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VISIT OF DR. KATHARINE HOCKIN

To-day at 12:45 in Room 6 the SCM weekly lecture series will present Dr. Katharine Hockin, World Mission Secretary of the Student Christian Movement of Canada. Dr. Hockin was born in West China and has served in the mission field throughout China, India, Africa and North America, and in her present capacity with the SCM she is travelling to the local units to interest students in overseas work. In to-day's meeting Mr. C. McDonald, Public School Inspector in Port Arthur, will interview Charles Olutola, a Nigerian student studying on our campus, and Dr. Hockin will conclude with some general remarks.

On Saturday and Sunday a special seminar on Overseas Service will be held at Lakehead College. This seminar will seek to explore the deeper implications of service overseas and will provide opportunities to discuss your expectations, plans, ambitions, and frustrations in finding an area of overseas work, the preparation required, and just what the church is doing, its "philosophy" of work in a rapidly changing world. Applications for this seminar are available from SCM Vice-President Len Anderson. The fee is \$1.00, plus meals for the Seminar.

Because of the outstanding qualifications of Dr. Hockin, students are urged to attend both these events. As well as Dr. Hockin, Miss Joyce Anglin from Costa Rica and Associate Secretary of the Manitoba SCM will be present.

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MISSIONARY GO HOME

The missionaries of the last century set out with incredible courage, and naive optimistic faith to convert the heathen. For most it was a desperate race against time, to bring the glorious message of salvation to the benighted pagans before the return of Christ; the end of the world, and the final wind-up of things which would close the door of heaven for ever against those not possessing the correct formula. Most of the missionaries were too naive to realize the full ramifications of their activities. Their Gospel was saturated with Western culture, and as much of their energy was used to train the natives to become well-mannered European gentlemen as to disseminate religious ideas. Inevitably, the sincere but somewhat self-righteous desire to uplift the 'dirty' native and make a decent Christian out of him, has

back-fired with frightening violence. The devout Livingstones who opened up continents for 'Christianity and Commerce' prepared the way for ruthless exploitation by private industry, and for the establishment of military bases by Western governments. Prior to the Second World War, commercial and military exploitation of Africa and the East was by simple force. Now in these enlightened days, exploitation is continued under the guise of foreign aid, ostensibly free-will offerings out of pure Christian charity, but in fact a shabby form of bribery to gain business and Cold War advantages. Africans and Asians tend to assume that Europe and North America are in a real sense Christian. They loathe the 'Christianity' that is displayed by many Westerners in their own countries. It is little wonder that they demand that the Missionary go home. It is necessary to take a long hard look at our record abroad, before attempting any form of service overseas. The need for such service is great, but well-intentioned do-goodism, and ill-concealed bribery will no longer be tolerated by intelligent Africans and Asians.

Those who attend the Seminar on Overseas Service this coming week-end will have the privilege of grappling with these thorny problems.

....John Guy

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IN SUPPORT OF THE ORANGE LODGE

Recently an article appeared in the Newsletter concerning separate schools in Ontario. After reading it one is left with the view that the Orange Lodge is a radical organization, and a liability to Canada--comparable to the old Klu-Klux Klan in the United States. This is definitely not so! The Orange Lodge does discriminate against the Catholic religion, just as the Knights of Columbus discriminate against the Protestants. This prejudice is not directed against the people themselves, but against the theories of the Catholic religion. Furthermore, the Orange Lodge does not have any desire to rid the country of the Irish, Italian, Polish and Slovak peoples, since many members of the Lodge are of such nationalities--particularly the Irish. The comment was also made concerning the aim of the Lodge to remove Quebec from Confederation. How ridiculous this situation would be! What man in his right mind can conceive the idea of Quebec standing alone and independent of Canada. Each Orangeman

pledges loyalty to Canada and the Queen; they certainly do not seek to undermine confederation. I do not dispute the fact that the Orange Lodge has made public protestation against the growth of separate schools. I only wish to clear up a misunderstanding. The Orange Lodge is not a fanatical organization. It is only a minor expression of Canadian citizenship.

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WHERE'S SUE?

Sue who? Sue Valley. Oh, she's in Quebec City. Why? She was chosen by the college WUSC committee to attend its annual conference. What's WUSC? World University Service of Canada. What does this organization do?

Well, for one thing, they sponsor

TREASURE VAN

at Lakehead College

October 21-22-23

7:30 - 10:00 PM

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1967??

Nineteen sixty-seven will be here any minute now and no-one seems more aware of it than an electronic computer in Montreal which predicted that the proposed island site in the St. Lawrence River for the World's Fair could not possibly be completed until late 1969 or 1970. This reversal is going to cause a rather belated anniversary celebration, and it has resulted in yet another of the Fair's planners resigning, presumably to order some advance tickets for one of the well-planned American fairs to be held in 1967. And apparently while things muddle along in Montreal, nothing is moving here at the Lakehead either, unless, of course, there are bustling hives of activity backstage. But if there is, in fact, only the dry bones of a committee rattling around planning some Historical Pageant, I suggest that Lakehead College take an educated step forward and bring forth ideas to inspire this committee. Even a prosaic scholarship project, or something as sensational as amalgamation by '67, would probably be welcome ideas. I think that the College, on its own level, could make this the year to finally produce its own Model Parliament, or to plan, in the cause of our biculturalism, a couple of exchange visits with French-Canadian students for the school year. Whatever we do, it should not be only because we are remembering a sentimental centennial, but because one hundred years later, we're still here, schizophrenic, and sprawling, and struggling. Thus I think we

should commemorate this crucial year for Canada in some manner more imaginative than dredging up a river, or by erecting another unnecessary war memorial, or planting a few ineffectual tulips.

...Marilyn Spidell

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INTEREST AND ACTION

Three weeks ago some 65 students gathered to listen to a panel discussion on the problem of underdeveloped nations. As Mr. Harry Parsons ended his contribution to the discussion he snatched two books from his briefcase; he suggested that if we had attended the meeting because of concern for the problem, and not because we wanted to be entertained, that we might begin to educate our concern by reading Barbara Ward's book The Rich Nations and The Poor Nations (readable, and only 96 pages).

A poster on the bulletin board a few days later showed that some SCM executive member had taken to Mr. Parson's idea. She was offering students the opportunity to study the book in a noon-hour seminar group, under the direction of Mr. Merrill. That's when the problem arose: a week went by and only two students had contacted her about the group. The supposed concern demonstrated one Wednesday earlier seemed to have vanished.

This all makes one wonder: why did so many students attend this panel discussion? Are we curious, but complacent? Many of us would maintain that we are more than curious--that we are concerned. Most of us would probably add that we can't spare the few hours each week for an extra study seminar, yet continue to spend so much time doing nothing particularly important. Are we concerned? If action is the mark of caring, then I suggest that some of us ought to begin acting or else stop pretending that we care.

....C. Spicer

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APOLOGY TO DODGER FANS

I hope the countless readers of the Newsletter will accept my apologies for the irresponsible comments I made several weeks ago with regard to the outcome of the World Series. (Indeed, my creditors have accepted them.) I realize I picked the wrong team to finish first in the NHL last year (Chicago), the wrong man in the Liston-Patterson affair, the wrong team in the World Series, and probably the wrong teams to meet in the Grey Cup (Calgary and Montreal). But just for your interest I thought I'd let you know how the NHL will finish this year. It will be Chicago, Toronto, Montreal, Detroit, Boston, and New York in the cellar.

...Ken Mucha

Editor's note: We suggest that Mr. Mucha stick to stamp collecting.

Correction: The new building is to be the University Centre rather than Student Union Building as referred to in last week's Newsletter.

STUDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Nominations for the various offices of the SAC are now in and the campaign is now on. At 12:00 noon today in Room 16 the nominees will be outlining their qualifications to you and it is your duty to select those best qualified. When you vote you should consider not whether he comes from the same faculty, nor whether he is even your friend, but whether he is the best man for the job. With over 300 students to please, the executive will have a heavy load on its shoulders. Student representatives for the council will also be elected soon, so start thinking of someone right now who will best represent you. If you choose someone on the spur-of-the-moment, you may regret it later in the year.

Because there has been considerable interest in this campaign we felt it would be of interest to you to hear from the candidates running for president.

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A university is primarily an institution of learning. Aside from this purpose, it constitutes Student Administration. It should represent all students equally, whether they are in arts, forestry, technology or nursing—all must be respected. We cannot afford a divided council, as it does not make for proper student relations, or the spirit necessary in a university. Small or large, a college must be united!

The student body generates the interest and their wishes are presented in council. The task of the President is to channel these wants to the council, where they are either accepted or rejected.

A President who is prejudiced towards any faculty will not necessarily accomplish the most for the students. A President must be a person of action, who has the ability to understand the students' desires. Whether he is freshman or a senior is of no consequence whatsoever — a President must be neutral, for only in this manner will the university prosper as a united body.

The University Centre opening in January 1964 will give us the newest possible facilities. A President who represents a minority group of 6 per cent is unbiased.

Logozzo is such a person. See what you can do for him!

.....Joe Logozzo

MY MOTHER SAID..."You've got to take those Bible Stories with a grain of salt." A lecture entitled "Debunking Bible Miracles" will be given by Rev. John Guy-Friday, Oct. 18th, 12:15 PM in Room 4.

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In accepting the nomination for President of the SAC, I was fully aware of the responsibilities which would come to bear. The duty of the President is not to run the school, as is often misconceived. It is, however, one of leadership, backed by willing support of the representatives of all faculties. In the past years the SAC has seemingly existed for but one form of this college. As shown by the enrollment, this is not a sign of strength, but instead one of weakness and uninterest on the part of the others. I promise, if elected to promote functions giving each student an equal opportunity to participate.

The Lakehead College is badly in need of outside competition and college level activities. I propose some form of ceremonial admission be adopted. What is a college without initiation?

In having a closer relationship with our neighbours the Teachers College, and by co-operating with our Athletic Council, promoting not only our own unadopted Lakehead College Mustangs, and also more competitive inter-school activities, I feel the spirit and unity of our College could greatly improve.

The degree of spirit and enthusiasm, and the success of the SAC in making this year a better, and more memorable one, is dependent on student support on election day, and if elected I pledge to do my utmost in promoting the SAC Lakehead College.

....Jim Lunny

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To-day is our election day and it is the duty of each student to exercise his or her vote and do so wisely. The council you choose will be responsible for the allocation of almost \$10,000 during the coming school year. How this money is spent and how much you benefit from it depends directly on the efficiency of your council, and on your own participation in student activities.

This College, no matter how many new buildings it may acquire, will only be as good as the graduates it produces. Our College motto "Ad augusta per angusta," means "Only by going through difficulties may you reach the highest things." We are all here to attain higher goals, or we wouldn't be spending thousands of dollars on our own education, and we must work toward these goals. Aside from studies, participation in extra-curricular activities is a necessity to mould well-rounded citizens. Before marking your ballot, do some real soul-searching and consider wisely whom you feel will give you the best value for your vote.

....R. W. Piper

