

Fresh Out of Ether

by ARCADES AMBO

DARK HORSE IN DAL POLITICS

The political situation on the campus is looking up in view of the forthcoming elections. The past week has seen the Progressive-Conservative Party make two valiant efforts to attract the attention of the student body—with less than moderate success. However, at the time of writing, the Liberals and any other parties who may be entering the vote-getting race, have given even less indication of any desire to elicit student interest. This year, as urged in this column some months ago, the campus political "wheels" decided to expand the political scene to include the entire student body instead of confining it within the ivied walls of the Law School. We hope that the campus politicians will receive as enthusiastic support from the student body at large as it has from the Law school in previous years.

We would predict, at this time, that any well-organized third party could succeed in forming, if not the government, then the official opposition of Dal's Mock Parliament. Rumors have been heard already of the possible formation of a Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Party on the campus, and it may be noted that any twenty signatures handed into the president of the Dalhousie Law Society is sufficient to establish a new party.

Good Example From Frats

Another blood drive is currently underway in Canadian Universities. Last year Dal failed to better its very mediocre showing of the previous year placing far down the list in competition for the Corporate Trophy. Each year a hard-working committee goes all out to virtually get "blood out of stones" but with discouraging results. Even many of those who have legitimate excuses for not contributing the much-needed red-stuff fail to appear for check-off purposes in order to help boost the percentage of their respective faculties. In

view of the fact that the need for blood has not lessened over the past year we recommend that all eyes look to the local fraternities who have, in the past, contributed almost 100%.

Need for Unity in Regional CUP

Twice each year Dalhousie sends one or more representatives to a conference of the Canadian University Press — the Atlantic Regional Conference in the fall and the National Conference during the Christmas holidays. During recent national conferences it has become more and more evident that universities in this area are failing to gain recognition in proportion to their representation. This may stem from the apparent failure of these universities to adopt a common policy on crucial issues of regional and national importance.

Our delegates, in representing almost one-quarter of the eligible voting strength of the conference evidently fail to appreciate the "balance of power" which they hold in the palm of their hands on many occasions. In order that we reap the greatest possible benefit from national conferences of this sort, it is imperative that we present one, and only one, view that has been agreed upon by a majority of the Atlantic provinces universities as the regional conference.

"Arsenic and Old Lace"

The Glee and Dramatic Society is scheduled to stage "Arsenic and Old Lace" this week. The DGDS's fall production of "TV or not TV" was an outstanding success, both financially and otherwise. We extend wishes and hopes for the success of "Arsenic and Old Lace".

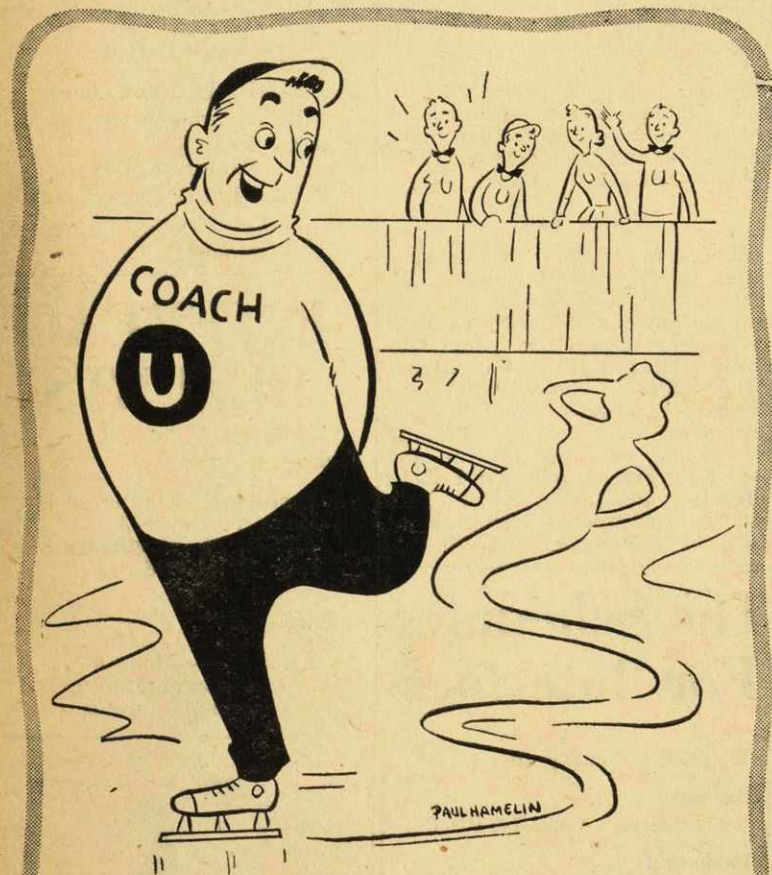
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"Charity Does Not Begin at Home"

By JOHN BROWN, WUSC

Recently I received a letter with a New Year's message from the National Executive. It contains a concise statement of our aims and purposes which struck me as being so well expressed that I would like to pass it on to you. Here it is in part. Read it carefully and consider its import.

"In the past your support has enabled Canada to play an effective role in the International WUS programme which binds together the University communities in 36 countries in a crusade against poverty, disease, ignorance and despair. But equally important, this sense of concern and consciousness of our common lot as university men and women has assured fellow students in less fortunate circumstances, that they are members of a world wide fraternity, aware of its responsibility to them, and prepared to give concrete expression to that responsibility.

But even greater tasks lie ahead of us. In an era dominated by anxiety and tensions there is a temptation to live in fear rather than by faith. The appeal of WUS is to the faith that we can help each other to a future worthy of our possibilities. In doing so, we shall demonstrate to a troubled world that differences of race, religion and creed, instead of dividing, can, if men wish, harmonize, and enrich our human experiences.

For WUS, therefore, 1955 presents a challenge and an opportunity, and if we face the future with confidence it is because we know that the efforts of countless individual students and faculty, when united and guided by tolerance and understanding, can once again meet crucial and spiritual needs."

This is a clear answer to an oft expressed idea that "charity begins

at home." I wonder how many people who gibly use that phrase really understand what it means. I fear that I do not, for if it means no more than that I can scarcely credit it with finding any support in a university body. Certainly we, above all others, should be aware of the common bonds uniting all mankind. Certainly we should be aware that the most potent weapons in the struggle for peace are not thermo-nuclear weapons nor men under arms, but understanding, tolerance, knowledge and helping hands stretched out to those in "poverty, ignorance, disease and despair".

There are our aims and our purpose. True, we have often failed. On this campus I fear that our committee has neglected to provide the leadership in the study and understanding of these problems. We have seemed to many, a collection of money-grubbers, we have lost sight of our goal in the urgency of details. We sometimes do not realize ourselves what we are trying to do. For this I can make no excuse except that we too are subject to the great bugbear — Time.

But this has not lessened the results of our efforts in distant lands. Material aid, seminars, scholarship, etc., have all had an extremely important effect. In this free and enlightened country, through the press, radio, periodicals and books, there is opportunity for the inquiring mind to know his fellow man, but in some countries we are the only channel through which vitally important ideas may. Therefore, when at various times we ask your co-operation and help, join us not with the feeling that you are shouldering some part of your responsibility, and the assurance that you are helping some far-off soul in his struggle towards "those broad and sunlit uplands."

and, in a heroic attempt to rescue him, Jimmy Malcolm drowned also. His life was one of high ideals of loyalty to his college and his fellows and of devotion of his energy and life to the cause at hand.

The Malcolm Honor Award

The Malcolm Honor Award is the highest honor which the Student Body confers on a graduating student of Dalhousie. The Award was established in 1926 in memory of James Malcolm, who graduated in Arts in 1903. At Dalhousie, Jimmie Malcolm was popular with his fellow students, enthusiastic in various campus organizations and social activities, and the captain and mainstay of the football team, as well as being an excellent student. He returned to Dalhousie to study Theology and had hardly finished the first year when he lost his life in the service of his fellow men. His death was in harmony with his life; while swimming with a companion he heard a cry,

The James Malcolm Honour Society was formed to keep these ideals in the hearts of Dalhousians. The Malcolm Honor Award Selection Committee, made up of students and professors considers every graduating student for the award. One or more of the outstanding students are selected. The members of the Malcolm Honor Society are chosen by virtue of their possession of some of the qualities of that Dalhousian from whose name it takes its inspiration.

The Award, a suitably engraved gold key, accompanied by a parchment, is presented on Munro Day. Last year Barbara Davidson, now studying Medicine at McGill, received the Award.

Impressions of Senate Debate on McCarthy

by ALLAN MARSHALL

PART II

Nixon was presiding over the Senate most of the time that I was there. Black hair, dark eyebrows. His picture has been taken often enough for anybody to recognize him. As President of the Senate (vice-president of the U.S.) he is notable for his hard work with the gavel. It seems that he broke the Senate's old ivory gavel after 165 years of use. The Vice-President of India gave him a new one, also ivory. Nixon must have learned a lesson, for now he holds the gavel by the head instead of by the handle, so as not to break it. He still makes a racket with it, and if two blows are enough to bring the Senate to order, he pounds a third time, and with ostentatious slowness. Rather irritating. He took no part in the debates.

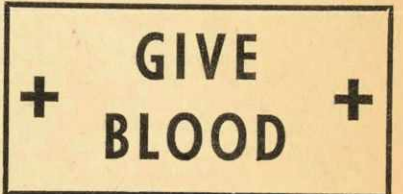
The Senators did not appear to be very upset by Senator McCarthy, although most of them had no respect for him either. Senator McCarthy's ability to make Canadians, Europeans and many Americans froth at the mouth stops short at the Senate, although many Democrats have resented his slurs on their patriotism. Except for Senator Stennis of Mississippi, the Democrats were pretty quiet while I was there, although Lehman (New York) and Fulbright (Arkansas) had spoken pretty strongly the day before. Stennis, a Democrat on the committee that had handled the charges against McCarthy, was rather bitter about Senator Knowland's suggestion that the Senate had no authority to censure McCarthy for acts in a previous Congress. "It comes with poor grace..." particularly because it was McCarthy's own obstructive tactics that so delayed the moves against him. Senator Watkins of Utah, chairman of the committee was the only one who said anything while I was there of the unfairness of McCarthy's behaviour toward General Zwicker in a committee hearing in which McCarthy was the chairman with all the rules on his side, and Zwicker the witness on the spot. Watkins, tall, thin, old, white-haired, with a deeply lined face, a rather high desperate voice, an old fashioned air and a tendency to bring God and the constitution into the debate, was altogether likeable.

Senator Dirksen of Illinois, Republican, was one of the most impressive of the speakers. I think we will hear more of him, for he is prominent on the Republican right wing. He was speaking when I first went in, so I missed the beginning of his speech, in which he appealed to the Christmas spirit as a proper cause of forbearance toward McCarthy. The latter part of his speech was less sentimental and more down to earth. Arguing from the fact that McCarthy was being criticized for his abusive language, he pointed out that McCarthy was going a good job, that he was by nature an alley fighter, that it would be better if he were a little different, but he was not. Further, Dirksen had dredged into the Con-

gressional debates that was just as robust and salty as anything McCarthy had said, none of which had been put forward as grounds for censure. He referred to name calling: "I say he is a liar!", acid comments: "If God had created the Senate, he would not boast about it.", denunciations: "Like rotten mackerel by moonlight he shined and stank", and so on. Really the most entertaining speaker of the day, speaking extemporaneously except for reading the quotations themselves, fluent, friendly; Senator Dirksen is a great one for soothing frayed nerves. It is a pity that he did not put his talents to a better cause. As he saw it, McCarthy was to be credited for awakening the people to the dangers of Communist subversion (not questioning whether this kind of awakening to subversion was doing more harm than good to the body politic, to say nothing of its immediate consequences). McCarthy had been met with a great deal of abuse and obstruction for a long time and it was not very surprising that he had lost patience and had used bad language. Poor McCarthy! All very simple. But oh, how friendly and soothing it all sounded, coming from Senator Dirksen.

And McCarthy himself? He was off the floor most of the time, although he wandered in and out. Tall, heavily built, wearing a dark suit, (his coat fitted badly, perhaps because of his sling) he was not very impressive. I was surprised at the casual way in which he insulted the Senate, by referring to the proceedings as "this farce" "this foul business", not as blazing epithets, but as passing comments. It made the Republicans on the right wing look a little ridiculous, as they went to such efforts to defend his rights, while he shrugged it off as merely contemptible, and hoped it would soon be over. One can see what was going on: the right wing wanted to prevent censure, or at least make a good record for not censoring him, in order to prevent the censure from doing too much harm to the right wing, while McCarthy wanted to get the censure over with and deprecate its importance to enable him to avoid staking his prestige in an open fight against it and losing it in the inevitable defeat.

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