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FREELY AND WILLINGLY

Within the next ten days, the annual Blood Donor Clinic will once again visit the Dalhousie and Kings campui. Sponsored by the Canadian Red Cross, this clinic has met with varied success at Dalhousie in past year. This year the student organizers hope for better support when the students give their blood, and it is sincerely hoped that every healthy student, undergraduate and post graduate, will respond eagerly to the Red Cross request.

Blood Donor clinics have been held at Dalhousie for several years. Three years ago, the idea of a national competition among university students was conceived, and a trophy appropriately called the "Corpuscle Cup" was established for the national competition. Supporters of the Blood Donor drive at Dalhousie further aided the competition by establishing awards among fraternities and faculties within this university.

Awards of this kind undoubtedly aid the Blood Donor Drive, but in urging your support of the 1955 Blood Donor Clinic, the Gazette hopes that loyalty to your faculty, fraternity and university will not be the foremost reason for giving your blood.

At the present time, the Blood Donor Bank in Nova Scotia has limited resources. The demand for blood almost exceeds the supply and if an emergency occurs, the strain on Nova Scotia's Blood Bank will be too great. In a world where mass destruction can occur in a split-second, such a condition is not healthy.

Indeed, such a condition is a state of alarm, and it is the duty of every citizen to remedy this situation in the only possible way. Money and verbal support are not enough. What is more important is blood and plenty of it. During the clinic's stay at Dalhousie, all students who are in a good state of health should give their blood and give it freely.

The Blood Donor Clinic is asking you for your support. Give it wholeheartedly. Regard the Blood Donor Drive not only as in the interests of your society or university, but also in the interests of your fellow man. Give freely and give willingly.

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On the front page of the Gazette is a list of the percentages of passes and failures in the Christmas Examinations held at Dalhousie University. It has been the custom in the past to publish these marks. They have not been published with a view to putting the students or the university in a poor light.

This year there were a few complaints that publishing the percentages of failures would make it appear that the students were extremely dull and unsholastic. This is not the case at all.

It is felt that by publishing the marks it indicates that Dalhousie is not a snap university. It shows that the examinations are not marked easily, with a view to having the student appear as a genius, but rather the rigidity of the marking only proves that a degree from Dalhousie is a degree worth having.

N.F.C.U.S. Asks Support In Federal Govt. Scholarship Campaign

In just a little more than a week the students of Dalhousie University will decide by referendum whether they wish to remain a member of the National Federation of Canadian University students. The referendum comes at a time when every other member of NFCUS is in the midst of its local campaign to stir up public support in favor of a system of federal government scholarships for deserving young Canadians. And it is on the basis of this nation-wide campaign that NFCUS is asking you to vote to remain a member of Canada's only national organization of university students.

Immediately, you may ask: What has NFCUS done for me? Or, how is this scholarship campaign going to benefit me? The answer is quite simple. The scholarship campaign will not benefit you. It may benefit your children, or the children of your friends who are not at university now, because they can't afford it. Many of you have friends or know of many young people who

were unable to obtain a university education simply because they or their parents could not afford it. Yet these same young people would have provided just as much, for Canada, in some cases more, as those attending university at the present time. That is why you are asked to support NFCUS at Dalhousie — so that the national organization will remain intact and so that the Dal committee of NFCUS can go ahead with its part in the campaign to stir up public opinion in favor of a system of national scholarships provided by the federal government.

Most of you probably know that a NFCUS committee has already been received by the Prime Minister with their brief outlining in general form the proposed scholarship scheme. Briefly, NFCUS is asking the federal government to pay out five and a half million dollars to ten thousand young Canadians over a four-year period. This would mean that each scholarship or

Student Health Service Changes Announced

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette.

January 6, 1955.

Dear Sir,

The following is a letter I received recently which of interest to the student body.

December 11, 1954.

Mr. Victor Burstall, President of Students' Council, Students' Council Office, Dalhousie University, Studley.

Dear Mr. Burstall,

Subsequent to a meeting of the Students' Health Committee at which you were present, and where changes in the Students' Health set up were discussed and passed, I would like to outline these changes to the Students' Council and student body and by an announcement in the Gazette should you consider it advisable. New regulations will appear in next year's calendar, and in general the following are the proposed changes in Students' Health:

1. All students will receive a complete examination including a chest x-ray on entering the university.
2. In subsequent years students will be required only to fill out a medical questionnaire, and have their height and weight checked, and receive an annual chest x-ray. All this is to be done at the time of registration.
3. Students, that in their freshman year are found to be in a low medical category may be required to have annual complete medical examinations.
4. Any student subsequent to their freshman year who wishes to have an annual complete medical examination may do so and should contact the Students' Health Service for an appointment.

The above changes are proposed to eliminate the unnecessary examination of healthy students, and the financial saving is to be used to increase benefits to the students along the line of x-ray, laboratory, hospitalization and consultations with physicians.

The increase in benefits more or less following along the following plan. (1) The Students' Health Service will endeavor to pay for all x-ray, laboratory tests recommended through the Students' Health Service up to a maximum of \$30. The Students' Health Service will be responsible for 6 days hospitalization in the wards of the Victoria General Hospital at the new rate of \$9. per day. This rate will include all x-rays, operating room, and laboratory tests done at the hospital during the period of hospitalization. The Students' Health Service will continue to pay consultation charges at the rate of one consultation per illness. However, charges for glasses and other appliances will still be the responsibility of the student. The Students' Health Committee proposes to continue to accept the responsibility for any injury occurring athletic events within the university.

It is felt that the above changes will be acceptable to the student body in that it affords them greater protection for acute illnesses and a the same time does not unnecessarily use up the Students' Health fees in routine procedures. Trusting that you will give this the required publicity,

Yours sincerely,

W. A. Murray, M.D.
Director of Dalhousie Students' Health Service.

It can readily be seen, the new policy is to give increased protection to students once the malady is discovered, rather than to allocate a majority of the budget to physical examination or normal healthy students. Dr. Murray has carried out a statistical analysis of the Student Health Service Records which indicate that the percentage of new cases discovered subsequent to the first physical examination is negligible. The new procedure will also be more akin to those in effect at other universities.

On behalf of all students I should like to sincerely thank Dr. Murray for his work in this respect. I have no doubt but that the change is one for the better.

Sincerely,
Signed Victor Burstall.

Correction

In the ninth issue of the Gazette, a letter signed by Matt Epstein was published. This was not a letter to the Editor, but was a part of the features' column "Fresh Out of Ether", written by co-authors under the nom-de-plume of Arcades Ambo. In an inter-office mixup, Mr. Epstein's name was inadvertently added to the article. The Gazette wishes to apologize for this mistake.

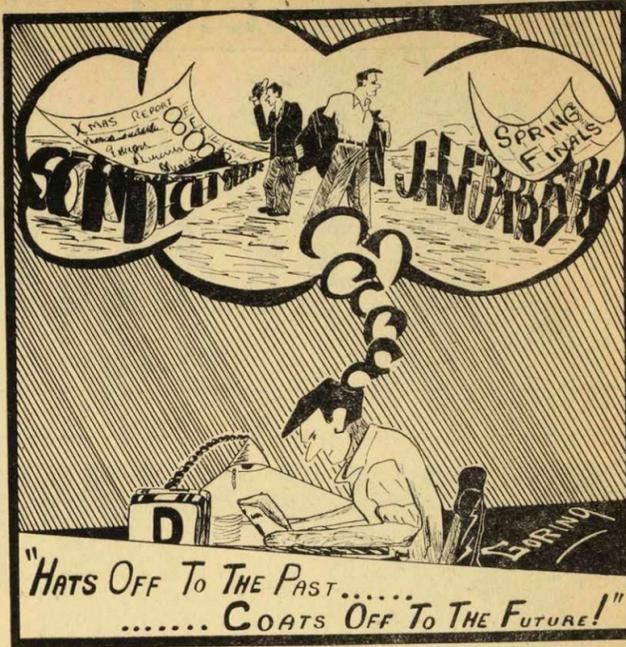
NOTICES

Students who wish to apply for admission to the DALHOUSIE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER, 1955, may now obtain application forms at the Registrar's Office.

Students who plan to apply for admission to the Dalhousie Dental School this year should arrange for an interview with Dean J. D. McLean before the end of the present session. For an appointment please call 3-4547.

bursary holder would receive an average of five hundred dollars a year and with most male students able to save roughly six hundred dollars, they would be able to obtain a university education without depending upon others for financial help.

If you think such a scholarship campaign is worthwhile, you should vote for Dalhousie remaining a member of NFCUS. If you think anyone who can't afford a university education doesn't deserve one then you'll probably vote against NFCUS.



W.U.S. Establishes Sanatorium Ward In Japan

A few weeks ago the first students were admitted to the new WUS student ward attached to the Inada Noborito Sanatorium, near Tokyo, Japan. Here they will be able to recover from tuberculosis and, at the same time, continue their studies under competent academic supervision. This is the first student sanatorium ward to be constructed in Japan, although it is estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 Japanese students suffer from T.B.

Plans for the sanatorium were drawn up in 1951, and a big fund-raising campaign was launched by the Japanese WUS Committee. In addition, in the summer of 1951 and 1952, international work camps were organized to enable overseas students to work side-by-side with Japanese students in clearing the site for the sanatorium, digging ditches for drains and foundations, etc.

The appeal raised \$10,000 from Japanese students, who had never before contributed to a self-help project of this kind. An additional \$10,000 was allocated from the international funds of WUS, and the Japanese Committee was able to secure gifts of some of the building materials. Construction of the building began in 1953 and was completed this summer.

The new sanatorium is the third to be built by WUS to help

TB students in Asia. The first was opened in 1951 at Tambaram, near Madras, India; the second in 1953 at Shillong, in Assam. In addition, WUS has sent supplies of drugs to the student sanatorium in Rangoon, Burma, and has assisted in the development of a similar sanatorium at Tjisarua, in Western Java, Indonesia. During the present session, if sufficient funds are raised, a student ward will be opened at Pakem Sanatorium, near Djokjakarta in Indonesia, and work will commence on the construction of a \$80,000 student sanatorium near Istanbul, Turkey.

The construction of a whole network of student sanatoria in Asia and the Middle East reflects the basic WUS policy of providing treatment for tubercular students as near as possible to their homes or places of study: WUS does not support, on medical grounds, the transporting of sick students over long distances to large international sanatoria, however good their facilities may be.

Since 1954, WUS has also provided funds to assist the construction or equipping of student sanatoria in many European countries, including Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Italy, Poland, Rumania and Sweden.

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