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STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

In the Dalhousie University Calendar there appears this item, under the heading 'Employment Bureau':

"The University Employment Bureau will endeavour to find employment during vacations or permanently for students who register with the bureau.

The qualifications for recommendation to employers are:

1. Sound academic standard.
2. Good character.
3. Statement from the professor or professors concerned.

The Bureau invites communications from both students and employers."

At the bottom of the same page, in a footnote appears the following, "Discontinued for the duration." Happily the 'duration' is now over. The period of re-construction has begun—but to the extent of our knowledge, there has been no move to re-establish the Employment Bureau.

Last year, the General Duties Committee of the Dalhousie-Kings Student Veterans Association was able, after much hard work and careful preparation, to find a job for each and every student who applied for summer employment. Civilian students shifted for themselves.

At Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario—to quote from the University Calendar—"An Employment Service has been in successful operation for several years. . . administered by the secretary of the General Alumni Association. . . financed by the Engineering Society and the University. . . to assist graduates in all faculties to secure suitable positions, and to help students to obtain work during the vacation periods." Again this year the Service is very much in operation, and a recent item in the Queen's Journal indicates that applications for employment are being accepted now.

At Dalhousie, the basis for a new employment service has been laid by the very commendable action of the D. K. S. V. A. Though we understand this organization will again this year be using all its available contacts, there will not always be a Vets Association on the campus prepared to perform such a task. To many students, summer jobs mean the difference between college and no college. To graduates, employment suitable to the education they have amassed during four or five years spent in 'contemplation of the Muse' is the justification of a University education.

There are three groups at Dalhousie which should entertain a very real interest for the student in the matter of employment. We refer to the University, the Alumni, and the Students' Council. Since a University is ostensibly founded for the benefit of those who will enter its portals in search of Knowledge and Truth, would it not appear a very real manifestation of aid and co-operation to find employment which in turn would provide the wherewithall for further attendance and study?

One hears many words bandied about by members of the Alumni regarding 'our glorious Alma Mater, loyalty to Old Dalhousie Ora et Labora, etc. etc.'—BUT how many are actually willing to engage in mutual aid to the extent of finding summer work for those who are Dalhousie—NOW?

The Students' Council, more than any other group, is the guardian of the interests of the students. Surely the Council could find it within its means to help, even financially, any scheme to provide 'jobs for students'.

The lead already offered by the D. K. S. V. A. seems a well considered means of attracting the attention of employers. Form letters are sent to each known employer who might hire students during the vacation periods. Replies are filed, along with all particulars on the type of work, location, wages, number needed etc. Prospective employees are informed, when work for which they have applied becomes available.

After yards of the familiar crimson ribbon have been untangled it would probably be too late for action this year. The GAZETTE strongly urges, however, that consideration be given the matter, with the aim of eventually establishing an employment service (functional) at Dalhousie.

The Veterans Association have an organization, proven in operation, with a large number of contacts. Would it not be possible for the University, the Alumni, or the Council to approach the Association to work in co-operation, with the eventual aim of assimilation of their organization? If not, WHY NOT?

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Mr. Editor:

Political groups have been formed and do operate on our campus at present. Interest along these lines is offering youth an opportunity to discuss Canadian affairs. But—are we not putting the cart before the horse? Would it not be better if we first studied the elementary principles of democracy from a non-partisan point of view, and attempted to learn the basic facts, social and economic, about our country? Political parties are merely a part of the machinery of government. They are the means for obtaining the end of social progress and not an end in themselves.

Many of our would be campus politicians are not yet dry behind the ears in an understanding of what makes the machinery tick at Ottawa. How many of them, for example, have ever looked at Hansard?

Facts should come before theories, and theories should come before propaganda. These young men would be better employed in thoughtful, non-partisan, study of the facts of Canadian social and economic life, rather than echoing the noisy and empty balleyhoo of the professional vote gatherer.

C. HENDERSON SMITH.

N. S. Artists Exhibit Work

By ANN DUFFY

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" . . . and what may be the beginning of a true Nova Scotian Art collection is now on exhibit at the provincial building. This is the premiere showing of the first travelling exhibition arranged for by the Nova Scotia Department of Education, together with the Nova Scotia Society of Artists and the Nova Scotia College of Art.

The purpose of this travelling exhibition is to bring to the inhabitants of this fair province pictorial descriptions of the scenic beauty, for which this part of the Maritimes is so well-known. The interest shown by the "Bluenosers" in this collection of paintings will, in a large part, determine the success of this venture, and consequently the number of similar showings to follow.

Thirty-seven artists are represented in this exhibition, which was opened Tuesday evening by A. W. Klieforth, United States Consul General in Halifax. It has been on exhibition in the Red Chamber of the Province, and upon termination of the exhibition, the collection will be packed for a province-wide tour.

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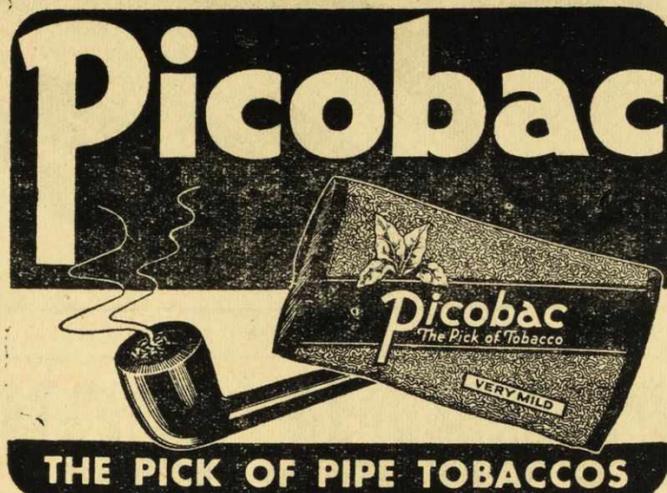
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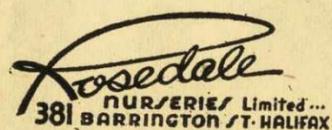
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