

CAMPUS MORALS SAID LOWERED SINCE 40's IN SCM CONFERENCE

Some 20 students from Maritime universities considered the topic "Sex in the Image of God" during a four-day long Christmas conference of the Student Christian Movement which opened December 28 in the Sir James Dunn Science Building. Chairman of the conference was Richard Deering, Dalhousie - King's SCM President.

Hans de Boer, Dal-King's secretary, said the conference was designed to bring views from students of various religions on questions of sexual morality in North American society. But he said the views expressed at the conference were not necessarily the views of the SCM.

Dr. Jan Lawson—the wife of a Halifax Presbyterian minister—told the conference that campus morality seems to have declined since her student days in the 1940's.

Dr. Lawson said if a girl is engaged these days, "she is more likely not to be a virgin." She said engagement did not place the girl under any obligations to her fiancé. But Dr. Lawson said students had come to her saying they "had to give in to their boy friends because they were afraid of losing them."

She advised students to "learn all the facts about sex and then put it off for a while and settle down to the job of getting an education."

Shame From Home

A Halifax psychiatrist—Dr. Fraser Nicholson, told the conference that society's doctrine of shame makes them conceal their sex behaviour from their parents. Dr. Nicholson said parental attitudes could cause sex deviation. He said it was from his parents that a child receives his "first feelings of sexual guilt."

Dr. I. A. Perlin of the Dal Medical Faculty said sex should be taught within the Nova Scotia school systems.

Dr. Perlin told the conference that although home was the proper place for sex education, ignorance and lack of love too often interfered with a proper sex education.

Dr. Perlin said taboos arose from a puritan tradition and ignorance. However, he recommended special teachers for the job of sexual education within the schools.

Birth Control Defensible

A mathematics and physics professor at the University of New Brunswick told the conference birth control was defensible by Christians for three reasons.

Dr. David McLay, speaking "as a Protestant and a Christian", said birth control probably was necessary because of over population, economic inability of parents to support large families and mothers' frequent inability to feed after "too many babies in too brief a time."

Dr. McLay said he disagreed with the Roman Catholic conception of birth control, which says birth control by artificial means is tantamount to murder. "A murder cannot be committed if the child is not conceived," he said.

Dr. Gordon Kaplan gave the final address Saturday night on a subject unrelated to the conference theme.

Dr. Kaplan, a Dal physiology professor, said Canada could offer a lead in the disarmament disputes, but said Maritime university students weren't doing enough to help.

Dr. Kaplan said although central and western students showed interest in the problem of disarmament, Maritime students hadn't taken "an active stand."

He said Canada, because of her geographic position between the USSR, and the USA, and because of the lack of "heat" in its politics, was in a position to offer leadership in disarmament questions. He said it was this "heat" in American politics that made rational thinking impossible.

Bible Study Held

Other speakers to the conference included Halifax psychiatrist, R. J. Weil; Dal-Kings SCM secretary, Hans de Boer and Rev. Stokoe, professor of practical theology at Kings.

Cannon H. S. Hilchie, rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, gave an hour-long Bible study each morning on the Biblical conception of love and sex. One conference delegate described the Bible study as "excellent and invaluable."

Next year's Christmas conference is scheduled to be held at Memorial University.

Black and Gold Revue Production Underway

George Martell, producer of the Black and Gold Revue, '61, told the Gazette Sunday that "preparations for the review are already underway." The review—a variety show drawing its participants from all corners of the campus—will take place on Munro Day eve, March 13.

Mr. Martell expressed the hope that this year would see a "strengthening of the technical framework" which will enable future years to build a more "concrete whole, with increasing emphasis on original student material!"

In charge of general production is a general committee contributing ideas and acting as co-ordinator between the producer and the various contributors. Stage crew and lighting will be much more in evidence, and it is hoped the entire Revue will be approached in the spirit of a DGDS production.

The Revue, Mr. Martell assures his prospective audience, "will at the utmost limit" take no longer than two and a half hours including intermission. He especially urges prospective contributors to limit themselves to about 5 minutes.

The show itself will stress variety and individual initiative in producing the numbers. The various people who contributed to last year's Revue are asked by the producers

to do so again, and any other society or individual who has a yearning for the stage is more than welcome. All are urged to contact George Martell, (phone 422-3139) or any member of the general committee as soon as possible. The committee includes Rick Quigley, Ruth MacKenzie, Gregor Murray, Ken Clark, Fraser Dewis, David Nicholson, Frank Cappell and Janet Coffin.

At the moment the producers are still looking for more ideas for skits and musical numbers, but they promise points and prizes for the participants of the Revue and a solid evening's entertainment for its audience.

On Campus

- Thursday, January 12**
Delta Gamma 12 noon
Room 234
- Friday, January 13**
Commerce Club Sweater Dance
9:00 Gymnasium
- Saturday, January 14**
Dal. vs St. F. X.
Basketball, Gym 8:00
Senior Class Record Hop 10:30
Gymnasium
- Tuesday, January 17**
Liberal Club 12 noon
Room 234
- Thursday, February 16**
Arts & Science Formal
Lord Nelson
Eddie Richards

WUSC Seminar Planned For Sweden

World University Service of Canada has announced that its 1961 International Seminar will be held in Sweden in July.

Approximately forty-five students and professors will be selected from universities and colleges across Canada to participate in the intensive travel-and-study programme. It is envisaged that an equal number of Swedish students and professors as well as representatives from Norway, Denmark and Finland, will join the Canadian group in Sweden for the Seminar.

WUSC has outlined the objectives of its summer programme as follows:

1. To bring Canadian students and professors into formal and intel-

- lectual contact with their colleagues from other countries.
2. To provide a carefully-selected group of students and professors with an opportunity to study a given theme.
3. To enable Canadian students to carry out serious studies in their own particular fields of interest, under the guidance of experts, and thus to relate the seminar experience to their academic work.
4. To provide Canadians with an opportunity to widen their knowledge and appreciation of the peoples, problems and cultures of other nations.
5. To interpret Canada to the people with whom they will come into contact abroad, and, as a necessary corollary, to become better acquainted themselves with their own country.

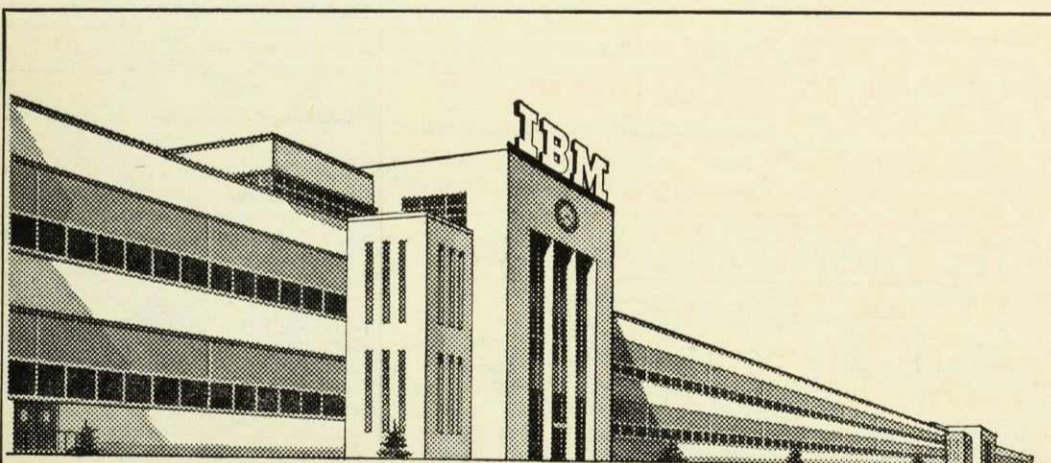
Further particulars about the programme, eligibility, and selection procedures will be released shortly.

Stairs Wins Rhodes

Denis Stairs, senior honours history student at Dalhousie, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for 1961.

Mr. Stairs, who has had active participation in campus activities, plans to do his B.A. in politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford University, England.

Among Mr. Stairs' activities is his position of Editor-in-Chief of the Dalhousie Gazette. A native of Halifax, Mr. Stairs now lives in Montreal.



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