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On Wednesday, 17, the gunroom of HMCS Stadacona echoed to four different languages as the Scotian Cadets staged an International Ball in honor of the visiting midshipmen aboard the training ship, "Duque de Caxias."

Besides Canada, seven other nations were represented at the affair: Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Columbia, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The gunroom was masterfully decorated with streamers and flags, and around the walls tables were arranged restaurant style. The lighting was supplied by candles which gave the floor a pleasing atmosphere. The music was provided by a noval orchestra which played an especially large number of Latin American pieces. The language barrier did not prevent the guests from enjoying a buffet supper and the naval punch, skillfully prepared by the catering staff of the Admiralty House.

Though conversation was difficult, it was far from impossible, as the Brazilians surprised all with their knowledge of English, and many diverse topics were discussed. The dance was a complete success. Our guests exclaimed that it was by far one of the social highlights of their cruise, and the fact that some midshipmen were already engaged did not prevent them from enjoying the charming company of various Dal co-eds and vice versa.

Finally at 1 o'clock the couples left to face the dreary Halifax weather, which was the only drawback to any otherwise interesting evening.

Kings-Dal COTC



This is the last call for COTC, ROTP, ex-members of the COTO still attending University, and subsidized officers, to remind them of the Annual COTC Ball which is being held in the Eastern Command

Officers' Mess at 2100 hours 26 Feb 54. Let's make this a most successful affair.

The week ending 6 Mar will be the last week of lectures as far as COTC is concerned. Examinations will be held as required, and then the theoretical portion of the year's training ends. At the end of the academic year, most of the men will be going to their respective Corps Schools for the summer practical phase training. They will see the army actually at work, and will, no doubt, benefit greatly. The best of luck to those fortunate individuals.

Recruiting for the COTC in the Fall will start as soon as registration commences. Lectures for first, second and third year will begin soon thereafter. The best recruiting agent fellows, is a member of the COTC. When the Fall Term begins, do your stuff.

With The Air Force



By "Nardy"

In his first summer, following the usual course at Royal Military College, a cadet in the medical branch is sent to an Air Force station where he works in the unit hospital under the Senior Medical Officer. Here he becomes acquainted with the administrative procedures learns how a service hospital is operated, and is given the opportunity of spending some of his time in each of the sections in the hospital.

His subsequent summers are spent in the same manner, but his responsibilities and opportunities are commensurate to his studies at Medical School. He might, therefore, find himself doing any or all of the following — assist and assume the duties of medical officer at Sick Parade; do minor surgery and assist at major surgery; do admission histories and physical examinations; answer crash and distress calls with the ambulance; assist in research projects at the Institute of Aviation Medicine in Toronto. Wherever possible, experience is gained in the air.

For practical experience in the field of medicine, the Air Force offers tremendous opportunities.

These, in brief, were some of the duties performed by Bernie Kanter who has recently been awarded his commission as Pilot Officer after having successfully completed two summers in the RCAF University Reserve Squadron.

West Indian Student News

Perhaps one of the oldest organizations on the Dalhousie Campus is the West Indian Society. And yet it is perhaps the least heard of. This lack of publicity has not been accidental but deliberate.

However, recent expressed interest in the society on the part of students (other than West Indian students) has made it desirable that some information as to the nature and objects of this society be made public knowledge.

The main objects of the Society may be said to be the bringing together of West Indian students for social purposes and the providing of opportunities for the exchange of ideas and opinions with respect to West Indian issues as they relate to the West Indies and as seen in relation to other countries, in particular, Canada.

The students are quite alert to the matter of West Indian Federation — which naturally is of vital concern to them — and are quite conscious of the new or increased relationships, economically, commercially, or otherwise which must arise (as Federation becomes a reality) between the West Indies and the other countries of the Western World.

The Society holds its official meeting once monthly, and arranges social functions a few times during each month. All West Indian students of Dalhousie are regular members while any other student so desirous may become associate members.

The present executive comprises: Pres.—Ben Douglas, Law Vice-Pres.—Henry Grey, Comm. Secty.—Miss D. Marshall, Dent. Treas.—Fred King, Medicine

Such a society exists on University Campi across Canada and has been highly valuable as a medium of furnishing to Canadian University students a more accurate understanding of the West Indies, its people and its affairs; and of cementing better personal relationships — relationships which may well be of incaluable value in the future both to the West Indies and to Canada.

D.G.D.S. Launches Biggest Production Of Year With "The Gondoliers"

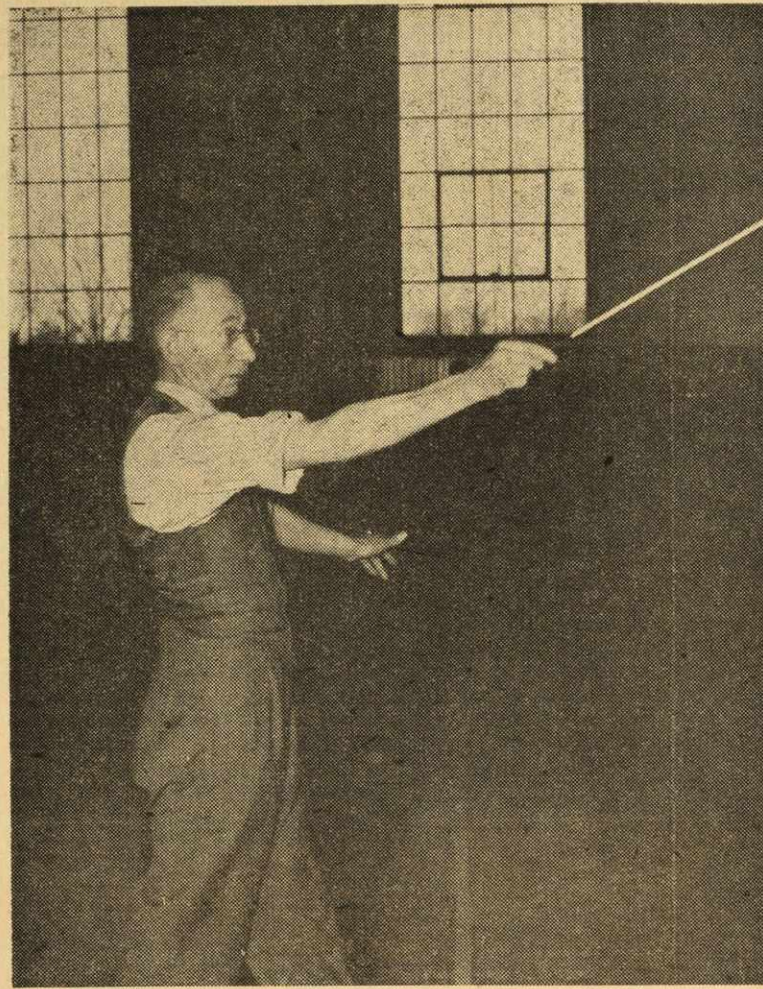
Two nights remain for Dalhousie students and the public to see, hear and enjoy the comic operetta "The Gondoliers" which is being presented by the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society this week.

"The Gondoliers", a Gilbert and Sullivan production, opened to the general public on Thursday, Feb. 25, under the capable direction of Professor Harold Hamer. One of the biggest productions that the DGDS has ever staged, "The Gondoliers" proved that Dalhousie students are capable of presenting major as well as minor Gilbert and Sullivan operettas successfully.

Those with leading roles in the opera are: Sheila Piercey, Hugh Latimer, John Campbell, Joyce Moore, Joyce Latimer, John Phillips, Stuart Watson, Carmel Romo, Graham Day, Stuart MacKinnon, Doug Morrison, Neva Eisner, Laura Wiles, Eleanor Richardson and Sally Roper.

The large chorus of forty-eight voices show that long hours of practise are worthwhile. The members of the orchestra are also to be congratulated for their fine performance. Wally Bergman, stage manager and the stage crew are to be congratulated for the excellent sets they produced.

The Man Behind It All



Shown above is Professor Harold Hamer who has directed Glee Club shows on the campus for the past few years, and this year is directing the "Gondoliers".

(Photo by Fred Cowan)

N.F.C.U.S. Regional Conference Held At Mount Allison University

What was accomplished at Sackville? The Maritime Regional Conference of the NFCUS met there to discuss problems relating to Maritime universities. Close questioning by the chairman of the conference, Tony Enriquez, NFCUS National President, seemed to elicit the initial response that there was in reality nothing in the nature of a problem peculiar to universities in the Maritimes.

In the course of the discussions, however, it developed that each university had local situations of difficulty which could be solved by joint action. A typical example was the provincial tax on text books in New Brunswick. The conference resolved that local committees should press for its removal with the backing of the meeting.

Another matter was the Question of transportation rates. The conference resolved that local committees approach inter-provincial transportation companies with a view to securing concessions for students on a year round basis. It was further decided that the conference lend its support to the campaign of the National Executive to acquire a 25% reduction for all students all year round on the railways. It was pointed out that such a move was in the typical interest of the students, and that it was in the

realm of things that a national organization should feel called upon to do.

The main problem the conference tackled was the matter of the Massey Commission recommendations for a program of federal scholarships. It was decided that during Education Week, the local committees would explore every avenue at their disposal to publicize the need for such a scheme, by letters, discussion panels, radio programs and the press.

The general feeling of the conference was that all of these activities represented part of a general approach. Any plan that involved a saving of money to students at present at university or that would enable students of the future to attend university, was one in which students in the Maritimes, as members of the NFCUS should develop a keen interest.

Tribute To Late Prof Mercer By President A. E. Kerr

The Dalhousie community sustained a genuine loss last week in the death of Professor Charles Henry Mercer who had been an active and devoted teacher in the University for the past thirty-two years. He commanded the respect and cordial regard of a very wide circle of friends, which included the members of the academic and administrative staff and the students who came into direct contact with him. I wish to pay my sincere tribute to him as a man and as a colleague, and to express the sympathy of the University to Mrs. Mercer and her two sons in their bereavement.

Professor Mercer was sincerely devoted to his work as a teacher. This resulted in part from his love of his subject, and in part from his almost paternal interest in his students. Whenever the Dean and I

had occasion to study time-tables in the University, the observation was always made that Professor Mercer was undertaking to carry more than his share of classes. His constant concern was to obtain additional opportunities to teach students who were eager to learn.

His application as a professor did not, however, absorb all his energies. He was a leader in local efforts to provide popular support for the United Nations Organization: he was an ardent advocate of prison reform; he took an active part in athletics as long as his physical strength permitted; above all he was a devout Christian and served his Church as an elder.

The large number of men and women who attended the funeral service was an indication of the high esteem in which he was held in the city.

Matthew Ram To Address Dal Hillel Foundation

Matthew Ram, Maritime Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress will address a breakfast meeting of the Hillel Foundation of Dalhousie this Sunday morning at the Baron de Hirsch Synagogue. Mr. Ram is a well-known lecturer whose services are in great demand and his talk on the Canadian Jewish Council is expected to prove highly informative.

On Sunday, February 20, Rabbi I. Mayevsky spoke at the bi-weekly meeting of the Hillel Foundation at the Y.M.H.A. Community Centre. Rabbi Mayevsky spoke on "Hillel Activities at Dalhousie" and his remarks were followed by a brief question period.

A panel discussion under the chairmanship of Mort Aronoff is being arranged for the closing Hillel meeting scheduled for March 7th. At this time the panel group will discuss "The Jew in Canadian Life."



ON THE AIR

by John Mercer

The current radio series entitled "DALHOUSIE THROUGH THE DECADES" comes to an end this Monday evening when the fourth and final program will be aired over CBH commencing at 7 o'clock. The feature portion of the curtain-dropper was penned by Malcolm Smith; research work on the script was done by Tinker Pullen. The story this week deals with Dal from 1920 onward and centres around Professor Maxwell who plays himself in the drama.

Besides Professor Maxwell, the cast includes: Peggy Preston, Joan Oberholtzer, John McCurdy, Graham Nicholson, Ken Lund, Art Stone, Len Clarke, Ken Stubington, Roland Thornhill, author Malcolm Smith, Jim Faulds, Bill Hodgson and John Mercer. Russ Hatton will play the part of young Professor Maxwell. Music for the program was selected by the DRC's musical director, Ken Stubington.

And so, our programs over the Halifax station of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are about to be brought to a close. This has been the second consecutive year in which Dalhousie Radio Committee shows have originated from CBH. It has certainly been a successful radio season here at Dalhousie. There has been lots of fun, and everyone connected with these programs has gained much experience. At this time we would like to thank all those wonderful people at CBC who have so willingly tolerated us, and who have given much of their time and efforts for our sake.

But the activities of the DRC are not yet over with by a long shot. There's still D-DAY to think about. In next week's column we'll let you know all about this event.

Engineers Ball Proves Success Of Year

The Engineers' Ball has come and gone for another year! As everyone expected it was a delightful evening and will long be remembered by those who attended it.

Dancing was to the music of Don Warner's orchestra in the ballroom of the Nova Scotia Hotel which the engineers had gaily decorated with balloons and streamers. A multi-colored spotlight shone on an ornament of mirrors revolving beneath the chandelier in the center of the room. Leave it to the engineers to think of something which runs by a motor!

Chaperones for the evening were Prof. and Mrs. R. H. Theakston, Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Bowes, Prof. and Mrs. A. F. Chisholm and Prof. and Mrs. K. I. Marginson Dr. and Mrs. Kerr were guests.

Elaine Woodside was chosen as the "Engineer's Sweetheart", and as their choice for Campus Queen.

Thanks to the worthwhile effort of the engineers, the Engineers' Ball of '54 was an outstanding success.

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