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The Kissing Game

A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to lie for it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, and the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, faith; to a married woman, hope; and to an old maid, charity.

—VPI Skipper.

Ma: "That new couple next door seem to be very devoted. He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

Pa: "I don't know her well enough."

Husband: "If a man steals, no matter what, he will live to regret it."

Wife (coily): "You used to steal kisses from me before we were married."

Husband: "Well, you heard what I said."

The Gazette, however, views this activity with considerable misgiving.

We object first of all to the mode of selection at the primary or faculty, level. For the Queen of any given society is chosen only by that society's executive; the general body of the society has no voice in the selection process, with the result that the appointment frequently smacks of the bias of executive members.

Secondly, the faculty queens are supposedly chosen upon the basis of a variety of factors, including academic achievement, outside activities, and personality intangibles as well as physical beauty. In consequence the appointees, while often admirable people as persons, are usually not the best samples of feminine beauty on campus.

Yet this is invariably the assumption of the general public upon publication of the results of the final Munro Day contest.

In order, therefore, to permit the student body in general to have a voice in the selection of at least one queen, and to do justice to the feminine beauty of which Dalhousie is really capable of producing, the Gazette wishes herein to announce the Dalhousie Gazette Beauty Queen Contest.

The one and only basis of selection for this contest will be, quite simply, the physical attractiveness and beauty of the candidate. Academic, athletic or other achievements will in no way influence the final choice of the judges. The only entry qualifications required are that the candidate be single and a registered student, in any faculty or year, undergraduate or otherwise, of Dalhousie University.

Student participation is arranged in the following manner: the name of any candidate submitted must be provided in writing, and must contain the signatures of the candidate and of any five other registered Dalhousie students.

Students are asked to send their nominations, addressed to the Editor-in-Chief, to the Gazette Office, either by mail or in person. The Gazette will be open to nominations from January 12 to January 28, and strongly urges the student body to participate.

At the close of the nomination procedure, candidates will be notified when they are to appear before the Gazette Selection Board, which will be composed of the Gazette's Senior Editorial Staff. Candidates may appear in any attire which they feel will benefit them most.

The name of the winner will be announced with full story and photo coverage, on the front page of the February 9 issue of the Gazette, and the Queen will receive a modest trophy or plaque which she may keep permanently.

The Gazette hopes for full co-operation in this selection of true campus Beauty Queen.

Not an Angry Priest

Some Thought on Non-Measureability

by PETER HOCHACHKA



More discussion has evolved from the current controversy arising from Dr. Marganau's lectures. Mr. Hochachka, son of a Russian Orthodox priest and a graduate student in Zoology, has written this article following the one written by Roger Doyle on "The Angry Young Priests". He stresses the validity of some of the categories separating the major disciplines and in particular the different emphasis that can be placed on the problem of non-measureability: He declares, "I am not an angry priest."

The beam that Dr. Margeneau directed at the relations between Science, Philosophy, and Religion in October was broken into a spectrum by Doyle's article in November. At one end fell the problem of non-measureability, which is of importance to any science, since the attitude prevailing determines to a large extent the direction that science is taking. This influence is especially nicely illustrated in such fields as psychology and neurophysiology, where, at times at least, each purports to be describing the same phenomena. Yet, for practical purposes, their tongues are foreign to each other. A look at the basis of non-measureability may point to a cause for such a state of affairs.

Quantum physics runs into philosophy because of this difficulty: it can't measure its quanta INDIVIDUALLY. As I take it, the problem has primarily two bases; the first being non-predictability of position in space and/or time of individual entities (though statistical prediction is apparently quite possible), and the second being an alteration of the thing to be measured during the act of measurement. This means that both the theory and practice of quantum physics points to the non-measurable. Were this difficulty to be strictly one of technique (i.e. practice), these physics would be as far from philosophy (or as close to it) as is the Newtonian branch.

In the biological sciences, including the humanitarian ones, things haven't been so clear cut. Genesis and early growth were not empirical. In thinking, observation, and description the terms of teleology were allowed. Then descriptive, these sciences were aptly separated from the "exact" ones. But as the tools of the latter were adopted and applied to studies of mechanism in biological systems, the trend swung strongly from the descriptive to the exact.

Despite such trends, biological descriptions still frequently call upon such terms as purpose, justification, etc. For so doing, the humanities are especially notorious. And in so doing, they inevitably contact the more ethereal disciplines, by virtue of the non-measurable aroma, if none other.

But why this reliance on teleology

I would say largely because of expediency. It is practical, perhaps at times necessary to speak of, say, a dog's leg in terms of purpose, for as Doyle said, we are admitting into our description a symbol that the dog itself uses. However, if so we willed, we might describe in another way, on some measurable level, the very systems which seem to be non-measurable. At any rate, it is important to distinguish the terms of the description and the phenomenon being described. The former might be non-measurable; the latter need not be, but, then, whether it (the phenomenon) is or is not measurable, the language level ipso facto will preclude the yardstick.

So far, non-measureability in biology has been largely a practical matter. However, with tools like the electron microscope, biologists can in theory get resolutions which approach the dimensions of quantum physics. At this level, the theory of biology may incorporate the theory of non-measureability. At other levels, the difficulty seems quite distinct from the one in quantum mechanics.

There are many reasons for exchanges between the major disciplines, but if the invasion of one by another has a questionable basis, the priesthood of each, to use Doyle's analogy, becomes angry — perhaps justly so. At the moment, the quantum physicists seem to be the only priests that have validly run into philosophy on the basis of the non-measureability principle.

Drinking?

from the Ubysses

Ever since jolly, fat, Bacchus discovered the spirits derived from luscious green and blue grapes, the world has been drowned in a sea of wine, scotch, whiskey, rum, gin, vodka, tequila, and various beverages concocted by the ingenious mixing of this with that.

The happy old Greek unknowingly endowed humanity, — the masses, rather — with the past-time of social and unsocial drinking. The habit of downing gallon-jugs of red wine was developed to the utmost in the times of Nero and that dear old lascivious dame, Cleopatra, reportedly saw the bottom of many a wine-skin herself.

Of course in the good old days, drinking was only next to sex in being the prime goal in every man's and woman's life. Through the centuries, man has painstakingly furthered this habit (drinking) until it has become an art in itself. On the Continent, children are initiated into this important phase of life at an early age; mostly after the passing of their first decade, but of course, the French (rather fast in any subject) begin almost at birth. As a result, adults develop with a mature outlook towards social and personal drinking.

We, as university students, have an immature concept of drinking!

The drinkers on campus are either hypocrits or infants.

In Vancouver, and especially on campus, the enjoyable past-time of drinking has been degraded into "drinking."

Who is responsible for this "Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde" attitude. Our upbringing and the whole outlook of Canadians in general is responsible. Sooner or later almost every individual indulges in liquids with alcoholic content. If drinking were taught at home under parental supervision, not only would students properly enjoy drinking, but they would know how, when, what, and where to drink. The absence of an adult attitude towards a bottle and its companion, the wine-glass, has resulted in a flood of "drinking" on the campus. . . .

... The establishing of open drinking on our campus would be a welcome change, but the administration would not allow this until the students decided to face the problem and recognize their stupidity.

Why not more mature "drinking" and less immature "drinking."

University Chancellor Dies

The Right Honourable C. D. Howe, the first Chancellor of Dalhousie University, and one of the greatest Canadians of his generation, has passed away. A member of parliament from 1935 to 1957, a very successful business man, and an outspoken figure on a variety of subjects, Mr. Howe will long be remembered by both his colleagues and his foes.

Such an important dignitary inevitably becomes the target of the envious thrusts of petty figures. Mr. Howe was no exception and in 1955 his attitude to the pipe line issue evoked strong and bitter criticism from his opponents. Yet in a subsequent investigation by a Royal Commission, it was proved that the contract was not only legal, but in the best interests of this country.

It is a tribute to this man that he did not let this sustained assault embitter him and that after his defeat at the polls in 1957, he once again embarked on the business career he had abandoned in 1935.

In those intervening years he attained for himself many great achievements. As a member of the cabinet he set up the National Harbours Board, established a Crown Co-operative, and provided the impetus which led to the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Outside parliament he went far in bringing government and business into closer understanding with each other. In essence, he brought the whole community of executive and industrial leadership of Canada into an easy and comprehending co-operative with the government.

In his brief term as Chancellor of Dalhousie he made many friends here on campus and helped to spread the name of Dalhousie into the important cities of the world. His speeches at convocations and other formal functions were always interesting and informative and his presence added a classic touch to such festivities.

His death, in short, is a truly great loss both to Canada as a whole, and to Dalhousie in particular. On behalf of the administration, the student body, and all those associated with this university, we extend our sympathies to his family.

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New Gazette Beauty Queen Contest

By the time this issue of the Gazette is circulated on campus, Dalhousie will be in the midst of Commerce Week and preoccupied with the selection of the Sweater Queen. This will be the first of a series of Queen appointments taking place between now and the first week in March in preparation for the final selection of Campus Queen during the Munro Day weekend.

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