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## NFCUS Unity vs. Russian Tour

As we said in a previous editorial, we would be glad to hear the reasons or explanation of the Dalhousie delegate at the NFCUS conference. The report has been published and new facts throw a somewhat different light on the subject of Dal's position regarding the proposed Russo-Canadian student exchange.

He reports that he upheld the general opinion of the campus regarding the exchange question—up to a point. And at the point in question he used his own judgment since he had no mandate from the students on the question. Dalhousie students last year voted overwhelmingly in favor of the exchange. Our NFCUS delegate voted in favour of it. But at the point where Laval and Ottawa universities made their threat to withdraw a new motion was put: Generally it asked whether the delegations felt the camp across Canada might revise their relation with NFCUS if unity of that organization were threatened. Dal's delegate did not have a mandate from the students on this question. He faced the choice of voting Yes or No. The Dal delegate voted Yes.

Whether his Yes reflects the general opinion of the students on the question remains to be seen. There is a reasonably strong possibility that the question will be raised again at a student forum in the next week or so.

From all external appearances it still appears that NFCUS generally was browbeaten into catering to the wishes of a minority, because three universities indicated that implementation of the proposed tour might compel their camp to revise their relationship with NFCUS. However, there was no suggestion that Dalhousie threatened to withdraw from NFCUS.

Before there is any unfavourable criticism of the Dal delegation it would only be fair to determine the sentiments of the student body on the matter. If the students would rather forego national unity of university students, then the Dal delegation voted unwisely. If the students value NFCUS unity over and above the proposed tour, then the delegate voted wisely.

## A Challenge

An article, appearing in the last issue of The Gazette certainly leaves the way open for those students who are philosophically inclined, to present their arguments in behalf of the so-called liberal education. "It Just Ain't So" carries a lot of persuasive points that might sway a large number of young people in today's materialistic world. Philosophers arise! Your thinking may be improving your own mind but good thoughts and unopened ideas will not sway the unwary from the materialistic life. Let's have a few more contributions on this matter.

## Rhodes Scholarship

In announcing the competition in Canada for the eleven Rhodes Scholarships offered for the year 1953, the Trustees are entering upon the fiftieth year of this great system of Scholarships established under the Will of Cecil Rhodes.

### Value of Award

The annual value of the Scholarships has been increased from time to time to the present £500, which with some small supplement is enough to see a man through the year and by reason of its purchasing power at Oxford and in Europe allows most Canadians not only to live the normal undergraduate life, but to spend the two short vacations of six weeks each and the long vacation of three months in a reasonable amount of travel about the British Isles.

### Conditions of Eligibility

Rhodes Scholars must of course be unmarried and candidates are not taken who will be less than nineteen or more than twenty-five at the time they enter Oxford. The one exception to this age rule is for Veterans of the United Nations forces in Korea whose active service since June 27 of 1950 has exceeded ninety days. They must be Canadian citizens or British subjects with Canadian domiciles and have reached at least the second year of study at a Canadian university.

At Oxford the Rhodes Scholar is free to follow his own bent and the range of choice of university work is almost unlimited. Among those who are going to Oxford this year, some are taking such popular "Honours Schools" as History, Jurisprudence and Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Others are following medical or engineering science, and still others will engage in research which is open in many fields to those who are ready for it and leads to advanced degrees in Letters, Science, Philosophy, Divinity and Law.

The residential and tutorial systems of the twenty-one Oxford colleges in which the Rhodes Scholars are distributed bring them in close association with the "Dons" and other students in an atmosphere of learning.

### Method of Selection

There is no examination. Candidates are chosen on their academic and personal record, on confidential testimonials submitted by at least six referees, and on personal interviews by a provincial selection committee. These selection committees consist of from five to seven persons, including several former Rhodes Scholars. Selection by the committees must be confirmed by the Trustees.

### Basis of Selection

The selection is made on the basis of four categories and qualifications laid down in Rhodes' will, which reads in part as follows:

"My desire being that the students who shall be elected to the Scholarships shall not be merely bookworms. I direct that in the election of a student to a Scholarship regard shall be had to (i) his literary and scholastic attainments, (ii) his fondness of

# Clippings FROM COAST TO COAST

by JEAN VINCENT

The various campus publications in Canada have all once more started reporting with their usual enthusiasm the unheard-of and unprecedented advantages of being a student in their respective universities. The odd news item proves, however, to be interesting and informative.

The Université Laval of Quebec seems to be leading the pack on this year of its Centenary. Two national student conferences, of NFCUS and ISS, have already been held in Laval, which has always been known, we might add, for its exquisite hospitality and savoir-faire. The editors of Le Carabin so far have been content to report the festivities and blast Le Quartier Latin of Montreal for what they term Montreal's childish reporting and editorials. Le Carabin's maturity, however, is something that Le Quartier Latin does not appear to be challenging.

The Brunswickan, self-styled "Canada's Oldest Official Student Publication", will be celebrating some time now its eighty-fifth year of publication. The Annual Maritime Regional C.U.P. Conference is to be held in Fredericton next month, and perhaps delegates will point out to UNB that if Dal has America's oldest student paper, New Brunswickers are left out in the cold, no matter how official they may be in expounding their views.

Surprisingly enough, a number of Canadian Universities are reporting this year an increase in registration. The Xaverian from Antigonish quotes is as high as 70% for freshmen at St. Francis. Alberta, Manitoba, Ottawa and Mount Allison in Sackville also follow the trend.

The Varsity of Toronto, now entering its seventy-second year (of publication), brings us news that, as compared to 30% last year, 57% of this year's freshman who tried an English test passed it

(sic) and success in many outdoor sports such as cricket, football and the like, (iii) his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship, and (iv) his exhibition during school days of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates for those latter attributes will be likely in afterlife to guide him to esteem the performance of public duties as his highest aim."

These qualifications have always been difficult to interpret. After long experience the Trustees have tried to epitomize the qualities for some definite quality of distinction in intellect or character or both, and it is upon this that selection committees will insist. Financial need does not receive special consideration which the selectors should look at.

Perhaps last year's famed 70% helped boost this year's freshmen registration in other universities.

Toronto also says forty-five would-be cheerleaders turned out this Fall. Carleton College of Ottawa on the other hand seems to deplore an invasion of hairy legs this Fall. An irate mother supposedly wrote to Te Carleton demanding an apology on the grounds that her daughter "is an outstanding example of womanhood and that my baby would not enter that building with her legs unshaven. . . . I will not have my poor other living under the illusion that other girls' legs are less hairy than hers." Primo avulso, non deficit alter.

The only news we have of Acadia University is that it is still there.

The Université de Montreal has come out again with a first: every Tuesday evening, the student body (now referred to as The Body), goes on television for thirty minutes. The student programme, first of its kind in the world, will be put on by various faculties this year, for a total of some forty shows, has already been produced since September the 15th, and is said to be a frank success.

McMaster University beat the University of Ottawa by two lengths in the annual P. D. Ross Memorial sculling Classic. The event, the only one of its kind in Canada, should, in coming years, draw participation by a good many other universities. As it is, the Classic was featured this year on a coast-to-coast broadcast, and occasioned the largest student parade ever held in the Capital.

The McGill Daily commented on U. of T. Students' English: "English Test Proves Disastrous". Red-faced editors came back the next day with mumblings about people living in glass houses. Seriously, I think the Daily gave me the only good laugh I got out of the Canadian University press this week.

### How to Apply

Application must be made by November 1st. Memoranda giving further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the registrars of all Canadian universities as well as from the secretary in each province of the selection committee and the General Secretary in Canada, D. R. Michener, Q.C., 5 Rosedale Road, Toronto 5.



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## Flea Poems 1

For I dipped into my nightmare,  
 Far as ghoulish eye could see  
 I saw brides ahang from rafters,  
 Heard husbands cry with glee.  
 I saw spiders on the rooftops  
 And intellectuals in the sea.

Next I was falling, falling,  
 Just this Gilda girl and me,  
 Through Freud and Munn and Watts  
 For what seemed eternity,  
 Till we met a free-verse poet  
 Reincarnated as a flea.

She spoke of love and farming,  
 And she quoted C U P,  
 And she said "How pleasant drowning"  
 And I know she looked at me . . . .  
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