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ELECTIONS, ETC.

"In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns" to the elections. "Lightly" is, in our case, a fitting adverb; the results of the elections were anything but gratifying to those who hoped that this, of all years, was the year when the "college spirit" of Dalhousie had reached a high peak. The officers elected were satisfactory in every respect, and we congratulate the few students who exercised their franchise on their new Council, but the attitude with which the elections were approached was deplorable.

The lack of anything approaching an objective platform was the most obvious feature of the platform speeches in the Gym; the assembled students were compelled to listen to an assorted collection of self-eulogy and veiled insults. The posters and pamphlets which followed were even more disappointing, several of which displayed a lack of taste which did more to damage the cause of their authors than anything else. The atmosphere surrounding the affair was one of a positively puerile desire to ape the accomplishments of Brooklyn ward bosses.

It is not as though there were no room for improvement on the Campus. The condition of Dalhousie undergraduate affairs has been crying for reform for some time, but not one of the candidates took the trouble to indicate his desire to make the Campus as such a better place.

It would be exceedingly unfair to attribute this state of affairs to the individual candidates; it is the result of the cancerous apathy which haunts the undergraduate body of this University, which can itself be attributed to other causes. Until the students can take upon themselves the burden of an active interest in their own affairs, and exert themselves at least to the casting of a ballot, the societies of the Campus will continue to be the hollow mockeries they were this year.

None of this should be taken as reflecting in any way upon the merits of the elected Councillors; they have a difficult year ahead of them and with them must go our undivided support. With our congratulations, this year's Gazette would extend to them a word or two of warning.

After the splendid work of the out-going Council under Mr. Havey, the Council will have a high standard to maintain; and if, as many expect, the enrolment in the University should increase next year, the facilities in extra-curricular activities would become even more limited, and the complaints would be loud and penetrating. With the rest of the Student Body we extend our thanks to Mr. Havey and his Council, and our best wishes to Mr. Hamilton and his.

A. M.

FIASCO & FIRE HAZARD

After witnessing the gymnasium in action on Munro Day it would appear that something is definitely lacking — namely some system whereby persons attending a function in that building might be enabled to retrieve coats, hats, etc., without being subjected to the rigors of a sardine canning factory.

The convergence of two stairways to the basements upon on tiny lobby means that anywhere between 500 and 5000 people go down, go up, stand still, and generally manage to block all traffic in all directions.

One solution to this almost weekly fiasco might be some reconstruction work on the gymnasium. If at all possible the stairway to the 'Girls' basement could be diverted to open through the old D. A. A. C. office, possibly alleviating to some extent the annoyance, discomfort and fire hazard of the present condition.

Canadian Campus

Student radio activity in the universities across the Dominion varies greatly, depending on the degree of student interest, the funds and the facilities available. In only two cases are the faculties of the universities at all involved with the programs; all the work being done by members of the various student bodies, and there is only one course offered by the universities in radio production and technique.

University of British Columbia.

All of the very considerable radio activity on this campus is controlled by the UBC Radio Society, which produces programs on the campus as well as in local radio stations. Symphony concerts, topical speeches, especially at election time, and university news bulletins comprise the bulk of the programs broadcast from the campus; while over local stations there is a weekly thirty minute dramatic show, a discussion panel, and a musical program presented by the University Musical Society.

Perhaps the most significant fact about the UBC Radio Society is that each department, including script writing, continuity, engineering, announcing and producing, is committed to give a course in the subject to any interested student. The Society also owns its own control board, and a recording machine is soon to be made available.

University of Toronto

Although Varsity has no radio facilities on the campus, a weekly half hour program, "Campus Call", is broadcast over CKEY. The show consists of informal interviews and drama. As for the future it is hoped that part of the War Memorial Scheme will include a campus radio station, where students will be able to learn radio from the ground up.

St. Francis Xavier University

Radio enthusiasts at St. F. X. are closely linked with CJFX, the local outlet. The programs, which originate both on the campus and in the local studio, include sing-songs, plays, lectures by faculty members on such subjects as Poetry and Music Appreciation, Biology and Geology, and play by play descriptions of athletic events. A fifteen minute weekly radio serial is produced in conjunction with a university course on public speaking and radio program techniques.

McGill University

Two weekly programs over CJ-AD were inaugurated this year. "McGill Speaks" is a fifteen minute show consisting of interviews with campus personalities, while "Campus Capers" is a half hour comedy production presented in serial form dealing with activities at a mythical college. In addition there is the "McGill Radio Workshop", an undergraduate club. Its members make recordings throughout the year, some of them from original scripts.

University of Alberta

This western campus uses an average of two hours air time a week over local radio stations. Drama and variety shows are presented, as well as campus news bulletins and play by play descriptions of sports events. Some of the programs are broadcast from the campus itself.

Other Universities

Radio has experienced little success on the remaining campi, mainly because of the lack of interest and facilities. The University of Montreal used to have a weekly program at the beginning of the academic year, but it was discontinued after two months of

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