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PHAROS FOR '51

Although this paper is not the local racing form, we are willing to give odds that the Year Book for 1950 will not appear until 1951, and there will be a repetition of last year's fiasco. The onus of the situation will fall directly upon the Students' Council, who have not yet appointed a new Year Book staff.

No organizational work for the new Pharos has yet been attempted. Even if the status of ensuing Pharoses is somewhat in doubt, a certain amount of preparation will be necessary for any attempt whatsoever at a year book. Blind to the experience provided by last year's lack of organization, the Council has exceeded the blunder by postponing preparation until the second term.

Should action be taken immediately, there is little hope that Pharos will appear on schedule. But certainly, if action is delayed any longer, a year book for 1950 will be a physical impossibility.

AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRESS AGENCY

After having established U/PRESS at the I.S.S. Summer Seminar in Germany, August 1948, a group of American and Canadian students, among whom were more than 60 student journalists, discussed the feasibility of a student press agency for exchange of news within the university world on an international level. This historic meeting was held at sea aboard the T.S.S. VOLENDAM. The assembly agreed on the principles of the new agency, which were prepared in Germany by a nine-nations student convention. A group of students from the University of Montreal were asked to undertake the establishment of an American continental office.

At the Canadian University Press conference held in Montreal December 28-31, this group approached the conference and offered U/PRESS to CUP. This offer was gratefully accepted and the Varsity (U. of T.) was appointed central American bureau.

The acquisition of U/PRESS by CUP has given an international flavor to Canadian college papers. A closer affiliation of European and American students and a broader exchange of ideas is now anticipated.

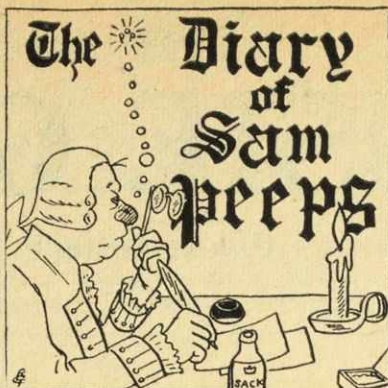
This new system will be operated in the same manner as British United Press and other international news agencies. Its benefits to the average student will immediately become apparent when the wider outlook derived by the Canadian student from the introduction of CUP, which covered only Canada, is considered. This new system will bring news of significance to the attention of Canadian students which they otherwise would never hear about and help them in forming opinions about the rather confusing state of affairs in the world today.

LITTLE USED HEADS

In the plant of the Gazette's printer in downtown Halifax, on one of their storage benches, lies the Dalhousie Gazette's least used head. It is the head which should appear in every issue under these editorials, as an integral part of the editorial page of the paper, along with the material under it. Or, at least, so the tradition of newspapers would lead us to believe.

For decades, the modern newspaper, whether large or small, has been held up as the voice of the people, their liberator, their guide in time of need, and their most potent means of expression. But, like the Gazette's least used head, these purposes of newspapers are becoming extinguished or, at least, unrecognizable as the dusts of self-interest and party interests slowly settle on them.

Lest the reader attribute any portion of the blame for this state of affairs to the Gazette, let us hasten to say that the Gazette, let us hasten to say that the Gazette's least used head read . . . through the dust . . . Letters to the Editor.



January 7, 1950. Up betimes and to the office of the Spectator, Early edition, where I found all in a state of great confusion. It doth seem that Red Lightert, the Editor, and Joe Lightdaughter, the Managing Editor, have felt that they could not continue to work on the paper and have therefore handed in their resignations, to the great consternation of Lightert's co-editor, Loose Blockhead.

In great need of help, Blockhead made certain changes in the personnel of the staff to which certain of them took exception and resigned, and Blockhead had to take them quietly by the hand and explain the great emergency to them individually in order to persuade them to return to their cubicles, and agreed in addition not to use the whip on them or make them work on the Features page, which they consider a fate worse than death. I did consider the whole thing very silly and felt that all had acted in a disgracefully childish manner.

Afterwards I strolled about Studlee, where I met Vaintoe who was hurrying home from a lecture, for, he says, they give him a great appetite. I did discuss the recent election of Duke Urpert as representative of the County of Poorman. He did say that All Bacchus-sacks had done much better than anyone had anticipated and that many, including him, who had laid small wagers on the outcome were astounded and impoverished by the large number of votes Bacchus-sacks received.

Monday, January 9, 1950. After breakfast I set to work at my desk, opening the large accumulation of mail which divers persons had sent to me during the festive season. I did receive one from a person named Skid Roe, who did wish me a happy Yuletide. I have heard much of this fellow and the scurvy knaves he associates with, such as Wentron, Noneward, Hairless, MacDonnie, and others. I fell to thinking about past escapades of this group and of their notorious party last Fall after which some of them did repair to Marmalade Hovel at an unreasonable hour of the morning and ask for some damsels to accompany them to a ball. They were ejected as they deserved and proceeded to the ball, unaccompanied.

Did hear that Exclamation Genuflect has announced his intention to take a wife and did rush out to see if this were true. I did meet him on the steps of the Wood Building and did shake him by the hand, warning him to proceed with caution as these things do not always turn out well, witness mine own case.

Tuesday, January 10, 1950. Up betimes and to the College-on-the-Hill where I went to the former Gentlemen's Assembly Room, now swarming with cackling females, gloating in their slight victory over the superior sex. I met here many persons I had not seen for some time. I saw Gael Lessdaughter, surrounded by a bevy of admiring damsels. I did also see Hack Lose-cint talking to Stroke Whippy and Jewel Badlose, who listened attentively to all he said and laughed at all his witticisms, no matter how dull.

I did also see many persons playing at games of chance and skill with little bits of square paper covered with printing. I noticed Gabby Rush standing behind one of the participants and commenting on every play he made. I did go up to him and ask him what game they were playing and he replied that he was not sure but thought it was called Span. He did tell me that the society of actors and acrobats of the Glum Club wanted
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Political Developments Cause of IUS Failure In Norwegian Universities

OLSO UNI-PRESS). The Norwegian Report on the Council meeting of the International Union of Students, held in Paris, Sept., 1948, has now been issued. The report states that the failure of the IUS in Norway may be traced back to the political developments of the last few years, towards which the IUS has adopted an attitude of consistent support of the Communist viewpoint.

Norwegian students are willing to admit that they have wrongly neglected to send a representative to the IUS Secretariat in Prague, thus making the influence of their opinion weaker, and the IUS less effective.

The Norwegian delegation makes the following recommendations to the NNUS:

(1) The NNUS ought not to become a member of the IUS because it has no right to support certain political opinions on behalf of Norwegian students.

(2) Wherever there is no danger of becoming involved in such political attitudes, the N N U S should maintain practical co-operation with the IUS.

(3) Wherever the NNUS thinks it cannot co-operate, clear reasons should be given.

(4) The NNUS should send observers to the more important meetings of the IUS, especially to the Congress and the Council meeting.

The Norwegian students think that the IUS has acquired a one-sided political color, despite some tendency to compromise during the past year.