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CHRISTMAS REVIEW

The Christmas examination time-table is posted. The first line of this appalling document reads: Wed. Dec. 11. Last Day of Classes. The next line gives the times of the various examinations which begin the next day. There . . . Not one day is left between the last class and the first examination.

First year students will be amazed to discover that new work and new assignments are given up to the last day of classes, and that review except in a few classes is completely forgotten. Students are expected to pass examinations—yet the same antiquated system of classes to the zero-hour is continued.

To quote from an editorial from The Gazette of 1943, on this subject, "Other and Greater Universities than Dal, including Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, have long since recognized the need and value of a period of pre-exam review. The GAZETTE strongly advocates the cessation of work one week before examinations, and that classes during that week be devoted to a comprehensive review and resume of the courses." We echo that advocation, Mr. Shields.

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WELL DONE . . .

This week The GAZETTE pays honour where honour is due. To the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society—a large bundle of orchids. Twelfth Night was a tremendous undertaking—but with the limited facilities at hand, the Glee Club made it an outstanding success. The GAZETTE appreciates the difficulties incurred. To the Glee Club executive, director, cast, stage crew, and all the offstage artists - The GAZETTE says, "Well done."

EDITOR'S

The Editor:

Mr. MacCormack, in his letter of November 15, correctly states that" the group in power tends to use its power to perpetuate its system". This is one of the greatest difficulties facing any new party, such as the C.C.F. in Can-

He also "recognizes the evils of Capitalism", and yet implies that if socialism were to fail he would wish a return to these evils. It should be enough to say that such socialistic measures as baby bonuses and unemployment insurance are dead political issues in this country today as it would be political suicide for a party to oppose them openly.

In some of its policies, of course, a socialistic government will be opposed in principle. The experience in England in the last

sixteen months, however, has shown a preponderance of criticism of the detail of the Government's plans.

It can hardly be contended that any party in the next election would advocate a return to the type of government prevalent in the U. K. before the Coalition Administration took over during the war. Socialism has shown itself to be progressive and competent. For this reason other parties are forced to change their positions and to adapt themselves to the new conditions of the socialistic era in order to regain the confidence of the people.

I state, with Mr. Miller, "Why not try Socialism". It has worked in numerous other countries and there is no valid reason why it should not work here.

GORDON BLACK.

Council Meets

Occasion: The semi-annual weekly meeting of the Dullhousie Lower Chamber (Local 1321/2). The members, dressed in black crepe and bow ties, file in, murmuring to the uninformed guards the secret password "Hamburgerfiltz." Exchanging dour nods, they drift to their respective places in the great meeting hallwhere they pick aimlessly at the stones in the wall.

12:04-A bugle sounds. Drums roll. The lights change from nauseating green to bilious blue. Enter THE PRESIDENT. He is armed. One on each side-right and left that is. The members scurry to their places at the coun-

THE PRES: Now that we are all here, the meeting will come to order-order-ORDER! ..

Members all: Beer ! ! ! (they are brought diluted caffein from Professor Inwood's Emporium.)

THE PRES: Tonite we have a full agenda

Engineer Member: I'll empty

THE PRES: SILENCE! I feel a draft. Close the door. (It is closed). I still feel it. Better lock it too!

A member: I move THE PRES: You're out of order. OFF WITH HIS HEAD. All-in-favor-signify-by-saying-ayemotion-carried!

A member: Yawn-n-n-n. THE PRES: YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER TOO!

Sex-Tres: I must point outyou're entirely right-your a member; I second that yawn (He is led out).

OUTSIDE: SCRE*E*E*E*M THE PRES: THE TABLEquick the table ! !- Look underneath the table. They do so There is a scuffling. The GA-ZOOT editor is withdrawnscreaming and struggling. He has a notebook in hand.)

THE PRES: WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE ED: (Censored).

THE PRES: OFF WITH HIS HEAD!

Sex-treas: Who has the agenda. THE PRES: I have it! I have some opening remarks to make! (There is a screaming of breaks (joke) outside. Drums drum. Bugles bugle. Enter: Sir Andrew Aguecheek with two second officers-followed by two sailors with hairy chests. They open the chests. They remove 1 bottle top, 2 three-cent stamps, 1 juke box slug, and 1 frayed soap rapper.)

THE PRES: What is this Sir Andrew?

Sir A: The gate receipts, your

THE PRES: WHAT! Is that all? How do you expect me to feed and clothe 1700 small students on that paltry sum.

Sir A: Now by my troth-your majesty-we used all the rest to bail out Sir Don Malvolio.

THE PRES: (entering into the spirit of the thing) What! Sir Don in JAIL?

Sir A: Oh no-your highnesshe was chased into a mud puddle by a ferocious tiger (TIGERget it?) and we had to have the pond dredged to find him.

1st second officer: This is your man-do your duty. . . .

2nd ditto: You fool-that's the wrong line!

1st ditto again: We have (Continued on Page 8)

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