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STUDENT FORUM AT NOON THURSDAY



ENJOY SKATING SESSIONS—This group obviously are enjoying the student skating session at the local rink, which will be the chief subject of discussion at the Student Forum this Thursday. Complaints have been circulated to the effect that the hockey team is infringing on student skating time without first obtaining the sanction of the Council of Students. The matter will be thrashed out Thursday in the gym at noon.

Student Skating Time Likely Chief Topic Of Discussion; Other Matters May Be Aired

The second Student Forum of the 1951-52 term is scheduled for noon Thursday, February 7, by order of the Council of Students. Although all students are free to present any topic for discussion, the chief subject on Thursday, according to present indications, will be the matter of student skating time at Memorial Rink.

At the first of the year it was decided that students should have a total of 29 hours weekly, to be allotted to hockey teams and for general skating sessions. Since then, however, there have been a number of complaints to the effect that the varsity hockey team, entered in the North West Army Hockey League, has been unlawfully infringing on time which had been allocated for general student skating. It was claimed that this occurred both in the evenings and in afternoons when the collegiate team was playing.

Whether this will continue or not, whether the team will be given more time or ordered to confine their playing to the allotted time, will be discussed and decided upon at Thursday's meeting of the general student body.

Another subject, along the similar lines, will also be a possible source of discussion. There have been several complaints that small children are using the rink without proper authorization. Some discussion of this will likely take place and appropriate action taken.

Committee Making Plans For Program

It's still over a month away but the Dalhousie Radio Committee is already making plans for D-Day, March 10, the day Dalhousie students take over the operation of Station CJCH for a 24-hour period.

At the moment a staff estimated roughly at 27 will be required to offer their services in various capacities on that day. About 15 announcers are needed and a dozen or more other students who will act as script writers, librarians, traffic control men, etc. If you've ever had the yen to find out what goes on in the presentation of 24 hours of radio service get in touch with the Radio Committee who are now located in Room 7, Men's Residence, next to the Gazette office.

Although the D-Day program is the most ambitious of the year, there will be the regular bi-weekly program over CHNS this Saturday, Feb. 9 which will include group singing, Bob Reed on the trumpet, and Ron Pugsley on the piano.

On March 8, also over CHNS, the students will be presenting six half-hour programs in the afternoon. Any and every student who would like to participate in some capacity on these programs is reminded once more to contact any member of the Radio Committee.

Expresses Alarm Over Student Failure Rate

TORONTO, Feb. 2 — (CUP) — Alarm at the failure rate of some freshmen was expressed recently in the annual report of Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto.

Results of the examinations throughout the whole university, he said, were not a matter for self-congratulation. Dr. Smith said the poor results were despite the fact university entrance requirements were stiffened in 1950. He asked whether the criteria for admission should include something more than examination records.

"We must ask whether many of these candidates who failed should have been admitted to certain courses, or whether the instruction has been adequate, or the examination papers too difficult, or the grading too severe, or whether sufficient care has been taken to assist high school students in forming habits of study necessary for success in university work.

Pharmacy Ball This Friday At Lord Nelson

The social highlight of the "pill-makers," the Pharmacy Ball takes place at the Lord Nelson Hotel this Friday night with Jed Meehan's orchestra supplying the music. Cost is \$3.50 a couple.

Dalhousie To Present "God Caesar" In Regional Drama Festival Friday

"God Caesar", a one-act play presented by the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society last November will be Dalhousie's entry in the Regional Festival of the Dominion Drama Festival taking place in Halifax this week.

Entry of the play, which has been produced at the university twice successfully, in past years was made following a special request by Festival officials. It will be staged along with the entries of Lunenburg and Annapolis Friday afternoon, February 8 in the auditorium of H.M.C.S. Scotian at the Dockyard.

The play is a deft and amusing sketch of a battle of wits for the possession of Caesar's affections between his wife, Calpurnia and Queen Cleopatra. Thanks to a ruse the triangle proves to be not quite equilateral.

"God Caesar" was first presented last May in the Nova Scotia Drama Festival and was well-received. The players were, Calpurnia, Natasha Coffin; Taro, Robin McNeil; Caesar, George Tracy; Cleopatra, Joanne Murphy. With new players in the ample roles it was presented again in the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Drama Festival in October and again received praise. Natasha Coffin, as Calpurnia will be cast as Calpurnia in this week's presentation, the only player to have appeared in all three productions. The other members of the cast will be, Taro, Ron Pugsley; Caesar, Dave Peel; and Cleopatra, Jane Clow.

Education, Vocation Will Be Discussed

The SCM is sponsoring a weekend seminar on the dual themes of education and vocation for Feb. 9 and 10, at St. Andrew's Hall, Coburg Road.

Papers will be given by Prof. James Doull, Prof. F. H. Page and Miss Helen Burlton, National Secretary of the SCM. The opening session will be at 2.30 p.m. Saturday.

On Saturday evening and on Sunday, the group may have their meals together, and any who wish to stay for meals during the seminar are asked to give their names to Keith Flemming at Pine Hill, Norma Messenger at Shirreff Hall, or to Blair Colborne at the SCM Office, Room 6, Men's Residence. All students interested in these topics are invited to attend.

COTC Officer Gets Promoted

Commanding Officer of the Dalhousie and King's Universities Contingent, C.O.T.C., Professor W. R. Lederman, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. The contingent now has an authorized establishment of 130 officer cadets and Army Headquarters has changed the ranks of contingent officers. The three officers now responsible for the unit are Col. Lederman, Major H. E. Dysart, and Lieut. W. R. MacArthur.

Professor Lederman, who is a member of the faculty of the Dalhousie Law School, assumed command of the contingent, in the rank of major, in 1949.

"Field Trips" Show Inside Of Business

A large number of volunteers from the ranks of the Commerce students are making a series of "field trips" to see, at first hand, how large businesses and industries operate.

One group, under the watchful eye of Professor Berman, recently visited the Fairey Aviation plant at Eastern Passage. The party was divided into groups of such and each group was assigned to a guide for a complete tour of the plant and drafting room. Following the tour the visitors enjoyed refreshments.

Programs To Feature Talks On Christianity

The CBC is presenting a series of broadcasts during February and March under the general heading of "Christianity in an Age of Science". The first talk will be by Dr. D. R. G. Owen, Professor of Ethics at Trinity College, Toronto, on Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 8.30 p.m. on the Trans-Canada network.

The second and third talks will be by Dr. Etienne Gilson, professor of philosophy at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the Divinity School at Yale, respectively. These talks will be excellent lead-off material for listening discussion groups. For those interested, there will be a group meeting at the home of Blair Colborne, 314 South St., each Wednesday, at 8.00, starting February 6.

NOTICE

There will be a "Tea" for all those who participated on any Dalhousie Athletic team at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, 24 Oxford Street, on Saturday afternoon, Feb.

Commerce and Psych Depts. Inaugurate Graduating Students Interview Scheme

Remember the first time you interviewed a prospective employer about a job? Chances are you were self-conscious. Many young people are. The experience of meeting and talking to a stranger under those conditions can be an ordeal to someone who has never done it before.

To help students overcome that self-consciousness and to improve their approach, the Commerce Department at Dalhousie University has invoked the aid of the Psychology Department in a novel experiment designed to help final year students who volunteer. Several students have already volunteered for "make-believe" inter-

views and initial results, say the professors, are encouraging.

The volunteer appears before a board consisting of Professor Wilfred Berman of the Commerce Department, and Dr. Frances Marshall and Dr. Louise Thompson Welch of the Psychology Department. These interviewers pose as personnel executives of some specific business or industry . . . an oil company, a bank, or perhaps a dry-cleaning firm. The student states his application and the interviewers question him as to his experience, training and abilities.

The entire interview, which usually takes about half an hour, is retained by means of a wire recorder. At the end of the inter-

view, the professors give the student their comments and suggestions and the interview is played back from the recorder to reveal to the interviewee how his approach and presentation might be improved.

Several of the students who have been interviewed speak enthusiastically of the usefulness of this method and it is expected that the demand for this service will increase.

Professors say the project demonstrates something of the practical value of psychology and the experiences gained through the interviews provide data of psychological interest as well.