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Post Election - Commentary

The people have spoken. More people have spoken this year than in the past few. The president and vice-president ticket of Peter Herrndorf and Bill Buntain won a convincing victory. It is difficult to say whether the resounding victory resulted from the platform of the winning ticket or from superior campaigning. The latter is possibly more true.

The second vote of 67% compared with 48% last year is a tribute to Karen Price, nursing representative on council, and the fine efforts of her election committee. The situation of voting polls in the residences provided for part of increase and the blanket campaigning by the winning ticket was a further influence. The medical school vote was 96%, 285 of 292 voting. We hope that part of the increase was due to increased interest by the student body as a whole in the affairs of their government, and this interest will be cultivated and stimulated by the incoming group.

The campaign, itself was a colorful one, simply from the numerable posters that blanketed the campus especially the canteen building. Some hot words flew but on the whole the candidates conducted themselves in a gentlemanly fashion.

At a quick glance the in-coming

council appears to contain many capable people, but we will not be able to judge them until they swing into action. They have about two or three weeks to prepare themselves for their up-coming task. During this time they should consider it mandatory to appear at the next 'old' council meeting sit in the audience and observe a council in action. They should consider it part of their responsibility to speak to the members of the out-going council and glean from them what-ever wisdom they can pass on.

The new council will be faced with a difficult task at their first meeting, the choosing of the many positions that call for applications from the student body. May we urge the new council to be well prepared to discuss the positions and people they will judge.

The council will also have to choose two members at large-one of whom must be a member of the out-going council. With the graduate ticket in office we feel that it is incumbent upon the council to search diligently among the under-graduate body of the university for these council members.

A note to the losers in all the elections held, please do not disappear from the scene. If you considered yourself capable to

fulfill the positions you ran for, do not abridge your responsibility to both yourself and the school and let your abilities sink into the bog of self-pity. There is a desperate need for you on this campus and there are literally hundreds of other jobs to be done, indeed without them being performed the new council will wither on the vine.

This paper has great confidence in the incoming president and we feel his experience at the University of Manitoba in the many positions he held will bring new ideas and operations to our student government.

Both platforms in the elections had some worthwhile points and the winners would do well to peruse that of the losers and gather from it some points of value.

A word of warning to the outgoing council, your job is not yet complete, do not choose the easy way out in the remainder of your term by placing any problems you could handle in the lap of the new council.

This incoming council will meet turbulent times as will all councils in the next decade, that will see a population explosion at this university. It will be theirs and our responsibility to prepare this university for this growth.

Commission on Financing

Thursday, 13th February, 1964: The Canadian Universities Foundation today announced the appointment of Vincent Bladen, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto, as chairman of a Commission to study the financing of higher education in Canada.

Msr. Irene Lussier, chairman of the Canadian Universities Foundation, said that the study was the first of its kind to be made in Canada. Similar studies have been undertaken in many countries of the world in recent years, most recently in the United Kingdom, where the Robbins Report is currently causing a total reconsideration of the adequacy of British higher education.

Because of the delicacy of the

constitutional position regarding higher education in Canada, no Federal government sponsored study has been considered possible. It is for this reason that the universities of Canada themselves, through their own organization, have undertaken the study. Before undertaking it, they asked for and got the approval of Provincial Departments of Education and obtained financial support from the Ford Foundation and from Canadian business and industry.

Professor Bladen is a well known economist, who only three years ago was a one man Royal Commission to investigate the automobile industry. The appointment of additional Commissioners will be announced

shortly.

The specific objectives of the Commission are to study, and report and make recommendations on the financing of the universities and colleges of Canada with particular reference to the decade ending 1975, including:-

- 1) prospective financial requirements of universities and colleges, for operation, research, physical facilities and student aid;
2) the proportion of the financial support of higher education which should be provided by tuition fees, contributions from governments, corporations, foundations and individuals, and other sources;
3) policies regarding the allocation of funds for higher education and criteria by which institutions and students should be

Letters

Dear Sir:

I am writing you on behalf of the majority of girls on this campus that I've spoken to with regard to an article in this week's 'Gazette' by Andy White. I feel that the article is overly harsh and too quick to justify the wrongs performed by the boys on the campus. Could it be that Andrew White is trying to condone his own immoral actions? It seems to me that if a boy wasn't so forward

a girl wouldn't be put in a situation where she either has to accept or refuse advances. Remember boys, she wouldn't have to make a choice, if she hadn't been put in the situation. How can you blame the boys for complaining?

We agree that some girls complaints are silly, but you shouldn't condemn us all for what a few girls have said.

Written in anger, Bronwyn Francis

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir:

As a conservative estimate, there have been 5000 dates with Shirreff Hall girls up to the present time. Out of these 5000, Mr. White in his recent column 'The Listening Post' has shown extreme pettiness in taking a few instances and described them as 'typical'.

Absolute promptness is a virtue; but of these 5000 it is safe to say that at least 3500 of these boys have been late. At Dalhousie there is an enrollment of less than 3000. Think!!! Obviously by the number of girls who regularly date members of the Dal male population, punctuality can not be a criterion.

As far as the touchy subject of broken dates is concerned-at least the girl does give an 'offhand sorry'; while Mr. White by saying "even if the boy calls" implies that the girl is lucky to

get an explanation. Furthermore, we find it difficult to accept that a girl would break a date with a mere "offhand sorry".

If Mr. White would clarify his terminology of an "innocuous advance", perhaps we would be able to justify his "banishment into the outer darkness". It is impossible to generalize on a code of morals. Every girl has her own and a boy can usually tell. It is unfair for Mr. White to suggest from his description of our supposed shocked reactions, that all Hall girls are inhibited.

However, in all fairness to Mr. White, we would like to say that his comments on the NATO girl are perfectly justified but... please note the singularity of the noun.

Liz Allport
Jacquie Greaves
Judith Tullock
Mary McLaughlin
Nickie Nickerson
Liz Campbell
Paddy Thomas
Rosamond Abbott

Brigadoon

The professional reviewers have done a hatchet job on this year's DGDS production and with their trained eye have picked out many flaws in the performance. One note to be remembered is that the reviews were written on the opening night and from all reports the performances improved steadily as the week progressed.

This writer, with his untrained eye, enjoyed the play tremendously. It is a credit to the organization that they ever had a production after the chaos that reigned during the first term. Many of the people, stars, supporting cast, backstage and business

crews poured a tremendous amount of effort into the performance.

Their efforts are to be commended and we feel the student body can only have benefited by their work. It is rumoured that the society will lose more money than they budgeted for, this student feels that it was well spent. The play they performed, I, again with my untrained eye, felt was not the best possible choice. This, however, may serve as a warning to their new executive to seek professional assistance not only in producing their play but also in choosing it.

- deemed eligible to receive such aid;
4) organizations for the financing of higher education, including the roles of appropriate agencies for the distribution of funds;
5) any other matter related to

the financing of universities and colleges and university students.

The work of the Commission will begin immediately and it will be invited to report not later than September 1965.

