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## A Gentleman's Agreement and a Rule

The elections are over and the campus, following one of the most hotly contested campaigns in years is settling back once more. Before it is completely forgotten, however, we would like to draw attention to some regrettable election practices which occurred in both parties.

There has existed in past years, on the campus, a gentleman's agreement that no candidate will campaign during the 24 hours immediately preceding the election. No obligation rests with the candidates to observe this custom but until this year it has been observed and we were disturbed to see it broken during the recent election by both parties. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Cyr addressed several classes in the medical faculty at Forrest; Mr. Haley's and Miss Roper's supporters blossomed forth with yellow and black campaign ribbons.

The infringements did not stop even at this point. On election day a flag bearing the slogan, Vote for Kerr and Cyr was raised on the Studley flagpole, and balloons bearing Mr. Haley's name were floated from the window of the Men's Residence. This, in spite of the fact that there is a direct regulation in the constitution of the Council prohibiting all campaigning on election day.

We trust that the candidates guilty of the infringement were ignorant of the ruling and not merely ignoring it, but whether they were or not makes no difference just as it makes no difference that the infringement may have been done by the election manager and supporters of the candidates rather than the candidates themselves.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to see that those whom he has in his campaign party do not place him in such a position where he is seriously jeopardized.

We trust that next year we shall see a return to the old campaign rules both written and unwritten.

## Letter To The Editor

Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette  
Dear Madam,

With respect to the N.F.C.U.S. Executive action in the case of the Russian Forum I, personally, am in partial agreement with the "irate student." Since the referendum was held at Dal last term the local committee has repeatedly urged that action be taken by the National Executive, but to no avail. Now it is too late to do anything but the course suggested by the Executive since the approach of

exams on all campi renders the holding of a National Referendum impossible.

However, the delay will not be so long as it seems for the Russian students are going to be contacted and all possible arrangements made before the N.F.C.U.S. Conference in September. On this basis the tour could take place, if it is possible, shortly after the conference.

Yours truly,  
Ron Robertson,  
Dal N.F.C.U.S. Chairman

## Review—

### Always The Hills Beyond

—Thomas Wolfe

The New World has even been accused by the Old as having no respect for tradition, no culture, no sense of values. On the whole, a land of Philistines where materialism and the dollar are kings. Out of this land of the Present there have arose great voices of wisdom and Beauty but they are few and far between. And of all the voices, one was the loudest of all, one was really filled with a deep understanding of his people and his World and knew the value of the Old, the truth and falsity of both.

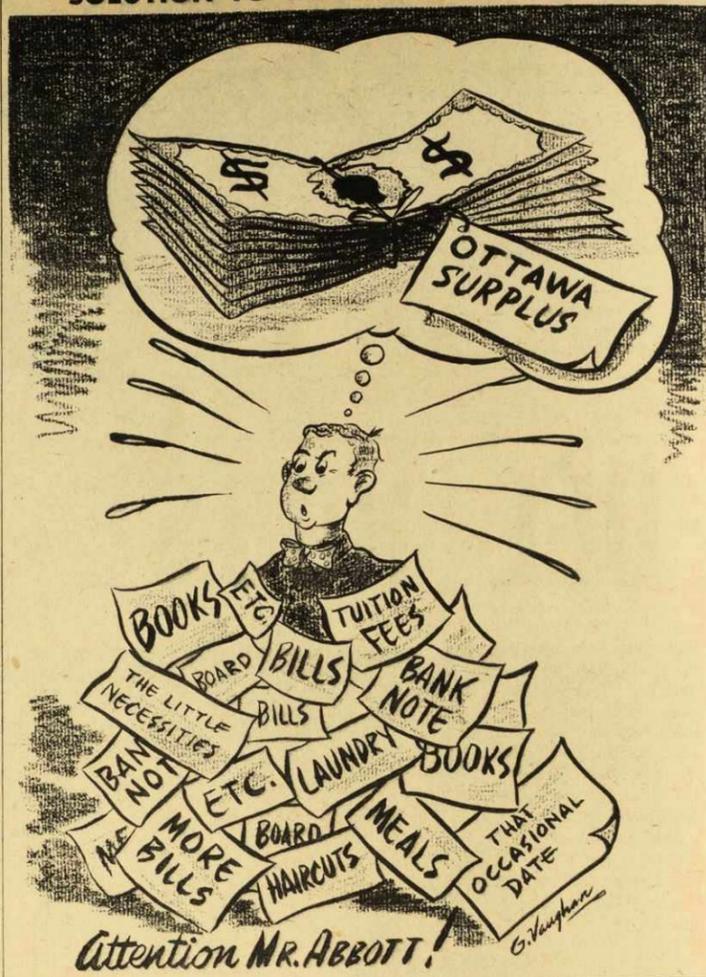
This man was born in the hills of Carolina. A country boy from a small town whose large, hard-pressed family were like strangers in a strange land. This man out of all of them, was destined for university. He had a thirst for knowledge that drove him to his death, for the books he read and wrote, long into morning, the cigarettes, the alcohol, the deliberate avoidance of food, gave him the weakness and the disease that killed him at 38. He was Thomas Wolfe.

Our New World had not heard such a poetry-in-prose before or since. His breathless descriptive passages, his knowledge, the ghosts of the past and the nameless anxieties that haunted him, and the loves he knew and lost, made his the voice of America, the translator and interpreter of non-comprehending Europe.

Look Homeward, Angel, Of Time and The River, You Can't Go Home Again and The Web and The Rock are the four big novels upon which rests his fame. All seem groping, non-coherent and bewildered just as was the writer, but through them all is the voice of auto-biography which more than accounts for the mist of futility. Wolfe's life time of searching for an answer to all "his frenzy and unrest", searching for "a stone, a leaf, an un-found door—" and for "the unremembered faces" is the story of his writings. In each man there lies a tortured, lost and homeless soul that is ever alone and comprehended by no one. This is the facet of living that he fastened his literary clutches on and in the dim caverns where man has always sought in vain he somehow succeeded, not in finding an answer to the inextricable complexities but rather in sizing up the immensity and reducing the overpowering emotions of aloneness.

As a result his novels have produced an epic of poetic prose, a great panoramic and kaleidoscopic view of our world against which men forever wander from birth to death, and none ever really knows them, wants to or care to. They

## SOLUTION TO THE STUDENT'S PROBLEM



do not even know themselves. In our mother's face. Who has looked into his father's heart?—a stone, a leaf, an un-found door—and all the forgotten faces. O Lost! and by the wind-grieved, ghosts, come back again.

## The Killer Walks Softly

Dear Mary, my heart breaks to tell you  
The things that this last letter holds,  
For in truth I believe I still love you  
And yet my desire is cold.  
But because I can not bear deception  
Nor the scorn of proud mockery,  
I am ending the bright tale we started  
As the end came to what used to be.  
It's funny, but I can't remember  
The days when love's passion was new,  
When the promise of earth's days together  
Was founded on kisses by you.  
For all I recall now is sorrow  
And how you sadistically chained  
Under a false mask of morals,  
A fire that couldn't be tamed.  
And the night that you said "Do not kiss me"  
Was the night when the quiet dusk came—  
When the dusk deepened slowly to darkness—  
That darkness where only the lame,  
Vacuum-conqueror that is your successor  
Walks with the memories we knew—  
And, Mary, though Yesterday's over  
Tomorrow will grieve but for you.

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