

Presentations to Dr. and Mrs. Kerr at SC Formal Student Awards given

President and Mrs. Kerr made their final appearance at an official student function March 8 when they attended the Student Council Formal at the Nova Scotian Hotel.

The President and his wife received a hearty ovation from the students following presentations of an engraved plate to Mrs. Kerr and a travelling bag to the retiring president.

AWARDS

During the dance, attended by some 700-800 students, Beth Trerice was crowned Campus Queen by Dr. Kerr and a number of extra-curricular awards were handed out.

The Malcolm Honour Award, the highest award the student body can award a graduating student for service and high moral character, was presented to Miss Winifred Anne MacMillan. This was the first time, as far as The Gazette can determine, that a girl has received the award. It was not given last year because the award committee did not feel there was anyone who qualified.

Miss MacMillan has been extremely active during her four years at Dalhousie. She has sat on the Student Council for

three years, and has also been very active with WUSC and in athletics on campus. She receives her Bachelor of Science degree this year.

Outgoing Student Council President Al Robertson was presented with a pair of cuff links in appreciation of his services to the student body over the past year.

The following received 'D' awards: Al Robertson, first engraving; Jim Cowan, Wam MacMillan, Bill Sommerville and Dick Thompson, Gold 'D's'; Dennis Ashworth, Eleanor Bainbridge, Steve Brown, Peggy Cameron, Stephanie Derbyshire, Don Goodfellow, Dave Hankinson, Virginia Lequesne, Judy MacMahon, Joan Stewart, Henry Muggah and Betsy Whelan, Silver 'D's'.



GOODINGS ANNOUNCES 'HUNGER WEEK'

NFCUS President Stewart Goodings has called on all Canadian students to observe 'Freedom From Hunger Week' March 18 to 24.

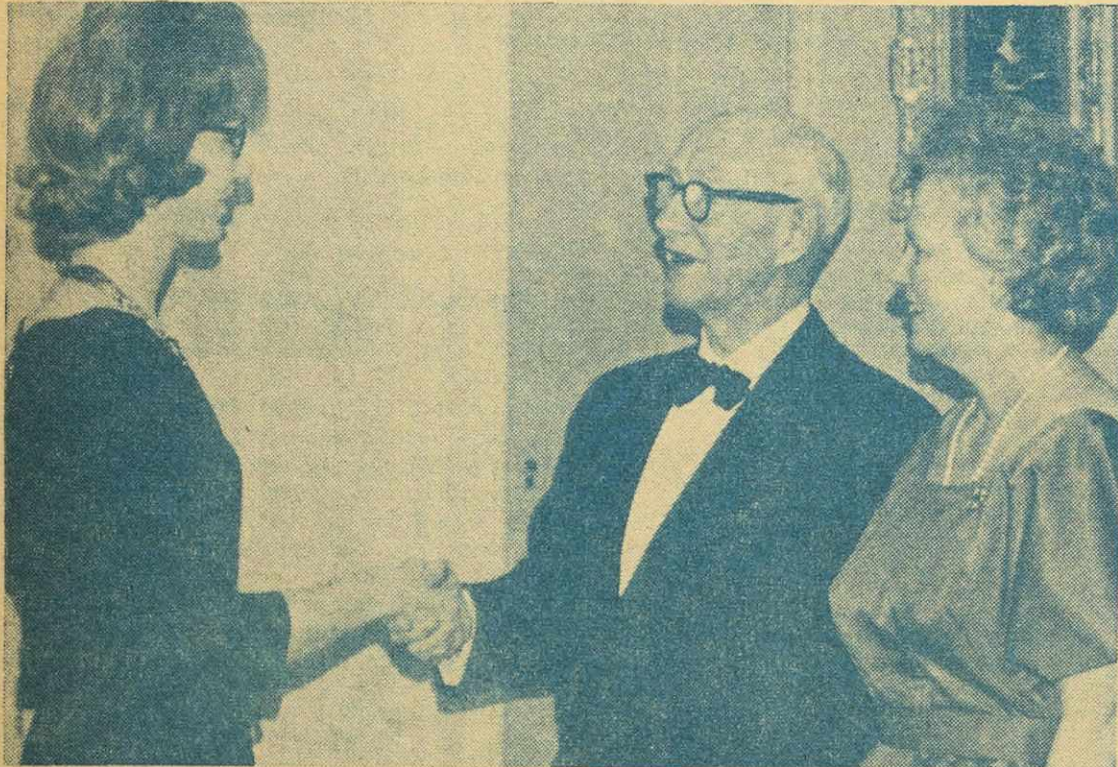
Students with sufficient resolve are asked to give up at least one meal and donate what they save to the NFCUS-WUS 'Freedom from Hunger' campaign. Others with less stamina are asked to "entertain" an invisible Absent Hungry Guest to lunch or supper during the week, and to pay for the "guest's" meal by means of a donation.

Mr. Goodings, last year's president of the Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, took part in a four-day fast to publicize 'Operation Starvation' last year. He said that the experience of going without food, even for so short a time, had given him a different and more accurate picture of the plight of thousands of students in other parts of the world.

The week will be observed in 100 member-countries of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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Lieutenant Governor H. P. MacKeen and Mrs. MacKeen congratulate Marlene Matthews at a reception Mr. MacKeen gave for members of the cast of "Guys and Dolls". Miss Matthews played the lead role of Adelaide in the Dal musical. (Photo by Purdy)

The work of the ISA and its president

By SOMER DAS

Dalhousie University is lately growing fast and its reputation is attracting students from almost all countries of the world. Out of a total of about 2,500 students this year, approximately two hundred are overseas students. These students come from as far as China, Malaya, India, Africa and Latin America.

Most of the overseas students were brought up in environments completely different from the climate, culture, habits of Canada. Some of them who come from central Africa or southern India, have never lived with weather conditions where the temperature goes below 50 degrees F., and have never worn woolen clothes. Food habits and accommodation conditions also differ to a great extent. Moreover, this is the first time many of them have gone beyond the borders of their countries.

WHERE TO LIVE?

The main concern of almost all overseas students before arriving in Canada is accommodations. They are concerned as to whether they will get a place in the men's residence, how the people will receive them, and whether the local food habits will suit their tastes.

In the past, the experience has been a mixed one. Most of them had been received well by the local populace, many found rooms with hospitable and helpful families, and the students became accus-

tomed to local eating habits, which are very good by international standards. A few, however, have had trouble in finding a room, and to assimilate with the local people.

In the beginning of 1960, it was felt that an association, affiliated with the university, should be formed to help overseas students. A branch of FROS was opened in the campus, but it was dissolved at the end of the same year. There was not much activity. Under the auspices of the Students Council, a meeting was called by interested students to organize a proper International Student Council. Brian Brown and Hans Gosine took the initiative and they requested Prof. Aitchison to join it as an adviser. Unfortunately, except for giving a few parties, nothing tangible happened during the first year.

In April 1961, Brian Brown was elected president by interested students, and Prof. Aitchison remained as Faculty Adviser. The name of the organization was changed to International Students Association. Since then, the enthusiasm and vigour, Brian began to organize the association into a lively body. Its purposes were mainly to seek dissemination of different cultural heritages, and to seek out and attempt to dissolve the practical difficulties encountered by overseas students.

CONSTITUTION

Accordingly, under the guidance of Brian, a constitution was made

and an executive body of seven was elected from both Canadian and overseas students. Only two from a country can be elected to this body in a year. The activities spread from holding symposiums, social activities, banquet parties to promoting understanding between overseas students and Canadian citizens. Finally, the main activity of the association is to help students to find accommodation on their arrival here and help them in a general way. At present, there are 200 members in the association, and the fee is nominally fixed at 50 cents annually.

During the last two years, Brian Brown has done an excellent job as president. Sacrificing his own study time, he not only found accommodation for scores of students, but corrected essays of students whose English was poor, provided free tuition to weak students, lent small amount of money to them in emergencies, and arranged to secure free winter clothes to needy ones. His reputation is so well spread now all over the country that the Education Department of the Federal Government has also asked him for help when international students arrive in Halifax on their way to various universities. Whenever someone is coming, Brian is ready at the airport with his car to give him a warm reception and arrange his onward journey.



CUP COMMENTS

By Ed Schwartzberg — CUP Editor

FRENCH CANADIANISM

The student newspaper at the University of B.C. says French Canadians are suffering from a "massive persecution complex."

In an editorial the paper says:

"It's a quaint tradition in this country to pander to the French in the interest of national unity.

"French, for some reason, is one of our two national languages. Consequently every publication which appears — if it is to be a truly national book — must contain some French.

"Every speaker, if he is not to offend Quebec, must say a few words in his best Saskatchewan French.

"And to what end is this done?

"To pacify a race that refuses to adjust itself to reality; to mollify the hypersensitive feelings of a minority which has refused to assimilate like all other minorities are expected to do.

"The French have for centuries been catered to and looked upon as equals in this country.

"These days to be 'Canadian' — as acceptable to the Quebec Canadian — you have to devote one-third or one-half of any publication to French. Content of the French articles does not matter, the one-third is the most important thing.

"If you are making a speech — especially on television, or in Eastern Canada — you had better start out with your own rendition of two sentences in Saskatchewan-French so that you will pacify the maple-syrupers.

"Any learned publication must be devoted in some part to the French Canadian problem.

"But ask the French Canadian what the problem is — chances are he won't be able to tell you.

"He'll say 'You're helping solve it, just by being interested.'

"The French are acting like children who have to stamp their feet to gain attention. But isn't it about time they grew up?

"Not many seem to know just what the problem is.

"The problem, it seems, is a massive persecution complex."

LAS VEGAS?

A sophomore at Rice University has been expelled for allegedly offering two basketball players \$1,000 to shave points during a recent game.

Rice officials refuse to identify the student, but Rice basketball coach quoted the sophomore as saying he had won \$8,000 gambling during the football season.

"He said he'd bet \$40,000 and give my two guards \$500 each to slow down a game and win by less than 14 points."

FORWARD MARCH

Fifty miles in seven hours — that's the record 50-mile nikers are going to have to beat if they are to claim the Canadian Inter-collegiate 50-mile Hike Championship.

Dave Prokop, sports editor of the University of Western Ontario student paper, The Gazette, and a track and field star, completed a 50-mile "walk" sponsored by the paper, just seven hours after he started. He ran almost all the way.

For the rest however, it was swollen feet, cramps, blisters, sore legs smiles of triumph and feelings of pride — at least for the 12 of the 65 entrants in the walkathon who completed the distance in less than 17 hours, 50 minutes and won an "I beat Bobby Kennedy" ribbon.

MORE FADS

Another fad has started at UBC, or rather started in California and has now made its way up the West coast to UBC.

It's called laundronauting and the object is to see how many revolutions of an automatic dryer, with a student in place of the clothes, can be taken before the victim hollers "uncle."

A reporter on The Ubyssy claims the Canadian record with 25 revolutions.

Clad in a football helmet, Greydon Moore, persuaded the manager of a coin laundry to allow him to wedge his 160 pounds into an automatic dryer, by telling him it was a matter of "Canadian Pride."

"After 25 turns I'd had it," Moore writes in The Ubyssy. The Californians stood it for 2,000 revolutions.