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### FOR THE FRESHMEN

It is traditional that the opening issue of the Gazette welcome the incoming freshman class. We certainly take this opportunity to do so. However, the freshman should also be warned about the inevitable pitfalls they will encounter.

Freshman initiation week starts a whirl of social activity that continues into the school year. There is a tendency for the freshman to be swept into the whirlpool with study schedules left undeveloped. It is exceedingly important that the university work load be tackled from the opening day's classes. A sensible proportion of work and play must be arrived at early in the fall term.

It is becoming more difficult to get into our university and more difficult to stay here. This is definitely a satisfactory trend to raise the standards in our undergraduate schools. The credit system at our school unfortunately breeds five and six year plans to obtain degrees that are outlined in our calendar as four-year courses. There is no real pressure to obtain all five courses in any one year. Our system allows a student to remain in school after passing three of five courses in the final examinations, with a maximum time limit of seven years to acquire the twenty credits necessary for a degree.

Increasing enrollments are common in the university community. This indicates pressures should be applied to students in university to obtain their degrees in the minimum rather than the maximum time allotted.

This is a warning to Freshmen. There should be a desire to graduate from university after four years in this institution. Additional years at school are an increased financial burden to all concerned, don't plan on failing courses.

The Freshmen should search out all the possible forms of education available at university. The complete education involves all facets of campus life.

The university student body is composed of people with different colors, creeds, and religions. Part of your college life should be directed to contact, discussion and evaluation of the different forms of thought around you.

Through extra-curricular activities you can sharpen your abilities to meet people, handle deadlines, and explore avenues of activity you have not experienced before.

### A PROVINCIAL ELECTION:

Nova Scotians go to the polls October 8 to choose their third legislature in seven years.

In calling the election before his five-year mandate expired, Premier Robert L. Stanfield joined the premiers of Ontario and British Columbia in calling premature elections.

The N. S. election will cost 1.2 million.

Three parties are in offering platforms to the electorate but only two are in serious contention to form a government after the election — Liberals and Conservatives.

#### NDP UNORGANIZED

The New Democratic Party, holding only one seat in the last legislature, are running only 20 candidates in the 1963 campaign, two short of forming the government in the 43 seat legislature even if all were elected.

The NDP have not organized themselves into a separate provincial party as have the Liberals and Conservatives. The campaign is being run by the Nova Scotia branch of the Federal party of which Professor James H. Aitchison is President and "Spokesman" for campaign. Because the provincial leadership convention has not been held, house leader Michael MacDonald is prevented from giving any indication he would become Premier, in

#### PROMISES SIMILAR

The Liberals and Conservatives are the main contenders in the bout.

With no burning provincial election issues, Federal-provincial matters such as a heavy water plant and freight shipments for Cape Breton have been debating points.

The Conservatives even expect to knock off Liberal leader Urquhart in the riding of Richmond, a seat he has held since 1948. Confident Urquhart retorts no Conservative seat is safe.

Both parties promise a department of fisheries, better highways, industrial development, a second ferry service between Nova Scotia and New England, and improved welfare benefits — pensions, allowances, and a form of medical plan taking the best of every possible scheme known and infringing on no-one, especially the medical profession.

The question of all out participation in the Canada portable pension scheme is unclear, but Stanfield, in a manner guaranteed not to bring him national headlines, expresses satisfaction in confederation and promises continued co-operation with the federal government, and does not want to see the Ottawa government weakened as a result of the November dominion-provincial fiscal conference.

Premier Jean Lesage wants the constitution changed, and Premiers Robarts and Bennett campaigned on a desire for a strengthened hand in discussions.

But such national undertakings do not fizz in a Nova Scotia election where the parties and people go their own way oblivious of the current carrying them ahead into the latter half of the 20th century.

#### VOTE LIGHT — PROBABLE STANFIELD VICTORY

The vote will be light on Tuesday. If Nova Scotians observe their Thanksgiving weekend in careful reflection of their present standard of living, urban wealth and rural difficulty with a promise "much has been done, more is to come" the province will continue its path along social statism with Robert Stanfield the quiet man who hides any national ambitions behind a mask of silence.

#### UPSET CHANCES DIM

But the Gazette does not dismiss the possibility of a Liberal upset, should the party decide to capitalize on the manner in which the Conservatives have enabled the Province's industrial betterment to become election issues.

Heavy water and freight shipments for Cape Breton are two important industrial developments begun by the Diefenbaker government and inherited by the government of Mike Pearson and Allan MacEachen.

#### HEAVY WATER PLANT

The story in the Cape Breton Post triggering off the controversy surrounding construction of a heavy water plant in Cape Breton contained too much detail to be based on rumour alone, according to the Liberal party.

Liberals charge its appearance at the time of the election, years after the matter had been discussed aloud and been relegated to the position of quiet earnest bargaining is a conservative plant in a Conservative paper.

Now that the premier has followed up the story by making public the fact Nova Scotia has bid \$30 million for it, when the bidding of other provinces is unknown, we hope the province's bargaining position has not been weakened. We hope the story was not a plant and that nobody is playing politics with the province's future industrial development.

#### FREIGHT FIGHT

We also hope the premier was not using the freight controversy in North Sydney as an election issue . . . to beat the province's Liberals by putting the federal government in a bad light.

Genuine concern exists in the port for freight shipments. But since the CNR has not made any diversions the matter of Clark Steamship Lines actions are those of a private party. In fact these agents for Canadian Steamship Lines made arrangements with the previous Diefenbaker government and its actions are a result of that arrangement.

After their meeting in Ottawa yesterday, one at which Newfoundland was not represented officially, because its purpose was never clear, we hope the matter is settled. Any possible private desire on the part of shippers to send their freight by a cheaper direct route cannot be blamed on any government — federal or provincial.

#### THE PEOPLE BEFORE POLITICS

We trust the premier's announced willingness to personally have led the delegation to Ottawa was based on a sincere belief the port was in danger of losing business.

We hope the premier was not acting on the unsound advice of his political advisors.

We hope the premier's action was not that of a man persuaded to place the interest of party advancement above that of the people of Nova Scotia's betterment, and that neither party would consider this path to power.

If the premier's actions on the heavy water issue and freight shipments were ever seriously considered to be anything but sincere, the issue in this campaign would be the people against a party.

Who comes first? Fortunately it has not come to that in this province. We hope it never does. We want a man as premier who acts courageously on his own for the furtherance of his people above any private considerations.

On October 8 Nova Scotians will make that choice.

The standing at dissolution of the Nova Scotia Legislature were: P.C.—26; Lib.—15; NDP—1; Vacant—1. 43.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with special pleasure that I welcome the new students to Dalhousie this year. I am also entering into my presidential duties for the first time. In a sense I am a Freshman with all of you who are beginning your careers at Dalhousie.

I hope that we shall all work hard enough to get the greatest measure of benefit and personal satisfaction from the time we spend here.

The opportunities for a university education are not accorded to everyone. You are fortunate in being among those who can share the richness of the Academic life and all the many and varied activities that go with it. I hope, however, that you will remember to put first things first, so that you will not be disappointed with what you have accomplished.

My Greetings to each and every one of you.

DR. H. D. HICKS,  
President.

## U of M STUDENTS BATTLE ADMINISTRATION FOR 10c

#### FROM MCGILL DAILY

Hundreds of students led by Pierre Marois, president of AGEUM (Assoc. Generale des Etudiants de L'Universite de Montreal) boycotted two cafeterias against express orders of the Rector, Monseigneur Irene Lussier, last week.

#### PEACEFUL DISPLAY

No broken bones, bruises or scratches, no riots or police cars — only a peaceful, well-organized protestation of increased cafeteria prices took place at the University of Montreal social centre at lunch-time.

The cause of the student protest was the cafeteria's price-raise from 75 cents to 85 cents a meal, instituted by the university administration to bolster its sagging budget.

Mgr. Lussier issued an open letter to the university preceding the threatened boycott declaring the AGEUM executive would be expelled should the belligerent attitude of the students continue.

Marois has said that if the Rector does expell anyone, "The whole student body would go on strike."

#### CAFETERIA LOSS

Mgr. Lussier stated that the University allowed its students as much of a voice in university affairs as any other university in Canada. He continued to say that the students' only reaction thus far has been one of discontent and abuse against university officials leaning as far as open strikes and rebellion. He added that their reason for the 10 cent increase was that last year the cafeteria ran a \$43,000 deficit. Instead of lowering the quality of the food, they were raising their prices.

The AGEUM executive does in

fact declare that it is not fighting over a matter of 10 cents increase. The issue at stake is "The more serious one of principle. Said Marois in a special statement to the McGill Daily—"

#### FREE EDUCATION

"We the students, refuse to pay more than the original 75 cents per meal. We have been promised steps toward free education and suddenly our fees and the cafeteria prices were raised. All the protests we made, all our attempts at negotiations were disregarded by the university. Our boycott of the cafeteria is a formal protestation against these reverse measures toward free education, and against the university's attitude toward the student voice in campus affairs."

(The AGEUM executive is particularly angered over the circumvention by the university administration, of the faculty-administration committee specially established to deal with such matters as cafeteria increase in prices.)

#### 10 CENT INCREASE NOT PAID

The only catch was that although prices posted all read 85 cents, protestors received proper change from AGEUM cashiers and paid the old price of 75 cents. As they paid their money, all boycotters were asked to sign a black book by a social centre staff member favorably inclined toward student policies.

A problem arose when AGEUM cashiers ran out of change, since waitresses refused to charge less than 85 cents. Students were then ordered to pay only with as much silver as they could find. This resulted in the happy situation for some students, who barely managed to pull out any where from 12 to 30 cents of loose change.

## OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dean of Arts and Science for the past two years, Dr. Henry Davies Hicks was this year appointed President of Dalhousie, following the resignation of Dr. A. E. Kerr.

#### RHODES SCHOLAR

Dr. Hicks brings to his post a long record of service both in academic and public life. He received an honours degree in chemistry from Mount Allison University, spent a year at Dalhousie studying diversified subjects, and received a bachelor's degree. From here, Dr. Hicks moved on to Oxford to study law on a Rhodes Scholarship.

#### PREMIER OF NOVA SCOTIA

In 1949 Dr. Hicks became Minister of Education for Nova Scotia, and was elevated to premier of the province following the death of Angus L. Macdonald in 1954. Premier for two years, Dr. Hicks left political life when he lost his own constituency in the last provincial election.

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Vice-president and Dean of Arts and Science for the past two years, Dr. Hicks has had time to observe the workings of the University in depth. He feels that there is a lack

of cohesiveness in the University community. "The great need from the student point of view is certainly a student centre and this will be of the highest priority."

#### OXFORD ATHLETE

A keen sportsman, Dr. Hicks has the distinction of having been the only Canadian president of the Oxford University Boat Club — he was coxwain of the Oxford boat club while at the University and led his crew to victory over Cambridge in spite of being the heaviest coxwain at 128 pounds the crew had ever had.

Nor will the arts go unappreciated.

"I also believe that the provision of a decent auditorium and concert hall would provide the opportunity for University functions of a kind that haven't been common enough at Dalhousie," he says.

Considering his concern for education, Dr. Hicks feels "it was not an unnatural step to move from the public life of the province into the university world," and he appreciates "very much" the way in which he has been received at Dalhousie by the faculty and students alike.