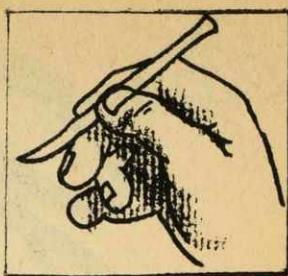


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VOTE ON TUESDAY

For Campus Unity Vote Janigan

To students who have attended Dal for more than one or two years, the name of David Janigan should be a familiar one. For the relative newcomers, however, perhaps we should point out why we of the Medical Society feel that he is the ideal candidate for the important post of vice-president of your (and our) Student Council. Dave hails from Halifax and went to school here where he made his mark both in his studies and athletics. He spent two years at St. F.X., finding time for sports and debating as well as making good marks.

Three years ago Dave came to Dal to complete his studies, graduating with a B.Sc. in '52 and entering the Medical School last fall. In those three years he has earned both his silver and gold D's for his extracurricular activities, serving on two Munro Day committees he was in a large way, responsible for their success. He has been on the varsity football team for three years including the year the team won the Purdy trophy. Three years, also, he has been on the varsity basketball team. He has been on winning inter-fac basketball and rugby teams. Not limiting his activities to active sports, he has spent time on the stage in "Othello" and has also been sports' writer for the Gazette. His popularity and ability were appreciated by his class to the extent that he was elected president of the Med '57 class. These are the few of the reasons why we feel that "JAN'S THE MAN" for vice-president.

Until a few years ago, the post of president and vice-president were invariably filled by medical students due to their maturity and experience in student activities. Since that time, however, with the expanded curriculum, we have been unable to enter candidates for these posts. For the past two years we have felt that the camps were becoming more and more separated. This year the Medical Society has decided to do their utmost to remedy this unfortunate situation. We have entered more fully into every interfaculty sport as well as every issue that has affected the student body. Only by such active participation can the prevalent apathy (that word again) be abolished.

Most of us "down at the old school" have been at Dal for over three years. Every year we hear promises from candidates for council posts. These promises, except for minor issues, are never fulfilled. Our candidate makes no promises but, with a medical student in an important council post, we of the Medical school, with its 275 active members, guarantee our continued and increased active participation in all student affairs. Surely with the camps strongly united, the council can accomplish more for the benefit of all students.

The needs of our students are obvious. Let's make sure that our council is capable of doing the utmost to satisfy these needs.

For strong backing by the Medical Society and for a vice-president with ability and experience in all student activities, we invite you to join us in saying "JAN'S THE MAN".

Notices

The executive and members of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society are cordially invited to attend tea Saturday afternoon, Feb. 28, from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerr. It is hoped that everyone who is interested in the Glee and Dramatic Society will attend.

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Forrest Glee, Drama Society Scores Outstanding Success

Last Tuesday nite the F.G.D.S. presented their semi-annual production which proved to be the best production seen here in years. The very fact that it was presented makes it the best play presented here for a long time. In fact it was even better than the play they didn't present here in 1937 which also received favourable press coverage. And although their production next year will undoubtedly be the best produced in years, this year's play deserves creditable attention. There was a total of 12 tickets sold and the gymnasium was packed to capacity with most responsive audiences on the three nights the play was presented.

The play presented was the tragedy "The Courting of Mardi", (or "Muppy at the Bat"). The leading role was ably performed by Robert Muppy, who showed the audience not only his great acting ability but also his great ability to convey to the audience his varied moods throughout the play. He does this by means of a rare, subtle, creative genius which he attributes to his deep understanding of the role. The subtlety was superb, such acts as sharpening his knife during fits of anger; gleefully filing his toe-nails during moments of happiness and throwing light bulbs and asides to the audience during impish asides. The leading role was indeed played by an outstanding performer.

Other players who contributed so much towards filling the stage included a pair of newcomers whom we are sure will delight many student audiences during their (expected) stay at Dalhousie. According to the F.G.D.S. schedule, they will appear in the society's production for 1955, the "H.M.S. Once-a-More", which was also produced last year, the year before that, and also the year before that. It is also rumored that it is being considered for 1954. If student demand for this delightful operetta remains as strong as it has been in the past, we may be lucky and see it again in 1956 and 1957.

However, let's get back to the newcomers. They are Fishy Fiske and Flew Flanette and their sublime interpretations of Wiltin' O'Brien's choreography treated the audience to some of the finest ballet seen here in years.

The play centers about a young damsel whose affections are sought by a sincere but rakish suitor played by Mr. Muppy. The play is unique in that the two halves of his conscience are represented realistically on stage by the two ballet dancers cited above. Thus, when the hero's conscience was asleep, the two dancers were asleep in the corner of the stage. When temptation confronted the hero, his struggles of conscience were portrayed by the respective struggles of the dancers. Once when the hero was in extreme mental conflict, the two dancers staged a wrestling match that brought volleys of from Mildred Burke fans in the audience.

After despairing of the hero's unstable ways, Mardi refuses to see him forever and the curtain falls as our hero vows to spend the rest of his days in the seclusion and dampness of a brewery vat room.

One cannot overlook the fine supporting cast of this play. This is really the nucleus of a play and thus deserves equal praise and appreciation of the students, because who is willing to spend countless hours memorizing two or three lines. Noteworthy amongst those cast in minor roles was Hans Burpstein as the sauve visitor from south of the border resplendent in a white panama suit and army boots.

Bouquets must also be thrown those tireless workers behind the

scenes who, when not busy pinching each other and giggling produced stagings comparable to those of the Brookfield Company of players. The scenery showed traces of the creative genius of Michael Todd and was almost as bare as his "Peep Show". The lighting was quite unique and produced moments of nostalgia for many Englishmen present in the audience. There were seemingly more blackouts during this production than there were during Joe Louis' career in the ring.

And let us not forget the devotion to the students shown by the play's director Cecile B. DeLorylle who picked a fine cast; his selection of Ben Foldberg as the thin visitor of Mardi was a fine example of his able picking.

Thus were it not for all those who worked behind the scenes, the success of this play would not have been realized. And so our hats are off to all those who were in any way connected with the play because without a doubt (just in case I forgot) it was the best and most outstanding play seen here in years.

British Columbia Books To Be Displayed at Dal

On Monday, March 2, three hundred and thirty-two books will go display in Room 6 of Macdonald Memorial Library. The books comprise an exhibition despatched to Canadian Universities by the British Council, which in 1949-50 held its first display which attracted a great amount of attention.

The books are shown under the following classifications:—English Language and Literature; History; Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Classics; Education; Modern Languages; Pure Sciences; Engineering and Medical. In selecting the books for the display, certain principles were followed. The emphasis is first on the needs of the undergraduate and books of an elementary type are included. No books which were shown previously are to be shown again.

The books will be at Dalhousie for one week and from here they will go on to Newfoundland university students. Information will be available on price and place of purchase.

Notices

In view of the fact that some students have purchased books from various sources, I would like to point out that any book, text or otherwise, can be ordered through the Medical Book Bureau. You receive the regular discount and save money order and express charges.

Book Store Hours

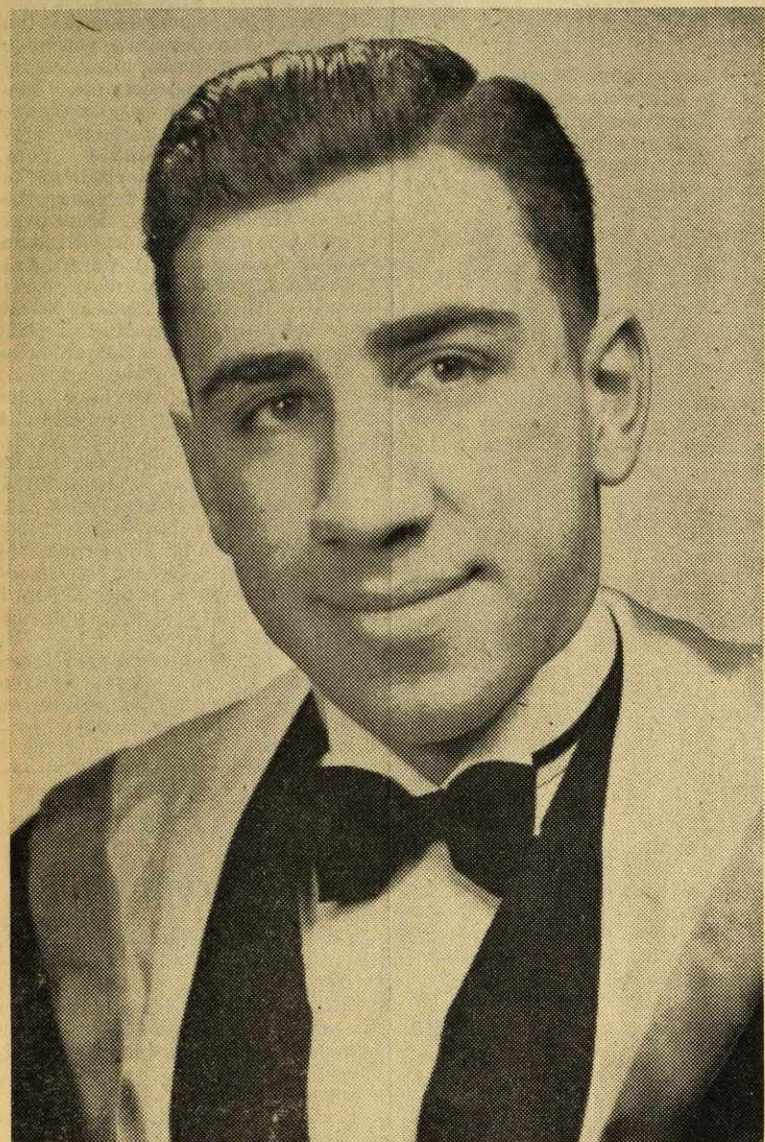
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. (Due to 12 o'clock classes, it may not open until 1.15 on some days).

S. R.

The Junior Varsity Tigers will meet King's College team Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Dal rink. This game will decide the Intermediate Intercollegiate championship of Nova Scotia.

Don Hueston, Ottawa, National Secretary of the Young Progressive Conservatives, will address the Dalhousie Progressive Conservative Club on Tuesday, March 3, in the Moot Court Room in the Law School at 12.15. ALL students are invited to attend.

Any similarity between the copy in this issue and the copy originally submitted is due to an oversight on the part of the Editor-in-Chief of the Gazette.



DAVE JANIGAN

TIME FOR A CHANGE?

I think that the time has come for Dalhousie Medical School to sit up and look over the training of its Medical students. The present trend of education in our Medical School and all Medical Schools in general seems to be a training of students in preparation for a career as a medical specialist rather than a career as a general practitioner.

There can be no substitute for the able family doctor. He still hold in his hands the lives of his patients. No hospital or specialist service, however elaborate, can offset effective treatment in the home. If general practice is not raised to a new and higher level of perfection the whole of our Canadian Medicine will suffer. Of all the great problems facing the medical profession today in its desire to provide the public with the best medical care, that of restoring the family physician to a higher position, by improving his prestige not only in the eyes of the public but within his own profession, appear to be the most pressing.

The whole pattern of practice is obviously changing and the next few years will undoubtedly bring profound alterations in the organization for the provision and distribution of medical care as well as in methods of paying for it. Regardless of whether group medicine is to become the accepted pattern and whether prepayment insurance becomes the solution for economic difficulties, nothing will succeed in replacing the family physician as the most important cog in the whole system.

The increasing complexity of modern medicine, diagnosis and treatment accompanied by specialized methods and techniques, has led to the role of the family doctor being obscured and under-rated in medical and lay circles. General practice is not often spectacular. It is carried on in the homes of the people, often under difficulty. If a person takes ill suddenly in the middle of the night and calls up the "great specialist" the answer will be, "Sorry, I work by appointment only and my office hours are, 9-11 and 2-4 except Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday".

Clinical teaching in the Dalhousie Medical School is largely

provided by specialists, each of whom regards his particular specialty as "Medicine". It is true that many of our specialists have a genuine interest in teaching and try to teach us medicine as it should be taught, but we see far too many rare cases and not enough of the cases seen in common everyday medical practice. The hospital staff tends to believe that going into general practice is a less worthy career than one devoted to teaching and research. The family physician who refers problem cases to these hospitals is often looked down upon by the hospital staff and one often hears the remark, "this patient was treated for a year by a doctor down in Antigonish County and then sent in here and we diagnosed the case in two days". The specialist does not seem to realize that he has all the modern laboratory tests and many expensive instruments at his disposal that the Nova Scotian Government can provide. Perhaps teaching hospitals should arrange for qualified general practitioners to enter into certain phases of teaching.

The present tendency to divorce the general practitioner from the hospital is bad for the efficiency of the medical service as a whole, and for general practice and the patient, and should be corrected. The remedy lies in co-ordination between the medical staff within the hospital and between the hospital and the general practitioner.

The general practitioner, even more than other doctors, must dedicate himself to his work and be moved by the three great passions which the Archbishop of Canterbury attributed to the medical profession, "the passion for scientific truth, the passion to serve society, and the passion of personal vocation and devotion". He is one who is interested in the art of medicine, and prefers general practice and its closeness to the lives of people to the narrower and more concentrated interest of the specialties which he may feel to be somewhat remote from ordinary life. He can regard medicine as a single unit not broken into frag-