surely the student realizes that the administration is not adverse to fair criticism. How else are they to know the real wishes of the students? Many on reading this will say, "Well, if he had asked me, I would have given him an opinion." But think. Would you have really said what you mean?

This must mean something, but just what does it mean? Do many of the students fear some imaginary whip that they believe the administration is holding over their heads? Or do they simply not

PC's Elect Dal Student To National Executive

On January 14th, Peter McDermaid, Eastern Vice President of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation, left for Ottawa, to attend the Young Progressive Conservatives annual convention, and also the annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Party. On the first day, Monday, January 16th, Peter attended the meeting of the Young Progressive Conservatives, at which he was elected Nova Scotian representative on the national executive. That same evening he dined at the Parliamentary Restaurant with George Nowlan, Robert Stanfield and other delegates from Nova Scotia.

The annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association, the next day, was the largest in its history, and there were some 700 delegates, including fifteen from Nova Scotia. Peter was a member of the Striking Committee, the Resolution and Policy Committee, and the Nominations Committee.

That evening, dinner was held in the Chateau Laurier, and George Drew was the speaker.

At Wednesday's meeting, an interesting and important change was made in the Association's constitution. It had been introduced on a recommendation by George Nowlan, and it made the President of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation the Dominion Vice President of the Progressive Conservative Association, and also made one other member of the Federation an executive officer of the Association. The Conservatives are the only political party in Canada, as yet, to admit university representatives to the executive; and Larry Brazill became the Dominion Vice President, while Ted Rogers, who recently visited Dalhousie, was the other member on the executive.

In the organization of the executive for the Progressive Conservative Association, Peter was among the four Nova Scotians elected.

To end the convention and his visit, Peter attended a reception held by Mr. and Mrs. Drew at their home, Stornaway, Rockcliffe.

care what happens to them, and to Dalhousie? These seem to be the answers: some do not care about such things; others are afraid of voice criticism, for why would they fear to voice praise? While a twenty-student poll does not give a reasonable sample, and certainly not a cross-section, this hesitating to answer does indicate something.

Of the twenty students queried only these two had the fortitude to stand up and speak their minds. Right or wrong the "GAZETTE" tips its hat to these two students:

Peter Bennett, Comm. '57: "I think that the general consensus of opinion is that although the questions were 'answered', they were answered in a very evasive manner, in such a way as to convince the student body that the administration is not carrying out its duties towards the students as the students fully wish. The answer as regards benefactors was quite unsatisfactory to certain campus groups."

Janet MacLachlan, Arts '57: "I thought that the answers given were as satisfactory as possible under the circumstances. While several answers were not given as fully as they might have been, I think this was due to the President's wish to keep from going into great detail, on matters concerning only the administration."



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