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Foundations for Canada

At a meeting of the leading educators of the Atlantic Provinces in Halifax last week, it was announced that the demand for University-trained personnel exceeds the number of graduates by 10,000. This is indeed an enlightening view of the advance of Canadian industry, but at the same time is it an enlightening view of our University system? It is obvious that when such a demand is being made on the Universities, they in turn will do their utmost to fill such a demand. How they fulfill it is another question — a question which will have the most striking effect on Canada and her life during the ensuing years.

At present, there is much controversy concerning many Canadian Universities. The Maritime Universities are not exempt from such controversy. Many Universities today are offering a college education which is little more than a specialized high school course. Is it because the country needs University graduates, or is it because the Universities, pressed by financial burdens, need more students? If the Universities are to view this demand as a good way to make money, then the effect of such a University training will have disastrous effects on the Canadian nation in the future.

Despite the cries of industry, the Canadian Universities must not fill the great void rapidly. If Canada is to become great, then industry must grow slowly and strongly. A rapid rise to power with poor foundations, will not enable Canada to maintain a high position for any considerable length of time. The foundations for the greatness of the nation lie in the Universities. They must make those foundations firm. Instead of lowering standards in order to produce graduates, the Universities must tighten all standards, not only entrance but also academic. It will be a sad day when a University diploma or degree becomes meaningless and worthless, and such a day can come if Universities continue to produce graduates of low calibre.

The Maritime Universities have made a move to prevent such a practice. Investigations are to be made whereby the "feasibility of a Common Admissions Board for all Atlantic Provinces' Universities" is to be found. Such a move is definitely a step in the right direction, the direction for graduating students of a high academic and mental standard. Moreover, a common admissions board would act as an incentive to students in high school to strive and maintain a high standard. Instead of "clueless apes" attending college, the new applicant would have to meet the standard required to enter college. Such a practice may be contrary to modern educational concepts of education for all, yet if Canada is to become great, her leaders cannot be every Canadian. The lot of leadership falls to a few, let those few be the best educated and wisest men in the land, and Canada will become great.

The Maritime Universities' proposal in itself will not solve the problem of low standards. It is well known that some Universities have built their reputation on the athletic instead of the academic field. While some call for higher standards, others fall back and lower theirs, luring students of poor standing in their halls. Hard pressed by financial difficulties, some of these Universities have partially solved their economic maladies by turning out graduates en masse, graduates who are little more than "four years after high school." If University standards are to be raised, some Maritime Universities will have to raise their own academic standard and not only agree to a common admissions board. Instead of competing for students the Maritime Universities should co-operate and strive with the few for better University graduates.

Canada has called and the Universities have a formidable problem. How they answer that problem concerns every Canadian. Let us hope that instead of filling the demand with "paper and text-book" graduates, the Universities will fill the demand with solid graduates, graduates who can think and act for themselves.

Then Canada will be ready to assume the role of world leader.

Med Students Plan for Successful Year; Journal Staff Named, Quartet in Offing

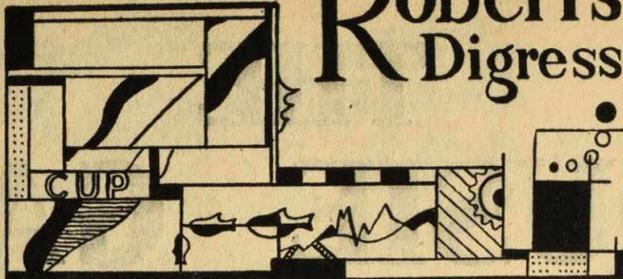
With Ed Kinley presiding, the Med Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday in the V.G. Hospital. Bill Janes reported from the national conference of CAMSI with proposed changes in the constitution which will go before the Med students for votes this week.

The new staff of the Medical Society Journal was announced by Dave Janigan, editor-in-chief. The Journal is published three times a year by Dal medical student. Dave takes over from Henry Presutti as editor. His right hand man is Bill Janes, business manager. Others appointed were: Faculty Advisors: Dr. L. C. Steeves, Dr. J. G. Al-

dous, Dr. R. H. Saunders; Associate Editors: Don Beanlands, Malcolm MacAulay, Bev Matchett; Managing Editor: Bill Janes; Advertising: John Darroch; Circulation: John Steele, Paul Kinsman; Class Representatives: Albro MacKeen, Larry Travis, Doug Brown, Ed Kinley.

As usual in any society, the Constitution comes up for revision every few years. This year this job falls to Larry Travis, John Campbell, Mike MacCulloch and Art Lesser.

Early plans are being made for a good Med quartet. We have a number of good voices and it is



Robert's Digress

Edmonton: Rival college gangs kidnapped two screaming co-eds from each other's ranks here Sunday and drove them off in waiting cars in front of throngs of downtown pedestrians. The kidnapers were members of delegations from U.B.C. and Saskatchewan U., winding up a three-day C.U.P. Conference at the U. of Alberta.

Passersby said the melee was started by the Saskatoon group, who grabbed a U.B.C. girl where the two cars stopped abreast of each other in downtown Edmonton. The U.B.C. students immediately leaped from their car and seized a Saskatchewan co-ed in retaliation. Both cars sped away without interference from amazed onlookers.

The girls received no assistance from bystanders as they were shoved screaming and kicking into the autos. One of the pair was said to have been sobbing and begging to be released as the cars drove off.

The girls are believed to be somewhere enroute to the respective Universities. R.C.M.P. officials have issued no statement.

E.D.—Our co-eds may rest assured. No such thing would ever happen here at Dal. As a matter of fact nothing ever happens here at Dal.

Chariot Racing: This seems to be a new fad. At least three or four universities now consider chariot races on the same footing as basketball or hockey. Ryerson announces that it will hold a chariot race at the Homecoming football game, and will award a trophy. They even hold them in Mount 'A'. A team consists of six runners and one charioteer.

U.N.B. Gee they really must love this "Lord Beaverbrook". This week again, we can count his name 12 times on the Brunswickian's first page.

The Sheaf: (U. of Sask.) They had a weekly column, called: "the Campus Cow"—I personally taught it was a fine column, but the student body taught otherwise and censured it. But due to indignant protests on the part of the student body, they had to lift their ban and reinstate the Campus Cow, but there is a marked difference between the first and the second C. Cow. Here judge for yourself:

Before: There was the bashful girl who worked all her crossword puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across!

OR: Once a king always a king—but once a knight's enough!

OR: The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker; why the heck can't I . . . ?

After: The guy met a girl at a party, and after the introduction asked her: "Do you like to dance?" "I love to," she answered. "Ah," said the guy, "then let's dance."

Laval: (reprint) Evolution of Women:

at 20: She is as mysterious and wild as Asia.

at 30: She is as warm as Africa.

at 40: She is a master of technique as America.

at 50: She is as old as Europe and as interesting to visit.

at 60: She is far from any relation, as Russia.

McMaster: All I could find in their paper called 'Silhouette' was: "She: If wishes came true, what would you wish for?"

He: Gosh, I'm afraid to tell you.

She: Go ahead, you sap, what do you think I brought up this wishing business for?"

hoped to get a group together as good as Med's winning quartet of a few years ago. Med School's professional pianist, Good Crandall will be the maestro in charge.

The Med Society operates a book store for the students. Applications are being received for the position of junior co-manager. Changes are being made to put the store on a better financial basis.

If all goes well a blazer crest for the Medical Society may soon make its appearance. This will probably centre around the school emblem, established a few years ago. As usual, the job falls to the man who does the suggesting and that is Charlie MacBride.

The Annual Med Ball will be held in the Lord Nelson Hotel on March 3rd, reported Abe Riske. This is just before Munro Day and we welcome any Studley men and gals.

A reminder — we have the rink Mondays 7-8 p.m. and the gymnasium from 6-7 p.m. Come out and get some exercise. Pete MacGregor is overseer of sports and Art Lessers hockey coach. Isaac Fried is our "Conn".

I.V.C.F.

On November 11, the I.V.C.F. held a very successful retreat at Grand Lake. The programme consisted of discussions on various topics of Christian importance, prayers, and a brief business meeting. All the members thought it a worthwhile effort. Many thanks to Col. Laurie for his kind interest in the group.

In addition to the Bible groups, a daily prayer meeting is held in the lecture room of the Public Health Building at 8.30. All students are invited to attend.

Canterbury Club

Donald Hamrick, Alex Farrell, John Phillips, Robert Davis, and Marigold Fry were the speakers who led the symposium on "Do Anglicans Believe in Church Union" a week ago last Sunday night at the Canterbury Club. Last Sunday, November 21st, most of the members of the Club attended evensong at All Saints' Cathedral. The sermon, of special interest to all university students, was preached by Dean W. W. Davis.

"Not Guilty"—

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Oscar is again a free man, and seems little worse for his ordeal. Lister's bandages were soon removed, and he says that he has forgiven the accused for assaulting him, since he obviously did not do it. On with justice! But not on with the stink bombs that clear the court.

Drama School for Canada Urged

(Reprint from U.B.C.)

There is plenty of justification for the suggestion made in Vancouver by the director of the Dominion Drama Festival, that Canada should have a school of drama.

Theatre in Canada is having a rough time. The fate of professional theatre companies in Vancouver during the past two or three years is enough to demonstrate this. Whatever top talent Canada produces too often is either unused, or forced to leave the country.

Actually, the Canadian theatre has never had a chance. The country did not even begin to come into its own until after the turn of the century. And then, just when the stage began to get a start, the movie houses moved in and took over, followed by the depression.

The theatre needs a helping hand, DDF director Richard MacDonald went so far as to contend that the Federal Government might pay for the establishment of such a drama school, a suggestion which might bring renewed groans from those who accuse the arts of Canada of being pampered.

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