

... Something New Has Been Added



How to Skate

Upon the opening of the new rink the Gazette is pleased to present this, the first of a series of articles to familiarize students with the technique of the art of skating. The articles in this series are prepared by an expert for the benefit of those who know little about skating and others.

Lesson I. The Skate.

(Not to be confused with Giant Manta.)

The first problem which confronts any prospective skater is the matter of Skates. Experts recommend the use of two skates, on the feet. If you wish, you may, like the Eskimos, make your own out of walrus bone, but it is much easier to purchase them from some owner of a pair, or even buy them new at the store.

Many beginners make the mistake of trying to put on the skates over their shoes. This is not a generally recommended practice, for it leads to unwieldiness and has been known to produce dire results.

Most people wear two pairs of stockings under skates; others do

not wash their feet, but the same result is obtained both ways.

A great difficulty is telling the left skate from the right. This often present a problem, especially in second-hand skates, and one can only learn to distinguish them after long practice.

Lacing up the skates is another obstacle that confronts the beginner, and people of little stamina often give up the whole thing after having been frustrated by laces. The art can only be mastered with long practice and it must always be borne in mind that you have to untie them sooner or later. Opinions differ among the experts about this matter; one school believes it is better not to tie the laces at all, thus saving no end of worry. The ends of the lace are held in the teeth while skating so as not to interfere with the free movement of the feet. Other experts claim that once the skates have been put on they should be tied and left on for the rest of the season. This makes dancing difficult but the girl probably won't notice any difference anyway. If you wish to tie any knots at all you should always consult a Boy Scout first. People have been known to tie themselves into irrevocable knots by making this mistake.

Old Time Initiation Was Much Tougher

One of the most controversial subjects around any University at this time is the time-worn question "How far should initiation go?"

There are, no doubt, many Frosh this year who complain about the severity of Initiation at Dalhousie. They have a right to complain; the first few days at college have never been pleasant ones to anybody. But the Freshman Class this year received one of the lightest initiations ever handed out at this University.

In the old days they really had a time of it. There was little of this sissy painting up of Freshmen; no, in the old days the newcomers to university were taught to show the proper respect to Upperclassmen by brute force, unless of course, they were stronger than the Sophs.

Initiation Week during the first years of the century was a series of raids and counter-attacks, finally ending in a huge, all-encompassing brawl in some suitable place. Very few people were injured in these affairs, for in those days every young gentleman had to know how to defend himself, and the general age of the students was several years older than that of Freshman today. The few young ladies who ventured to go to college were not involved in these fistic contests, of course.

The scene of the battle between the Freshmen and the Sophs was one of frenzied confusion, as the Seniors and Juniors threw sacks of flour on the combatants, raising a screening of dust that rendered the participants indistinguishable from one another.

This type of initiation was good, clean fun to the students of the day, and many moaned at its passing, as a more civilized type of introduction to college was introduced.

The citizens of Halifax were amazed to see strange creatures, resembling nothing on earth, walking about the streets of their fair city. These were the Freshmen. The age of violent initiations had passed. The era of the veri-hued Frosh had come.

There was still some violence, but more of a mental than a physical type. The costumes the Frosh were forced to don were very humiliating to the poor creatures, and some of the stunts they were made to do on the main streets completely crushed their spirits.

Origin and Growth of Dalhousie

During the War of 1812 an expeditionary force from Halifax seized Castine, in the present state of Maine, and until the end of hostilities appropriated the customs at that port. The Earl of Dalhousie, Governor of Nova Scotia, suggested that a remnant of this fund be used to institute a seat of higher learning in Halifax, and in 1818 the British Government complied. In 1838 the Pictou Academy joined Dalhousie, and in 1863, the two colleges of the Presbyterian church in Halifax, and Truro, added their strength to the central university. The eminence and distinction of the professors appointed in 1863, and the vitality of their teaching, had a lasting effect of the whole intellectual life of the Maritime Provinces. In 1923, the University of King's College, the oldest English-speaking university in Canada, moved from Windsor. The Arts & Science Faculty, which resulted from this combination, set a standard of university teaching hitherto undreamed of in the Maritime Provinces.

Religious toleration and freedom have been the distinguishing mark

at this University for more than a hundred years, and Dalhousie was the first university in Canada to write religious tolerance into its charter. Dalhousie is a place of study. There is, however, always a busy hum of activity outside the lecture hall, the libraries and the laboratories. Through the maintenance of high standards, through the example of the scholars and scientists on her staff, and not least, through the serious high purpose of students who elect Dalhousie as their college, it is above all, a home of scholarship.

only a preparation for life, but also a very important chapter in life. A child cannot learn algebra by having the problems solved by the teacher, neither can one learn the conduct of life by mere regimentation. The University advises, provides faculties, has committees of student advisers, and is associated with other organizations which provide and promote good guidance. A student, however, must make his own moral choice... it is his mind and he must make it up.

Dal Alumni Outstanding In All Fields

Dalhousie is a small university, but it is one of the most famous in Canada. Many well known people are graduates of our university. These people have made their mark in every field of endeavour, in medicine, in law. The Dalhousie Law and Medical schools are renowned throughout Canada. Many persons now famous in literary circles are Dalhousie graduates.

Several college presidents are graduates of Dalhousie. The president of the University of British Columbia, Dr. Norman MacKenzie, is a graduate of this university. We have also provided presidents for the Universities of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Queen's Theological, Prince of Wales, Missouri, Cornell, and Pine Hill. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, is not only a Dalhousie student but former Dean of the Law School.

Three Prime Minister of Canada were graduates of Dalhousie, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thomp-

son, and Richard Bedford Bennett. In the Cabinet of the Bennett Ministry were four Dalhousians, and in the Ministry of Mackenzie-King, five key portfolios were held by former Dalhousians. During the war the Minister of National Defence, Col. Ralston, the Navy Chief, Angus L. Macdonald, the Minister of Finance, J. L. Hsley, Minister of Transport, J. E. Michaud, all graduates of Dalhousie, served Canada in her hour of need. The head of the Munition program was C. D. Howe who was a former professor at Dalhousie.

In the world of literature Dalhousie is proud to claim many of our famous Canadian authors. L. M. Montgomery, Marshall Saunders, authoress of "Beautiful Joe", Hugh MacLennan, author of "Barometer Rising" and "Two Solitudes", and Mrs. Richardson, who wrote "We Keep a Light", were all graduates of Dalhousie.

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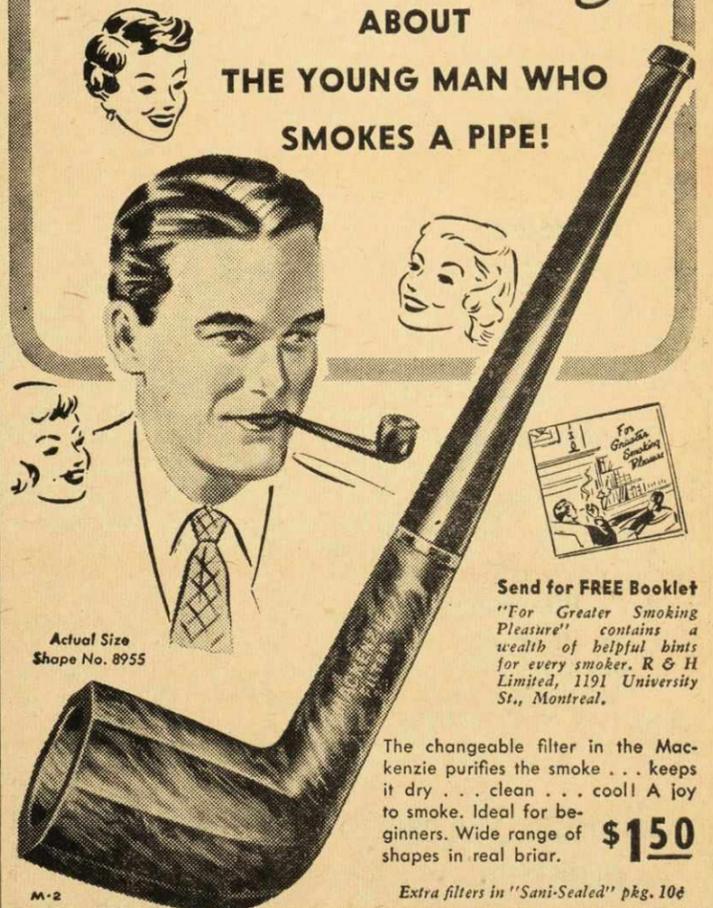
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