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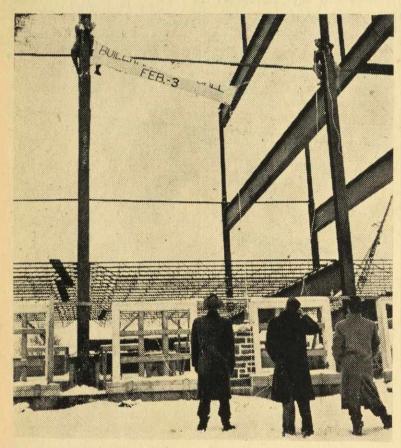
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## COUNCIL TO UTILIZE SINKING FUND TO PUBLISH YEAR BOOK



The engineers wil go to any extremes to get a bit of publicity. Here two boilermakers risk their mechanical necks on the girders of the new Building in the hopes of arousing a turnout for the Boilermakers Ball.

### A Lesson In Finance

The majority of the Council of Students is badly in need of a lesson in elementary finance.

As the story elsewhere on this page reveals, the Council, by an eight to three vote, approved a recommendation by the Year Book Committee to dip into the sinking fund to the extent of sixteen hundred dollars . . . this to help provide a total budget of four thousand dollars for the publication of the 1949-50 Pharos.

The Council does not seem to realize that sinking funds are not set up to provide current revenue . . . they are for capital and emergency expenditure or losses.

Those who voted for the motion seem to justify their action on the basis that this is emergency expenditure. In any business sense it is no such thing. Any forseen expense is certainly not emergency. If anticipated current expenditures cannot be met without delving into those provisions made for capital and emergency expenditures, then the anticipated expenditures should be cut.

We might as well expect the university to cut a room from the new Arts Building to cover operating losses at Shirreff Hall, as pursue the present policy.

That the Council should wish to publish a first-class year book is not strange. But when the time comes to pay for past mistakes, it should not jeopardize those features of stability which are still in existence.

Year books have been published for less than four thousand dollars. Covers have been found that cost less than eighty cents. Fewer pages and less expensive papers have been used. The Committee is no doubt incorporating some of these features in its plans. But if economy measures are not sufficient to bring cost within reaching distance of revenue, those measures should be extended.

If the Council insists on its policy, the matter should at least be put to a student vote. And the more sensible students will agree that expenditure must not exceed revenue.

## Council of Students Passes Vote of Confidence on '49-'50 Year Book Committee; Plan for Book Approved

### Juniors Decide To **Hold Formal In Gym**

The second meeting of the Junior Class was held last Tuesday in the basement of the Arts Build- What Student Council ing. About thirty members of the class turned out to hear the dis- Did On Tuesday Night cussion relevant to the feasibility 1. Appointed a committee to conof a Junior Prom. Andy MacKay

A report on the matter of a Junior Prom was given by the 2. Committee appointed to look into the matter. The committee had 3. arrived at the conclusion that a Gym dance was the only possible form of a Prom that there could be; and that only with a tremen- 4. dous amount of co-operation from the class. A formal dance, be it in the Gymn or elsewhere was out of the question.

The matter was discussed by the 6. meeting which decided that a formal dance would be held in the Gym March 1. A committee of 7. eight was appointed to make arrangements for the Prom.

A meeting of the Junior Class will be held sometime next week 8. for the election of officers. A full turnout of Juniors is humbly requested.

### **Grads Must Have Photos Taken Now**

The Year Book Committee has announced that all graduate photos that are to apear in Pharos 1950 must be taken before February 28th. All Studley graduates are advised to make appointments with Jack Dodge, photographer, immediately as the pressure of work may prevent them obtaining an appointment at a later date.

The Year Book Committee has rented gowns and hoods from the Business Office which will be available for the use of graduates at Dodge's Studio. The Committee has also been instrumental in obtaining a reduction of \$2.00 from the initial fee.

Forrest graduates are advised to make, their appointments at Climo's Studio immediately. Mr. Climo has all the necessary gowns, hoods, and tabs for Forrest graduates, and has advised that early appointments are necessary if all graduates are to have their photos in this year's Year Book. Mr. Climo has agreed to charge the same low free as in previous years.

Cheques are expected for payment on Saturday morning, January 28. Please WATCH THE OF PAYMENT.

The Students' Council at its meeting Tuesday night approved by a vote of eight to three a motion of confidence in the committee appointed to publish the 1949-1950 Pharos. This vote of confidence included in it approval of the plans drawn up by the committee in regard to the nature of the book and the means by which it would be financed.

- sider the possibility of holding a Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic.
- Approved DAAC budget for medical expenses.
- Approved re-allocation of funds to provide a free skating period after the hockey game at the Forum Tuesday night.
- Appointed Jan Robertson and Shirley McCoy to Awards Committee.
- Approved Constitution of Society of Graduate Studies.
- Approved Report of Personal Services and gave vote of thanks to Manager Bub Troy.
- Gave vote of thanks to Betty Evans for the management of N. S. Open Badminton Tournament.
- Heard Report of Publicity Committee and Allowed reallocation of funds for purchase of photographic equipment.
- Considered letter from the President of the University respecting the headline of the Gazette of January 20. The Council voted that the corresdence should be published in the Gazette.
- The Report of the 1949-1950 Pharos Committee was considered. A motion of confidence in the committee and support of its recommendations was passed by a vote of

#### Notices

Don't forget to be in the Chem. Theatre Tuesday at 12 o'clock to hear Dr. T. W. Isherwood on 'What is the Christian Faith?"a most vital and interesting question for the student of today.

The regular meeting of the Dalhousie Co-Vettes will be held in the Engineers' Common Room at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31. For those interested there will be a skating, party if the weather permits and for everyone else there will be Bingo in the Common Room. All students' wives are invited to attend.

There will be an open house to all students on Sunday evening at 8.45 p.m. in the Men's Residence Common Room.

Speaker: Ross Hamilton, who NOTICE BOARDS FOR HOURS will talk on "Student Thought Be- the Council had gone to the stuhind The Iron Curtain.

The vote of confidence was moved by Council Member Ned Banks (Dentistry) and seconded by Dave Jamieson (Engineering). The the motion-Milne, Coles, McCul members voted as follows: For loch, Lomas, Campbell, Jamieson, Banks, and Doane. Against the motion - Mackay, Sawyer, and Doig. Abstention-Newman.

The vote of confidence was forced upon the Council when it was revealed that in order to publish the Year Book it would be necessary to dip into the sinking fund to an amount of not less than \$1,600, and this amount might be increased if anything went wrong with the committee's plans. .It was pointed out that the Council was in a relatively unfavourable financial position at present and might have to draw upon the sinking fund to meet operating expenses of the current year. The possibility that the basketball team might reach the playoffs and have to be financed out of the fund was also mentioned. It was contended by members Mackey, Doig and Sawyer that to finance the Yearbook out of the sinking fund this year would seriously deplete a fund that had been accumulated over a period of about nineteen

Other members of the Council pointed out however that the members of this year's graduating class had paid into this fund for a period of at least three years. This was denied by those opposed to the expenditure. It was argued that the members of this class had paid for Yearbooks for three years and to a graduate the most valuable book is that of the year of his graduation. Many of the members felt that a Yearbook should be published if it were at all within the power of the Council to do so.

It was also argued by the members that if a Yearbook were not published this year it would probably mean the end of Yearbooks at Dalhousie. Some of the members who opposed the report of the committee contended that it would be impossible to publish a yearbook next year as compulsory fees could no longer be collected from students upon registration. They felt that the Yearbook was doomed anyway and the publication of one this year would do no good.

The adoption of the committee's report was also opposed on the grounds that a plebiscite of the student body was a necessary prerequisite to any expenditure of money from the sinking fund. It pointed out that several years ago

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### CLASS VERSUS SOCIETY

The classification of students at Dalhousie for extra-curricular purposes is, to say the least, inefficient. We talk of student apathy. We blame the university, the city, the end of the war, other students, and even ourselves if all else fails, but we have never given our student organization the scrutiny it deserves.

We put every student into two or more categories at once, and he is given little opportunity to become fully aware of the responsibilities involved in any of them.

Let us take, for example, an Arts student. After his first week or so, he quickly forgets the freshman phase of his career and, if his Society is on its toes, he is sold a membership ticket in the Arts and Science Society. From then on, the student is more an Arts and Science man than a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. These four categories are called to mind only when there is a dance sponsored by one of the classes . . . a dance which is usually the brain-child of about 10% of the class involved.

There is a further complication. Should the student join any one of the Students' Council sponsored organizations on the campus such as the Glee Club, Sodales, the Publicity Committee, or the Gazette, his affiliation with his Society will often go by the board.

Clearly then, some better system should be evolved if a student is to fulfill his obligations to those with whom his studies group him ... or if he is to do so much as become aware of his obligations.

From the above analysis, it might seem that the societies, being the more powerful of the two types of organization under question, should be retained, and the class system dropped altogether. But the purpose of such organizations is supposed to be the broadening of the student's interests and associations and outlooks. This purpose will only be partly achieved if the student meets merely those whose studies match his.

This overlapping of systems has caused us trouble more than once. The lack of interest in and the consequent failure of the Junior Prom last year can be traced to this source. But the most obvious and prevalent proof of trouble can be seen in the attendance at any meeting of any society or class. There is usually found the same 10% of students at such times . . . the ten per cent who are sufficiently aware and interested to divide their time between two overlapping organizations. It has been proved time and time again that the other 90% will not so divide their attention. Indeed, given any distraction, their attention will turn completely.

We do not recommend that the Council immediately abolish one of these types of organization . . . we do, however, ask that an examination be made of their relative merits, and action taken thereon.

### Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Moreira:

Dr. Kerr has asked me to send you the following excerpt, with Dalhousie Gazette, Friday, Janureference to Pharos, from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board

that it shall be the policy of the university, in accordance with the mittee:

- (1) That, beginning with the present session (1949-50), the sum of \$3.00 be collected from members of the graduating class only;
- (2) That the Students' Council be advised that the amount of \$3.00 already collected for all other students in 1949-50 will be returned to them along with the unexpended portion of their Caution Deposit-if students not in the graduating class wish to purchase copies of the 1949-50 issue of Pharos, they may do so voluntarily; and
- (3) That the students be asked to publish a less expensive Year keeping with their anticipated passed: resources."

Nola Henry,

Dear Mr. Moreira:

Relative to the headline in the ary 20, "Council to publish Pharos despite University Ruling", the Executive of the Board of Goverof Governors, held on January 13: nors, at its meeting yesterday, "It was unanimously resolved decided to call to the Council's attention to the fact that the Executive has issued no "ruling" in the opinion of the Board-Senate Com- matter but had merely made a request.

> I think this is clear from the minute quoted in my letter of January 19:

"That the students be asked to publish a less expensive Year Book than the present one, in keeping with their anticipated resources".

Wil you please bring this matter to the attention of the Council?

> Yours very truly. Nola Henry,

Secretary to the President.

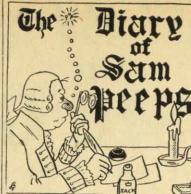
January 25, 1950.

The Editor,

Dalhousie Gazette. Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Coun-Book than the present one, in cil the following resolution was

"To clarify a misinterpretation arising out of a headline in the Secretary to the President. Dalhousie Gazette of January 20th,



Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1950-Alas, my new system of bookkeeping has proved unsuccessful and I am forced to recite from memory all that I saw at the Spectator Gallop.

Surely She's Coy was approaching the scales to be weighed to determine the price of her admittance but her escort did snatch her back and state that he would rather pay the full amount than take a chance on her weight.

Billsdaughter was there with Miss Wouldn't, who was his partner long ago; I was pleased to see them together again, for they make a fine couple.

Also present was Knave Flusher, an aged and decrepit journalist, was told all and sundry that when he had been Editor of the Spectator it had been a much superior publication. The revelers did humor this dotard and all pretended to believe his assertions, though they were manifestly false.

Less Ozone, the Prime Minister, graced the occasion with his presence and had the good fortune to win the special prize, a box of confections. I asked him if he were embarrassed by this unaccustomed publicity, but his only reply was, "I hate chocolates". do believe that Miss McDull, his partner, was quite pleased however.

Miss Phlemn and Lord Giggle did do the minuet quite gracefully and a group of admirers collected about them to watch. Art Hairline, his partner, were also graceful but did not collect so large a group of admirers.

Some were nervous lest the net which was tied over their heads should fall upon them and some of the more befuddled did cry out that it had fallen but this was their own imagining.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1950 - Did meet Allfired Hairless who told me, rubbing his hands together the while, that the Spectator had not made a financial loss on the Gallop as all had anticipated.

Did hear that the Junior Class. a group of the scholars, did announce that a meeting was to be held. Over twenty damsels appeared at the meeting but only five young gentlemen. A vote was held to determine whether they were to sponsor a ball, and all the damsels and one gentlemen voted for the affair, but the other four men were opposed. The Parliament looks upon this enterprise with great disfavor and has decreed that the members of the committee are to become personally liable for the success of the affair. Some difficulty is anticipated in obtaining a committee.

Did go to the Law school, where I met Mr. Foxe. He told me that he had just come from the latest lecture of the new class the legal scholars are taking and that now he knows all about the stock market. He said that he was on his way to the Assembly Room where he would try to enter a game of chance to get some capital to start his venture. His plan is to buy shares on the margin and sell shares himself on a holding company to take any loss he may incur. He intends to issue a large number of preferred shares at 100% to himself and neglect to declare a dividend on the Common stock. In this way he intends to make enough to retire for life in Kingston.

we request that the enclosed correspondence be printed."

Yours very truly, Arthur Moreira,

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## LAW STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MOCK PARLIAMENT

ENGINEERS' BALL

TONIGHT

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MILLION-AIRES' BALL

FRIDAY, 10th

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Some of the cast of the DGDS production of "Othello", which was seen last night by the students, and which will be presented tonight and tomorrow to the public.

### Year's Session of Mock Parliament To Begin Next Week at Law School

open this year on Monday, Feb. 13, the Commons chamber to the Sen-L. W. Fraser, K.C., as speaker. ate room where the Speech from This Parliament is conducted along the Throne will be read. The memthe lines of the Federal body in bers will then return to their Ottawa, and parliamentary pro- chamber where the Prime Minister, cedure is strictly observed. There the leader of the opposition and are no elections, each member of the Law School being entitled to membership. The support is drawn Throne. theoretically from the campus political clubs, although political affiliations are not strictly adhered

The Liberal Club will form the government. At a meeting last week D. C. Robertson was elected Prime Minister. W. C. Matthews, President of the Progressive-Conservative Club will be Leader of The Official Opposition, who will each party. be assisted in opposition by George Loukes, President of the C.C.U.F. The ministry wil be made up of about ten government supporters.

Mock Parliament will run for three days. The first night will be taken up with the general procedure of the opening of the House. ties and was initiated in 1886.

Mock Parliament is expected to The members will be called from other members will speak in the debate on the Speech from the

> Either the Motion in reply to the Speech from the Throne or the second will be delivered in French in observance of a long-standing tradition at Dalhousie.

> The second night the government will introduce two pieces of legislation. The last sitting of Parliament will be taken up with two opposition bills, one sponsored by

The meetings of the Mock Parliament will open to the general public, and students in History and Political Science who are looking forward to Law are especially welcome. This is the oldest Mock Parliament in Canadian Universi-

### Dr. T. W. Isherwood Delivers First Of Series of Talks on Religion

ered in the Chemistry Theatre, last Tuesday before an audience of well over one hundred students and faculty members.

Dr. Isherwood, rector of St. Paul's Church, was brought to the campus under the joint sponsor- at work today?" and will conclude ship of the I.V.C.F. and S.C.M. organiaztions. He chose the theme "Our Christian Faith" as the topic of his lecture.

Introduced by Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of the University, Dr. Isherwood defined the Christian who see something unique in Physics Theatre on Tuesday, Febpurpose of God.

Dr. Isherwood said that he was not there to defend the Christian Sherren, the second speaker, will faith, but to let it speak for itself.

In 1950, the Christian Faith is still the answer to those who would know the truth. If we are to know God, we can and must know Him through Christ who said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and The Life. . . . No man cometh to the Father but

"If we held this Christian faith, essential.

The first of a series of talks by we do not look at the world with Cannon T. W. Isherwood was deliv- blinkers on" stated Dr. Isherwood. "We do not hold out against the facts of the world but come to grips with them," he said.

On Feb. 7, Dr. Isherwood will again speak to Dalhousie students concerning the question, "Is God the series on Feb. 14 with the discussion on "What about the Christian in the modern world."

### NOTICE

'The Physics and Chemistry faith as the "faith held by those Journal Club will meet in the Christ." For them, He is the em- ruary 7 at 5 p.m. The first speakbodiment of the mind and will and er, Dr. E. W. Guptill will discuss "High Frequency Resistance at Low Temperatures". Mr. W. D. L. deal with "Thermal Dehydration of Sugars".

### NOTICE

There will be a full dress rehearsal of the opera "Pirates of Penzance" Sunday, February 5th, at 2:00 P.M. A full attendance is the day before Munro Day, will be

# D.G.D.S. PRODUCTION "OTHELLO" SUCCESS

## **Council Did Tuesday**

- 1. Aproved Glee Club Budget of \$30 for electricians Fees.
- 2. Heard report on I.S.S. Dance. 3. Dealt with miscellaneous correspondence.
- 4. Learned that Chess Club has \$3.81 to its credit and Student Veterans Organization has \$2.80, but was unable to take action as these groups had no representation at the meeting.
- 5. Apointed committee to choose Dal students to attend NFCUS Quebec Seminar. (Lomas, Ross Hamilton, Dr. Smith).
- 6. Heard report of NFCUS National President Richey Love, on NFCUS national activities and the local NFCUS Commitand the local NFCUS Committee.
- 7. Voted to reallocate \$50 from Student Pubs Sodales budget to help meet expenses of Law debaters to go to Osgoode Hall.
- passed.
- 9. Decided to have report on of the University of Toronto. 1948-1949 Yearbook mimeo-Council members.
- budget.
- 11. Appointed Committee to look Yearbooks.
- on February 14th.

### **Awards Committee** Sends Notices

curricular activities at the University. These were sent out by the Awards Committee of the Student Council to determine the point standing of students who have earned points to their credit up to June, 1949.

These forms should be sent in to the committee before February 7, 1950. If the Committee fails to hear from any student by that date it will be assumed that he has no points to his credit.

### Plans for D-Day Over **CJCH Being Finalized**

Plans are being drawn up for the Annual D-Day Radio Broadcast, to be held the day before Munro Day. All announcers, script-writers, etc., are invited to attend a meeting to be held at 2 p.m. in the Basement of the Arts Building.

This has been an annual affair and it is hoped that the College spirit which has been lacking recently, will spark up and make D-Day a great success. If you're a would-be Norm Riley, or a second George Rich, put your thinking cap on and leave it there until Friday at two. CJCH is the station and Dalhousie Day on CJCH.

## What the Student Tracy Outstanding as lago; **Supporting Cast Excellent**

"Othello", the Shakespearian production of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society, was presented to an appreciative audience of students last night in the Gym. The main role, that of Iago, was played by George Tracy who succeeded in portraying the villian in a real Shakespearing style. Art Hartling handled the part of Othello while that of Desdemona was played by Willa Seeley.

purposes as the role of Desdemona guidance required to stage such a that of Emelia was played by difficult production. As in the past Holly Flemming. Robin MacNeil productions such as "MacBeth", was the loyal and brave Cassio.

TORONTO-(CUP)-Beer will never solve the problem of crowd-8. Sodales Budget of \$87.20 ed conditions in Hart House, according to President Sidney Smith

The president's statement refergraphed and distributed among red to a Varsity columnist's suggestion that beer be sold in the 10. Heard report of Publicity Com- athletic building in order to raise mittee and passed Publicity funds for the construction of a more spacious field house.

Bob Dnieper, sports writer for into means of financing future | The Varsity, defended his proposal on the grounds that the athletic 12. Decided to hold Student Forum association would be unable to raise the two million dollars necessary to build an adequate athletic building unless such a scheme was adopted.

Of the 9,000 male students visiting Hart House each day, Dneiper estimated that "90 per cent admit they drink, nine per cent lie about Dalhousie students have been it and the rest have stomach sent a form to be filled in giving ulcers." On the basis of this, he information as to their extra- predicted a potential profit of \$150,000 a year through the sale of beer. In five years, the university would have enough money to begin construction.

As important to all practical for the excellent directing and and "Twelfth Night" Mr. Pigot co-H. Leslie Pigot was responsible ordinated the acting, scenery, and various details into a complete art.

The production was unified in many instances by the suitable and well prepared scenery and stage effects. The industry of the stage crew was aparent. Albert McMahon was the stage manager.

### J. L. Ilsley Appointed Chief Justice of N. S.

The Federal Government announced last Thursday the appointment of Mr. Justice Ilsley to the position of Chief Justice for Nova Scotia following the death of Sir Joseph Chisholm on January 22nd.

Mr. Justice Ilsley attended college at Acadia University, following which he moved on to Dal Law School where he graduated in 1916 with an LL.B. After this he studied law in Kentville and later at Halifax. In 1928 he received his King's Counsel.

In 1928 he was elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal. He was re-elected again in 1930 and in 1935 when he was appointed to the Privy Council. During the war he was Minister of Finance and in 1946 became Minister on Justice.

In May 1949 he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova

### Canadian Education Lacking in Intensity, Principal Declares

Kingston, On.t (CUP) - "Cana- high schools and universities to education is as good as any but is interest their students in a teachlacking in intensity as compared to ing career. The failure of our that in Britain," was the conclusion drawn by Principal Wallace of Queen's University in a recent were turning our "geographical forum. The subject of the forum morons and historical illiterates." was: "Canadian Education, Good, Bad, or Indifferent?"

Opening the discussion, Mr. Hutton of the Extension Department, commented on improvements in the educational system in recent years notably the centralization into larger units which permits expanded facilities. As for the contention that this discouraged local initiative, in his experience "there was little local initiative to discourage." He noted an improvement in inspectors who no longer "terrorised students, and paralyzed teachers." The latter, however, were still too poorly paid and the

turnover of them too high. He urged the responsibility of swim.

schools to engender a legitimate nationalism was deplorable. They As to dynamic internationalism

the vision of a united world is the veriest pipe dream to the person with no vision of a united country," he concluded.

He emphasised the attempt to eradicate white collar snobbery by issuing almost identical graduation certificates to students from academic, commercial and technical branches, the main divisions in most high schools. To point his most serious criticism of our educational system he cited the case of a young graduate of Victoria College who drowned when his canoe capsized ten feet from shore since he had not been taught to

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### NEW IDEAS

The Junior Class has developed a new idea . . . they will hold their formal dance in the gymnasium this year. Because the idea is so new, it is being criticized by al and sundry ... these being the ones who have never heard of a gymnasium being used for a formal, or using so-called drastic measures to meet drastic situations.

What they forget or never knew is that, previous to the building of our two big hotels, a great many formal dances were held in the gym, and even a few since then.

With the class in debt, there is no good reason why it should lay itself open to the financial collapse which occurred last year. Whatever the reason then, there is no cause to believe that paying three hundred dollars for a ballroom will not again result in disaster.

The gymnasium can be decorated in such a way as to

remove the bareness, and even the acoustic shortcomings. With tables strategically placed, and a decent stage show or some other drawing card planned, a formal in th gym could easily be the best of the year.

### Letters To The Editor

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette, Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Council held tonight plans were made for a special meeting of the Council to be devoted to considering the "state of the union" and the merits of a brief being prepared on the subject. During the discussion it was stated that a serious misunderstanding had arisen as to the Council's position in relation to my remarks at last term's student forum. It was said that people both on and off the Campus had tended to associate the Council with what I had said.

I therefore feel bound to say (as I said at the Forum) that I could speak for myself only, and that my remarks represented my own feelings only, and were in no way to The Council was not consulted bebe asociated with the Council's. fore the speech was delivered.

Mr. McKinney laid down the only precedent that I am aware of, and he referred to his own remarks as "a more or less personal report . . . the result of my own personal experiences and observations as President of the Council."

Yours very truly. ARTHUR MOREIRA, President, the Council of Students

### AN OPEN LETTER

For weeks I've been listening to uninformed individuals voicing their opinions on why Pharos is late and how inefficient an editor the publication had. I planned to let the quality of the book speak for me but the committee in charge informs me that binding hasn't started as yet and, as a result of yesterday's column by your misinterpreter of facts, one O'eNill, the following statement is neces-

To single out one individual or organization and there place the blame is a typical O'Neill method, and here, as in most cases, he doesn't know enough facts (or is unwilling to print them) to war- her section as she could have been, rant his sounding off. His effort and when she did get the photog-

January 31st, 1950 | Moreira's (and the Council's) drooping shoulders and place it on mine is more evident of his sincere friendship for Moreira and his policies than an attempt to obtain the truth.

> That the yearbook is late is due to an unhappy combination of facts and circumstances which couldn't happen again. Originally there was a time clause in the publisher's contract which called for sixteen pages per week being delivered. This operation was to commence in February when the graduate sections were due. The staff was forced to break that agreement because the graduates refused to cooperate in getting pictures taken and write-ups in. Students said the photographers we picked were expensive. Considering that we supplied gowns students had been forced to rent previously they were cheaper and better. I appealed to the Council to give me authority to accept pictures only from photographers who could deliver quality pictures on time and failed. By the time the pictures were in (four weeks late, in some instances) my grad editors couldn't devote much time to year book duties as they had. Glee Club practices nightly. From the beginning we were late.

> Other factors further delayed Pharos. The last three hundred undergrad shots weren't printed by the operator who did the others. The new chap made a hash of it and at that stage my staff was so energetic that they mixed the bad shots with the good—as a result al of the underlgrad shots had to be gone over by the photographer and the inferior shots reprinted. This necessitated trimming of some of the shots and as a result this section which was to have followed the grads to press was also delayed. No other section of a year book can go to press before the student activities close, unless students want a book which ends its coverage in January.

My girls' sports' editor wasn't as energetic in getting pictures for to lift the mantle of shame from raphers and girls together, the

smashing his camera and ruining his negatives. Another attempt was made the next week with a new camera—the camera was defective with blurry results. The following time only half the girls showed up which meant another photographer had to chase them down individually. The same sort of thing happened with almost every other section.

The mens' sports editor couldn't grasp what he had to do-features staff was worse because with their departure many of our best pictures vanished. Photographers were hampered by lack of darkroom facilities and overwork (the previous year more work was done by paid photographers), combined with the lethargy of student organizations whose cooperation is essential. I knew, before we found the covers would be late, that, it would be impossible to get a book out on time, but to have mentioned that would have meant that even more pressure would have had to be exerted on the staff. During February and early March, I could devote only so much time to the year book and most of the time I had to spend chasing material for sections which should have gone to press previously, leaving me little time to get work done on other sections. The staff was told early in the year that they were expected to perform their duties, once defined, without undue pressure being exerted. They didn't, and very little of their work was completed at the end of March when they stopped to study, some promising faithfully they'd stay after exams to complete their work. Only one, Mary MacKay, kept her word. Another person who did twice as much work as she should have had to do was Carol Wood but even she got discouraged.

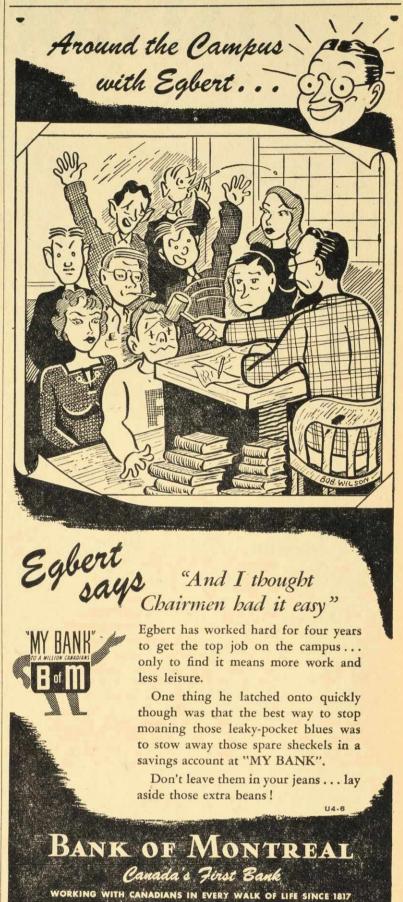
If the staff had stayed, the book couldn't have come out on time because of a misunderstanding by the cover company, stemming from a mistake made by a Canadian trade official in New York. When the covers were half completed (cut, grained, embossed and rubbed), one of the firm's officials was told by this Canadian that due to the American dollar shortage, customs wouldn't allow the covers into this country. I knew this to be untrue, but had great difficulty in persuading the company I was right, finally getting a ruling through the efforts of our local M.P. The covers, much superior and just as cheap as their Canadian counterparts, arrived in July.

Knowledge the covers wouldn't arrive until towards the end of July, angry because my staff walked out after exams, and the necessity of working to obtain money to live on until my job North End Branch: commenced in June, led me to Quinpool Road and Kline St .:

til I arrived in Cape Breton. I did LAY FINAL PUBLICATION. a limited amount of work on the but AT THE TIME I FELT SURE

photographer slipped on the ice, leave further work on the book un; THIS ACTION WOULDN'T DE-

Shortly after my arrival I susbook after my arrival there. I tained a serious skull fracture readily admit I could have finished which kept me under treatment in the book before the middle of June, Cape Breton and Halifax until (Continued on page three)



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