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Dalhousie and The Arts

Some students at Dalhousie, particularly the freshmen, may not realize that the University has a large record collection which is for the enjoyment of the faculty and all students. These records are in the Music Room, which is located on the third floor of the Arts Building, directly above the main door. A piano, some modern wrought iron furniture, and new draperies are recent additions to the Music Room.

A committee of faculty members who are particularly interested in music choose the records for the Music Room. Professors Grant, Doull, Hamer and Chute, and the Librarian, Mr. Lockheed, are glad to receive suggestions about new records for the collection. Included in the present list of recordings are the works of such established composers as Bach and Beethoven, Ravel, Prokofieff and Gershwin, to mention only a few.

In the library there is a list of books on music and musicians, and all of these books are available in the Dalhousie University Library. Perhaps they will help out those students who do not have all the clues about the three great B's of music.

Urges Humanitarian View of Science

Vancouver. — CUP. — "Sitting on the fence is, in effect, just as decisive as agreeing with a policy," says Dr. Kathleen Lonsdale, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and Professor of Chemistry at University College, London, England.

Speaking before a crowd of more than 150 students in Arts 100 Friday, the world-famous scientist declared a scientist's responsibilities do not end with his vote.

"Science must recognize its effect upon communities," said Dr. Lonsdale, stressing that science must be characterized by a respect for truth, a dislike for hiding truth, and an international outlook.

Quaker Lonsdale, who has recently visited Australia and Japan, expressed the belief that what the world needs is policy of relief for the poor and starver, not a policy of rearmaments.

Your Interest—The Gazette

Things are shaping up around the Gazette Office now as the fourth issue of "Canada's Oldest" rolls off the presses for another week. At this time, it may be a good thing to talk about the student newspaper.

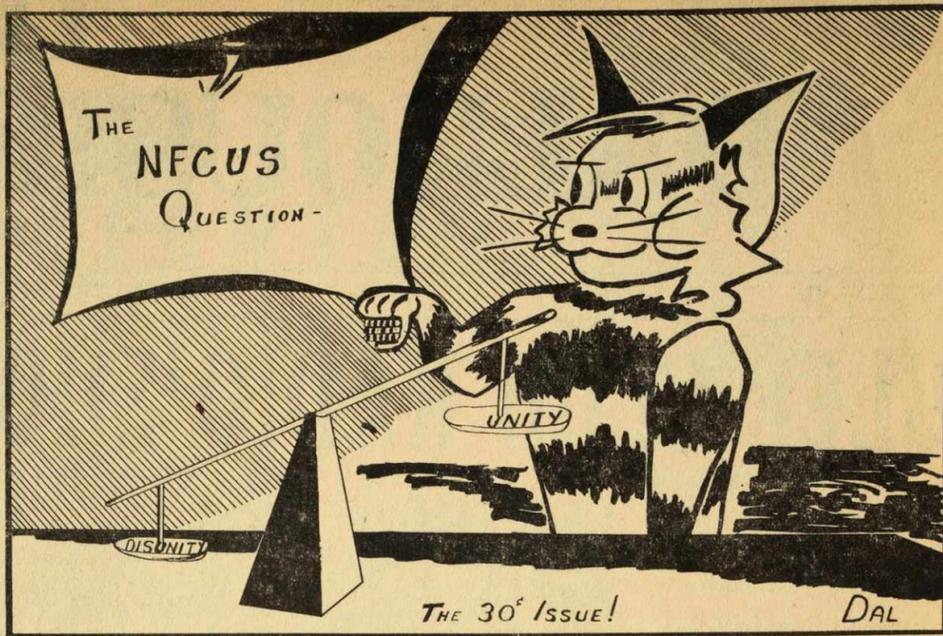
This publication year, the Gazette will publish eighteen regular editions and a final special edition, one week after Munro Day. Nine Gazettes will hit the newsstands before Christmas, our last 1954 publication being on December 7. Our 1955 publication schedule will resume on January 11. In those publication series, the Gazette will continue to present the views of the student body, presenting a closer campus news and life survey.

In the near future, we hope to begin a series of articles, written by Dalhousie students now studying in foreign countries. It is our intention that such articles will give Canadian University students, in particular Dalhousie U. students a more accurate account of University life abroad. At present, contact is being made with three such students, studying in the United States, France and Germany. Two students are studying the arts while the third is studying science in one of the greatest scientific nations in Europe.

While on the topic of plans, the Feature Department says that column is expected to be added shortly . . . Shirreff Hall. The addition of the "HALL" column to the Gazette will give Dal students news of three student groups . . . Shirreff Hall, University of King's College and the Medicine and Dentistry Faculties.

Despite these features, the Gazette still hopes that contributed articles will be forthcoming. If you have any thought whatsoever, jot it down and let us know. The Gazette will only be interesting if you take an interest in it.

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Will You Silence Dal's Voice In National Student Affairs?

According to the opinions of some Dalhousie students, the writer of last week's article "National Student Unity Demanded," was wrong in supposing that a large number of students are "too near-sighted, etc.," to see the benefits which could arise from student unity on a national level. Some, although they did not approve the whole of the NFCUS program, were willing to admit the need for unified action and they agreed that NFCUS, with more activity on all campuses across the nation should be the organization to represent Canadian university students.

This attitude, while surprising to the writer who did not have a great deal of respect for the foresightedness of many students, is most encouraging, and it is hoped that many more will come to share the same opinion that student unity is needed. It is particularly important at the present time, because the student body of Dalhousie university must decide between now and December whether they wish to remain a member of the national organization. If they do, they must be willing to contribute the sum of fifty cents a year to NFCUS. That's just thirty cents a year (slightly less than five cents a month) more than they are paying at the present time. And if they'll just take the time and take advantage of the opportunity to become familiar with the accomplishments of NFCUS and with its proposals, it's hard to see how they could rationally turn down such a minor request.

Of all the universities represented at the recent national convention, eighteen voted in favor of the fifty-cent membership fee to enable NFCUS to carry out its future objectives. Unfortunately two universities opposed the increase, Dalhousie and Acadia. It seems strange that the majority of the representatives could see the need for the higher levy while the Maritime representatives disagreed that the fee increase was justified. No doubt they have their reasons for voting against the increase, but it must be remembered that their opinions will carry a certain amount of weight on their own campuses when the question of paying more is placed before the students. And it will be placed before the students before too many weeks pass. That is the only way that the student council fee can be increased — by a mandate from the student body as a whole.

It is up to the students, if they are going to give their opinion in an intelligent way, to consider all the accomplishments of NFCUS and to decide whether the organization's future plans are to be encouraged and supported by the Dalhousie student body.

Even if some of the objectives of NFCUS, such as higher income tax exemptions, do not affect you personally, they do affect some of

Rutherford Scholarship

Applications are invited from graduates of a university within the British Commonwealth who are under 26 years of age on October 1, 1955 for the Rutherford Scholarship. This will be rewarded for research in any branch of the Natural Sciences, but some preference will be given in favor of candidates who propose to work in experimental physics. It will be tenable for three years in some part of the British Commonwealth, other than that in which the applicant graduated.

The value of the scholarship will be adjusted to meet the circumstances of the appointment, but if held in the United Kingdom it will not be less than 450 pounds per annum. Additional allowances may be granted for travel, university fees, etc. The appointment will date from October 1, 1955.

WILL SAGE WORDS FALL ON HEEDLESS MINDS

The advice of Dr. S. J. Bonnell, the Chief Missioner at the University Christian Mission last week, should be well received by all men and women. Speaking on the general theme of the Mission, the noted churchman urged that personality become the dominant force in the world.

Dr. Bonnell's advice may be regarded as a warning to Democracy. In an age where materialism is predominant, we must take time out to be persons. Only by seeking and developing personality can the democracies of the world be saved. Materialism has proved that it cannot secure peace and unity in men. Materialistic-minded men have caused grief and strife in the world. Even today such men are the predominant elements in society and if the adage "that history repeats itself" is true, more grief and strife will follow in the future. As the leaders of tomorrow's society, University men and women must not allow such materialistic thought to dominate their minds and lives.

As the Chief Missioner pointed out personality and human beings are the essential elements of human existence. In developing our personality we must know and find unity in ourselves and with God. To do this is no easy task. What is required is contemplation, a "looking in the mirror" attitude to find out what kind of a person we are. Nothing requires more courage or time to do this said Dr. Bonnell and so it is a rare man indeed who discovers his personality.

In our machine age, we appear to have little time to spend with ourselves in contemplation. Even when we are free from the hum and bustle of the busy world, we can not take advantage of the breather to think about ourselves. This has been proved recently at McGill University in Montreal, where psychologists have found that man sees and experiences weird and terrible apparitions when confined to a solitary room and allowed to do nothing.

Our society in developing and utilizing the machine age to the greatest development of industry yet known to man, has been surpassed and conquered by the machine. Instead of being the creators of machines we are now their slaves, being controlled and manipulated every day, every moment of our life. As physics will tell you, even machines cannot do a perfect job — output never equals input. As machines then, man cannot possibly attain unity and the development of personality at the highest level.

Russia and her satellites have already recognized this. In those countries restrictions are found that forbid thought or attempts to find personality. The Russian masters require their subjects to be treated as machines, otherwise the dictatorial system will fall. Will we in the western world, a world which prides itself on freedom and individuality, allow ourselves to be continually dominated by machines? Will we take the time, even although it may mean the slackening off of industrial production, to discover ourselves? Unless we do take the time soon to develop our personality, the machine will permanently enslave us, and personality and democracy will cease to exist. The University Christian Mission has brought a new awakening. Will sage words fall on heedless minds?

Med Conference

As the smoke clears and the papers are swept off the conference tables, an attempt is made to survey the results. What did the 18th Annual National Conference of the Canadian Association of Medical Students accomplish? How will this benefit the individual CAMSI member at the local medical college back home?

CAMSI has established a number of new projects, and reassessed certain of the former ones. The Life Insurance Plan is perhaps the most notable example. None can deny that local CAMSI projects provide the individual member medical undergraduate with tangible advantages. It is often these projects that maintain his interest in CAMSI and, in effect, assure the association of his membership (which, of course, is voluntary). Nevertheless, this year the CAMSI Conference has accomplished a great deal more, much of which cannot be measured by this tangible yardstick.

An entire reorganization of the whole CAMSI structure has taken place. Our constitution will be completely rewritten provided that the changes that were recommended receive the necessary two-thirds majority of the individual members. The delegates will all hold a plebiscite at their own schools within the next two weeks. This new CAMSI will include the local medical undergraduate societies in its organization. It will be recommended that the senior local

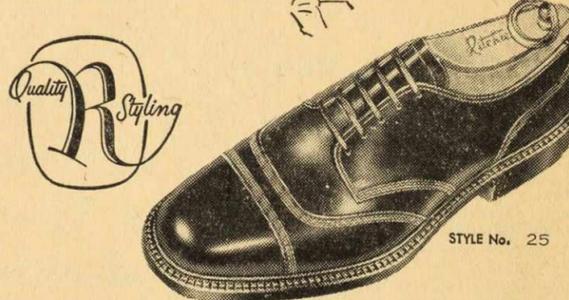
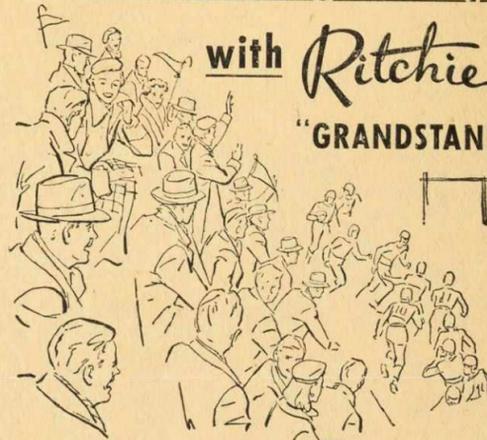
CAMSI officer be the vice-president of the local M.U.S., etc. It is hoped that in this way CAMSI National will be much more representative of the individual medical undergraduate. Formerly, each member medical school in Canada simply elected two delegates to represent it at the annual national conference.

The conference appointed one of the delegates to represent CAMSI at the National Conference of Medical Deans, to be held in Winnipeg next week. CAMSI recommended that a committee of deans be established as its official advisory board, and that the dean at the medical college from which the national president has been elected, traditionally be the honorary president, and chairman of this board. It is hoped that the deans would act as a liaison between the undergraduate body and the faculty.

CAMSI has no desire to fill the capacity of a labor union. The association was not established to be the official bargaining agent of the medical undergraduates. The members of CAMSI are the "babes" of the medical profession, and they suffer from the usual growing pains, but its aims are the same as those of its mentors. The association wishes only to be a source of ideas on student and interne problems and it is in this capacity that it is struggling for recognition within the medical profession.

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