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To the Members of the Graduating Class of 1953  
Dear Member of Class '53,

Since your years as a student at Dalhousie are drawing to a close, may we, on behalf of the Dalhousie Alumni Association, offer you sincere good wishes for success in your final examinations, and a propitious beginning to your chosen career.

With these good wishes may we send also an equally sincere and warm invitation to continue your association with Dalhousie through your membership in the Alumni. As a member of the Graduating Class you will be receiving an invitation to attend a Buffet Supper followed by the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association on Tuesday, May 5th. We realize that at this time of the year you may not wish to attend a business meeting but if you are interested you can be sure that your presence will be most welcome. We believe too that even in the excitement of Graduation exercises you will enjoy good food and the companionship of your own classmates and members of the Alumni, so we shall expect to see you at the Buffet Supper.

In extending this preliminary invitation to you we wish to advise you also that the Executive had decided at a recent meeting that membership in the Alumni Association should be free to all graduates in the first year after graduation. All that is required is your interest and energetic participation in the activities of the Alumni Association, whenever possible.

Finally in closing may we assure you that while the Alumni Association may not have appeared to be entering very closely into your activities as students, nevertheless we have watched with deep interest the many phases of your college life and have shared in your triumphs and disappointments. We ask you to remember your own needs as students and by entering into the work of the Alumni Association, guide us in answering those needs for the students who are coming after you.

Yours very truly,  
Maurice E. Keating, President,  
Dalhousie Alumni Association.  
Florence I. Wall, Vice-President.

## Dr. D. J. McLean To Dentistry

Dr. James Douglas McLean, of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, has been appointed Professor of Dentistry at Dalhousie University, according to an announcement by President A. E. Kerr. Dr. McLean will begin his duties with the Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie at the opening of the fall term in September.

Although a young man, Dr. McLean has made a place for himself in the National Dental Organization in which his work brought him to the attention of Dean J. S. Bagnall. Since 1949, he has been chairman of the Canadian Dental Association's Committee on Ethics and has won high praise for his contribution from well known leaders of the profession. He is a member of the Alberta Dental Association, the Edmonton and District Dental Society in which he has served as director and secretary, and the Western Canada Dental Society, being chairman of its Speakers' Committee for this year's convention. He comes to Dalhousie with the cordial commendation of members of the Council of Education of the Canadian Dental Association.

## Bulletins

**Correction** — Contrary to what was previously reported, the Convocation Banquet will be held in the Nova Scotian Hotel on Monday evening, May 11. Graduation is the following morning, May 12, and the Convocation Banquet will take place that evening.

The annual French Evening will be held on Wednesday, March 18, in the Haliburton Room at King's, at 8 p.m. There will be a film shown and refreshments will be served. This is not a regular meeting of the Cercle Francais, so everyone is invited, French student or not. This is purely entertainment for all who are interested in France and the French. So come along.

## BIRKS

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It is our sincere hope that we will always enjoy this pleasure and continue to merit this confidence in the future.

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## Survival of The Species

In October 1952, Plantology I again left the Forest to come up to the sunny plains of Dudley where it found more sun and clearer air in the stale egg theatre. Again, Ring Dem Bells met all the descendants of the plant kingdom in the theatre and as usual on the second day of classes he knew all the classes, names, and life histories of each little male and female flower.

After three months of nourishment, some of these little flowers were still spindly and Ring Dem Bells decided they needed some weeding out and transplanting. He decided the dullest place to carry out this experiment was beside a football player in the lower gym, and the most suitable day was Monday, January 5, 1953.

On January 6, 1953 at 8.55 a.m., all the Survivals of the Species met at the stale egg theatre where they met Dr. Pelutt. This was an experience which simply shocked these little flowers of Ring Dem Bells, so they, to the amazement of all, evolved into various stages of frogs, worms and crawfish. There was also one little fellow who made a 4th Division and he only evolved to a starfish.

These various species first learned to Disss-sect each other and they were told by Dr. Pelutt never to say Die-sect because Vebeater learned to pronounce syllables in English 2 away back in 1300, and he didn't want to corrupt the denunciation of words.

Dr. Pelutt's second speech consisted in the teaching of a method in how to win a Chewing Gum Contest. On this day some little pigs demonstrated the way to chew gum and Dr. Pelutt told each member of the species always to Remember not to Forget to bring 2 packages of gum to class each day because it was good to develop Acquired Characteristics.

Days and months passed and soon Dr. Pelutt had 3 days left before the Table Time showed that the Animals Of The Zoo were to splash their cap fools with Diaphragms. During this time she taught them all about the strings you sew together to make a pair of Jeans to be worn to square dances. She warned all the females that is, The Fittest of The Survivals, to be careful when they were looking over the Animal Husbandry. Her Famous last words were "never say DIE—always say DISS-SECT and you will not have to write a LEMENTARY exam on a Board in the GYM".

## Obituary

It is with much sorrow that we learned of the untimely demise of one of the Campus' most beloved belles, Miss Frieda Cowan, while on a conducted tour of one of the local breweries, by falling into one of the 6000 gallon brewing vats thereby drowning almost immediately. Witnesses claim that Miss Cowan made no effort to save herself after falling into the beverage while company officials report that she was probably snuffed out immediately by the layer of Carbon Dioxide gas that lies on the surface of the vat.

Company officials declined to comment on the possible effect of the accident on the quality of the beverage but it is thought to have added body to the beverage.

There will be no inquest.

## Oh Farewell, Crowded Cafe

It is with much regret that we learned that the incoming Student Council will endeavor to alleviate the crowded and inadequate conditions of the Cafeteria. For when and if the suggested improvements come about we fear there will be much melancholy amongst the student body.

For who will not recall the "good old days" when the place was so crowded that one could hardly move; when the air was so foul and smoky that the weakest of us would pass out and the sturdiest of us would laugh. How often have we all crowded hungrily around the counter, fraternally elbowing our comrades as we cheerfully maneuvered our way past the less aggressive to get a place at the counter.

And what about romance and love that originated in that place? Have we not all heard a feminine voice say "Get your big elbow out of my soup", only to turn and see true love practically sitting on our lap?

And what subtle amusement have we not enjoyed when we saw a student, lean and gaunt, lean over the counter, weak from malnutrition and waiting and feebly cry for a chocolate bar as the waitress takes the order of the man next to him who has just pulled up to the counter.

And last of all, none of us will ever forget the pleasant voice of the proprietor as he spots us from fifty paces as we try to take a Coke bottle out of the Cafeteria.

No, incoming Student Council, please do not change the Cafeteria conditions. We like this facsimile of the Black Hole of Calcutta the way it is and to alter the miserable place at all would only serve to rob Sociology Students of a place to study the effects of overcrowding and malnutrition on a student group.

