



Council Comments

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"The time has come," the Walrus said, -- etc., etc. You may think it's a bit early to start talking about Council elections and the assorted goings-on that come with them, but there's no better time than now to do it. Last year they were delayed too long with the result that four people spent the most hectic week of their lives trying to speak to anybody and everybody who would listen. This year we have, we hope, a better system of choosing the candidates than in previous years. I quote from the constitution --

"The president may be nominated by submission to the Council of Students of a list containing the signatures of ten students. . . plus the written consent of the nominee."

The Vice-President is to be nominated in the same manner. So all you aspiring statesmen, diplomats and politicians -- how about it? It's a job worth doing, and it's not all work. I know.

I'm told that you'll be hearing the editor's views on our "Directory" in another part of the paper so I won't elaborate on the "publication" here, save to say that the Council is grossly displeased with the feeble excuse for a Dalhousie Students' Directory with which we have been presented. Granted that we fell down in a few places, in that some of the ads and part of the listings were a bit late, but this is no excuse for

FIERY MESSAGE

VICTORIA (CUP) The following letter appeared in the letters column of the student newspaper at Victoria College, The Martlet.

"An open letter to the Premier Bennet:

"Christmas will be on the 25th of December, as usual, if this meets with your approval.

"Respectfully yours,

GOD."

The letter was inscribed in fire by a huge hand extending from the wall of the Martlet office, said the editors.

a number being the correct number of the preceding name,—or the pages being different sizes, or the omission of the crest on the cover, or the omission of the general university directory, or the subscripts beneath the map of the campus on opposing pages, or many of the other "little mistakes" that I've undoubtedly forgotten. The Council has asked for a report from the editor and the "publishers" concerning the book.

CBC Defaulted Say Students

TORONTO (CUP) Nineteen Ryerson students have charged the CBC with "renewing" on a promised payment.

The students spent four hours cramming in and out of a standard telephone booth for a CBC show. They were to have been paid \$35 each with \$5 being deducted for the Actor's Equity Union.

However, when they got the checks from the CBC, they were payable for only \$8.94.

Ryerson Graphic Arts Director, E.U. Schrader, who lined the students up for the CBC show, said a verbal agreement on the \$35 fee was made with a CBC official.

The student Ryersonian writes Schrader as saying he will write to the producer of the show and "If I get no reply, then I'll write to my lawyer."



ERIC McALLISTER, winner of the 1963 Rhodes scholarship for Nova Scotia. A native of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Mr. McAllister is also recipient of the Dr. A. Stanley MacKenzie scholarship in physics, The National Research bursary, and the Union Carbide scholarship. Presently working on a Master's degree in Geophysics, Eric is active in bowling, curling, ham radio operation, and is manager of the exclusive Physics Tea Club. The Rhodes award is subject to confirmation by the Rhodes Trustees.

SMITH AND SINCLAIR DISCUSS PLANNING

"Voluntary economic planning must come to play a larger part in the economic life of the province," stated the Hon. G. I. Smith, provincial Minister of Finance last Tuesday. He was speaking on an informal panel with Dalhousie economics professor A. M. Sinclair, on the question of the "role of economic planning" before a meeting of the campus Progressive Conservative Club.

To illustrate the role he felt appropriate to government in planning activity, the minister outlined the approach which will be followed in Nova Scotia.

The government, he said, has asked members of the various productive sectors in the economy to meet with other members of their own sectors to begin developing an organized approach to the problems facing their particular industry. The individual sectors could be classified as agriculture, fisheries, forest products, mining, and secondary manufacturing.

continued, "the government will have to approve each plan insofar as government participation is implicated."

NOT CLEAR-CUT

Prof. Sinclair questioned the programs on several points. He felt that the government's position in conducting the meetings was not clear-cut. He appeared to imply that government might be taking an active part to the extent of guiding the discussion along the lines that it wanted.

Prof. Sinclair also felt that the agreement among producers to set certain production goals may well violate the federal Anti-Combines Act.

He questioned the plan set out by Mr. Smith on the basis of its limited scope. Citing ten possible ways in which the economic well-being of an area could be enhanced, the three most important being the relocation of labour, promotion of greater efficiency, and introduction of new industry. Prof. Sinclair criticized the government for limiting its planning program to only one of these expedients. This is the promotion of greater efficiency, in terms of both production and marketing. He maintained that many industries in Nova Scotia have run their course. "The best approach would be to replace them with producers of more profitable goods, rather than trying to inject new life into a warmed-over corpse."

NEW INDUSTRIES

Mr. Smith replied that the program he had outlined is aimed only at benefiting existing producers.

"It is not an alternative to attempts to attract new industry into the province." He cited the program pursued by the provincial Department of Trade which has resulted in bringing in such new industries as the pulp and paper complex now building on the Canso Strait, the fish processing plant at Lunenburg, the co-operative abattoir in Halifax, and the new oil refinery in Dartmouth. "This activity," he said, "is not so much part of a planning scheme as it is the job of selling Nova Scotia to outside investors."

Asked why the government was organizing its planning activity on a sector-by-sector basis, rather than beginning with the formation of an "over-all" planning body, Mr. Smith said, "we can make mistakes, and if we do, we want them to bear on as few people as possible. Therefore the government proposes to move from one sector to the next, modifying its approach in terms of what it learns in each case."

Finally, Mr. Smith was asked what position the government would take if the "voluntary" plans of two or more sectors happen to collide or infringe upon each other. He replied that this would undoubtedly happen, and the government would probably try to act as mediator in finding some compromise. "Of course, if a clash occurs which is of considerable harm to the economy, and which cannot be resolved in an informal manner, than sterner forms of arbitration may have to be imposed. However, it is certain that the government will do all it can to avoid such a situation."

Sex Loses Out Talk Is Better

VANCOUVER (CUP) There's at least one student at the University of B.C. who isn't interested in sex.

Paul Pereversoff is more interested in conversation -- at least that's what he said on the entry form to the UBC student newspaper Miss 50 Megaton contest.

The contest was to find the girl a student would most like to spend two weeks in a fallout shelter with.

Pereversoff nominated 19-year-old Gila Boksenbaum -- "because she is a great conversationalist."



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