

C. U. P. FAILS TO SUPPORT "POST"

So You Flunked, Did You?

So, freshman, you flunked an exam, did you? It happens to the best of us, but don't just laugh it off. It could be serious.

There is a perennial January rumour that the Christmas exams are harder than the finals, and that the professors tread much more lightly on the heads of their students in May than they do in December. Don't believe a word of it. Stories like this are started by people who fail and want to lull others into a happy state of optimism while they work like mad to raise their own marks and get off the bottom of the class.

And don't put too much faith in the idea that the professor wouldn't dare fail very many students at the end of the year because that would show he was a poor teacher. It's a pleasant thought, but it doesn't work.

But don't get discouraged, you still have a chance to get out of here with a degree. Your problem is not unique, and it has been solved before. The solution is, perhaps, all too obvious for some to see.

Most of you are quite capable of passing the examinations set for you. You are at a university with high standards, but its entrance requirements are correspondingly high. If you're here, you should be able to stay. All you have to do is work at it.

The faculty doesn't fail a large percentage of the class just to scare you into action, it fails you because you deserve to be failed. The only thing for you to do is to change the nature of what you deserve. If you are scared into action, so much the better.

What should you do if you failed? First of all, unless you're supremely confident that you just slipped up, go see the professor. He knows that you failed, so it won't be embarrassing, and he can tell you why you failed far more easily than you can figure it out for yourself. And then, work a bit harder this term. That should do for most of you. If you have a special problem, perhaps your prof can help straighten that out too.

The question of failures at university is not a simple one, nor is it one that concerns students alone. One third of the high-school students who come to the universities of Canada fail, for academic reasons, to graduate. Usually it's their own fault, but Canadian universities are awakening to their responsibilities in lowering this shocking figure. The university has a duty toward the students it accepts; academic failure was a subject of discussion at the recent meeting of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, and while there was no solution offered, the facts were recognized.

But don't just sit back and feel sorry for yourself. You don't have to be in that third, no one does. In fact, that third doesn't even have to exist. See what you can do to lower the fraction.

'Muse', 'Gateway', 'Quartier Latin' Take Top Awards At Conference

The Canadian University Press has failed to support what, in the opinion of many students, could be its greatest ally. Co-operation with the Canadian University Post was the burning question at the recent C.U.P. conference in Toronto.

The university press organization, representing most student newspapers in Canada, debated support for the Post for two days before taking any action. Member papers were split almost down the middle, with the majority of papers in the east and west supporting the Post, a commercial publication given free to all students in Canada, while those from central Canada were generally opposed to it.

The Muse of Memorial University of Newfoundland captured the Jacques Bureau Trophy as the best university paper publishing once a week or less, while the Gateway of the University of Alberta won the Southam Trophy as the best of the papers with more than one publication date each week. Le Quartier Latin of Université de Montréal took two trophies, the Bracken for editorial excellence, and Le Droit, for the best French language paper.

Pending a decision of the conference on which competition it was to be judged in, the Dalhousie Gazette entered both. We placed sixth in the Southam competition but were later liquified, and did not place in the race for the Bureau. Judges comments mentioned a great improvement over last year's papers and one of them suggested an award for the "most improved paper" go to the Gazette.

Dalhousie delegates at the conference, held at Hart House of the University of Toronto from December 27th to 29th, were Carolyn Potter, girls sports editor, and Dave Peel, editor-in-chief.

The conference also mandated The Varsity of the University of Toronto to produce a national paper which was to have been published in time for inclusion in this issue of the Gazette. It's not here yet.

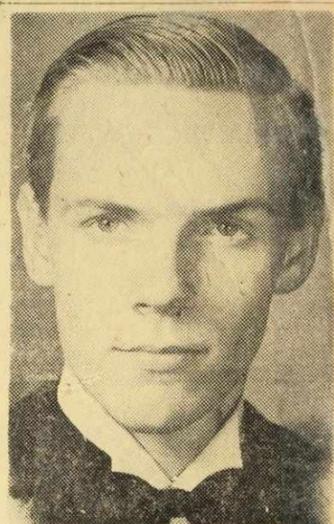
Barry Toole, editor of The Brunswickan at U.N.B. was elected Atlantic Regional Vice - president of the organization.

Discussion of The Canadian University Post took most of the delegates' time. Those in favour of co-operation with the Post recognized that it partially fulfilled the need for a national paper and saw in it potential for the future, while those who wanted to withhold support were mainly afraid it would take advertising from their own papers and decrease revenue.

The final resolution, stating in general that the C.U.P., as a body, "does not support" the Post, was passed with considerable opposition. Voting against it were the Dal Gazette, the Acadia Athenaeum, the Brunswickan, the St. F.X. Xavierian Weekly, the Gateway,

the University of Saskatchewan Sheaf, the Ubysey of the University of British Columbia, the Ontario of Ontario Agricultural and Veterinarian College, and Queen's Journal.

In favor of the resolution were the Argosy Weekly of Mt. Allison, The Muse, Laval's Le Carabin, Le Quartier Latin, La Rotonde of the University of Ottawa, The Carleton of Carleton College, The Manitoban, The Varsity, The Purple and White of Assumption College, the University of Western Ontario Gazette, and the McGill Daily. The McMaster Silhouette abstained and the Georgian of Sir George Williams College was absent at the time of the vote.



DAVE MURRAY

Dave Murray Is Awarded Rhodes

David Murray (above) a student at Dalhousie, has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Nova Scotia for 1956, entitling him to further his studies at Oxford in England.

Dave graduated last year with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and this year is working towards his Master's Degree.

Last year he was secretary of DGDS and his roles in major productions of that organization have proved him to be both capable and popular as an actor. He has written many skits for the Annual Revue and has directed dramatic productions. Dave is also an outstanding musician.

Sodales To Pick Debaters

Dalhousie's representatives in an intercollegiate debate with St. Dunstan's at Charlottetown later this month will be picked this Friday night, January 11.

Trials open to all students will be held in the Moot Court Room of the Law School at 7:30 p.m. Contestants are asked to prepare a five to ten minute argument, affirmative or negative, on a subject of their choice.

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