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give your blood

No better cause can be commended to the generous support of healthy students than an appeal for blood donations, once again being heard on our campus. Since the current appeal here closes Thursday, those who feel able to give but have not yet done so are strongly urged not to let this opportunity slip.

Dalhousie students have responded creditably in the past, baring arms boldly whenever asked to give their blood. Since all non-anaemic Dalhousians, in common with others of the human species, have blood to spare, it is confidently expected that they will respond creditably again.

The needle may hurt—but only for a little while.

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the vice-presidency

A member of the Board of Governors of this university commented recently, referring to the existing state of student—administration relations, that it is not only at this university and at this time that responsible students feel frustrated and forlorn. Perhaps there is an element of wisdom in this.

However, the words fell upon the ears of a person who thinks that the officers of student government and those of the university administration can co-operate for the general benefit of the university; that student government is complementary to the operation of a university; that where a university administration ignores the purpose and functions of the student government, the university is in effect committing itself to a sentence of slow death. How anomalous this is in view of our expanding economy and student population.

In the recent announcement of the appointment of Dean C. L. Bennet to the newly-created office of Vice-President of Dalhousie one might find a possible example of how the administration can ignore the needs of student government. The word "possible" is used because we have not yet seen the positive results of this appointment.

Of course, there is no objection to Dean Bennet's academic qualifications, administrative ability or personal fitness. In each of these areas he is a proven leader; in addition, Dean Bennet has long been associated with student activities, especially in the field of dramatics.

Dalhousie student government has long been at odds with the administration. If Dean Bennet's appointment will allow closer and more frequent communication with the administration via a President whose administrative load will be lightened by the appointment, or via a Vice-President one of whose duties will be to effect a closer co-operation with the Student Council, there is no student who will do anything but applaud. But, if the appointment has no effect on the existing mediocre relationship between the Council and the administration, it makes no difference whether there is a Vice-President at all.

editorial comment

the dying swan

(The Varsity, Toronto)

In the Saturday performance of Swan Lake the National Ballet has proved that its success have been due to the presence of several top dancers, Celia Franca, Lois Smith and David Adams. In fact these dancers have been the backbone of the company and their success has imparted a sense of security to this young ambitious group.

In this colourful performance of Earl Kraul, Lilian Jarvis and Angelia Leigh took the leads, with George Crum conducting a compost of local musicians as an orchestra.

The first act saw a group of very nervous villagers making merry for a prince who did not command attention or respect because of his stage-presence. The dancers in the Pas de Trois were just nervous enough to convey a feeling of tension to the audience.

During the prelude and on through this act the thirty piece orchestra in no way did justice to Tchaikowsky's superlative music, but did provide a well-cued accompaniment.

The second act is the heyday for Odette, the Swan Queen. Despite the fact that Miss Lilian Jarvis is

not very well suited in appearance to the role, she provided the most convincing dancing for us in the evening. In this act the dancing came to life as dramatic expression. Mr. Kraul emphasized the gentility of the role with the most effortless grandes jettes. The Corps de ballet was superlative as the swan maidens, perhaps because this act has been in the National repertoire for about five years. The orchestra was the same.

The third act was an immense improvement with the appearance of Angela Leigh as Odile. In awareness and appearance, she was suited to the role and with the exception of one balancee she emulated the technique of the company's stars. The orchestra was the same.

The final act is so packed with melodious melodrama that the principals did make a conscious attempt to regulate it. Mr. Kraul was the least able to restrain himself and his swift break-neck pace taxed the rest of the company. Van Rothbart danced by David Kerval has always looked like a clown to me in this three-year-old production. — Elmo Ciprietti.

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canadian foreign policy independent?

(The Ubysey, Vancouver)

In examinations held recently by the Department of External Affairs, one of the questions was: Does Canada have an independent foreign policy? At the McGill Conference on World Affairs, held a short while ago, one of the longest and most heated discussions revolved around the same question. This would indicate that there is a serious doubt in the minds of many Canadians as to whether we do have independence in matters of foreign policy.

Actually the question should be expanded to get its true meaning. It should read: independent of the United States. It must be realized that almost all of our international relations must be made with an eye to the feelings of the United States.

It may be answered by saying simply that no country today can have an independent foreign policy. Even the United States cannot be independent. This answer circumvents the problem and is not satisfactory.

Perhaps a more realistic answer can be drawn from a few examples.

Could Canada say tomorrow that the DEW line was to be closed and Russia was to be allowed to establish rocket basis in our Arctic? Obviously not. The United States would not stand for it and they probably would not hesitate in oc-

cupying Canada. Could Canada recognize Red China tomorrow? The consequences of such a move make it impossible. Subtle hints have already been made that if we do, the United States would gayly start an all out "dumping" program. They would sever trade relations with us (our trade with the U. S. amounts to 22 per cent of our gross national product but to less than two per cent of theirs). They would throw a wrench into the St. Lawrence Seaway project and frustrate the Columbia River plans.

On the other hand Canada has successfully acted independently against the wishes of the United States in less vital problems. A recent example of this occurred in the United Nations. Voting for the admission of new members was taking place. Five communist satellites sought admission. The United States strongly opposed letting them in. Canada, despite mutterings from Washington, voted for their admission.

There is no definite "yes" or "no" answer to the question though Canada has the legal right to an independent foreign policy it is severely limited. Her independence is restricted to matters which are non-vital to the interests of the United States.

through the keyhole

by Pat McDonald

From the Queen's Journal comes an interesting headline: "Does she or doesn't she? Poll indicates she does. The Journal went on to say, "Take a good look at that co-ed. Can't tell can you? Confidentially, eight out of ten do it for money. Disillusioned? And girls, see that fellow in the coffee shop? He's not much better. Seven out of ten of them do it, too. A staggering 80% of the girls polled at random at Queen's are admitted gamblers. They gambled at bingo, race horses and chug-a-lug contests. Queen's has long treasured its gambling spirit. According to its first Principal, a Presbyterian minister, the university was begun on a gamble". Since then, the Romance of Gambling has never lost its grip on the Queen's man's imagination.

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From the McGill Daily comes the story that the university may have struck it rich. There is no confirmation as yet, but speculation there indicates that McGill may inherit all or part of the vast fortune of the "world's richest man", Canada's Diamond king, J. T. Williamson. Williamson, who died last week, is a McGill alumnus; in the past he has been very generous to his alma mater. His estate is estimated at a modest \$100 million.

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From the western provinces generally comes an old story. The Manitoban contains an account of strife among residents of the University of Manitoba. The touchiest point was that of residence meals. There was a positive reaction from all the inmates: "It's wonderful enough to throw away". Typical of the spontaneous comments of the thin, haggard boys who showed only bare traces of once-manly were the following:

"The meat is always grizzly and greasy".

"When I asked for my steak rare, I could have sworn it was still hemmoraging".

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From the University of Western Ontario come these thoughts: Overheard in a dark lovers' lane: Hands off, Columbus, you've discovered enough.

Law Student: I'm groping for the right words to tell you how I feel about you.

Artswoman: Well, do you think I've got a dictionary tattooed on me?

GOOD-NIGHT, PRINCESS.