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Witchcraft Comes To Dal Success Seen For Play

The cast of *Bell, Book and Candle* swung into their second week of rehearsals this week, and director Ken Clark says "success is imminent."

The director of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society's drama production for this year told the Gazette "we have a good cast and a good play; all we need now is a good audience."

SCM FALL CAMP WELL ATTENDED

The Dalhousie-Kings student Christian Movement started its fall activities last weekend with a two-day camp at Camp Brunswick, about 20 miles from Halifax.

An SCM spokesman said the camp was the best-attended in recent years. Twenty-seven students from the senior, sophomore and freshmen classes attended.

Also attending the camp were Hans de Boer, the Dal-Kings SCM Secretary and Rev. Roy De Marsh, the national SCM General Secretary.

Main speaker at the Camp was Dr. J. Clarke, of the Dalhousie Psychology department. Dr. Clark spoke to the group for about three hours Saturday afternoon on *The Nature of Man*.

His was the first talk on this topic, which is to be the subject of SCM speakers in the group's fall lecture program.

Dr. Clark gave a view of the psychologist, examining the nature of man through empirical evidence, and formation of hypotheses from the evidence.

In the evening, Mr. De Marsh addressed the group on the International SCM conference at Strassbourg, France, commenting on his personal impressions and observations.

Hugh Farquhar was the Dal-Kings representative at this summer's Strassbourg Conference.

The camp is owned by Brunswick Street United Church.

In the evening, the group listened to records, a factor which the spokesman said was "essential" to the success of the camp.

Some of the campers braved nearby freezing water for a swim. Most listened to music for most of the night.

Sunday morning, the members of the group who had gone to bed arose for a short worship service conducted by Mr. De Marsh.

The group returned to Halifax late Sunday afternoon.

The camp was the first of a number held annually by the group at Camp Brunswick. Another is planned for the Spring, and it is hoped an Agnostic's Week-end will also be held.

Correction

The library stacks will be open only to members of the Faculty, all Graduate Students, all Fourth Year Students, and Third Year Honour Students, NOT to all third year students as was previously stated.

Rehearsals for the play are being held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons on the Gym stage. Ken said the three-a-week schedule will continue until the week before the play "when we will go to the stage every night in the last-ditch effort."

The play, to be produced November 17, 18 and 19, centres around the discovery and practice of witchcraft in the New York area.

Playing the female lead as a witch who she wasn't is Ruth MacKenzie, a member of previous DGDS productions. Hugh Williams, a post-graduate student new to Dalhousie dramatic studies, plays the romantic lead opposite Ruth, while Janet Coffin plays Aunt Queenie, Ruth's rather wacky aunt witch. Charlie Haliburton plays Nicky, Ruth's warlock cousin, while David Nicholson plays Sidney Redlich, a semi-drunk and totally ineffectual author.

Cast members are now running through their lines on a bare stage, but Ken said the stage crew would go into operation in "about a week or so." Bill Priest and Steve March are associate stage directors.

The three-act comedy, written by John Van Druten, is a veteran of Broadway, off-Broadway and many summer-stock productions. It opened on Broadway in 1950 and recently was made into a movie.

The Society will present *Wonderful Town*, another Broadway hit, as their musical production of the year on March 1-4.

The DGDS is also sponsoring the Connelly Shield competitions. The plays will be presented November 1, 2, 3. Ken said he hopes for a large number of entries. However, officials of various faculties have commented the dates of the competition are too early.

"LE CARABIN" ARTICLES CAUSE EXPULSION OF EDITORS BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES

Student Council approved a record \$45,352 at the fall budget meeting last Thursday. The DAAC received approximately 30% of the total budget with \$13,424, of which \$7,164 was approved in the Spring. Vice-President Bill Dickson challenged a hike of over \$3000 over last year's budget, but the proposed figure was finally approved as presented.

The addition of swimming to the DGAC program and an increase in basketball expenditures sent the girls' allowance up to \$3,904.20 from last year's figure of \$3,151.25.

Student Council budget came to \$7,000, which includes such items as NFCUS, WUCS and the Student Directory. The Gazette received \$7,600 and Pharos \$7,259.

LIBRARY CONTEST

"PHAROS" the Dalhousie year-book, is sponsoring a university literary contest. Students from all faculties and all years are invited to submit entries. Poetry, short stories, and essays will be accepted. The winning entries will be printed in the 1961 edition of "PHAROS". Look for further information in next week's issue of the "Gazette".

Sodales is carrying on its debating activities with \$635. The increase of \$91 over the previous year includes the sending of a team to take part in the University of Toronto Debate Tournament.

DGDS has nearly doubled its budget over last year with \$4,552. The increase is credited to the proposed musical, which will be initially one of the most expensive put on by the society.

Other amounts budgeted for went to Delta Gamma, \$229.25, Dal Advertising Bureau, \$70, and the photography department, \$678.29.

Following the budget, Council decided to invite the Russian students, who will be visiting Halifax this month, to Dalhousie, and contribute \$50 towards a travel pool to help defray their expenses.

It was proposed that a program be drawn up for the Soviet students to take in such things as a visit to

the Sir James Dunn Science Building, with attendance at a lecture there, attendance at a meeting of the Students' Council, and the chance to meet other students at Dal.

The question of equipment manager was brought up. Council approved a motion allowing Jim Conrod, present equipment manager, to keep his job until Christmas, for which he will receive \$525, and then turn the task of filling the position over to the university administration.

Brian Flemming appeared before Council to ask for approval in principle of the recommendation to raise NFCUS fees by ten cents, which was put forward at the National NFCUS Congress last month.

This was given Council approval, and the NFCUS committee given the go-ahead to raise money for NFCUS through various projects.

SPORTS RECEIVE BIGGEST CUT OF RECORD BUDGET INCREASE AT COUNCIL MEETING

Three editors of *Le Carabin*, the student newspaper of Laval University, have been expelled from the Quebec City college.

University officials said the decision was "painful" but was taken for certain articles which appeared in the paper concerning sex, birth control and other pieces of "erotic writing."

The students were identified as Pierre Mignault and Andre Blanchet, two Quebec City medical students, and Pierre Desorisers, a Montreal social science student.

Although university officials did not mention any specific article as the cause of the expulsion, the paper recently ran an article describing scenes in a prostitute's room with a university student.

The three editor's declined to say who wrote the article, but it was thought to have been written by a French immigrant girl, and re-written by a student. It was signed Dora.

Other issues of the paper in the past few weeks have also strongly scored sexual repressions which it said were instilled in children by the Quebec Roman Catholic educational system.

The expulsions followed on the heels of a controversy last year between the paper and the University's administration after an article had been published criticizing what it termed "intimate ties between the Quebec provincial government and the Roman Catholic Church. A shakeup of the paper's editorial staff followed.

The expulsions also had repercussions upon the relations of Laval's student administration with the University officials. The general council of the Association of Laval University students agreed the articles were reprehensible, but said the university officials had no right to expel the students. It said the paper was under the jurisdiction of the Association, rather than under the university administration.

It threatened "very grave decisions" would be taken unless the University administration allowed arbitration to define the respective jurisdiction of the Student Association and the University Administration.

Mignault admitted after his expulsion that he had made an error in judgment in allowing the prostitution story to be published. But he claimed the paper's motives in publishing the story were good.

The Student Association accepted the explanation story had been intended to serve as a moral lesson. But it felt the university administration had gone over the Association's head by expelling the students on its own.

NFCUS PLANS SOVIET STAY

It is expected that five members of the USSR Students' Council will make Dalhousie their first stop after arriving in Ottawa for the start of a tour of Canadian Universities.

Peter Green, NFCUS Atlantic Regional President, said the date of the visit of the Soviet students to Dalhousie has not been confirmed, but said the students are expected to arrive in Ottawa on Oct. 30.

During the 48-hour stop in Halifax, the students will attend two general discussion meetings with local students. The Soviets, mostly science students, will also attend lectures in Dalhousie's new Sir James Dunn Science Building.

The visitors will be boarded at Kings residence, and a student guide will be given to each.

Peter said he hopes the students will be able to attend a football or hockey game but said this would depend on the dates the students are here.



In complete agreement with the bored expressions on the faces of Council members at last week's budget meeting, our photographer became concerned with the only really interesting figures.

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