

Fresh Out of Ether

by ARCADES AMBO

WHERE ARE THE ARMCHAIR POLITICIANS?

A few weeks ago this column urged that campus politics be brought out from behind the confines of the Dal Law School and put on the shelf for the benefit of interested parties on the campus at large. However, we didn't intend that it be left on the shelf! A recent announcement by Sodales, Dalhousie's debating society, stated that a plan had been adopted to expand politics into a campus-wide activity. The Peecees appear to be dominating the political scene again this year. Unless the other political parties show a lot more life between now and the forthcoming campus political election, they're going to be left out in the cold—and you know how chilly it's been lately!

There appear to be a sufficient number of Liberals on the campus to form an active Liberal group, but thus far we haven't heard many war cries from the Liberal camp. Might be their recent victories in the federal election has left them complacent. We might add that the local results of the provincial by-election has taken a bit of wind out of their sails. A little more encouraging is an attempt by a former Carleton College man to form a Co-operative Commonwealth Party (C.C.F. to the politically uninformed.) However, we hear that indications of student interest in this laudable enterprise have been practically nil, but they still bear watching.

However, in spite of their lack of interest in campus "grassroot activities", the grapevine informs us that many Dalhousians were out earning an "honest" buck from their respective parties in last week's X-marking contest.

What Students' Health Service?

On page 24 of the university calendar for 1954-55 the following appears:

"All students of the university are required to undergo an annual medical examination at the beginning of the session. Women students will be examined at Shirreff Hall; men students at the Dalhousie Public Health Clinic. For students in the professional schools, lists indicating appointments will be posted on the notice boards, while those in other faculties will be notified by mail or by telephone. Failure to keep appointments promptly will be regarded as a breach of university discipline."

The above is merely section one referring to the students' health service while section q (a) states further,

"Students required to pay the registration fee of \$81 are entitled to complete student health service as noted above."

It is now some two months since classes have been underway at Dal and so far as we know, the upperclassmen have received no notification whatever to appear for their "annual medical examination". No complaints have been heard regarding the payment of the portion of the registration fee allotted to medical care, but the sentiment is that the fee should not include medical care if steps are not to be taken to provide it. We agree that student failure to keep appointments for medical examinations should be regarded as a breach of contract on the part of the university in failing to notify the neglected members of the student body.

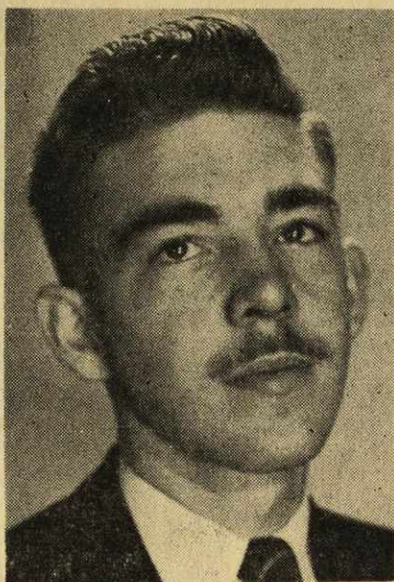
Absent — Guinea Pigs

Dalhousie's Glee and Dramatic Society took to the boards again for three days last week and scored with another musical success, "TV or Not TV". The show savoured a bit of last year's "Singin' in the Seine"—but that wasn't so bad, especially with the innovation of a number of well-done parodies based on CBC TV.

We were particularly pleased to see that the custom of having a Student Night went by the board this year, and that Dal's students weren't subjected to the annual hazards of a dress-rehearsal performance. In recent years the best efforts of the D.G.D.S. have gone unappreciated by the majority of the students due to the fact that few of them saw the performance in a polished state, and it certainly failed to give a true impression to the campus at large of the true talents of those taking part.

We like the new policy!

Pryke at Dal On NFCUS Schol.



Shown above is Kenneth Pryke, an exchange student from Carleton on an NFCUS Scholarship. He is taking his Masters Degree in history. For further information read below.

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, and educated in Victoria and Halifax, Ken Pryke, comes to Dalhousie as an exchange student on a NFCUS scholarship from Carleton College in Ottawa. At Dalhousie he is taking the fourth year of a five-year honor course in history. He will receive his honor degree from Carleton in 1956.

Carleton College has been established approximately ten years, with a day student body of five hundred and a night school attendance of about eleven hundred students. Due to its strategic position in Ottawa, Carleton is keenly interested in politics with vigorous student associations, of the three major political parties. Although the comparatively small student body makes the political clubs small, they are able to attract "name" speakers consistently. All clubs make use of National Associations available in Ottawa for speakers and literature.

The cosmopolitan nature of the nation's capital is reflected in the diversified and vital club activity on the Carleton campus. Carleton College is more of a homogeneous and integral part of the city than is the usual university which tends to build a semi-isolated world of its own. The Carleton campus as such is almost non-existent at present but one hundred and twenty acres have been purchased for the construction of new buildings and conventional grounds.

Mr. Pryke tells us that he took advantage of the opportunity to attend Dalhousie to avail himself of some courses here, which are not available at Carleton, and to associate with members of an older and traditional university. He was particularly interested in taking part in debating, C.O.T.C., and the United Nations Association, at Dalhousie, since they were his main extra-curricular interests at Carleton.

Last year only two students applied for a scholarship and both were ineligible due to their faculties. No student from Dalhousie took advantage of the fourteen scholarships amounting to over forty-two hundred dollars.

This year we have one exchange student at Dalhousie from Carleton College, Kenneth Pryke, who is taking Arts and majoring in History.

A Seminar or Not a Seminar

by D. J. HAMBRICK

Among the many weird organizations at Dalhousie, relegated to some forgotten corner of most Students' minds, is a mysterious group of students known as WUSC. To the initiated, of course, this means World University Service of Canada.

For most students, this dark corner is filled with Indians; because there exists no one with the audacity to say he has not heard of the famous Indian Sale. Most minds, however, are also populated; as you will no doubt ascertain if you ask a freshman; with Indians, probably Cowboys, perhaps Pocohontas, and, most certainly, Gene Autry; in the latter case, of course, there also being, and I quote "14,000 Cherokees, 38,000 Iragosses and several Soucs." WUSC, however, does not admit such people into its organization, and the Indians in question wear Turbans, not feathers.

TRI-SERVICE COLUMN

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Dalhousie University Squadron
Flying is often thought of as the most interesting and exciting part of the RCAF. Flight Cadets Noel Andrews and Peter Fillmore represented Dal at the RCAF's Flying Training Schools last summer.

Noel was stationed at No. 2FTS at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan after completion of the Reserve Officers' School at Royal Military College. Together with 50 other F/Cs from universities across Canada, he took his pilot's training. This consisted of technical ground school courses (meteorology, navigation, principles of flight) and actual flying (about 100 hours). These two phases took up about 10 weeks.

Aircraft used were all Harvard trainers, but in subsequent years, students proceed to heavier and faster planes. Many third summer cadets are chosen for training in the T-33 jet trainer at Portage la Prairie, Man. Others fly multi-engine Mitchell B25s out of Saskatoon, Sask.

This long exhortation on the nature of Indians is not designed purely to lighten the article. Actually, in being close to the truth; and having been a freshman, I feel justified in saying so, it illustrates the great indifference of most students to such worthwhile an activity.

(NOTE: I remember that I associated the Indian Sale with the Shubenacadie Reserve though I don't remember why).

As the name implies, WUSC is dedicated to the promotion of unity between world universities. In order to do this, by far the most important project it sponsors, from all aspects, is an annual Student Seminar in a foreign country. This seminar, and its relation to WUSC, is the subject which will be discussed. There arise three questions which instigate such a discussion. Assuming that the underlying purpose of WUSC is to promote unity between universities of the country which gives it, and the universities which send the delegates?; (b) how are the benefits transmitted to the people affiliated with the university? and,

(c) what response is given the project?

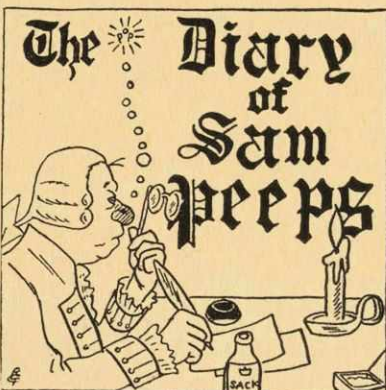
The first question is very interesting, and, although I am quite unqualified to judge what benefits are reaped by the universities of the country holding the seminar, I sometimes wonder how people picture a seminar. Did Rilda Harris spend her time in Yugoslavia reading dusty volumes of Communist literature through thick, horn-rimmed glasses, or, did she awake at twelve, don her sun-glasses, and head for another day at Charles' American Bar (Belgrade)? As I say, I am quite unqualified to judge either way, but assuming that the seminars are arranged to the best advantage, what does it accomplish at OUR OWN university? Obviously, not what it should accomplish; therefore, we might ask ourselves, what are WE going to do about it?

Once again, assuming that the material in the seminar is of sufficient interest to university students to warrant its existence, the fault must depend on the fact that the information about the seminar is not being distributed properly to those whom it may concern.

Feeling better today, resolved again to swear off. Didst slip forth of the evening undetected by my wife and to the Hovel for the great Ball. A great success, all wenches, wretches, and witches seemingly in attendance. Didst notice on of the masters Halt who didst waltz beautifully to a fox-trot with Miss Cutit whilst his great ally one statistics Blackpork didst stand aside with the appearance of great enjoyment. Home at one of the clock and to my chambers my wife still out with her dancing master, a most frightful habit. And so to bed.

Wed. 17th. Up and out early to dine (?) at Inforrests, to Donaldsons Hall wherein I didst spend the day, perusing many pictures and books, as well as the more comely wenches who do enter

therein. Espied a group of skating girls and eagerly awaited their performance especially Miss Path, but it was not forthcoming. Didst depart sadly to take the air and spend the afternoon in contemplation of my cellars full of vintage sack. Suddenly, seized with a great thirst I ran headlong for my home and quenched it thoroughly. Didst venture out of the evening and to the James to see the musical revue. Whether from my joyful state or what I know not, I didst seem to see naught but a blank curtain throughout most of the production with but brief and infrequent lapses into acts. A most shameful waste of the dancing girls who didst disport most seemly at times but far too few. Home greatly disgusted and to my revolving bed.



Sat. 15th. Up late and stayed about my chambers, fearful of the cold. To lunch with my wife thence to the plain, there to enjoy the air and the contest. Arrived in time to see Dullhousie's great champions, the Tabbies, advancing from the lists for an afternoon of jousting with the Flyers. A dull affair owing to superior strength of the scholars, whence I departed in great haste for the warming chambers of the great sty on Souze Street. There in many who didst complain mightily against the cold and take all possible precautions to ward off any chill. A motley crew comprised of the Dry Felts (none dry) the Dateless Guys (party once a month) as well as those aforementioned cads the Sly Chaps who were studiously ignored by all. Didst remain as long as possible but at last evicted and thus home to face the wrath of my spiteful wife. A fitful night due greatly to the gyrations of my bed and the shrewishness of my spouse. Upon cuffing her soundly didst gain some measure of rest but a bad night at the best.

Tues. 16th. Have stirred not since the revels of Sat. which did cause thumpings in my head.

Sneeze Signifies Schol. System

Fourteen NFCUS scholarships are offered to the students of Dalhousie for the coming year. This plan enables Dal students to spend a year at universities outside the Maritimes. The students selected are exempt from tuition, registration and council fees, amounting to approximately \$300 in most cases.

Any Dal student who has completed his second year of university is eligible, provided he returns to Dal to complete the final year of his course. Several universities will permit students to attend under the NFCUS plan for graduate work, whether or not they are returning to their home universities for another year's work. Universities will accept exchange students in all faculties with the exception of Medicine and Dentistry.

An exceptionally high average is not a prerequisite for the scholarships. In selecting candidates, the local selection committee will keep in mind the advice of the president of one Canadian university who said, when speaking of the Scholarship Plan, "the important thing seems to me to be that the students of ability be sent out as ambassadors, who will not be

so bound down to their studies, because they find them difficult to keep up with, as to be able to mingle in the student life. They ought to be able to bring back to their university both sides of the university they have visited".

The Dalhousie Selection Committee is composed of the Dean of Arts and Science, the Registrar, the President of the Students' Council and the Chairman of the NFCUS Committee.

Application forms will be available after Christmas and may be secured from the office of the Registrar or from the NFCUS chairman and must be returned by Feb. 15th.

The object of the plan is to permit specially selected students to take one year's university work at universities other than the home university and in a different part of Canada. It is hoped that these scholarships will, to a certain extent, act as a check on the tendency of Canadian University students to become restricted in outlook, academically and geographically. Also in many cases the plan permits specialized study otherwise unobtainable.

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