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CAMPUS NEEDS NEW DEAL

The inherent purposes of extra-curricular campus societies are to provide participation for all its students in some form of campus organization, and that each of these societies shall function for the benefit, entertainment, and enlightenment of its members. The supposed benefits to be derived from student participation include opportunities for leadership, the development of a group spirit, and the stimulation of special interests. Can we honestly say that these things are now being achieved?

The great majority of campus societies are today dormant; our community life hinges precariously upon our being spectators at athletic contests, and upon dancing in the impersonal semi-darkness of the gymnasium.

The chief reason for the lack of interest and initiative in campus organizations is in the mute indifference of over a thousand students. But there are clearer reasons which have contributed to this indifference.

To begin with, the leadership principle has been strenuously abused. Executive positions have been imposed upon a few. Campus organizations no longer function in the interests of the community, but in the interests of a few, because too few students hold too many positions. Personal experience and observation has demonstrated that when one student holds executive positions on more than one organization, both the individual and the organization suffer in inefficiency.

We should not be too impressed by the opinion that the best men for the positions were given their offices by the recognition of their ability by the majority. In some instances, the buck has been passed to a gullible few, who have been unwise enough to accept the burdens of managing the affairs of two, three, four or more societies. Again, the staggering requirements for non-athletic awards are ridiculously disproportionate to the athletic awards. Such a point system is, in part, responsible for the abuse of the leadership principle.

It may be asked, if Resolution No. 4 went into effect, who would replace those who would leave office. It seems preposterous for one to assume that out of the 1300 students on this campus, only a mere dozen are capable and willing to serve. And further, if the success or failure of any society rests on the leadership of one individual, then that society should disband.

In all fairness to those who have shouldered the responsibility of maintaining and guiding these campus societies, they have done, on the most part, a creditable task. But such a system has made the motto of many societies, "Let George do it." While George has been trying to do it, his efforts have been damned by faint praise. We have depended more and more upon the Georges, and less upon ourselves. There are several of these Georges on the campus, giving this campus what little community life it had outside the classroom last term, who are carrying failures into the spring term. We have the power to correct this evil, and a wise student government should try its utmost to protect those who, in future, may be flattered into academic oblivion.

This is not the same student body, numerically or otherwise, which existed four years ago. We are still laboring under the same system which was created for a small student body, and present state of affairs attests to its inefficiency.

This campus needs new faces, new blood in its societies, new purpose. If these proposed resolutions are adopted, it would force new membership drives, give us a society on this campus in which the responsibilities were more fairly distributed. If an organization is worth having, it is worth supporting. On the other hand, if many of our organizations exist only in the campus directory and in the year-book, such an existence should be denied them.

(For list of proposed Resolutions please see Page 5.)

APPLICATIONS!

Applications for the positions of Track Manager and Assistant Manager and for Manager of College Rink are being called for.

Applications must be written in business form giving full particulars and qualifications including experiences in positions of responsibility and academic qualifications.

Any recognized student organization may apply for the position of Rink Manager. Remuneration for Rink Manager will be on a percentage basis to be set by the S. R. C.

Applications must be addressed to Murray Seeley, Chairman of the Applications Committee and must be received not later than January 29.

MAIL CALL

Queens Journal, University of Queens, Kingston—The Alma Mater Society of Queens students, (corresponding to our S. R. C.), has drawn up briefs requesting a voice in future building and staff policies of the university. These reports on the wishes of the student body in regard to these matters were tendered in the hope that the administration of the university might appreciate the views of the students and as a representation of the feeling of responsibility of the students as such and as future alumni who will be financial supporters of the university. The Alma Mater Society recommended various resolutions be adopted in regard to new buildings and criticized the deterioration they found in teaching standards, stating their wish for a greater investment in teaching ability and scholarships.

Principal Wallace of Queens University stated that he was willing to meet with the student executive to discuss such matters. The Queens Alma Mater Society is the most powerful and independent body of its type in Canadian universities. Idaho Bengal, University of Idaho, reports on the statistics on student enrolment in the United States. There are now over two million students in the 1,745 colleges and universities of the United States. This is more than double last year's total which was taxing educational institutions then. Women representation in higher learning has gone up too although the ratio has dropped.

At Idaho itself, student ages run from 16 to 49, with an average age of 24. Varsity, University of Toronto — Varsity tells of the results of tests made by the Atomic and Rocket Society at Bond Lake. Two rockets were used. Built by students, these lethal weapons were of highly original design and used original concoctions as motive power. The first

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rocket failed to start and the second was set off. There was a brilliant flash and roar reminiscent of a V2, but the missile remained on the grounds, a gust of wind then blew it down, and it blew up. The first rocket was then coaxed to take fire and zoomed to a height of over 15 feet before exploding.

It was concluded from this experiment

that better control of rocket flight was necessary and that December is no time of year for outdoor experimental work anyway.

Any student who would be willing to help the I. S. S. Committee in its work on the Campus is asked to contact John Weyman '47 phone 1594.

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