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Elections— A Time for Action

Campus elections are again upon us and with them come the perennial problems arising every year. Apathy shows itself most clearly in this situation.

Nominations deadline was Friday night and only one nomination had been received for the position of president of the Council and only one for vice-president. Our constitution, however, wisely provides that at least two candidates must stand. In a thriving democracy like ours, this clause would seem unnecessary; the Council, in all probability, one would imagine, would be besieged with nominations. But this is not the case. The students must be safeguarded against their own apathetic nature; they must be forced to exercise their freedom to choose; they must be spoon-fed democracy.

Why should nominations for president and vice-president and in fact, for all other Council positions, be so hard to fill? True, if he succeeds, any of these positions will require time, effort and hard work of the candidate, but there are numerous students with sufficient ability in their academic courses, combined with the necessary qualities of leadership and personality, capable of taking this responsibility. Where are these students, we ask? Why do they not step forward and offer their services willingly so that the competition may be stiff and the campaign worthwhile? Perhaps only the sacrifice which such a step entails can be seen by our modern generation, which does not realize the extent of the gain to the campus in general, and, far more important, does not comprehend the benefit the individual would experience. Extracurricular activities prepare the student for the time when he must leave his "ivory tower", and surely each should want to get all the practice he can.

Nor does the blame lie entirely in the hands of the qualified students. Much, in fact, must rest on the shoulders of all Dalhousians. All students who run for office soon learn that all they receive in return is harsh criticism or, at least, a cold tolerant silence. They can expect no co-operation from the students. They are beating their heads against a stone wall, and yet we are stupid enough to be amazed that they don't love it.

VOTE—that's the first step for the students to take. Then, support the candidate elected and offer him help. Don't criticize unnecessarily and praise when praise is due. When this attitude abounds, Student Government at Dalhousie will flourish actively.

You Can Win Too

Do you throw money away? Of course not, you answer agast, but the sad truth is that you do, you, and thousands of other Canadian university students, who, for seemingly no reason, do not apply for the many scholarships and bursaries which are available to you each year.

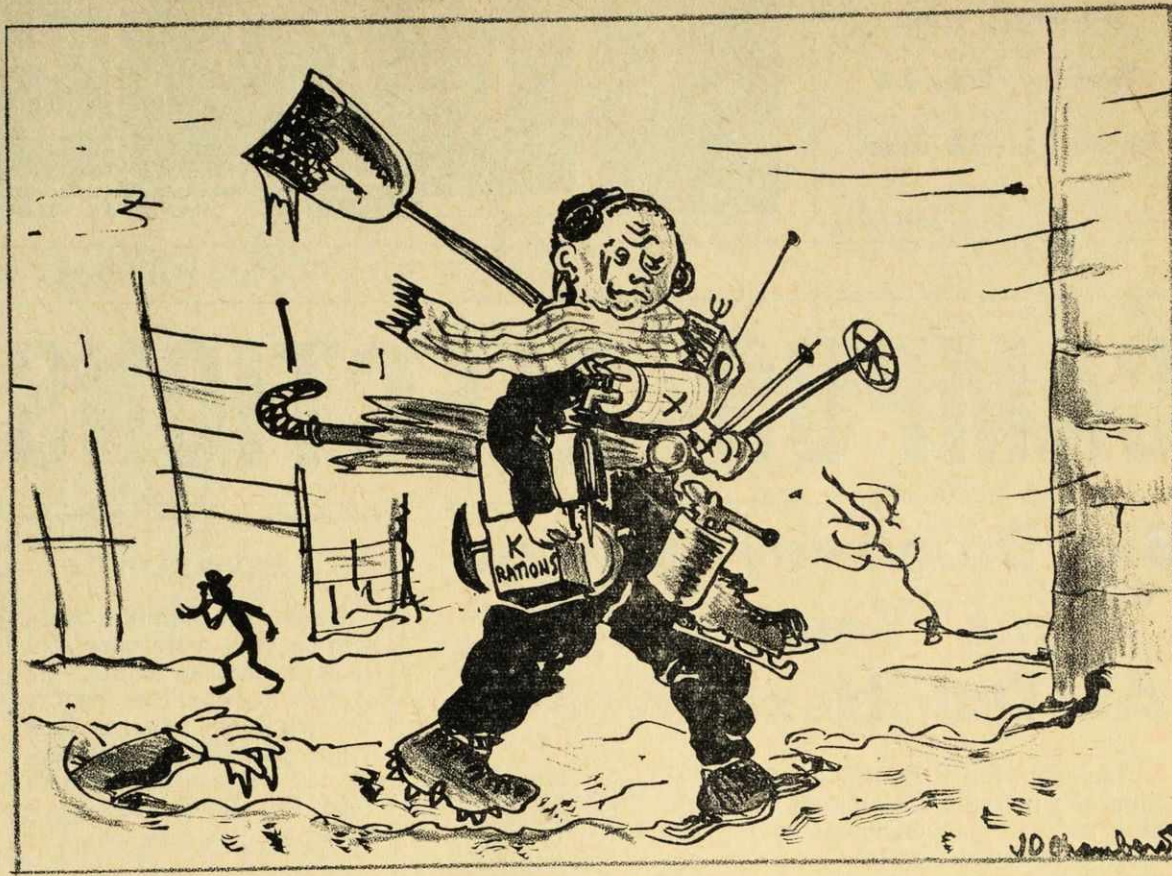
Every year these scholarships and bursaries go begging for applicants and often cannot be awarded because no student applies or so few apply that the necessary calibre of student and the competitive spirit are lacking.

The trouble lies solely with you, the student. The University posts lists of all scholarships, bursaries and prizes available and advertises them in the best ways possible, but it cannot drag students to read them and apply. What happens? The application date passes and only two or three applications out of a student enrollment of nearly 1700 have been received. And yet there are so many students with the necessary qualifications who will work all summer and sometimes part time rather than apply.

Wherein lies the problem? Surely it cannot be said that these students are lazy. Doing manual labour all summer can hardly be considered play or constitute laziness. The reason for this problem must lie, then, in the lack of self-confidence of many students. They know that the prizes are there but feel that they would have no chance and, therefore, never apply.

This defeatist attitude will get YOU nowhere. You can't win them all but you do have a chance—that is, you have a chance if you apply.

February In Dalhousie



Denis Sips the Brimming Cup

Eleven St. F. X. students were arrested last week for causing disturbances during the course of celebrations marking the end of mid-year examinations. In an article appearing in Toronto's Varsity, it was stated that police made the arrests after students refused to help push a patrol car. The automobile was stuck outside a cafe which the police attempted to clear. Having received suspended sentences from an Antigonish magistrate, the students must also appear before the University Disciplinary Committee which may, if it decides to take further action, expel them or send letters to their parents advising them of the circumstances.

The latest edition of the Acadian Athenaeum has taken no stand regarding the allegedly actionable that appeared in the previous issue. A short notice on the editorial page stated, "The Editor-in-Chief . . . has been suspended by the President of the Students' Union pending decision by the Student Judicial Committee. The present issue of the paper is therefore brought out by the Associate Editor.

Rumours that fees were to be raised next year at McGill were dispelled last week in addresses given by Principal F. C. James and

Mr. T. R. McLagan of the Board of Governors at an S.E.C. meeting. According to the Daily, students were assured that "no fee raises are in the offing", although McGill's deficit for the present academic year is \$2,129,000. The University refused to accept nearly \$2,000,000 offered by the federal government. Duplessis has given just over a million and a half, but the article declared that "it has been openly stated that our acceptance of federal money would be countered by cancellation of the provincial contribution".

Two University of Manitoba students resorted to Jesse James tactics to free CKY announcer Brad Keene from a local jail last week. Posing as reporters for the Manitoban, they forced a police constable at the point of his own gun to release the prisoner, and, after locking the "lawman" in the vacated cell, they lead "Sheriff and Deputies" on an hour-long chase before finally being apprehended. Charges were dropped, however, when the two boys pleaded early morning lectures. Keene had been jailed as a publicity stunt for the Mother's March of Dimes. Campaign officials agreed that the student prank

would boost the efforts of 8,000 marching mothers and 350 men.

The Xaverian Weekly reports that there is a fair chance that present plans for forming a national network of Canadian University radio broadcasts will bear fruit. Dave Warren of Memorial University, originator of CAUB (Canadian Association of University Broadcasters) idea, first presented his proposal as a motion in a meeting of MUN's Student Council. It was adopted and forwarded to universities all across Canada. "Nothing but favourable replies have been received so far," Warren said. NFCUS have also endorsed the plan, which calls for a weekly program originating from one of CBC's production divisions, with a CBC producer coordinating the different regions at a national level. Apparently the CBC is "still somewhat skeptical, but they are nevertheless willing to listen." The program would consist of weekly news reports from the participating universities, and its purpose would be "to give the general public a better insight into the Canadian Universities and into the Canadian University education". A conference is being held this week in Toronto to discuss the proposal.

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