

Presidents' Comment on Class System

In an effort to determine the worth of the class system (except in Miss Smith's files) the Gazette sent a reporter to the four Class presidents.

It is felt their remarks substantially indicate the present position of our class system.

Jim Cowan (Freshman Class): "Class societies could do a lot of good, but they are useless without the enthusiasm of the students. Attendance at our meetings has been terrible, for freshmen just can't be bothered coming. Inter-class activities might brighten things up, switching the emphasis from Arts and Science to the classes."

George Cooper (Sophomore Class): "Class societies are useful things, for when a Freshman Class comes in they're the group who'll be graduating in four years and its good to keep them together. Admittedly, not too many people come to the meetings, but those who do are the ones who are interested. It's not important that the others don't come."

"The Sophomore Class is sponsoring the Acadia trip this weekend and plans to hold a dance or two during February."

Bill Sommerville (Junior Class): "I think that class societies should

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ses' cards, or in the case of an outsider without such, he must attend with some student possessing the required card.

If the council is worried that the dances are merely money makers I'm sure that a percentage of dance proceeds could be diverted to some other cause on the campus which would save their conscience.

If the suggestions above are not agreeable possibly a compromise could be arrived at whereby the orchestra played only from 9:00 until 12:00, with records until 1:00, since orchestras charge almost as much from 12 to 1:00 as from 9:00 to 12:00. Thus the initial outlay for the organization putting on the dance would be much smaller and the cost of admission reduced by almost one-half.

In closing I beg the Council to reconsider what has been, I feel, a misguided piece of legislation and permit the use of records at Dalhousie dances.

Yours truly,
Jim Boutilier

exist; the Freshmen have next year's initiation to plan, the Seniors organize their graduation dance, and there are also projects for Juniors and Sophs. Once you have a project more will become enthusiastic; we're working on a skit or a song for Munro Day."

Margaret Doody (Senior Class): Class societies are vague things because there doesn't seem to be the same enthusiasm for them that there used to be."

REFERENDUM FEB. 18 & 19 IN CLASSES HIGHER COUNCIL FEES FOR S. U. B.?

During the last two meetings of the Student Union Building committee, considerable progress was made in the finalization of plans for a student referendum. The referendum will be held on the 18th and 19th of February by classroom voting, and will determine the support of the student body to a raise in Council fees which will, in the next few years, make a union building for Dalhousie and economic possibility.

The twenty-five year construction program of the University Administration at present does not include plans for a union building. It is for this reason that the support of the Student body in the upcoming referendum is absolutely essential.

With the support of the students, the Student Union Building committee has been promised aid from the University. Lacking the support from students, three years of hard work on the part of Union Building committees will have been erased and all chances of a Union Building in the foreseeable future removed.

At present preliminary plans for the Union Building are already on the draughting boards, and the overall financial program for construction is about to be initiated.

On February 7th the architect will meet with the financial committee,

and the estimated cost of the building will be known. On the eighth this Cost Estimate will be submitted to the Student Union Building committee and on the following day to the Student Council.

A special issue of the Gazette will appear in the near future containing pictures of Union Buildings on other college campi, facilities included in such structures, the architect's view of our own proposed

building, and the history of the Dalhousie Student Union Building to date.

A general publicity program is starting to familiarize the student body with the functions and aims of a Student Union Building, which will provide offices for all campus organizations, recreation rooms, a canteen, bookstore, auditorium, common rooms, and dancing areas.

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No motion was made on the question.

Also discussed was the program for Monroe Day. Gregor Murray said plans for the holiday have not been finalized, and it had not been decided yet whether to bring in an outside hockey team (possibly Harvard) or an outside orchestra (possibly from the Berkley School of Music in Boston). Byron asked for a show of hands on the question, and a slight majority preferred the hockey team.

An added attraction at this Munro Day. Gregor Murray student, who suggested a hockey game between the Shirreff Hall girls and the foreign students who had learned to skate since coming to Canada.

On Campus

Thursday, Feb. 4:

- 1—Interfac Debate West Common Room, 12-1
- 2—P.C. Club Meeting Room 234, 12:00

Friday, Feb. 5:

- 1—Interfac Debate, West Common Room, 1-2
- 2—Student Union Bldg. Dance, 9-1, (gym)

Monday, Feb. 8:

- 1—King's Play Rehearsal, Dal gym, 6:30
- 2—D.G.A.C. night, gym.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

- 1—King's Play Rehearsal, Dal gym, 6:30

Wednesday, Feb. 10:

- 1—Model Parliament, Rm. 21, 7:00
- 2—King's Play, Dal gym, 8:00

Thursday, Feb. 11:

- 1—Model Parliament, Rm. 21, 7:00
- 2—King's Play, Dal gym, 8:00

Friday, Feb. 12:

- 1—NFCUS Dance, gym, 9-1

Saturday, Feb. 13:

- 1—Pharmacy Ball, Lord Nelson, 9-12
- 2—B.Ball, Dal vs. S.M.U. Hockey, Dal vs. Tech

STUDENTS' COUNCIL ELECTION NOTICE

Attention all students in Affiliated Courses:

The Students' Council Constitution requires that any student taking affiliated courses must declare his or her intention of voting in one or other Department or Faculty with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Council before the 12th of February.

Thanks,
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Don Wilson Latin America

S. C. M. Secretary Throws Light On A Dark Picture

"Latin America is, to most Canadians a forgotten continent", said Don Wilson, speaking on Friday, January 29 at an S.C.M. lecture on **Political and Social Changes in Latin America** in the Memorial Room of the Arts and Administration Building.

The speaker is visiting Dalhousie - Kings S.C.M. this week, travelling as World Mission secretary of the Canadian S.C.M. He has recently returned from four years in Chile.

To the remark above he returned several times in his talks on Friday, and Saturday in Sherriff Hall, Monday in an Education class, and Tuesday night in King's College. On these occasions he spoke of political and social conditions, of University life and everyday life.

Mr. Wilson described the continent as a land of extremes—of cities like Buenos Aires, as modern as any in Canada contrasted with vast areas of farmland so backward that although 50 to 80% of the population live on farms, they import food and have only a fraction of the meat or milk we have per capita.

There is great bitterness among Latin Americans about American control of their economy, such as in the case of the almost complete control of Four countries by the United Fruit Company through ownership of land, railways, utilities. Also, most countries sell almost all of their produce to the United States. "A drop of a few cents in the price of copper in the U. S. market means the loss of millions in Chile," he said.

Questioned about the strength of Communism, he said that the possible success of Communism is overstressed, since at the present time governments are controlled too tightly by powerful interests; communism might, however, gain support as a last resort.

In reply to questions about University life, he made the following comments: there is no University community as here since faculties are scattered throughout the city; professors spend at least part of their time in other professional work; there are no general Arts courses as such, Law often taking the place of a preparatory course; students are much more politically conscious (i.e. 3 student presidents were killed in Cuba under the Baptiste regime for political activity).

Mr. Wilson's original thesis must be conceded and most agreed at the close of the lectures he was warmly thanked for throwing light on a dark picture.



Traveler's Aid

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