

We Like Art But Keep It Light

By PENHEAD

Returning from the much needed vacation most of us were very impressed with the "new-look" of the common, between class, stomping ground — the canteen. The Dalhousie-lawn-green of the walls together with the Canadian pine-tree-green of the curtains is enough to raise the gloom of any disheartened patriot or interior decorator. But yet, the patriot may ask, how does one, or could one, reconcile the all-Canadian green with the Dalhousie-lawn-green. Isn't there a wide gulf between these two patriotic colors? Les, there is a wide gulf between these two colors. This can easily be overcome by turning our stomping ground into an all-Canadian collegiate den. The all-Canadian collegiate spirit could permeate our den with the hanging, on the walls, of Canadian university pennants. These pennants could be readily obtained, without charge, by the NFC-US committee. However, there is one snag in completing our den — the university officials have other plans for the walls. These plans entail changing the walls into a gallery of pictures. Now, is this a true collegiate spirit? I do not think it is a very spirited outlook. If one wishes to show his aesthetic complex why not attend the NFCUS art showing rather than push art appreciation down the students throats. We all have aesthetic appreciation, but there is a time and place for showing one's love of art. And, I don't believe the canteen wall is the correct place to show one's love of art.

Fresh Out—

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been built on the solid foundations of the laws revealed by God and Moses and stated by Jesus of Nazareth—I am proud of the blood that flows in my veins—I shall cut intolerance wherever it shows, at its very roots."

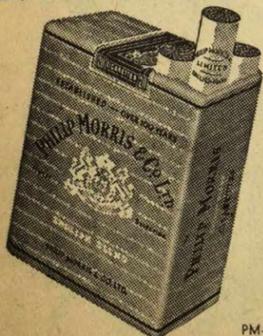
Whether you are a member or a potential member of a Greek letter society, an indifferent onlooker or absolutely opposed to such societies you should be cognizant of the many aspects of these societies on which one may be expected to have and express an opinion.

With reference to our last quotation we ponder what replies would be forthcoming to the following question, "Would either Moses or Jesus of Nazareth be "rushed" by any of our local Greek letter societies?"

For a Light Smoke and a Pleasing Taste



Call for PHILIP MORRIS



International Student Delegation to Africa pictured on their meeting at the offices of the COORDINATING SECRETARIAT in Leiden, Netherlands, prior to departure. Shown here (left to right) are Geoffrey Kean, England, Lawrence Howard, United States, Harold Aars, Norway, and Guillermo Campbell Stibble, Costa Rica.

International Delegation To Africa '54 Seminar

Students are students wherever they are and those at the University College of Khartoum are no exception! This was the most striking impression received by the Student Delegation to Africa when it arrived in Khartoum. Indeed this worldwide homogeneity of the student community contrasts strongly with the social, economic and political background of 670 students at the Sudan's only university.

Much of the Sudan is desert, dependent upon the floods of the Nile, primitive methods of agriculture and nomadic herding. At Shambat the University College's modern Agriculture Department, there is a 500-acre farm upon which has been developed important strains of the famous Egyptian cotton—upon which the Sudan's economy depends. Here too, the most efficient forms of irrigation are developed, farm mechanization taught and arts of animal husbandry and management shown by example.

On October 28th more than 100 students received their degrees or diplomas—a striking contrast to the country's 98 per cent illiteracy. The buildings of the University are modern in every detail, yet just across the street from the campus the adobe mud huts appear. Two women received diplomas this year as a sign of their academic competence, yet in the streets of Khartoum with the extreme emphasis on Islamic traditions, the women are seldom even to be seen.

In spite of their many advantages, the student's life is not an ideal one. The University contains a large percentage of the Sudan's educated element and these students being very vocal, do have political views which are frequently unpopular. Two hours before our arrival a large group of students from the University staged an "unlawful" demonstration against the Anglo-Egyptian Pact. The Sudanized police forcefully broke up the demonstration and arrested 23 of the students including the acting President and Secretary of the Student Union. The latter two were released later. Two days afterwards the remaining 21 students were tried and convicted for demonstrating against the government, fined £3 and placed on parole.

At the time of writing the University authorities had taken no action. Serious steps may however be a result for in the past the authorities have responded to demonstrations or strikes by

either suspending some students or closing the University for a period altogether. The students were warned in advance by the Principal L. C. Wilcher, that a serious attitude would be taken by the administration.

While the students have a keen interest in the political developments in their country, it does not preclude the efficient functioning of other student activities. The Student Union has its own building and sells food and soft drinks. The Union is also responsible for conducting the University's entire athletic program. In addition they have a student paper and numerous societies that present debates and discussions on all academic subjects.

The University College, which is associated with London University, was established in 1951 as a result of the merger of Gordon Memorial College and the Kitchner School of Medicine. Degree and diploma courses are offered in the faculties of Arts, Science, Administration and Law, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Medicine and Engineering. In 1956 full university status is to be attained. The future relationship with London University is still unsettled.

The present Student Union is the successor to the former Senior Students Committee of Gordon College. Official contact with the staff is mainly through the medium of the Senior Students Warden, a Sudanese. Given the unprecedented political developments and the drive for national self-determination that fires the whole country—set off against a University staff that is largely British and cautious in its outlook—the staff-student relationships leave much to be desired.

The ten days at Makerere College gave the African Delegation of the International Student Conference the opportunity to make numerous contacts and really to sample student life. Mark Bomani, the recently elected President of the student union, the Makerere College Guild, presented the delegation with a very full program which provided a representative picture of the academic, social and political life of the university. Joseph Mathenge, Vice-President responsible for External Relations, made it possible for the delegation to meet outside organizations like the East African Students Federa-

Speaking Of Politics

At the great majority of Maritime Universities politics play a singularly important part in the extra curricular work of the student body. And rightly so! Few will care to argue that, by and large, university men and women become the future leaders in the political arena. Despite this fact, students at this university have always displayed a peculiar aversion for anything related to politics; therefore it is felt generally that the time is now at hand when the entire student body should put politics in a more enhanced position on the Dalhousie Campus.

One should not be too strenuous in condemning the general student body for being politically apathetic. Concededly, much of the cause for the absence of a politically conscious student body can be explained by reference to the ancient custom of conducting an annual Model Parliament at the Law School. Certainly, such a fine tradition will be made to do so here. However, the custom does explain to some extent why students at this university have been inclined more away rather than toward politics, for, you see, to qualify for participation in the Law Model Parliament, one must be a Law student.

As noted above, it is comforting to notice a definite swing in the direction of full scale politics on the campus. Certainly, none should complain of lack of opportunity in 1955 and particularly so in the next few weeks. Already the various political parties are putting order in their ranks and preparing for the possibility of conducting a Dalhousie Model

Parliament sometime in February. Nevertheless, in all fairness to our political friends, we should be among the first to admit that a wish for success will not of itself guarantee success: what they ask for is our standing behind them either by active party work or at least by casting a vote on Election Day.

Regardless whether a general model parliament should materialize during the next few weeks, one thing is assured—Dalhousie will be sending representatives to the annual Maritime Universities Model Parliament which is to take place at the University of New Brunswick in the latter part of February or early in March. Those participating will have their expenses defrayed by Council funds so long as they really and truly represent Dalhousie and not any particular group or faculty. Accordingly, such men as Pat Nowlan, George Mitchell and Ken Pryke of the PC's, Liberals and CCF respectively, are preparing the road for a campus wide election. Meetings of these three parties are in the offing but these and other party officials decline to say definitely whether we can look forward with certainty to a Dalhousie Model Parliament. It rests solely with the students; that is, a healthy tone of public opinion in favor of a model parliament will alone decide the matter. So, we urge everyone, regardless of your faculty, to get behind your party and let's really give politics a chance on our campus. The next time you are seated in our new canteen, nudge your neighbor and inquire after his party affiliation; then let's really talk politics!

(an organization primarily of secondary school students in East Africa), the Protectorate Government and the native Buganda Kingdom Government as well as numerous places of interest within a 60-mile radius of Kampala.

Actually living with the students in their halls of residence permitted a first hand appreciation of their life. At Makerere students from 26 tribes coming from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Southern Rhodesia and Zanzibar, in that numerical order, are found. In addition there are 5 Asians and 1 European student. The latter, a woman, joined the university in October after completing her secondary education in England. The cultural differences are very great. English is the common language, the best under the circumstances, but at the same time a real burden for some of the students. A satisfactory mastery of English is a prerequisite to admission.

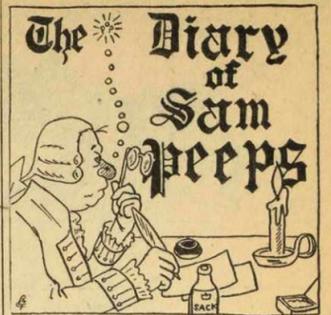
The acute food problem is a reflection of the varied background of the students. Most of the students are adjusted to a native diet of sweet potatoes, maize or matoke (bananas). Some few, with metropolitan backgrounds are accustomed to European food. Still others, primarily the Asian students but also some of the Africans, are vegetarians. Planning menus for these varied tastes would be difficult under the best of conditions. The students find the compromise of a semi-European diet unsatisfactory and most say they would prefer the Western diet which the staff has and which it unfortunately eats in their presence. While they feel the food is improving nutritionally, they find

the standard of cleanliness and the preparation and serving unsatisfactory. Actually, this is a long standing grievance, which among other things led in 1952 to a students' strike.

The evening meals especially, are a very formalized occasion. The students assemble, all wearing the red university gown, following the ringing of a bell. They remain standing in the dining hall until the staff marches in and is seated at the High Table. Students object to this formalism and point out the incongruity between this and the practice of piling all the food into one bowl and at least in one hall, serving tea in glasses.

Each member of the delegation had the opportunity to visit the faculty of his particular academic interest. Harold Aars (Norway) spent several days at the Medical School and found a highly organized school with a very adequately equipped library. Geoffrey Kean (England) and Lawrence Howard (USA) both with interests in the Social Sciences, attended lectures in the Arts block and visited the East African Institute for Social Research, which is located at Makerere, (Guillermo Campbell (Costa Rica) divided his time between the Agriculture and Engineering faculties and visited the 340-acre experimental farm.

Most of the evening meetings between the Delegation and the Guild were on the subject of external relations. The Guild has an impressive record for participation in International Student Conferences (since 1952), but was, nonetheless, eager for more information about other National Unions of Students and about international student activities generally.



Dec. 31. A bed all day in preparation for the great proceedings of the evening. Thus ends this year in public wonder at the mischief of the scholars who are to be seen everywhere about the streets in a most cosmatose condition. Of the evening to my counting chambers wherein I find my spendings this year didst exceed my spendings. This condition caused no doubt by my generosity on behalf of the great illustrious Lady Hamilton and, also by the borrowings in her establishment by many thirsty yet penniless scholars, who it seems do lurk about devouring any ale upon which they may lay hands. My affairs and reckonings in order I went to my cellars for a short draught of vintage spirits as a guard against the inclemency of the elements. Thus dressed in my best stuff suit and lace ruff and new periwig I waited my wife in the parlor. After great time I grew wondering at her delay and called. No answer, the wretch escaped again with her dancing master, for which I shall cuff her soundly, I warrant. Thus with naught to do again to my cellars to contemplate the beauties of a full-half full empty bottle of sack. Out to take the air at 2 a.m. didst pass the Bigma Sty on Souse Street all quiet within. Thence to the Dry Felts (none dry) great carousing a great hand of revellers within amongst whom a great Tabby pass receiver with Miss Bobsdaughter. He didst skew as much proficiency this night at making passes as he did previously at receiving them. Thence home and to bed.

Jan. 1. Up late no news stirring. A quiet day at home beating my wife.

Jan. 4. To the College by the Sea and to Inforests Coffee House. I find it greatly improved, most cleanly kept and of great credit to those who investigated the plot, the Dull Lairs. Alas upon seating myself in the bright new room I didst grieve mightily at discovering that the coffee tastes the same as previously.

Thence, this being the Day of Reckoning, to the Great Weeping Hall wherein are posted the results of the pre-Christmas trials. A great horde therein some smiling but some weeping and gnashing of teeth. Many threats of violence were heard; I do believe one Signoir Antonio to be in the greatest of dangers. Didst see one comely wench snarling at Philosophy I lists, me thinks there will be a Smithsonian investigation of Dr. Will. Thence returned to Inforests gloating over my own good fortune for I didst manage fifty in my tests. Herein I didst sit chiefly to see the young ladies of the school of which there is a great store very pretty.

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Students in Arts and Social Sciences — Mr. Neville — in Room 151, Arts and Administrations Building, January 18 and 19.
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Students in Physical Sciences—Mr. Clarkson, in Room 34, Science Building, January 19.

The Civil Service Commission programme of written examinations for January 1955 is as follows:

Trade Commissioner Service (Foreign Service Officers)—January 22 and January 29.
Economists and Statisticians — January 27 and January 29.
Trade and Commerce Officers — January 26 and January 29.
Finance Officers — January 28 and January 29.
Junior Administrative Trainees — January 26 and January 29.
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