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Ingarfield Declared Not Guilty At Court Trial

Last evening at approximately 4.35 p.m. the Jury of the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie brought in a verdict of "not guilty", on the case of the Queen vs. Ingarfield. Included in the final statements of Judge William Smith, he stated that the plaintiff Clive Rippon had no part in the prank and that his name was now cleared.

The counsel for the prosecution called upon its first witness, Helen Scammell, News Editor of the Dalhousie Gazette. A leading question asked the witness was objected to by the counsel for the defence, Don Machum and Sandy MacComber. The prosecution then lead to the establishment of the fact that Mr. Ingarfield as Editor of the Dalhousie Gazette was directly responsible for all copy inserted in the front page of every issue. Cross-examination of Miss Scammell was taken over by Don Machum, who brought out that both she and Mr. Lister were directly responsible for all the copy and layouts done on their particular page.

Mr. Malcolm MacLeod was called as the next witness for the plaintiff, and stated that he was a printer in the employ of the McCurdy Printing Company of Halifax. The witness, who termed the copy brought down was 'scrap' proceeded to his cross-examination by defence counsel Don Machum. He was then questioned as to his familiarity with the technicalities of the printing procedure. This was found to be sadly lacking.

Plaintiff, Clive Rippon, was the next witness to be sworn in by Clerk, Ron Stevenson. In his opinion he was like a ham which had been caught between two slices of bread. The bread being the headline and the caption on the photograph of the November 18th issue of the Dalhousie Gazette.

The prosecution then introduced Grahame Murray, a member of the Dalhousie Law Faculty, who ascertained that in his opinion the facts against the plaintiff, Clive Rippon, would severely endanger the mark on his Christmas paper.

He was asked by the defence Counsel if the aforementioned Mr. Murray was in the habit of taking these things into consideration when he was marking the Christmas Examinations? At this point the Counsels for the plaintiff Don MacInnes and Jeff Flinn, rested their case.

Fred Lister was introduced as the first witness for the Defence. On being questioned by Sandy MacComber, he stated that he was the Associate News Editor of the Gazette and explained to the Jury the procedure of the News Editor in the general makeup and layout of the page. He stated that both he and Helen Scammell were directly responsible for their respective page, and as such were not directly responsible to the Editor-in-Chief, and accused, Bill Ingarfield. Jeff Flinn took over for the cross-examination and tried to show that a direct intention was implied against the said plaintiff. He also attempted to show that Clive Rippon was not present at the time when the Issue was being tampered with.

Bill McCurdy, shareholder of the McCurdy Printing Company, was the next witness for the defence. He asserted that the previous Crown Witness, Malcolm MacLeod, was not, nor ever had been associated with the McCurdy Print Company.

Lorne Clark, also a member of the Law Faculty, said that as he was a friend of the plaintiff and in his estimated the said Clive Rippon's reputation was not damaged in the slightest. Miss Joanne Murphy was then called to the witness stand for the defence. She asserted in her testimony that she "admired Mr. Rippon before the alleged libelous issue of the Gazette" and that her opinion of him had not changed since reading the published matter in question.

Senior Class Prom Weekend Event

The Senior Prom, the last big dance before Christmas exams, will take place in the gymnasium tonight. As this is the first time in a number of years that the Senior class has sponsored a dance, it is hoped that both Seniors and undergraduates will give it plenty of support so that it may become an annual event.

Under the capable chairmanship of Dave Stark and his hard working committee, Margot MacLaren, Foo Grant, and Bill Haley, the Senior Prom promises to be one of the most enjoyable dances of the year. They have done everything possible to make it a success, now the rest is up to you. Semi-formal dress will be in order for the evening and there will be no corsages. Dancing will be to the music of Don Warner and his orchestra from 9-1. Admission prices for seniors and senior post-graduates will be \$1.00 and \$1.50 per couple for undergraduates. Ticket smay be obtained from any of the above committee or the senior executive, Pete Power, Gordie Weld, Harvey Doane and Carol Chepeswick.

Chaperones for the evening will be Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerr, Professor and Mrs. S. Cummings, Professor and Mrs. H. Theakston.

Vote Committee Clarifies Result

Harris Young, chairman of the election committee and Dent representative on the Students' Council, clarified the apparent discrepancy in the voting in the recent NFCUS referendum at last Monday's council meeting. The matter arose following a letter to the Gazette by two Dent students, pointing out that there were 53 Dent votes recorded in the Dent ballot but there are only 50 Dent students.

Young told the Students' Council that several Arts and Science students who were taking classes on Forrest the day of referendum had asked him if they could vote there for the Referendum. He granted this request.

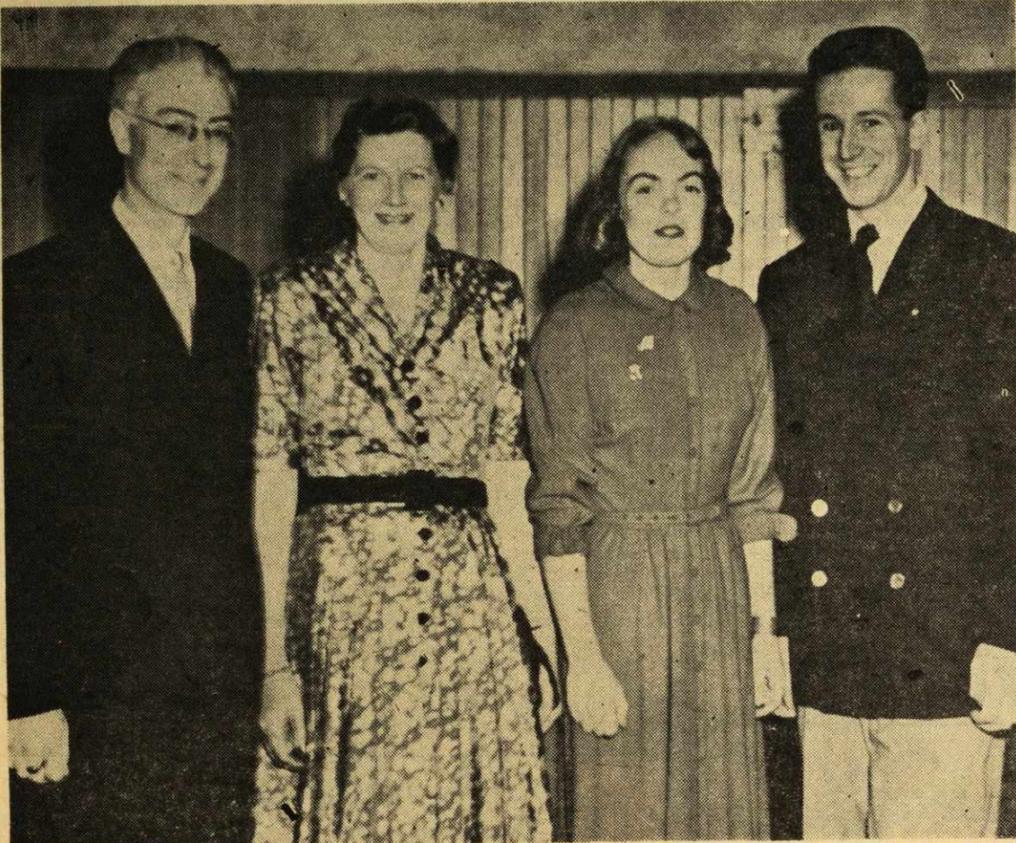
Twenty-three Arts and Science students therefore recorded their vote on Forrest Campus in the Dent ballot box. This means that actually only 30 Dent students voted, not 53.

Permission was also granted to Engineering students and Pharmacy students to record their vote in the Arts and Science ballot box for the same reason.

There is no question of any student having voted twice since their names were checked off when they voted and their Council cards were punched.

Radio Committee Hold Interesting Tour

The Dalhousie Radio Committee was taken on a very informative and interesting tour of the CBC studios on Tuesday night. Mr. Ken Homer of the staff of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation conducted the tour, and told about the development and growth of the station, and the hopes held for television.



Shown in the above photo are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Keating, chaperones at the Dalhousie Alumni Party for the First Year students, Mollie Rogers and Dexter Kaulbach, vice-president and president of the Class of '56.

Major Productions Promised By Glee And Dramatic Club

By DAVID PEEL

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society has big plans for next term, and the major productions promise to be great successes. The operetta, to be presented just before Munro Day, is "H.M.S. Pinafore".

Chorus rehearsals have been held for the past few weeks at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in Room 21 of the Arts Building, and more male voices are still required. The first orchestra rehearsal was held on Tuesday, and all musicians who are interested are asked to watch for further announcements. The soloists have all been chosen, and practices in this department are well underway. "Pinafore" is probably the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas, and many of its airs are familiar to everyone. It was presented to Dalhousie audiences by the Glee Club in 1947, but plans for the 1953 production promise a "bigger and better" show.

The major play for the spring is The "Merchant of Venice" by William Shakespeare. The cast has not yet been chosen, and try-outs will be held before Christmas. The dates of the casting rehearsal will be announced next week in the Gazette and posters will be up in the usual places. "The Merchant of Venice" has a large cast, and it is expected in dramatic circles that the leads will be keenly contested. Most of the parts are for men, and several of them, Antonio, Bassanio, Lorenzo, and Shylock are chances for excellent characterizations. There are only three women's parts, but several would-be Portias have already been heard muttering, "The quality of mercy is not strained" in the most unlikely places. Since there are over twenty parts in the play, a large group is expected and hoped for at the casting rehearsal.

Corrections for Directory Deadline Saturday

Any students who wish to have their names published for purposes of correction in a supplemental list to the Student Directory are asked to contact Mary Chisholm. Phone 3-2226 before Saturday, November 28th.

Letter from President Of Students' Council

The Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette
Dear Sir:

Regarding the front page of the 21st of November 1952 issue of the Gazette, I would like to make reference to your lead story headed "Council Slashes Point Awards"; an article which was very misleading to say the least! In the first place there is an Awards Committee set up each year which is made up of five students, only two of which are members of the Council. This Committee decides and makes recommendations to the Council regarding the awarding of the Silver and Gold D's and the point basis upon which such awards are made.

During the college year 1950-51, the Awards Committee decided that points were being awarded for certain student positions too generously, with the adverse result that the value of the D's was being lowered. In order to remedy this, a large committee was set up, made up of the heads of various organizations, such as D.A.A.C., Pharos and so on. The recommendations made during that year were considered by the 1951-52 Awards Committee and further revisions and recommendations were made which were approved by last year's Council, ratified at the Student Forum, and incorporated in the Constitution.

Silver and Gold D's were awarded last Spring on the point basis that is now set out in the Constitution which is included in this year's Student Directory. There has been no revision or alteration of the Constitution at any time this year.

The Council of Students objects to the insinuation that the facts are otherwise than set out above and also that we are "feathering our own nests". We have, within our power already brought up requests from various groups, which feel that they are not getting their just due as far as points are concerned. We realize that this whole system encourages student participation and the Council, above all, does not want to discourage such participation.

So please Mr. Editor, in future before printing such an article which was bound to raise a great

Conservatives Discuss Government Formation

The first meeting of the Progressive Conservative Club was held Wednesday morning in Moot Court Room. Bob McInnis, third year Law, took the chair as president of the Club, with Sheila Parsons, second year, acting as secretary.

The meeting first discussed the possibility of forming the Government at this year's Mock Parliament. In past years, the Government has been formed by the Liberals but it was felt that in view of the increased support the P.C.'s having being receiving on the Campus they might take the opportunity this year to form the Government.

The possibility was discussed last year but not acted on. The matter will be taken up with Ron Stevenson, leader of the Liberals. If the Liberal club are unwilling to hand over the administration, a pseudo-election may be urged to obtain the feeling of the Law School.

Doane Hallett was elected vice-president of the Club. Class whips and Bills Committee were elected.

Dr. Goodman Lectures To Geological Club

Dr. N. R. Goodman, D. Phil. (Oxen) will give a lecture to the Dawson Geological Club on "Gypsum and Anhydrite", two minerals of which Nova Scotia is abundantly endowed.

Dr. Goodman has made a special study of the deposits in Nova Scotia and has seen some of those in England. He has carried out experiments which have clarified the manner in which these minerals were formed.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., December 1st, 1952, in the Dept. of Geology, Dalhousie University, and is open to the public.

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