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NFCUS PRESENTS PLANS FOR GOVERNMENT AID



The NFCUS delegation who met with the Prime Minister of Canada to present a brief on government scholarships on behalf of university students of Canada is shown above. Left to right, Tony Enriquez, Bill Angus, Prime Minister St. Laurent, Doug Burns, Peter Martin, Yves Pilon, and Aubrey Golden, who was press agent of the delegation from Toronto University.

King's Presents "Amahl"; Holiday Halts Show's Success Is Mixed Radio Show

Last Saturday night in the Queen Elizabeth Auditorium, the King's College Dramatic and Choral Society presented "Amahl and the Night Visitors", a one-act opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti. The production was sponsored by the Halifax Ladies' Musical Club, and played to a nearly full house. Directed by Mr. Leonard Mayoh of King's, the student production demanded much time and energy, especially at this time of year, and the King's students received many congratulations for the presentation.

Sophs Crown Pullen Queen

Sarah Pullen, a Shirreff Hall sophomore from Ottawa, was crowned Queen of the Class of '57 at the Sophomore Dance held last Friday evening in the gymnasium. The dance, billed as a 3-D dance, was the last one of the fall term, Don Warner's popular orchestra provided the music for dancing to the large crowd in attendance.

Sarah's crowning was the highlight of the evening. She was chosen from among five charming princesses, Marilyn Oyler of Kentville, Ann Rayworth of Rothesay, and Sonia Smith and Jill Wickwire of Halifax. The selection of the queen was made by the male members of the dance committee and everyone agreed that it was not an easy choice to make. Sarah was crowned by Anne Stacey, who was sophomore Queen last year.

The jitterbug contest brought out some top quality dancers, although there were not too many of them. The chaperones were judges, and they finally picked Lorna Jean Grayston and Bill Roberts as the winners.

The gymnasium was gaily decorated with balloons and streamers which added a holiday atmosphere to the festivities. The dance provided the last fling for many Dalhousie students who are now expected to settle down and study for the forthcoming Christmas examinations.

Roland (Butch) Thornhill, president of the Sophomore Class was chairman of the organizing committee, composed of ten sophomores. The chaperones, familiar to all sophs were Professor and Mrs. Bennet and Professor and Madame Chevy. Professor Bennet's remarks after the jitterbug contest were topped only by the crowning of the queen.

Queen Sarah has been a popular figure on the Dalhousie campus since coming here a year and a half ago. She is an active member of the Rink Rats Committee. Her artistic ability has contributed to the effectiveness of the Publicity Committee and has also been seen at Shirreff Hall. She is also a make-up assistant with the Glee Club.

The standout of the production was the display of vocal talents by the lead singers, Sheila Piercey, Don Carr, Bob Davis, and John Phillips. The opera, the first ever written expressly for television, was first produced in 1951, and the audience was told that it was becoming an important part of the Christmas tradition.

A contributed critical review of the opera follows.

The recent production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by the King's College Dramatic and Choral Society was interesting, and an important event in the city, but it lacked imagination and had little value as entertainment. The group is to be commended for making the attempt, and the effort is appreciated, but the opera seemed to be constantly above the heads of the performers and director alike.

The first performance of the Christmas opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, composer of the Broadway successes "The Medium", "The Consul" and "The Telephone", was on N.B.C. television in 1951, when it was undoubtedly superb — for it certainly would be so under proper circumstances. The King's group included some of the finest young singers in the city — Sheila Piercey, John Phillips, Bob Davis, Don Carr, and twelve-year-old Christopher Banks, who, despite a cold, showed considerable talent. But the abilities of these people were unfortunately hidden behind a poor presentation.

In the first place, a setting of any type would have given a big boost to the production. There is no excuse for such an omission, especially since there are capable artists at King's, and the Dalhousie Glee Club has offered the use of its backdrops and other equipment to King's. An anachronistic fireplace, borrowed from Dal and not retouched, with a fire that shone brightly although it was constantly referred to as not being there, was the rather ineffective centre of the stage. A minimum of properties was desirable, and those that were used were excellent.

Although the presentation was unimaginative and lacked forceful

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Visit St. Laurent, Ask \$5½ Million

MONTREAL (CUP) — A delegation of student leaders was in Ottawa last Monday to see Prime Minister St. Laurent. The students proposed to gain government support in the implementation of a nationwide scholarship and bursary campaign.

The delegates were received by the Prime Minister on Monday afternoon in his offices on Parliament Hill. The resolutions submitted by the National Federation of Canadian University Students called for the spending of five and a half million dollars a year to assist ten thousand students.

Last Days For Old Canteen

The fulfillment of the Gazette's first major news story of the year is near at hand. The efforts of the student body to get improvements made in the canteen in the Men's residence, efforts which were started by the Law Society and promoted by the Gazette, resulted in several promises being made by the president of the university.

These changes are to be made during the Christmas vacation, when the university will have a free hand in the canteen. Students returning to Dalhousie in January are expected to see such improvements as a cafeteria system and a new paint job. It will make coming back almost enjoyable!

Queen's Robes On Display

The Queen's Coronation Robes—"The Symbols of the Bonds that united You with your people" were on display in the Senate Room of the Arts Building over the weekend. The Robes have been on exhibit across Canada since mid-summer and were previously on view in Australia and New Zealand at the time of the Queen's tour of those nations.

Eight hundred people flocked to the first day of the exhibition, and many more came over the next two days. They came to view the actual Purple Robe of State with which the Queen was invested, the stool on which the princes and peers knelt to pay homage to their Queen, and the richly decorated canopy held over the Queen during the anointing. The Coronation Bible is the actual one on which Queen Elizabeth swore her Coronation Oath, and is on loan from His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The two Sceptres, the Orb, the four Swords, St. George's Spurs, the Ring and the Bracelets are all replicas of the original emblems used during the ceremony. The replicas of the two crowns are perhaps the most interesting articles in the exhibit. The original Imperial State Crown is made of solid gold and contains 3,250 precious stones. The crown is worn at all State occasions and at the Coronation. Since 1660 all British sovereigns have actually been crowned with St. Edward's crown during the Coronation ceremony.

The real crown is of solid gold surmounted with jewels and weighs seven pounds.

Following the display in Halifax, the exhibition will proceed to Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. The proceeds from the tour will be used for a fund for the restoration of Westminster Abbey. The nationwide tour was sponsored by the National Gallery of Canada, which paid the World University Service of Canada for their help given during the visit to Dalhousie. The students who sold tickets at the display donated their time to WUSC.

The delegates were Doug Burns, the full time president of NFCUS, Tony Enriquez, the organization's past president, Peter Martin, Ontario regional vice-president, Yves Pilon, the secretary-treasurer, and Bill Angus, president of the Students Administrative Council of Toronto University, which was mandated by NFCUS to lead the campaign.

Both Angus and Martin had discussed the matter with members of parliament from the Toronto area in a meeting held last Friday in that city. Most of the federal members present were favourably impressed with the scheme.

Surveys have been taken at universities across the country to fathom the reasons that students leave school. It is hoped that these figures will show the Canadian federal government that Canada lags far behind other countries in governmental aid to underprivileged students.

It is also hoped that the creation of a Canada Council will facilitate the administration of the plan, which would give five million five hundred thousand dollars each year to needy students. The specific campaign objective is ten thousand scholarships and bursaries.

Following their visit to the Prime Minister the members of the delegation plan to discuss the objective with provincial governments across the country. The NFCUS brief recognizes the importance of provincial rights in the field of education, but hopes that the initiative will come from the relatively great financial power of the federal government.

Included in the brief were figures on the financial aid available to students in other countries. In Canada fifteen per cent of those attending university receive small amounts in scholarships and bursaries, while in the United Kingdom, seventy per cent are assisted, often with substantial living allowances. French university education is virtually a state responsibility throughout, while Australia aids some three thousand students. In the United States federal aid has not proved necessary, but several states, for example, California and Wisconsin, make higher education of the highest quality freely available to their residents.

"University education is now necessary for almost any form of personal advancement; therefore it must be freely available if the best qualified are to hold the key positions in Canadian society," the brief said. "The equality of opportunity essential to a free society can exist only if there are no insurmountable barriers to higher education."

"Such barriers do exist. Dr. Cyril James of McGill has pointed out that in 1952 only three per cent of those between fifteen and twenty-four were attending university in Canada, as compared with over fifteen per cent in the U.S. Only four per cent of those who start grade one graduate from a university." There are other barriers for prospective students, but the financial one is by far the greatest, and when it is overcome, the others will soon disappear, the brief concludes.

What Council Did Last Week

- Regular Meeting, Nov. 30
- Approved the appointment of Joan Cahill as Graduate Studies Representative.
- Allotted \$92 instead of original \$65 for National C.U.P. conference.
- Decided to split Glee Club profits 50-50 between Rink Rats and W.U.S.C. with \$800 limit. Any split on profits over the limit to be decided by Council if the situation arises.
- Granted \$40 to Mulgrave Park Association for children's party.
- Allocated \$36 for leather jacket stolen from gym during "T.V. or Not T.V."
- Elected Elise Lane, Anne Thompson, and Jack Dawson as the Council Dance Committee.
- Elected Sally Roper, Ed Kinley and Dave Bryson to the Malcolm Honor Award Committee.
- Lauded football team for winning the Purdy Cup.
- Adjourned.

Santamarians Defeat Dal

In an inter-collegiate debate, held on November 27 at St. Mary's, the Dalhousie debating team bowed to St. Mary's on the subject "Resolve that the re-armament of Western Germany is in the interest of world peace".

Dalhousie's Art Stone, Law 3, and Brad Smith, Law 2, took the negative, Graham Walker and Jack Hayes of St. Mary's argued the affirmative.

Basically, the argument of the affirmative was that Russia's policy was aggressive, and that the only way to meet such a policy was by a unified Europe. European unity could only be attained if Western Germany were included. She would not be of any use to a unified Europe unless she was re-armed on an equal footing with the other European countries.

The negative debated that the foreign policy of the West was based upon a misinterpretation of the foreign policy of Russia in so far as the policy of the latter is non-aggressive since it is founded upon the internal collapse of capitalism. Therefore, there was no need of rearming Western Germany, and the United States should be using its last resources to defeat the idea of Communism. This policy would be of a more permanent nature since it would be in the interest of world peace.

On the other hand, if the west is correct in its interpretation of the foreign policy of Russia, the way to meet this situation would not be by rearming Germany. Such rearmament would play into the hands of German Nationalism, and encourage Western Germany to attempt to liberate Eastern Germany. A policy of this nature would also prevent peaceful reunification, and tend to deteriorate Western Germany's young Democratic system. None of these Western policies would be in the interest of world peace.

The decision given by judges, Len Chappell of CJCH, Lieutenant Innis, Director of Current Affairs, R.C.N. Dockyard, and Mr. Godwin, a Halifax lawyer, was split two to one in favour of the Santamarians. Although the victory went to St. Mary's, both teams gave an excellent presentation of an interesting debate.