

"Hidden River" Well Received

by Betty Archibald

Despite a small attendance, the D.G.D.S. play "The Hidden River" performed in the gym on Thursday (Friday, and Saturday, of last week, was very favorably received. The play, written by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, and taken from a novel by Storm Jameson, was well acted, and the students that did exert themselves to attend were full of praise for all who took part.

It appeared that Dalhousie students showed the same apathy that accompanied last year's D.G.D.S. play, "The Admirable Crichton", in their small attendance.

The "Hidden River" recounted the "before and after" events of the return to his home, of a man believed to be a war-time traitor. John Chambers certainly made the most of this role, as he finally proved to his family that his son, not he, had done the betraying. Other leading parts were taken by Don Aitkens, playing Jean Monarie, Norm Rebin as Jean's brother, Francis, the real traitor, Julia Gosling as the head of the family, and Penelope Stanbury as Francis' fiancée.

The play was the first serious drama to be performed by the D.G.D.S. in three years; in the past two years, comedies have been presented. Despite the small audience, which did increase on Saturday night, Julia Gosling, the director, felt that the reception was generally enthusiastic and that the cast and stage crew deserved much praise for doing so well in a rather difficult play.

Props, makeup, costume, lighting, and all the other unseen credits, helped the production go smoothly, and Julia Gosling proved to be an able director.

A review of the play will be found in the Features section of this issue.

WUSC Treasurer Van To Arrive Tuesday

The joint WUSC Committees of Dalhousie and Saint Mary's Universities have extended an invitation to all students and citizens in the Halifax area to its Treasure Van. This annual display and sale of international handicrafts will be held this year at Saint Mary's University from November 18 to 21.

Started several years ago by Mrs. Ethel Mulvany, the former "Indian Sale" now envelops the cultures of such countries as Brazil, India, Greece, Jordan, Japan, Germany, Peru, Mexico, Malaya, Canada, Jamaica, and Thailand.

Most of the proceeds go to the WUSC International Program of Action, a program of material aid to students in other countries, which includes such measures as housing and health centers.

Special efforts this year will be directed towards Egypt, Israel, Vietnam, India and Japan. The remain-



Having been fed, fondled and feted by the Gazette staff, Pedro, the Upper Canadian stuffed shirt, exhibits no desire to be repatriated. However, when he began to expound upon how a newspaper should be run (above), editors decided to unload him on Bishop's University. When he goes down to the woods today he's in for a big surprise . . .

NFCUS PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES STUDENT DAY, SOVIET TOUR

The National Federation of Canadian University Students plans to sponsor a National Student Day, in accordance with the requests of university students who attended the 22nd Congress of NFCUS in Ottawa last month.

In an interview with Mortimer Bistrisky, National President of NFCUS, it was announced that plans were being made to hold National Student Day sometime in the second term. Mr. Bistrisky stated that, unofficially, such a project had met approval when discussed with government authorities.

Mr. Bistrisky stated that the purpose of National Student Day would be to acquaint the public with the student, his activities and his problems. This would in turn stimulate action and results in gaining governmental and other benefits for students. One particular example of this would be the NFCUS Scholarship Brief which would gain wider publicity and consequently further action.

Bistrisky also reported that for the summer of 1959, NFCUS Travel Service has planned a series of im-

proved tours for Canadian university students.

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All students interested in these services offered by NFCUS are asked to see Doug Smith, who is in charge of NFCUS Travel for Dal-

housie.

This year NFCUS is offering three tours. Two are tours to Western Europe, and the third tour is the "Soviet Tour" taking in a large number of Communist countries. The latter is the only such tour offered in Canada and is said to be much better than the "Soviet Tour" offered by the United States National Student Association, in that it stops at a greater number of places behind the Iron Curtain.

Students going on the tours will leave Canada by chartered ship, and return by ship or plane. If students choose to fly back to Canada, they can take advantage of stopovers to visit places not included in the tours.

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NFCUS CENSORS UNIVERSITY FIRING OF STUDENT EDITORS

by Peter Green

Three editors of the University of Ottawa's French student newspaper *La Rotonde*, have been fired by the university administration, without a hearing, for publishing a report by a past editor who had been fired earlier this year. This brings to five the number of editors who have been dismissed.

Springhill Relief Through Dalhousie

Dalhousie's NFCUS organization has been the scene of intense activity during the past ten days. The reason: the nation-wide NFCUS Springhill Relief Fund is being channeled through our university. An open letter from National NFCUS President, Morty Bistrisky to every Canadian university appealed for funds and has received immediate response.

Following is an excerpt from that letter:

"The disaster in Springhill is a national tragedy. We, as university students, must contribute our small share to help ease the sufferings of our fellow citizens.

"We can show Canada that we are not mere adolescents but mature young adults who recognize our responsibility to the community.

"We ask each campus to raise a sum of money and forward it to the NFCUS Committee at Dalhousie University . . . which is close to the scene of the disaster.

"The method employed for raising funds is left to each campus. It does not matter whether the contribution is large or small, the important thing is that we do what we can according to our means."

This week, Dalhousie and the nation were working toward that end.

The three, Louis Cliche, Pierre Trindel and Roger Roy, each received letters in the mail on the day following the first issue of the paper this term, from Rev. Leonard Ducharme, Dean of Students at the University. The letter stated: "The University regrets to be obliged to forbid to the members of the editorial board any participation in any way in the activities of *La Rotonde*". A public notice distributed on the campus announced the removal of the three from their posts.

The administration cannot dismiss the editors, since they are appointed by the Students' Federation, it can only exert pressure to have the move carried out. Following receipt of the letter, the editors filed their resignations with the Students' Federation. The Federation did not accept the resignations, requesting a meeting with the administration to clarify the matter. At the meeting the administration stated that its position was definite.

Mortimer Bistrisky, National President of NFCUS, has been in contact with officials at the University. According to Mr. Bistrisky, the university considers the matter "a closed case". NFCUS has taken a definite stand in support of the three students.

"*La Rotonde*" did not publish following the publication of the first issue, and publication is presently suspended.

Normand Racharite and Jean David were fired for the publication of a special anniversary issue in which they levelled heavy criticism at the university for "religious paternalism".

BLOOD DRIVE DISAPPOINTING; APATHY OVERTAKES FACULTIES

The annual Dalhousie Blood Drive for 1958-59 came to a close last Thursday after receiving donations from only 513 students out of an eligible 1635. Herewith, the results in comparative form; and they speak for themselves.

Faculty	Enrollment	Donations	Rejections	Percentage	Last Year
Pharmacy	34	19	14	97.1%	92.3%
Eng. (over 100)	180	82	44	70.0%	78.5%
Nursing	52	10	28	73.1%	85.7%
Commerce	137	48	36	61.3%	64.8%
Arts & Science	719	247	175	58.7%	65.2%
Dentistry	55	15	4	34.5%	35.2%
Law	131	28	13	31.3%	46.3%
Medicine	272	57	8	23.9%	48.6%
Graduate Studies	55	7	3	18.1%	9.0%

% with handicap 1956-57—63.8%
 % with handicap 1957-58—57.0%
 % with handicap 1958-59—51.2% without, 30.8%

Fraternity	Eligible	Donations	Rejects	Percentage	Last Year
Tau Epsilon Phi..	29	16	13	100%	100%
Phi Delta Theta..	33	21	12	100%	86.1%
Alpha Gamma Delta (girls)	8	3	5	100%	—
Phi Kappa Pi.....	18	11	6	94%	63.3%
Zeta Psi	11	7	3	91%	100%
Sigma Chi	43	23	13	84%	75%
Pi Beta Phi (girls)	19	8	7	79%	—
Phi Rho	73	29	4	45%	59.4%
Phi Chi	49	9	1	20%	43.4%