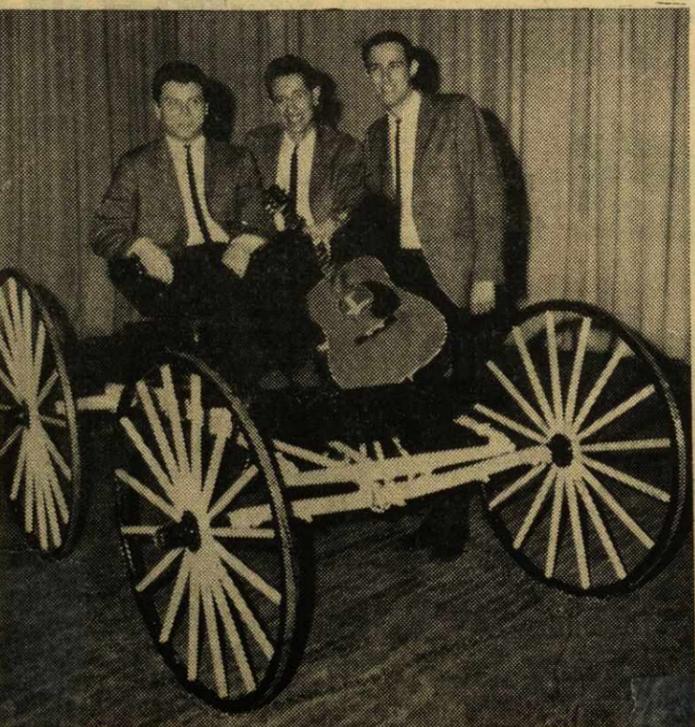
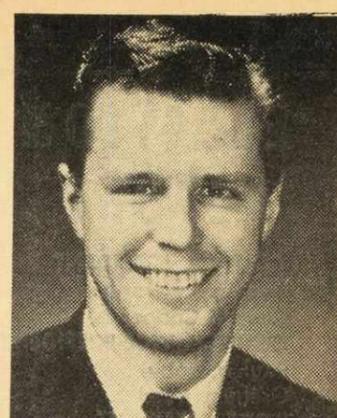


WINTER CARNIVAL SPECIAL



THE VICTORS

Victorious combatants George Cooper and Graham Read, incoming president and vice-president of the Students' Council. Each man shed his respective running mate, bringing about the fist split ticket in memory at Dalhousie. Cooper nosed out Dennis Ashworth by a close 589-530 vote, while Read beat Paul Murphy 605-476. While disappointed at being severed from their running mates, both candidates expressed pleasure at having been elevated to high public office. Election turnout was as usual somewhat short of 50%. Full voting results are on page 2.



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Layton here Feb. 18:

"Man is not a rational animal"

"I am Canada's greatest poet", Irving Layton has said, the point being not whether he meant it, but if it is in fact true. Actually the chances are rather good, although the issue is not without some question. Look at it as you will, Layton (born in 1912, near Bucharest, Rumania, emigree to Montreal a year later) is without doubt Canada's most interesting poet. Clichoidly speaking, "if you ever meet him, you never forget him". And your chance comes on Monday, Jan. 18; watch for the signs, the places, and lines. Cross my heart, he'll

be more interesting than Joey Smallwood. However, be warned: he occasionally bites or swears. Get vaccinated.

What has he actually done? He has written lots of bloody great poetry. With Louis Dudek he founded the Contact Press, which has succoured the works of many starving-type poets. He teaches at Sir George Williams University (late of McGill). He is a frequent performer on radio and TV.

Out of fear of misrepresentation by quoting out of context, here is a quotation from the foreword of his book of col-

lected poems, "A Red Carpet for the Sun."

"Man is not a rational animal. He's a dull-witted animal who loves to torture . . . Poetry by giving dignity and utterance to our distress, enables us to hope, makes compassion reasonable."

I don't care who or what you are, you are sure to like some of his poems — they are blood-and-gutsy, lyrical, cussing, always human, always beautiful.

He has said that he wants to talk to any interested English students. (Be interested, you can't lose.)

Model Parliament:

Parties Predict Victory

Well, once again, ye olde moment of truth has arrived for the campus politicians and sundry sorts afflicted with a rhetorical itch. This year's Model Parliament election committee, consisting of Frank Sommerville (Chairman), Joe MacDonald (PC), Don Brazier (Lib.), and Keats Currie (NDP), have set the election date for February 15.

Turmoil reigned some time when it appeared that Students' Council elections might have to be held on the same date. None of the party leaders favored an election coincidental to Council's, as it was their opinion that latter contest tended to "perpetually degenerate into disorganized chaos", and that with the added burden of Parliamentary elections, pure anarchy would reign.

Parliament will sit on the evenings of Feb. 20 and 21, at which time Dr. Kerr will act as Governor-General, and Dr. J. A. Aitchison will be Speaker.

All three leaders were interviewed by the "Gazette"; true to politics, each predicted an absolute majority for his party. According to Creighton Brown, NDP Chief, "The NDP will win, because we are the people with the program. It consists of comprehensive planning, i. e. a planned economy." Tory strong-man Randy Smith opined, "We feel optimistic . . . because we plan to offer the students a strong, positive program which we feel will appeal to them. This will be an alternative to quasi-socialism. It will espouse freedom of initiative and free enterprise." Liberal Leader John Meyers said, "It is our belief that people will support the Liberal Party because we offer a positive program of growth and economic expansion. This is not a program which is dogmatic and inflexible, like that of the NDP. It is a program which will take into consideration new political, economic and technological developments in an everchanging world."

Asked to estimate the percentage of the vote which they expected, the results are as follows:

PC	50% plus
Liberal	55%

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FOUR STUDENTS SUSPENDED AT ACADIA — WHY?

Four students have been suspended from Acadia University; one of them has been re-instated.

Mr. David Hall, a senior Commerce student from Yarmouth, is the student who was re-instated. He is the co-president of the Students' Union. The other three have left school; they are George Markou, from Toronto, Randy Yont, and Tom Pendergast, both from the Boston area.

All four students received two letters informing them of the expulsion. The first letter gave academic reasons for the suspension. In Mr. Hall's case this would seem unfounded, since he is a senior student with a very good academic standing. The second letter accused the students of "unsatisfactory conduct", but in neither of the letters were any specific charges mentioned.

Mr. Hall was re-instated on review of his case by the Board of Deans.

This most recent event culminated a wave of recent suspensions and expulsions from Acadia. A reliable source told the Gazette that the suspensions set off a mania of mass fear among the students, who began examining their own mailboxes for letters from the University Administration.

One result of the recent events at Acadia has been the re-activation of the Student Judicial Committee in an attempt to establish cordial relations with the Administration.



THE NEW PRESIDENT — Dr. Henry Hicks has been named President of the University. His appointment becomes effective September 1, when Dr. Kerr will step down. What plan does Dr. Hicks have for the future? Gazette editor-in-chief Ian MacKenzie interviewed the new President last week. His report is on page 3.

Campus PC's desert Dief

The undergraduate Progressive Conservatives at Dalhousie have disassociated themselves with Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Following is the text of a letter received in the Gazette office last week:

"The Progressive Conservative Association of Dalhousie University, after due consultation and consideration feels that it can no longer associate itself with Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership of the national party. We feel that it would be in the best interest of the party and of the nation if Mr. Diefenbaker would step down.

"The Association does not think that the Prime Minister is providing constructive, clear leadership, particularly in the field of defence."

The letter is signed by J. A. F. MacDonald, president of the PC Club, and by Randall Smith, the party's house leader.

The Progressive Conservative Club at Dalhousie Law School offered no comment when asked about the letter.