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VOTE TUESDAY!



Rehearsing for the forthcoming production of "The Mikado" are four of the principals, (l to r), bottom: Mary Chipman and John Phinney; (l to r) standing: John Phillips and Carmel Romo. "The Mikado" is being presented in the Dal gym on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. (Photo by Jollymore)

G & S "Mikado" March 1, 2, 3

The Glee Club's delightful presentation of "The Mikado," the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas, will brighten the gloomy end-of-winter atmosphere of the campus on March 1, 2, and 3. Having had the longest run of any Gilbert and Sullivan operetta when first produced, "The Mikado" is noted for its lively songs, sparkling humor, colorful Japanese costumes, and continuous vivacity of movement. Directed by Graham Day and accompanied by a 23-piece orchestra comprised of Dal students, graduates, and several members of the Black Watch Regiment, the opera promises to be a huge success.

SOLOS

Kay Fraser who portrays Yum-Yum, the feminine lead, will sing her famous song "The Sun Whose Rays are All Ablaze." "Three Little Maids from School are We" is the appealing introduction of the sweet young things, wards of the Lord High Executioner, played by Kay Fraser, Joan Phinney and Janet Christie and Mary Chipman alternating in the three little maids role. Leading tenor John Phillips as Nanki-Poo, will sing "A Wandering Minstrel I," and popular new comer Jim Holland, will vocalize in two very famous songs, "As Some Day it May Happen" and the touching ballad, "The Titwillow Song," in the comical courting scene with Katisha, played by Carmel Romo.

Jim Holland has the comic lead in the role of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, who has been exalted to his post after being condemned to death for flirting. Another comic character is Poo-Bah, whose role is sung by Bob Waterman.

ROMANCE

Predominant in the opera is the element of complicated romance. John Phillips and Kay Fraser, in the leading roles of

Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum are the ill-starred sweethearts since Yum-Yum is betrothed to her guardian, Ko-Ko. Nanki-Poo actually, the son of the Mikado of Japan, is masquerading as a wandering minstrel. Finally in reply to the Mikado's demand for an execution, Nanki-Poo agrees to be executed if he can marry Yum-Yum for a month. Many delightful complications ensue, but the plot is finally resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Dave Peel sings the title role; Carmel Romo portrays Katisha, Nanki-Poo's aged pursuer; and George Phills has the part of Pish-Tush. Accompanying pianist for the opera is Ken French, and stage sets are in the capable hands of Paul Kennedy.

Lose Out In Debating

Dalhousie debaters last week won the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League, but were defeated in the semi-finals for national honors.

The winners of the four Canadian university debating leagues met in London, Ontario on Friday and Saturday. Dave Peel and Mac Smith lost a spit decision to a team from Ontario Agricultural College which had beaten Osgoode Hall for the Ontario and Quebec championship.

The championship, which carried with it the Macdonald-Laurier Trophy and two return tickets to Europe, a prize offered by NFCUS, was won by two French debaters from Ottawa University. It is the first time since the national finals began, 26 years ago, that a French speaking team has won. Dal's debaters returned to Halifax on Sunday.

REGULATIONS FOR VOTING

Polling places: for law students, in the Law Building; for Arts and Science, Education, Graduate and Commerce students, in the Men's Residence; for Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and A&S people with courses at Forrest, in the Forrest Building; for Engineering students, in the Shack.

Each student must present his or her Student Council card in order to vote. On casting a ballot, each voter shall sign opposite his or her name on the voters' list.

EDITORIAL

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Dal's Council of Students made history last week. By a series of successive boos the Council accepted a (48-hour) late slate of election nominations, gave the constitution a dubious interpretation, met a second time to reconsider what it had done, then gave the constitution an even more dubious interpretation, conceded itself willing to now accept an additional slate of election nominations 96 hours late, and then in a grand finale decided that Society nominations for President and Vice-President of the Council were not actually binding until and unless all candidates had first been nominated by the Council itself and approved by a simple majority vote. In the many years that we have attended city, municipal and student council meetings, this takes the cake!

Here's the story all over again. On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Societies which had given regard to the official notice advertised in the Gazette had nominated (and advised the Council of candidates) for the two top student posts; they were Law, John Nichols, Pres., and Dave Fraser, Veep; Medicine, Patty MacLeod, Veep; and Arts and science, Dave Peel, Pres., and Patty MacLeod, Veep.

On Thursday, two days later, Feb. 23, the Dal Commerce Company submitted the name of Ken Mounce for President. By a vote of 7-6 the Council allowed the nomination to be accepted.

On Saturday, four days later, Feb. 25, the Engineering Society entered the name of Doug Lennox for Vice-President and again by the same vote, but not the same people, his nomination was accepted by the Council meeting later the same day in emergency session.

At the same time, the Council decided that no one was nominated to run until itself nominated and approved them, thus completely, in theory, tossing various Society nominations out the window.

The Council, and here we refer to the seven members who carried the ball (interested parties may check with their respective representatives to see how they voted) has bungled for many reasons.

These are complete disregard as to the practice of previous years and the intention of the constitution, the establishment of dangerous precedent and policy, the ridiculous position in which it placed its own Election Committee, the allowance of groups to make timely political manoeuvres to the disadvantage of those groups who had played ball all the way with the Council, and by generally confusing the election picture on the campus.

There was no need for the Council to nominate people to run for the top student posts. This had been done already. The Council's prerogative, through a constitutional loop hole, to nominate people for these posts should be exercised only when these jobs are in danger of being filled by acclamation—a method not permitted by the Constitution.

Every member of the Council desires that as many people as are available run for each seat on the council. Generally, Council members also felt that all of the people nominated were worthy candidates, but a large, and a very large minority of six, were not prepared to see the very "heart and guts" of the constitution tossed out the window to condone what they considered a flagrant violation of the constitution on the very flimsiest excuses for late filing.

The Council has placed itself in the position where even today, a group of people on the campus could legitimately call for a special meeting of the Council to consider an additional nomination for President or Vice-President, and we suggest that they would have every right to do so.

On Thursday of last week the Council jumped into the frying pan. On Saturday they jumped out only to land into an even hotter situation, having originally called the emergency meeting to "reconsider Thursday's motion to admit the

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT



DAVE PEEL



KEN MOUNCE



JOHN NICHOLS

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



PATTY MCLEOD



DOUG LENNOX



DAVE FRASER

SIX CANDIDATES SEEK TOP COUNCIL POSTS

On Tuesday, March 6, campus voters will go to the polls to elect the members of next year's Student Council. Six candidates are contesting the two top council offices being relinquished by Doug Brown and Elise Lane, nominated in 1955 by the Medical and Arts and Science Society respectively. Polling booths will be located at the Men's Residence, Forrest, the Engineering School and the Law Building, and will be open from 9 to 5:30.

COMMERCE-ENGINEERS

The Commerce Company and the Engineering Society have chosen Ken Mounce and Doug Lennox as their candidates. Seeking the Presidential office, Ken is this year's President of the Commerce Company, an organization which he founded. Keenly interested and wholeheartedly active in whatever task he undertakes, Ken was minister of Finance and Receiver-General in the recent Dalhousie Model Parliament, and has been active in many sports including badminton, rugger and volleyball.

Campaigning with Ken is second year Engineer Doug Lennox, an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Doug is an enthusiastic supporter of all Engineering projects.

LAW

Representing the Law Society are John Nichols and Dave Fraser. Both are in their second year of Law. John, who entered

Commerce slate." We sincerely trust that the students at Studley and Forrest are able to approach campus elections with greater long-range vision than some of the people who have been "dedicated" to lead them.

Dal in 1950, has excelled in many sports including football and basketball and has been a member of Glee Club, the Dal Gazette editor in 1952), and Rink Rats. A former Secretary-Treasurer of the DAAC, John has been sophomore and Junior Representative on the Council and this year played a prominent part in both "The Madwoman of Chaillot" and "The Little Foxes."

Dave Fraser, who entered King's College in 1951 on a Foundation Scholarship, was Junior Boy on the 1954 Students' Council. A former class treasurer, he was elected Life President of his class last year and this year he holds the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Law Society. He is also active in Sodales and NFCUS.

A&S-MEDICINE

Dave Peel, sponsored by the Arts and Science Society and Patty MacLeod, nominated by the Medical Society and the Arts and Science Society are campaigning.

Dave, a second-year Law student has taken a prominent part in many activities since coming to Dal. The Dalhousie Chairman of NFCUS, Dave is also Atlantic

Regional President and on the National Executive of that organization and was in large part responsible for obtaining movie discounts this year. He is a former president of both the Arts and Science Society and the DGDS with which he has the enviable record of having appeared in every production except one since 1951. Dave has served as a secretary of Sodales and the Curling Club, a treasurer of the class of 1954, as News Editor of the Gazette, as an executive member of this year's Students' Council and as a member of the 1955 Award Committee. In addition to participating in these varied organizations, Dave has found time to belong to WUSC and radio committees.

Patty MacLeod, in her third year of Medicine, has taken part in almost every activity and organization since coming to Dal. Her many activities include debating and ground hockey. A former vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Arts and Science Society, Patty has also belonged to Rink Rats, WUSC, DGDS, the executive of Delta Gamma, the Publicity Committee, the Sports Department of the Gazette and is a former President of Panhellenic.

Fee Raise Explained

Politics highlighted yesterday's students forum as the candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency addressed the student body. While most promised no radical changes, all gave assurance of continued good government.

Other important items discussed at the forum were an increase in students council fees and several changes in the constitution. Due to a lack of time, Council President Doug Brown, explained that the proposed increase in the students council fee of three dollars could not be discussed, however, it will be voted on during the council elections on Munro Day. In explaining the proposed increase Mr. Brown stated that most of it, probably two dollars, would be put in a fund to pay off the remaining debt on the rink. After that the money would go into a fund for a Students' Union Building. Under the present plan the other dollar would be applied to Interfac sports or in other council activities.

The forum rejected the revised point system.