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## Referendum Shortly

Within a short time the students of this university will be asked whether they wish to remain within the National Federation of Canadian University Students. A debate has been held on the question, the NFCUS delegates report has been heard and a number of articles dealing with NFCUS have appeared in the Gazette. Every student, therefore, should have had a reasonable opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of the subject and be able to vote intelligently and sincerely in the forthcoming referendum.

The propose withdrawal is not a matter to be taken lightly. The fundamental principles and objectives of the national organization should be borne in mind by the students when they cast their votes. For instance, do the students of Dalhousie believe it is wise to belong to an organization which has the support of the majority of Canadian university students? Is the idea of a national organization of university students a sound one? Do the students of Dalhousie believe THEY can accomplish more in the way of exchange scholarships, lower text book prices, etc. — all objectives of NFCUS — by withdrawing from NFCUS?

There can be no doubt that the results of Dalhousie's referendum will have some influence on other Maritime university students. Are the students of Dalhousie willing to risk a wholesale withdrawal of Maritime university students? Withdrawal of the Maritimes' major university may have that effect. The action of one university could start the ball rolling from coast to coast, with the consequent complete destruction of the national organization.

If that should happen, consider all the time and efforts which will have gone for naught; Consider also the time and effort that will be required to effect the re-formation of another national union of students, for Canadian students will never be satisfied now without an organization which can speak for the majority of Canadian students.

Criticize NFCUS if you like; demand more action and more results; make the organization what you think it should be but do not destroy it at Dalhousie by voting for a withdrawal.

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## Marry Not An Engineer

Verily I say unto you, marry not an engineer.

For an engineer is a strange being possessed of many evils. Yes, he speaketh in parables which he calleth formulae. He wieldeth a big stick which he calleth a slide rule. And he hath only one bible—a handbook.

He thinketh only of stresses and strains and without end of thermodynamics. He showeth always a serious aspect and seemeth not to know how to smile. He picketh his seat in the car by the springs thereof and not by the damsels therein. Neither does he know a waterfall except by its horse power, nor a sunset except by its physics, nor a damsel except by her weight. Always he carries his books with him and he entertaineth his sweetheart with steamtables.

Verily although his damsel expecteth chocolates when he calleth, she opens the packet to discover samples of iron ore. Yes, he holdeth her hand to measure the friction thereof, and he kisseth her to test the viscosity of her lips for in his eyes there hideth a faraway look that is neither a longing nor a desirous look, rather a vain attempt to recall formulae. Even as a boy he pulleth girls' hair to test its elasticity. As a man he denies different motives. For he counteth the vibrations of her heartbeats and speaketh to pursue the scientific investigations.

Even his own heart flutterings he counteth as a measure of fluctuation and describeth his passion as formulae and his marriage as a simultaneous equation involving two unknown and yielding diverse results.

—B. C. Mining Engineer.

## CLIPPINGS From Coast to Coast

By JEAN VINCENT

Now that delegations have returned from the NFCUS conference, and that councils have proceeded to crucify either their poor representatives or those of "the other university", the blood-curdling yells have toned down to aimless condemnations of ends and means and vague wails of self-pity. This university feels that it has been sadly misinterpreted; and the third suggests that perhaps if we cannot get Russian students here, why not invite a delegation of Australian kangaroos over so that they can help us build the St. Lawrence seaway? This writer feels that the whole thing is a mess, but that something good may come of it in the form of a workable national programme, which is, after all, what everyone seems to want most.

Le Carabin says that Laval has not bullied anyone or proceeded undemocratically; that the clauses on Canadian unity were after all introduced by Manitoba, supported by British Columbia; and that every university is free to belong or not, as it pleases, to NFCUS; that Montreal's withdrawal was not treated as a bullying tactic.

As an afterthought, Quebec reports, from Tass, the Soviet News Agency, that half of the National Executive has been recalled to Russia, no doubt to be given the knout for their miserable failure.

Roch tells me the Upper Canada Bar Association has come down a peg when the Belchers, opps, the Benchers changed admission requirements recently.

Two Maritime conferences hold the spotlight this weekend. One in Wolfville, of the M.I.D.L., the debating organization, and the other in Fredericton, of Regional C.U.P., with Dalhousie delegates to both.

Saint Mary's University now publishes a bi-monthly paper styled the "Journal", which could, judging by the appearance of the first issue, easily compete with most of the larger university papers in Canada.

Way out West, where men are men and smell like horses, (it is rumored), freshmen in Saskatchewan make like fish, a healthy practice, in the university swimming pool. One timid freshman's exclamation: "It's just like a Mr. America contest except for the absence of swimming suits."

McGill announces that for the first time since the war, it ran in the black last year. That concerns the university and we are pleased, though we have our doubts the student organizations have not been "in the dark" a good many times.

From the Forestry issue of the Brunswickan: "... and there was the fellow who called his dog Carpenter because he was always doing odd jobs around the house." First time I ever saw the bush-roaming crew take interest in Fido's reaction to the international situation.

The Carleton of Ottawa on "ISM'S".

Communism: You have two cows. The government takes one cow and you keep the other.

New-Dealism: This is an American form of "ism". You have two cows. You shoot one cow, milk the other and pour the milk down the drain.

Nazism: You have two cows. The government shoots you.

Capitalism: You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

Alberta's The Gateway reports that an Oxford student dug up an ancient regulation that said that said he was entitled to a pint of beer as refreshment while cramming for final exams. The authorities finally gave in and provided it. They also searched the ancient regulations and slapped the student a fine of £5 for not wearing a sword.

The latest we have of Acadia University is that it is still there.

Bill says this last gay and informative little item will have to spell 'finis' to this week's clippings. For all I know, it might spell 'finis' to my job.



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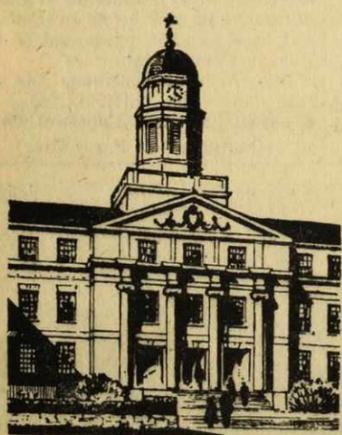
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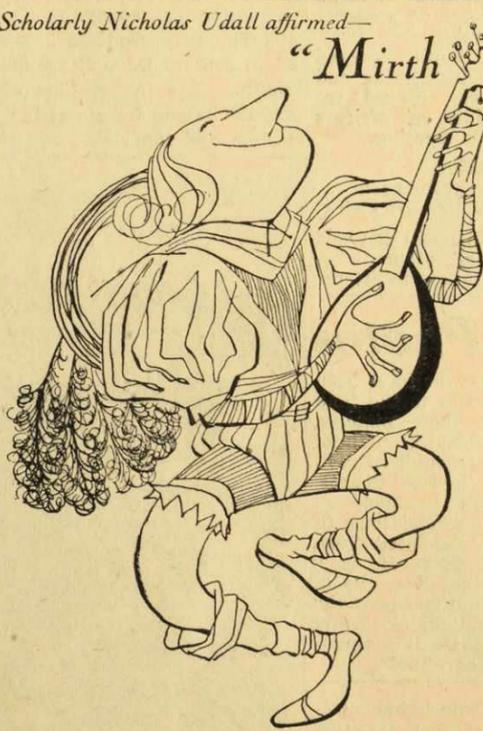
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