

EMPLOYMENT OFFICER AT YOUR BECK AND CALL

by SUE HERMAN

The employment notice board, Room 130 in the A. and A. Building, and the name Mr. Beck fail to elicit a glimmer of recognition from a huge section of the Dalhousie population. Since not many students have crystal clear ideas as to summer and permanent employment, to all those, this article, the result of an interview with Mr. George Beck, University Placement Officer, is dedicated.

A surprising number of students appearing for employment interviews possess the lamentable habit of attempting to interrogate the recruiter. The aggressive personality normally discourages prospective employers, as does the student who slouches into the room with a wind-breaker (Dalhousie or otherwise), instead of business clothes, and proceeds to mumble non-intelligible phrases. The girls are not as lacking in interview *savoir-faire*. Perhaps the only words of advice to them would be no leotards, knee-socks, or sloppy sweaters.

Interview Etiquette

Before appearing for an appointment, the student should carefully read any company literature. The interviewer will conduct the interview, leaving the student an opportunity to ask intelligent and interested question. For this purpose, it is well to have an idea as to the department or branch of the company in which one's interests lie. The lad who gives the impression that he does not really care as long as he is hauling in a fine salary, can expect to be crossed off the list.

The men who are sent to select students are well-trained in their occupation. Nervous habits which always seem to be in the foreground at such times are understood by them and are not held against the student, unless his antics resemble those of Jerry Lewis.

A few company regulations insist that all persons in their employ pass a written test. These groups are relatively few, as the value of an I.Q. test is still undecided.

Engineers, God's Chosen People

The demand for graduates leans quite heavily towards students with engineering or engineering physics degrees. The requests for qualified engineers just never seems to diminish, regardless of the number of graduates turned out by a university. Science degrees in Physics, Math, or Chemistry are also in the top demand bracket. Commerce degrees, "majoring emphasis" (this is a term for all those who are stymied as to what to write on application forms, since Dalhousie does not recognize a "major"), on accounting, then economics, come next. Unless an Arts degree is one in Economics or Math, the only obvious employment open to its possessor is that of a teacher. Further study may lead to social or library work, but the teaching profession is the main utilizer of Arts degrees.

The situation for the small number of girls working in Science or Engineering seems to be one of few opportunities without an Honours degree in Science, preferably Chemistry or Math. At Dal, girl physicists and geologists are non-existent at the moment, but the outlook for any such students is just as uncertain as that for any girl seeking employment in a man's field.

How Valuable is a Degree?

To the employer, a university degree is just a pass-key to get the student inside the premises. Once in, except for initial pay, he is on a par with the high school graduate in that, from this point on it is his initiative, ability, and work capacity that determine his rate of promotion. The college graduate has, however, one decided advantage over the high school graduate, because he has spent four years training his mind to absorb and interpret information pertaining to his future employment.

The placement service at Dal, while occasionally handling requests from employers desiring a student with a few years experience who might wish a change of position, exists for the benefit of the students themselves. Yet only about one-fifth of Dalhousie undergraduate faculties have registered. This work could be handled at registration in the fall, but until such time as this occurs, Mr. Beck asks that students approach him early in the fall of the year.

Once again Dalhousie students fail to take advantage of facilities provided for them. Possibly, like many other benefits that seem to be slow in catching fire, the employment service will be appreciated, but let's hope, BEFORE it's removed due to lack of student support and interest.

JAZZ CLUB TEMPO STEPPED UP

by RAY SHANKNAN

Jazz at Barrington Street is fast becoming analagous to jazz at Basin Street. "Jazz" has become synonymous with "Barrington" being previously located at 777, commonly known as "The Cellar." Currently, the sole jazz spot in Halifax is in a larger site at 599 Barrington, where that sometimes melodic music called jazz prevails.

Here, jazz in its modern, progressive form moves impatiently, warming up the audience as it gathers its own steam, moving them from shades of boredom to idle curiosity and avid interest. It is difficult to decide whether the audiences interest makes for better music or whether it is the music mood that captivates the audience.

According to Dave (Dinny) Coldwell, the club's "Pres," they have two types of customers. There are the curious, those who have not been exposed to jazz in its true art form, who come in to soak in atmosphere and look for beatniks. Then there are those erroneously called beat fans, who, nodding their heads to every rhythmic beat, absorb the sound. There is a third customer, possibly neither curious or fanatical about jazz, who looks to the club and its sound to relieve his boredom.

At any rate, whether the audience be curious, interested, or bored, they are mere spectators, the real enjoyment being had by the musicians themselves. They are not playing any "Mickey Mouse" dance; they are not catering to their clientele to reap in profits. They are playing for their own personal pleasure. Yet, customers, if talented, often sit in with the boys and blow as the mood hits them.

The Halifax Jazz Club has become the mecca of jazz in the Maritimes, having brought in Pat La Croix and a group from the Berkeley School of Music. They have various other plans to improve jazz and its enjoyment in Halifax.

Formed by a group of fellows taking an active interest in jazz, the Club operates on a non-profit basis. Jazz at Barrington isn't just a group of pseudo-intellectuals trying to be in the know, as is so often seen in the larger cities. If at times the quality of the jazz suffers, the enthusiasm of the Club and its audience more than make up for the failing. The Club's sound radiates its pulsating rhythms to the audience, until by the end of the evening the triangles have gone, still in search of the missing corner. The sound remains, comparing favourably with jazz throughout the rest of Canada.

WEST INDIAN SOCIETY MEETING
 Sunday, January 22
 at 3:00 p.m.
 Old Men's Residence

Students' Judgements—

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Alroy Chow, Medicine: Nothing very much, except apathy. Some people, like the Pepcats, support the teams all the time, but generally there are very few.

Ken MacKenzie, Arts: The level of the work required of the students is too low (hah!), and there are too many card-playing facilities. I bid five spades.

Cliff Wright: The whole attitude of the student body is dismal. There is too much diversification of interest from being in a larger centre. This isn't a necessary result, but is certainly the case here.

Mel Freedman, Pre-Med: People who are always complaining about campus life.

Linda Stoker, Arts: Nothing wrong that I can think of. I'm having a ball.

Anonymous card player: Students don't stick together. There are too

many cliques.

Moe Edwards, Medicine: No complaints.

Sharon Connolly, Arts: It's dull.

Bob Lindsay, Law: I haven't thought about it much, but it seems adequate to me. There is a need of a better centre for student activities but the SUB is coming. Seems to be a shortage of academic extra-curriculars, but there are more Friday and Saturday night dances than any place I've ever seen.

Carol Quigley, Science: People just don't care.

Dave Cameron, Commerce: Not enough emphasis. Too much academic interest.

Tony Harris, Institute of Alcohol Studies: Not enough booze on campus.

Stu MacInnes, Law: There's been no event of outstanding interest all year. We need some big affair, like a winter carnival to bring everybody together. The Men's Residence should helps things, though.

POLITICAL PARTIES BANNED AT MOUNT A; ROBICHAUD SAYS, "IT WILL BE RECTIFIED"

SACKVILLE (CUP)—Jan. 12.—Mount Allison's student council president went from class to class today explaining why the SRC banned from the campus Wednesday all political parties affiliated with either provincial or national parties.

The SRC also attempting to prevent these parties from participating in the annual model parliament elections. It has given tentative approval to the Eurhethorian Society—the campus social activities board—to amend its constitution barring these parties from entering candidates in the annual elections.

The amendment will be posted for 10 days, and five days later will be in effect unless there is some protest.

New Brunswick premier Louis Robichaud who attended the National Liberal Rally said last night in Ottawa that if there was such a ban, he did not think it was feasible. If there was a ban, he said, "it is extremely bad, and it will be rectified."

Fred Livingston, Canadian University Liberal Federation vice-president also attending the rally stated that "such an arbitrary action on the part of the students' council, tends to throttle the university student insofar as his political ideas are concerned." He said it was from the university political groups that "much needed political reforms have been obtained."

Banishment came about during a closed meeting when a report was read in which charges of intimidation and hindrance were laid against the student politicians. It took place at about the same time as the national Liberal leaders were praising the university liberals for their contribution to the rally, and their constructive influence on the federal party.

According to the student newspaper "The Argosy Weekly" the report stated that one party leader was allegedly told by his party that if he did not campaign for them in next year's elections, the party would run a candidate against him in the SRC race.

The brief also stated that political parties are "harming the model parliament," and that the student politicians are "not interested in making the model parliament a success, but rather in getting as many as possible of their own candidates elected for the advancement and prestige of the national and provincial parties."

ment. He also added, "Of course, the Bridge Club is not affected by the ruling."

Carswell explained that there is a clause in the Union constitution forbidding gambling in the building. There is ample proof, including the admission of the card players, that the games are played for money.

"I am taking steps to ensure that the law against gambling is not broken," he summarised, and added, "I will ask the SEC to ratify my action."

"Furthermore," he stated, "the situation is getting out of hand when parents complain of the time and money lost by their sons. We don't want the responsibility for students squandering their year to fall on the Union."

"It all comes back to what we believe to be the purpose of the Union," Carswell said. "It is not run principally for recreation, but to supply part of the student's education."

It does this by getting him into worthwhile activities, giving him executive experience, and teaching him a knowledge of people."

McGill Union Abolishes Cards

MONTREAL (CUP)—Card games will not longer be played anywhere in McGill SUB, Union President Bob Carswell announced.

An irate father's phone call complaining of money lost gambling in the Union by his son was the immediate cause of the decision, he revealed.

At the same time, he stated that the Union executive is considering selling the pool tables from the Games Room in the Union base-

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the opposition in the House of Assembly, Dalhousie President Dr. A. E. Kerr, and the President of the Nova Scotia Historical Society.

REFLECTIONS

As we were leaving, our well-qualified guide pointed out that the Archives was made possible through the gift of Mr. W. H. Chase. As we leave our imaginary trip and fade back into the war-shaken world of today, we wonder if our ancestors did not have a better life, but on second thought, was that friendly Indian behind that tree aiming that arrow really so friendly?

The next time you happen to pass by the Provincial Archives, stop for a minute and read the motto of W. H. Chase which is found on a plaque near the main entrance, and then think if it isn't worth while to give just a small part of your long life to have what others may never possess.

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