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Kerr Exhorts Students To Consult Professors

The President of Dalhousie University, Dr. Alexander E. Kerr, last week urged students in an annual Convocation address to consult their teachers about problems and difficulties which may occur during the term.

Directing his remarks towards new Dalhousians, whom he called "Children of Dalhousie," Dr. Kerr said that teachers would "take it as a compliment" if they were consulted about difficulties in their various fields of study.

"The evidence of the active interest of the student in the subject that he is being taught is part of the reward that every true teacher appreciates," he said.

He added: "I shall always be glad to see you if you think there is ever anything that I can do to help you."

The Convocation address is given annually, as part of a welcome to new students. In his October 9 welcome, Dr. Kerr introduced the new professors.

Turning to the history of Dalhousie, Dr. Kerr emphasized its importance, and briefly outlined the university's story, from its 1815 inception by the Ninth Earl of Dalhousie, to the present.

"It would be unfortunate," he said, "if the genius of this noble seat of learning were forgotten in new generations, in which the spirit that animated the Earl of Dalhousie and his supporters will need to be reaffirmed repeatedly, and translated into contemporary terms."

Concluding, Dr. Kerr urged the students to remember that they had come to study, and should keep every interest subordinate to that; to keep the rules — made for the common good, ("the senate has seldom found it necessary to impose penalties for breach of discipline"); to attend the exercises of their religion, now that so many students are away from the restraints of their home life.

Finally, he referred to the changes altering the life of the world, and urged the students to keep in mind the idea that they were "preparing (themselves) for the service of their generation and the discharge of (their) duties as citizens."

Soviet Students To Visit Dal

Five Soviet Students will visit Dalhousie later this month, according to a recent CUP release.

The Students' Council of the USSR said October 5 that it would send five Soviet Students to visit various Canadian Universities this fall.

This tour—the first of its kind in Canada—is a reciprocal arrangement between NFFCUS and the Soviet Council. In May an equal number of Canadian students will be chosen to visit the Soviet Union. Both the Russian and the Canadian groups will be paying particular attention to student government.

In addition to Halifax, the students will visit Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. They are tentatively scheduled to arrive in Montreal Oct. 16, and will start their tour westward from Halifax, until they reach Vancouver a month later.

NFCUS president Bruce Rawson pointed out that the exchange was part of the federation's plans to further understanding and cooperation in the world. "We hope that this will become an annual event, and would like to see it expand into other types of exchanges," he said.

Each university receiving the Russians must house and feed them for two days and contribute to their cross-Canada travel expenses in a ratio based on their student population.

"BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE", "WONDERFUL TOWN", SLATED FOR DGDS PRODUCTION

About 25 prospective actors and actresses turned up last week to audition for parts in *Bell, Book and Candle*, DGDS's dramatic presentation for this year. Ken Clarke, president of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society, commented that "all kinds of people for all kinds of parts" appeared.

Bell, Book and Candle, a comedy in three acts by John van Draten, was first presented by Irene Mayes Selznick at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre in New York City in 1950.



From left to right: Janet Coffin, Ken Clark and Charles Haliburton, pensively consider taking part in this year's DGDS dramatic production, the comedy "Bell, Book and Candle." Last Thursday night the gym hears over 30 students, most of whom were unsuccessful, try out for the major roles in the play.

—Photo by Bissett

The play has a five member cast. Ruth MacKenzie, who played Maisie in DGDS's smash hit *The Boyfriend*, last year will play Gillian Holroyd, the female lead in *Bell, Book and Candle*. An actor for Shepherd Henderson, the male lead, was not chosen at Thursday night's auditions. Other performers include Carol Clark as Miss (Aunt Queenie) Holroyd, Charley Haliburton as Nicky Holroyd; and Hugh Williams as Sydney Redlitch (an offbeat author.)

The first rehearsal was held Tuesday night at 7:30.

"We've spent all summer reading bad plays" commented Ruth MacKenzie. *Bell, Book and Candle*, however, is a magnificent play, and DGDS is expecting great success with it."

The play has a central theme the practice of witchcraft in modern New York and is flavoured with the love scenes of Gillian and Shepherd.

The DGDS musical presentation this year will be the musical comedy *Wonderful Town* by Leonard Bernstein (lyrics by Adolf Green and Betty Comden). This will be presented on March 1-4.

The DGDS is also, as in former years, sponsoring the Connelly Shield competitions on Nov. 17, 18 and 19. Various faculties are offered the opportunity of presenting one-act plays to the public. The Education Dept. and the Faculty of Arts and Science have already entered their plays. DGDS pays royalties for these plays and generally gives whatever help and instruction it can.

"We are expecting quite a few more plays in this competition," said Ken Clarke, "and we hope that students who won't be acting in the plays will turn out for stage crew."

Sir George Williams Freshman Dies During Initiation Week Hazing

OTTAWA (CUP)—Oct. 5—The perennial problem of hazing is being revived since the death Friday of 19-year-old Michael Levine, who collapsed during Freshman Week at Sir George Williams University in Montreal.

Levine, who apparently had a history of heart trouble, died after he ran eight blocks from the university to Phillips Square in downtown Montreal imitating the Australian miler Herb Elliot.

Since the incident, the campus papers at McGill and Toronto have asked for a stop to any form of hazing by universities and fraternities.

One of the students running the initiation said that Levine had been asked if he would do the stunt, and he replied that he would.

Dressed in shorts, and a T-shirt, he wore a sign around his neck stating "I am Herb Elliot." Upon his arrival at the square he was to make a speech announcing his retirement, while standing on the statue of Edward VII. He began his speech, faltered, and then fell at the base of the statue.

The cause of death is not officially known, as the coroner's inquest is not concluded.

The campus paper *The Georgian* stated that Mrs. Levine had told a student of Sir George that her son had a history of heart trouble, and had spent 10 years at the School for Crippled Children. She is also reported to have said that she does not hold the students at Sir George responsible for what happened.

In an editorial, *The Georgian* said, "From all accounts, Mike fell into the spirit of the Week; he volunteered whenever he could, and must have forgotten any handicaps he had."

With reference to the week, it stated that the program, "was intended to avoid any such occurrences, and, indeed, under any circumstances, all would have been well."

Sir George Williams Principal Dr. H. F. Hall said that he "was thoroughly shocked," but declared that "Freshman Week at Sir George Williams does not entail hazing in the well-known sense of the word."

McGill held a mild form of initiation until 1950 when most of the upperclassmen felt that initiations were "silly" and the Senate then decided to end such ceremonies at McGill. However, fraternity hazing is still practiced at the university.

Pointing this out, the McGill Daily this week took a stand on all hazing stating, "we wish only to point out the relationship between the tragedy and the practice of hazing, however moderate it may be. Is it not time that hazing of all kinds including that which still exists at McGill in certain fraternities be curtailed once and for all?"

STACK TABLE PRIVILEGES

Stack Tables will only be assigned to Faculty Members, Ph.D. Candidates, and Second Year MA Students. Application should be made in writing to the Circulation Librarian before October 14, 1960. Applications will also be accepted until October 14, 1960, from First Year MA Students and Third and Fourth year Honor Students on the understanding that such applications will only be considered if tables remain unallocated as of October 14, 1960.

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An even stronger attack was made by *The Varsity* at Toronto. It questioned the reason for initiations, and suggested that, "we lack the courage to end them." *The Varsity* concluded, "We charge it was unnecessary. A life was sacrificed on a university's most sacred altar—the noble tradition of college initiations. It is a tradition that is still sacred at the University of Toronto. Why? Do we too need a martyr in whose coffin we can bury our great tradition of hazing?"



The Subcommittee shows appropriate gratitude at the presentation of a cheque from Phi Rho Medical fraternity last week. Hilary Bonycastle and Dave Matheson accept the \$100 cheque, which, combined with the increased Student Council fees this year, has helped to swell the fund for the building of a Students' Union Building at Dal.

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