



Dr. Kerr gives his first address - Oct. 11, 1945

Yesterday, President Kerr addressed the student body of Dalhousie and in a most able manner pointed out to the students the problems which faced them while at college.

He began by welcoming all back to Dal and then traced the course of events during the previous five months which had seen the Nazis and Japs surrender unconditionally within 100 days of each other and "so the world was able to breathe freely once more." "As a consequence we can now turn our thoughts to the enterprise of peace. I venture to remind you that peace will have its problems and it will present ample opportunities for contributing to the common good."

President Kerr reminded the students that wherever they went they would be representing Dal and he hoped they would do so with distinction, and he then stressed three major points:

STUDIES FIRST

"First, 'you should give your studies the first place in your attention. Dal has always prided itself on its academic standards and you will only be able to meet the requirements of your classes if you do honest work. If you are industrious, the first reward of your faithfulness will be success in fulfillment of the University's demands.'"

Secondly, "having put the first consideration in its right place, you endeavour to play your part as individuals in the general pro-

gram of student activities. No definition of a university is satisfactory which does not expressly recognize the fact that it is a community and that it has a distinctive life of its own. Every student ought to take some part in the activities of university life."

ATTENTION TO RELIGION

Thirdly, "throughout your years here, give due attention to the interests of your religious faith. I accept without qualification the judgment that the chief fact about any man or any nation is his or its religion."

"Now it is not uncommon for students in university to begin to entertain doubts about the great tradition of the faith. I have deep sympathy with young people who thus wrestle to know the truth and I admire them for their refusal to 'make their judgment blind.' I say to you, therefore, hold on to your religious faith."

"Let me say again that we are very happy to have you at Dalhousie. If you have any problem upon which your professors can throw any light, do not hesitate to speak to them about it. They are interested in you and will appreciate every opportunity to help you. And the door of the President's Office will always be open to you."

DGDS to announce choice of musical before end of term

Any possibility of capitalizing on the time gained by the dropping of the play has been lost as the Glee and Dramatic Society has still not made a final choice for its spring musical. Originally, this extra time in the fall was to enable the Society to spread out its rehearsal time, but it now seems inevitable that there will be the usual last-minute rush of preparations.

At present the original wide selection has been cut down to a choice between two: "Once Upon

A Mattress", and "The Three Penny Opera." A spokesman for the Society said that an attempt to get away from large-scale Broadway musicals was being made. "Hit the Deck", which was being considered, was dropped partly for this reason. Another musical which was under consideration, "Lil' Abner", was also rejected partly because of this, and partly because of its humour, which relied largely on an knowledge of the Eisenhower administration.

Mr. Allison Bishop of the Department of Adult Education has been named as possible director if the "Opera" is chosen, but no statement has been made as to who will be the director if another choice is made.

The executive of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society promises that a final choice will be announced very shortly, and that there will be at least one session of try-outs and rehearsal before the college adjourns for Christmas vacation. This will provide a head-start on previous years.

Once again, students are reminded to fill out application forms available in the canteen if they are interested in participating in the work of the society. If time means quality, the Glee and Dramatic Society should really out do themselves this year.

McAllister gets Rhodes

A postgraduate science student at Dalhousie, R. Eric McAllister, 20, of Bridgetown, has been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Nova Scotia for 1963 subject to confirmation by the Rhodes Trustees.

A graduate of Dal, Mr. McAllister is currently working towards his MSc. in Physics. He will study for his doctorate in physics at Oxford.

During his time at Dalhousie Mr. McAllister has held several scholarships, including the Union Carbide Canada Limited scholarship, the Dr. A. Stanley MacKenzie scholarship in physics and a National Research Council scholarship.

Dr. Kerr resigns after 17 years at Dalhousie

Dr. Alexander E. Kerr, president of Dalhousie for the past 17 years, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the Board of Governors last week. His resignation will be effective Aug. 31, 1963.

Donald McInnes, QC, chairman of the Board of Governors, told The Gazette the appointment of a successor to Dr. Kerr was being studied by the Board. So far there has been no hint as to who the new president will be.

On his retirement Dr. Kerr will be appointed to the newly created honorary post of president emeritus of the university.

A native of Louisburg, Cape

Breton, Dr. Kerr is a graduate of Dalhousie, Pine Hill Divinity College and Union Seminary, New York. He had been principal and professor of Systematic Theology at Pine Hill for six years when he was offered the post of president of Dalhousie in 1945.

The Gazette of Oct. 5, 1945, reported Dr. Kerr's appointment: "On July 22 of this year, the board of governors of Dalhousie University announced the appointment of Rev. Alexander E. Kerr, principal of Pine Hill Divinity College, Halifax, as president of Dalhousie. Dr. Kerr succeeds Dr. Carleton Stanley, who resigned his post last spring . . ."

Dr. Kerr said he had given the question of his resignation careful thought. The future of the university was now very bright, he said, and this seemed a good time for him to ask the university to relieve him of his duties.

During his time at Dalhousie the size of the university has more than doubled. Enrollment has jumped from approximately 1,100 to more than 2,500 students; a number of new buildings have gone up - the value of buildings on the campus has risen fivefold; several new faculties have come into existence; while the annual expenditure of the university has risen from \$437,000 in 1945-46 to \$4,500,000 this year.

Five entrants for Miss Snowball '63 announced

Five young ladies have entered to compete in the Snowball '63 contest during Dalhousie's first Winter Carnival next term. For those eager males who will be voting on the lovely ladies with classy chasses here are a few points to look for:-

Barbara Goldfarb is a 17-year-old first year pre-dent student. A brown-haired, green-eyed cheerleader, she is 5 ft. 6 in tall and weighs in at 125 pounds -- soaking wet. Barb is also a keen skier and belongs to Hillel.

Wendy Harrison, brown-haired with matching brown eyes, is a 17-year-old second-year science student who intends to teach. Also a cheerleader and a member of the Ski Club, Wendy disperses her 115 pounds over her 5 ft. 4 in. frame delightfully. She is secretary of the Science Society, participates in DGAC and is a former member of the Gazette staff.

Margaret Ellen Mercer is a 17-year old first-year Arts student and -- O, Woe! -- works for Pharos. She hopes to go to Europe when she graduates and her brown hair and blue eyes should drive the

Continental wild. She shows her 118 pound, 5 ft. 3 in. frame to good advantage in synchronized swimming. Besides putting in time with That Other Publication and in swimming, M.E. is active in Church work.

Nancy Parker will be driving the male lawyers wild when she hits Law School in a couple of years. Nancy, a green-eyed blond is an 18-year-old second-year Arts student and a keen modern dancer. Her 130 pounds adorning a 5 ft. 9 in. chassis, she should be an asset to DGDS. She is also secretary-treasurer of Delta Gamma.

Joyce Smith, a 20-year-old fourth year Arts student, has been a mainstay of the Student Union Building Committee for several years now -- and is one of the reasons the male members make a real effort to attend. A brown-haired, brown-eyed lass, she should be a hit with her pupils when she takes up teaching. A former cheerleader with a 125 pound, 5 ft. 6 in. frame, she also plays ground hockey.



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