

FEATURES....

THE I. S. S.

To Canadian students, the name International Student Service merely suggests a half-hearted effort to raise money to disappear in the welter of European needs following the war. It is hoped to clarify the nature, functions, and needs of the I. S. S. in these pages during the coming term, and to show to Dalhousie students their position in this vitally important part of the university community of the world.

A pamphlet issued by the British Co-operating Committee sets the purpose of the International Student service very clearly:

"I. S. S. is a service, by means of which students and professors the world over are able to meet each other; visit each other's countries; and when the need is there to help each other. Developed in 1926 from the European Student Relief Fund, it has spread across the world.

"I. S. S. has over twenty years experience of cultural co-operation and relief work behind it. Believing in certain fundamental university principles, it disregards all differences of race, religion or politics, and the relief it administers is always designed to restore to self-respect and independence the student body.

"The framework of I. S. S. consists of national co-operating committees, an international headquarters in Geneva and an International Assembly which, in time of peace, meets twice yearly. This Assembly is responsible for carrying out a programme on the basis of suggestions put forward each year at the International Conference."

Although the relief needs of students in the devastated countries of Europe are greater than is it possible for us to realize, the Service sees in the future a return to the normal functions for which it is designed, as relief needs decrease.

Canadian students, then, need expect no longer that the I. S. S. be for them a one-way organization into which they give money without expecting to see returns. The activities of the Service as the medium of cultural exchange between students and professors of all countries are being resumed and greatly expanded, greatly to our advantage.

Consider the advantages of being able to travel at reduced fares and to spend six months, a year, or more in a foreign university for about the same fees one would pay for a similar course at home. The writer of this article made a survey of centres of higher learning in Holland this summer to prepare a report which will be submitted to the Canadian Committee in November for the purpose of setting up the apparatus for such free, reciprocal exchange.

The Dutch universities and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Sciences enthusiastically supported the plan in its beginnings and are awaiting the next move on the part of Canadian students with great interest. The I. S. S. committees in Denmark, Norway and Sweden are watching our progress with interest and are already establishing exchanges and tours something like that arranged between Canada and Holland this summer. In this exchange five Canadian students went to Holland for the summer and one student comes from Holland to spend a year at a Canadian university. The Canadians pay for the Dutch student in Canada and he for them in Holland to a balancing amount in exchange.

Canada is perhaps the pioneer in the new work of building up cultural relations among the universities of the world, and Dalhousie students could do far worse than to take an active interest in the progress of any schemes along these lines.

Geoffery B. Payzant

Editor's Note: Mr. Payzant was the Dalhousie representative to the summer conference of the I. S. S. held in Holland this summer. During the term the Gazette expects to publish an account of Mr. Payzant's journey, and the results of the conference.

FRESHMAN'S VIEW

While sitting in my room trying to think what to write on the initiation I decided that it might help a little if I looked up the exact meaning of the word to better my scanty knowledge of the subject. Thumbing through my dictionary I found that the word initiation means the ceremonial rites by which one becomes a member of a society or fraternity. This leads me to believe that all the cards and facial make up that I am wearing makes me eligible for the society of Dalhousie University. And yet is that all the initiation signifies?

I have been trying to find a root to this horseplay and it all boils down to the same thing; it enables the freshman to get acquainted with the rest of their classmates and the rest of the fellows in their freshman year. Quite a few of the freshman are from out of town and it makes for better feeling all round if some of their friends are freshmen and freshettes from the city of Halifax as life in the residences is not the same as that which you would find at home.

Most of the people in Halifax seem to look forward to the days when they see all the Dal freshmen and freshettes parading the streets in various stages of disarray and I actually think the frosh enjoy it themselves. For who could help laughing, even at themselves, when a gang of frosh turn up at a drugstore and order a dozen or more of the cheapest sandwiches in the house and in the meantime start searching the premises for a moth, much to the proprietor's indignation. Or when a whole crowd of what obviously look like the Dal frosh turn up at a theatre and ask the usher for used stubs.

Again returning to my trusty dictionary I found the derivation of the word sophomore, something that will delight all frosh who do not know the original meaning, for I am told that sophomore is from the Greek sophos - wise, and moros - foolish, in other

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DEAR CHILDREN..

This, Dear Children, is the first of a series of little talks designed to acquaint you with your surroundings. This is dedicated in particular to the freshmen, to whom all this must seem strange, and so unlike home. We have tried hard not to put in too many long words, but there is a dictionary in the Library to which you can refer in case there are a few. The dictionary is heavy, but the Librarian will help you.

Entering the Campus from Morris St., we see a row of Buildings. Buildings are always important, and these have a purpose. To quote a member of the Dalhousie GAZETTE, "they are the repository, not only of Dignity and of Higher Learning (both applicable and useless), but of Several Important Institutions, such as the GAZETTE..." On the other hand, as a prominent football player said: "In the D. A. A. C. we see the culmination of a progress which began in Byzantium and Cordoba a thousand years ago!"

Facing east, we observe the most important building in the group on our far right. This is the Arts Building, so-called because it houses the GAZETTE Office, which is in the basement. In the GAZETTE Office are such people as S. Peeps, the Red Peril (who is still here) and O'Neil occasionally. If the GAZETTE Office seems a little dusty, moth-eaten or decayed, it is only because its members, the most important functionaries of this institution, are too busy to worry about other things. Also, in the Arts Building, you may see the odd professor, or a classroom or two.

Next door is the Men's Residence; men live in the Mens' Residence. Men eat there. That is all that can be said about the Mens' Residence. Then comes the Gym: in the Gym Store they sell things, such as sandwiches and coffee, or cake and coffee or sandwiches and chocolate milk. And books. I was forgetting books. Inside the Gym there are the D. A. A. C., the D. G. A. C., the D. M. M. D. S., the Campaign, the Alumni and the Showers (in that order). Across the way is the Science Building. It is therefore of no importance.

We pass on to the Library. The Library is very important; what with Dignity and Decorum and Books it is very imposing. It has "Punch" but not the "New Yorker" or "Esquire." You can smoke downstairs.

The Murray Homestead is also Very Important; it is going to be pulled down. It also has the Citizen's Forum and the Students' Council. At the Citizens' Forum you could get tea and cake for only fifteen cents (.15c). Or you could last year.

The Students' Council is very important; I don't know why, but it is. They always are. All the best Universities have them. Last year we had elections.

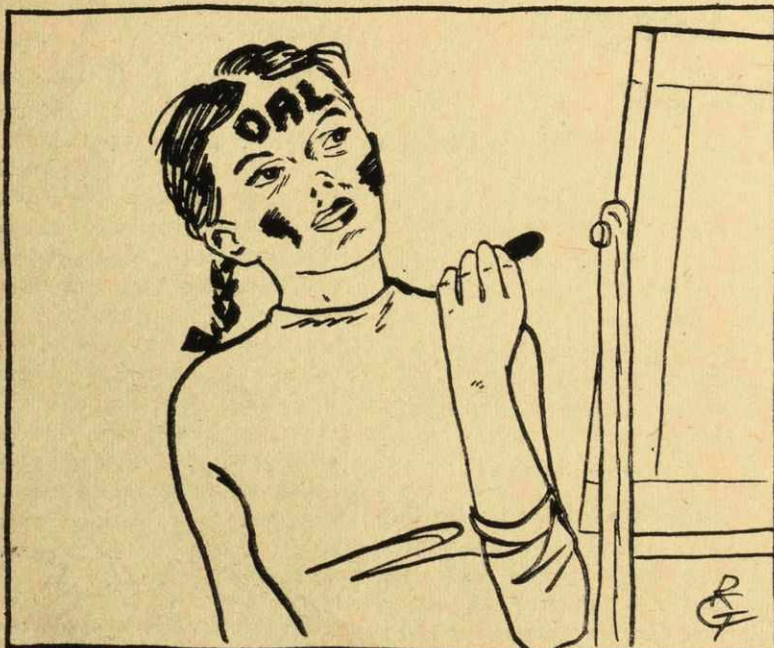
There are other places, too; Behind the Library is the Archives which is full of pictures. In the first room to the left as you go in the door there is a picture of a lady with no clothes on. There is also King's College, where they wear gowns if they eat. If they don't eat, I guess they wear clothes, like anybody else. There is also the Engineering building, where the Engineers go; they work too hard, and are rather quiet. There is also Shirreff Hall, which doesn't matter.

At this college we have sports. We play English rugby, Canadian rugby and there is a movement to bring in Belgian Congo rugby. We play ice-hockey, field hockey, ground hockey and gym hockey. Other places are Inferior in this Respect. Even if they do win series, and get big scores and things, they don't have the fun we do arguing about them. This is a Big Advantage Dal has.

Even the most stupid Frosh should find these articles a source of valuable information. We close our informal talk with one of the old college songs so dear to us all:

In the days of Tutankhamon,
There were alcoves at the Hall,
But the march of progress came along
And a floodlight spoils them all.

S. P. C. F.



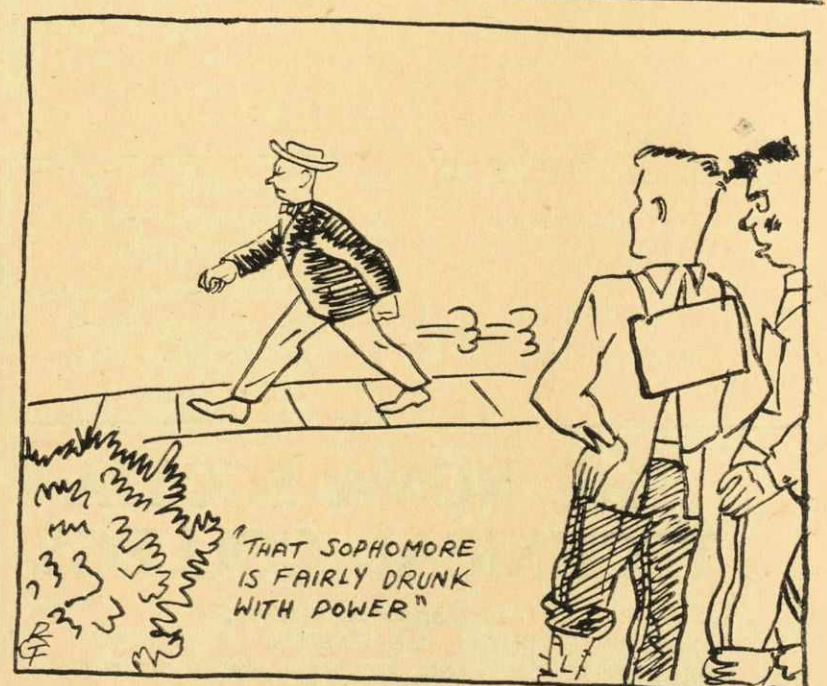
A HOPEFUL PROPHECY

I happily cannot foresee
In this, an age of hustle,
Modern ladies, fancy-free,
In hobble-skirt or bustle.

LEW



"EXPORT"
CANADA'S FINEST
CIGARETTE



A LACK, ALAS

If I seem a trifle pensive,
It's because I'm apprehensive
That the girl for whom I'm yearning
Might discover what I'm earning.

LEW