

WHAT IS I.S.S.

by Derek S. Griffin

To fulfill a great need on the Dalhousie Campus, it is the intention of this article to set forth some general information as to the nature and functions of International co-operation among students and professors of different nationalities, and to unite persons of all creeds and political tendencies in this common effort." I.S.S. was formed in 1926 out of a movement sponsored by the World's Student Christian Federation to aid students after World War I. Its programme during the period between wars, with which it is again proceeding on an expanded scale in this post-war period, may be divided into three main compartments: International Education, University Research and Information, and Relief.

International Education

Vital now as a means of promoting a cultural revival in countries so long isolated and so ravaged by war and its effects, International Education is carried on by means of (1), national, regional, and international conferences to consider the main problems confronting university people and to determine the course of I.S.S. in meeting these problems; (2), study conferences, in which the technical aspects of university problems, such as university reform and radio in the university, are thoroughly investigated; (3), study tours to provide first-hand contact with the problems of other nations and their society; (4), student exchange (handled by I.S.S. only where no other competent organization is fulfilling this need); and (5), the development of international student centres, where student war victims may recuperate and study, and where international sessions, training courses, and conferences will be held.

Research and Information

University Research consists of through studies and publications on such topics as "The Overcrowding of Universities", "Academic Freedom", "Student Health Services", "Student Self-Help", and on Asiatic and universities during the war, university reform in theory and practice, and the incidence and treatment of tuberculosis among students since the war. Information is dispersed through regular bulletins reporting university news the world over, through regular bulletins reporting university news the world over, through the I.S.S. quarterly "University World" (Formerly "Universitee") which will continue to carry articles of broad interest on topics of major importance to the university community of the world.

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SUNSET

Sunset comes upon the lake from the West.
It announces itself with stillness.
Its clarion-cry is silence.

The sun bows homage, stooping low
Upon the western hills, to brush
The feather tips of hemlock trees.
The eastern slopes cling stubbornly to light
To watch a miracle.

The rolling green and haze of daylight distance
Resolves itself to darkness.
The world stops still,
To watch a blaze of golden-red
Slip across the sky, lightly touch the clouds
And sink.

The night breeze murmurs in the trees.
A sudden fish-splash sends applause across the water.
Zeitbild

IF

When Newton was struck by the apple
That fell from the tree overhead,
He wasn't surprised by its falling,
It merely aroused him: instead
To think of a gravity maxim
That governed its falling, he said.
Now what would have bothered poor Newton,
And likely have caused his demise
Is just a reversal of order.
Imagine the endless surprise
If, rather than falling, the apple
Had suddenly started to rise.

A PROFITABLE SUMMER

Have you ever promised yourself that tomorrow you were going to make a real attempt to master that second language? I too had made such resolutions and a good many tomorrows had passed with no result, so it was with a certain amount of scepticism that I found myself actually on the way to the French Summer School at McGill.

That is a very descriptive name. First, is was a SCHOOL; courses were available varying from grammar and literature to conversation and music. Second, it was a SUMMER school; that is, the vacation atmosphere was not excluded entirely, classes were informal and many of the best discussions continued in the dining room or on the campus. Third, and most important, it was a FRENCH summer school; on doit parler francais tous le temps.

The French Summer School is rather a new departure for McGill, but already it has achieved wide recognition. Judging from this past summer, it is a favorite with both Canadian and American students from coast to coast. Apart from the academic standing of McGill, which we all respect, there are several reasons for the popularity of its French

Summer School Montreal is the largest urban centre of French language and culture outside of France, where the student can buy French newspapers, hear French radio programs, see French movies, and mix with people whose mother tongue is French.

It is with regret that we neared the end of the six week term. They had been weeks of progress toward the goal — knowledge of a second language not passive

textbook knowledge, but active knowledge that we made use of every day. I feel that no matter what prompts your interest in French culture, both that interest and the usefulness of the language to you will be doubled by spending a few weeks at a French Summer School.

R. D. Willet

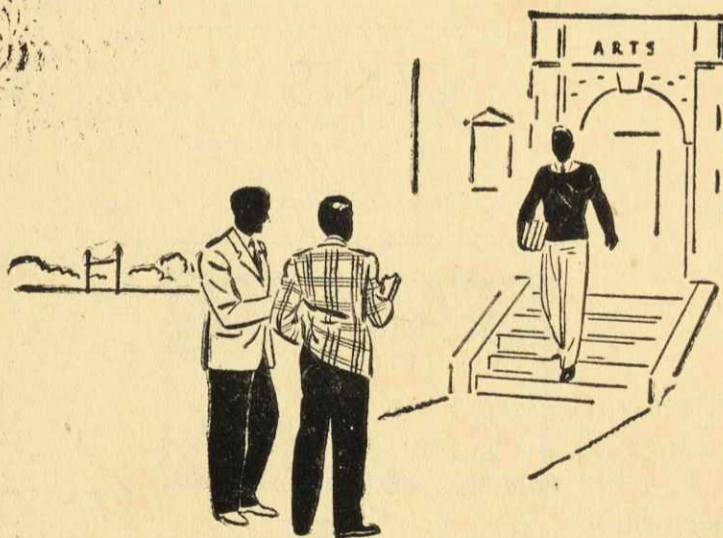
Editor's Note: The above is the text of an address delivered by Mr. Willet to the Cercle Francais.

Notice To Societies

The editorial board has come to the conclusion that the resurgence of Dalhousie spirit has had a dire effect on many students. Although there are exceptional students in the freshman classes who have capably undertaken responsible positions on the GAZETTE, few indeed have been willing to come on as reporters, the 'legmen' necessary to efficient functioning of a weekly newspaper. Consequently editors have been forced to do most of

usually, we have not been able to give the news coverage that we desire. Starting this term, however, we hope to be able to obtain more news by asking the executives of the various student organizations to appoint publicity representatives as reporters to the GAZETTE.

If the student leaders would appoint their representatives, asking them to report to the Editor of the GAZETTE, we can assure that an efficient liaison will be established as soon as possible. The reporters will be listed on the masthead as representatives of the various societies, and will be eligible for a Gazette "D".



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