

Debating Society "Gathers Steam"

The Dalhousie Debating Society met October 21 to "gather enough steam" for a successful year of on-and off-campus debating.

"Too many people think Sodales is a big thing which only the Law students take part in," said president John Burns. He explained that the aim of the society was to generate debating enthusiasm among all campus groups.

Sodales will sponsor several gimmick debates as "stoooges" to attract people and stir up interest.

The society wants to win the Inter-Collegiate Championships, held last year in Charlottetown. There is a try-out debate in November or January.

The Executive doesn't expect applicants to have debating experience, as long as they show some prowess in the tryouts. The tournament includes a home bout with Acadia and two away against Memorial and UNB, before the finals.

Sodales hopes this year to enter the McGill Tournament, a debate during the Winter Carnival, and one with Stadacona. Also planned are odd campus debates.

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The Men's Residence Council has assumed authority, and the floors have already elected debating representatives.

The Society will try to revive inter-faculty debates, which in the past have been relatively unsuccessful.

Burns felt that last year weak publicity was a major reason for the poor turnout. A well-known personality may be invited to take part in a debate as an added attraction to get students interested in debating.

He added that Model Parliament is under Sodales jurisdiction. The Society announced that it will be run this year by John Harris, a second year Law student.

W.W. Johnston, out-going president of the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Debating League, said that he didn't feel M.I.D.L. was quite fulfilling its potential.

Outlining recommendations to the succeeding executive, he stated that the league could benefit from the Fall Conference by the sharing of experience, and debating systems of member universities.

Saint Mary's refused to pay its share of travel pool money, Johnston said. He suggested that if S.M.U. did not pay after a warning, it should be expelled from the League.

St. Mary's later paid their dues and were not expelled.

Johnston also felt that the executive should approve UNB's application for re-entry. Although UNB, he said, has in the past shown "definite lack of co-operation," he was convinced they would not "follow the bad example of their predecessors."

UNB was re-admitted. The new president is Wayne Henkle, a philosophy graduate student at King's.

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Doucette has "Grave Reservations" About Extension of Franchise

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The youngest Cabinet Minister in Stanfield's government, Gerald Doucette, told Dalhousie students Tuesday that he had very grave reservations about lowering the voting age to 18.

He said that "age is the biggest factor".

Doucette explained that he would need great political courage to vote against the bill if it came up, because in many cases it could be "political suicide".

"I honestly don't know if I would have that courage", he said.



GERALD DOUCETTE

Commenting on the impressionability of 18 year olds, Mr. Doucette asked, "How many of you still have the same ideas you had as freshman? No-one volunteered an answer."

Mr. Doucette is the MLA from Richmond County. He defeated Earl Urquhart, Leader of the Liberal Party, there in the last Provincial election.

He said he won in part because of the "people's acceptance of the progressive policy of the Conservatives."

Doucette was asked whether in fact there was a real philosophical difference between the Liberal and Conservative parties.

He said, "a difference may be found in the classical text book definition, from a Conservative, who doesn't act before he is 100% sure, to the Liberal, who is more impetuous."

However, he continued, "there is no fundamental difference between the programs of the Liberals and Conservatives; people (candidates), more than philosophy, influence the division of the electorate".

Doucette commented on the September Peace Demonstrations at La Macaza (see Gazette, September 28th).

He said that pacifists usually end up in jail. "There is room, however, for this school of thought in Canada".

Doucette felt that nuclear weapons are in Canada for Political and military reasons, although it was difficult to see just what was gained by having them.

"There may have been some sort of agreement made".

"How close is the alliance between the Federal and Provincial Conservatives?"

"There is a very close alliance between Diefenbaker and Stanfield", Doucette said that he didn't recognize any black or white. He doesn't subscribe to the view that "John is the son of all virtue, nor Pearson the son of all evil."

But he said that Nova Scotia had benefited from Diefenbaker's government. He would vote for Diefenbaker if there came a General Election, even if he didn't belong to the Conservative party, he said.

The Minister commented on the question of Civil Rights and Segregation.

"I am not unaware," he said, "that we do have a problem. Before we criticize America we must mend our own fences".

"Do you think there will be any trouble in Africville, here in Halifax?"

"Oh God, I hope not!" "We have a Provincial Human Rights Committee which is actually working in the field. They are very aware of the problem", he concluded.

Mr. Doucette's talk was sponsored by the Dalhousie Progressive Conservative Club.



CHERYL HIRSCHFELD IS MISS HALIFAX. Cheryl Hirschfeld, a second year Dalhousie Arts Student, is Miss Halifax. She is now in Toronto competing in the Miss Canada Pageant. Cheryl, as a Freshette at Dal last year, was also elected Queen of St. Mary's University.

Parties Release Programs

Libs-Strength Understanding

The Dal-Kings Liberal Club is attempting this year to promote student understanding of politics and democratic government.

President Dale Blair emphasized that "the strength of democracy depends upon the interest of an informed public."

He said that students are tomorrow's leaders and it is essential that they all understand government and politics.

"Our Club will try to stimulate this interest," he said.

He said that in the election campaign and model parliament, the Libs will do their best to maintain a high level of debate.

The policies of the Campus Liberals are worked out by the members under an elected guidance committee.

"These policies" claim Blair, "are based upon the good principles of the Liberalism."

"We are not merely a parrot for the policies of our senior party, we must be the voice of reform within the party."

The Libs have scheduled speakers and discussion groups to determine their policy. "It will be the product of our abilities and of our ideas," said Blair.

He continued that the Club will approve or reject the platform on its merit and not on that of the senior party.

Tory Tiger Roars

The TORY TIGER will roar on campus this year.

A political newspaper, it is being sponsored by the Dalhousie Progressive Conservative Club, and is unique at Dalhousie.

Harry Thompson, President of the club, told the Gazette that it "is the first attempt of its kind by any campus political party in Canada."

He said the paper will publicize local club news, political profiles, and philosophy, humor and the executive. Judy Teuloch is the editor.

The P. C. Club is striving, he explained, to become the most active political club at Dalhousie and the most active Tory Club in Canada. To that end, the Club has embarked on a "new-look" program.

The P. C.'s have already brought a political figure to Dalhousie. Gerald Doucette, Provincial Secretary and the youngest Cabinet Minister in Nova Scotia, spoke last Tuesday to students in the Arts and Administration Building.

Thompson said that the club has planned a theater party, for all students, to be presented in the near future. "It will generate activity among the student body and make them aware of the activities of the P.C. Club," he said.

The Club hopes to sponsor at least one noted speaker each month to stimulate interest in politics.

A "new-look" will also be injected into the upcoming Model Parliament campaign. Thompson promised "newer and more unique methods of campaigning, another breakthrough in Canadian campus politics."

"The Conservative Club plans to be first at Dalhousie, first in Canada."

New Dems - New Life

The New Democrats, realizing that former campus political campaigns have left the majority of the students cold, plan to inject new life into the proceedings this year.

The Public Relations officer of the campus NDP, Tim Foley, promised an "all-out campaign to win the Dalhousie Model Parliament."

He said "campaigning will be based on the soundness of the New Democrat Platform but methods of presenting the message will be entertaining."

"The New Democrats will be more concerned with education as to the meaning of economic planning than with getting votes", he said.

Foley continued that it is the feeling of the president, Mike Bradley, that it's the political organization's duty to be more interested in educating the electorate than getting votes from them.

This year the NDP position will be stated clearly on questions of disarmament, welfare, and immigration. The club will make an honest attempt to compare its policies with those of Liberals and Conservatives.

The New Dems are initiating their education program with a series of seminars. The primary topic considered will be French Canada's need for autonomy.

The discussions will examine Quebec's desire for control of her economic destiny, the need for a new constitution to replace the BNA Act, and the need for a new bi-cultural relationship with English speaking Canada.

Foley said that the Party has planned a wide range of social activities with non-members and members both invited. There will be several over-coffee informal talks.

The executive is confident that it will receive support from more than 200 committed New Democratic sympathizers on Campus. The membership drive starts next week.

"Pajama Tops" At Neptune

Patt Henley, a Playmate Playmate and recipient of Hollywood's "most promising Actress" award, stars in "Pajama Tops", a French farce coming to Neptune.

The Jean de la Traz comedy, originally entitled "Moumou", ran for three years in Paris, breaking all existing records.

The English adaptation by Mawby Green and Ed Feilbert, said a Neptune publicity agent, adds even more spice to an already galling sauce.

"Pajama Tops" has played to full houses throughout North America, including a successful engagement at the Seattle World's Fair.

The play is centered in the living room of a two-timing French businessman at the Chauvinet Villa in Deauville, France.

The wife, acted by former Playmate Joanne Becker, unknowingly invites her husband's alluring mistress to the villa. The sexy comedy is further confused when a male friend of the husband's arrives to pose as the mistress' mate.

The mistress' real mate is appropriately the butler, who is playing the mate to the chambermaid, former Playmate Wanda White.

"Pajama Tops" opens at the Neptune Theatre for a run of eleven performances, the first on November 10th.

D.G.D.S. Stops The World

Auditions for the DGDS production of the Anthony Newley musical STOP THE WORLD, I WANT TO GET OFF! start Monday, November 30th.

Joe MacDonald President of the Society, requested that those interested in singing parts learn one song from the play before audition time.

The Glee and Dramatic Society chose STOP THE WORLD... because it is new and proven popular in a professional run, lasting 1126 performances on Broadway and almost as many in London.

MacDonald said that the play "is a biting satirical comment and contains extremely funny material".

There are seven main characters onstage, plus a chorus of twelve or more, depending on the number that turn out for auditions.

Little Chap, the lead, uses four women in search of a mother for the son he is bent on having. Starting with Eve, and English woman and the daughter of his employer, he moves successively to the German Ise, an American and finally a Russian woman.

Said the President, "While the male lead will have to carry a tremendous load, all the others in the show will have to work very hard."

The Musical will be under the direction of Miss Genni Archibald.

Orchestra-Chorale Opens Sunday Concerts



DAVID WILSON

A Chamber ensemble of flutes, strings and harpsichord, will play for Dalhousie students November 8th.

The Dalhousie Orchestra presents Sunday a group of German Dances by Franz Schubert and three selections from Henry Purcell's music for "The Fairy Queen" - a 17th Century adaptation of "Midsummer Night's Dream."

The Orchestra consists of Dalhousie students and staff, under the direction of Professor David Wilson.

The Dalhousie Chorale, 60 members from Dalhousie and King's, is adding a new dimension to the Orchestral concert. It will sing Hungarian folk songs by Maryas Seiber, music from Mozart and Schubert, and Maritime songs arranged by leading Canadian composers.

The singers and players will join for a final number, "From God Shall Naught Divide Me," by Heinrich Schultze.

There are two solos by soprano Nell Chisholm on the program. She is to sing "Sigh No More" by Aiken, and the cantata for solo voice and orchestra "What Sorrows in this World I Mourn," by the 17th century German composer, Dietrich Buxtehude.

The Chorale too is under the direction of Mr. Wilson. Its accompanist is Miss Jacqueline Greaves. The Concert this Sunday is the first for both Chorale and Orchestra. On November 29 they perform again, the featured work to be "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille St. Seans.

Pearson Urges Free Education

OTTAWA (CUP) Prime Minister Lester Pearson said October 27th he believes in free education for qualified students.

Admitting this policy is one which cannot be implemented overnight, the Prime Minister said he had no hesitation in asserting his personal belief that education at all levels should be free to all those qualified to take advantage of it.

He added, however, that at the moment there may be other and greater priorities in the field of education and that it is possible that there may never be perfect equality of opportunity.

Although there will always be impediments of one kind or another, Mr. Pearson said, the financial barriers to education which now exist cannot be tolerated indefinitely.

Mr. Pearson was speaking at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges (NCCUC). He said if existing talent is to be appreciated, then no young man or woman ought to be shut off from university by the gap between what she or he can earn in the summer and what it costs to live or study for a year.

Commenting on the student loan program, Mr. Pearson said that while it has enabled more students to attend university, it does not completely meet existing needs. He did not refer to the Liberal Government's proposed scholarship plan.

"One of the main causes of unequal educational opportunities remains the great difference between what it costs to go to university in your home town and what it costs say, for a Pem-

U.W.O. Council: Bans Drinking as Spectator Sport

Rowdy behaviour and the use of foul and abusive language moved the student's council of the University of Western Ontario to declare an all-out offensive against students drinking at university football games.

In a statement issued last week (Oct. 16) the council said it has instructed the chief of student police and members of his staff to refuse to admit to football games students carrying beer, liquor, wine, or any other alcoholic beverage.

According to the statement, bottles were dropped through the seats on unsuspecting fans below during an Oct. 3 football game in London. Drinks were thrown at and spilled on spectators. Abusive language was common throughout the student section in the stands and a general lack of self-restraint was exhibited by a great many members of the student body.

The council said drunkenness, swearing and general rowdiness cannot and will not be tolerated. In the future, student police will stop students carrying bulging paper bags, brief cases, or purses into games. If the student refuses to reveal the contents of bag, case, or purse, admission to the game will be refused.

Students caught with an alcoholic beverage will be asked to dispose of it before being admitted to the stands. Students caught drinking in the stands will be arrested by city police and charged under the provincial liquor regulations.

The council said city police can and will conduct personal searches if suspicion is aroused.

The crackdown on drinking at football games was pushed through council by Ron Gunning, commissioner of justice, who dispelled opposition to the move by insisting that "two and a half hours isn't much to ask of a student's drinking day!"

He added, however, that Mr. Pearson was speaking as leader of the federal government and that education is the responsibility of the provincial government; they must take the necessary action. It is the responsibility of provincial governments to provide equal opportunity for education to all qualified Canadians," he said.

He concluded, "The problem has become too grave to ignore, and some action has been taken by all those concerned."

CUS ASKS PROVINCES TO FOLLOW PEARSON LEAD

OTTAWA (CUP) - Jean Bazin, president of the Canadian Union of Students, (CUS), commended Prime Minister Pearson October 27th for his interest in the economic problems facing university students in Canada today.

He called upon the provincial governments to follow Mr. Pearson's lead in recognizing existing financial barriers to higher education and to propose solutions to the problem.

Mr. Bazin said the Canadian Union of Students also believes "that no qualified young man or woman should be shut off from university by the gap between what he or she can earn in the summer and what it costs to live and study for a year."

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