

PREXY'S LAST BLAST

By Al Robertson

Amid protests of the Munro Day revue and recommendations concerning almost every phase of student activities, the 1962-63 Council of the Students assumed office late in March of 1962. True to election campaign promises one of the first items to be discussed was the bookstore, with the subsequent appointment of Betsy Whelan and Peter Howard to look into the situation and to recommend what changes would be appropriate. After much discussion and letter writing, the Council and Mr. Attwood came to terms and decided to try a cafeteria style store for the first few weeks of classes, so that the initial onslaught of book-starved students could be properly handled. This proved successful in that the customary three hour lineups were reduced to fifteen minutes and half an hour, and Mr. Atwood and his staff were left standing at the end of the day. A great deal of thanks is due to Betsy and Pete for the work they did, and to Mr. Attwood for his cooperation.

FRESHMAN COMMITTEE

Don Moors and his committee of thousands gave a roaring welcome to over five hundred freshmen during the last week of September, who in turn pleasantly surprised us by showing the initiative in sponsoring two Acadia trips and a singing group. Their energy and spirit was a much-needed contribution to the campus.

AND RINGS

The question of who should have the right to wear a Dalhousie ring was raised, and at the first of the pre-Christmas term we took steps to insure that only senior students could buy one. This has worked out quite well, and we hope that

it will raise the honor of wearing the ring in the future.

AND CARDS

To make the Students' Council card a bit more official the attachment of the pictures was controlled by the Council, and the cards were typed out at registration. This has not proved to be good enough, and in the future I think we should have an individual Dalhousie card rather than the standard NFCUS card. It might be similar to the standard type of credit card now in use, and could have a student number on it for borrowing books and the like. If it were done this way it could serve as an official ID card for any occasions that might arise.

ATHLETICS

Last year's President, Dick Thompson, did a lot of groundwork in the athletic structure at Dalhousie. With the help and guidance of Professor Andy MacKay we approached the administration with proposals that we felt would save a dying concern. And they did. Mr. Ken Gowie has done a fantastic job in athletics, as is evidenced by the increased participation in all phases of the program. We have thousands of dollars worth of new equipment, new ideas, and most important of all, new spirit.

Immediately after the elections Tom Tsoumas, the new Council President at Saint Mary's approached me with the idea of initiating a student television program, with participation from the five universities in the Halifax area. We arranged a meeting with representatives from the different schools, and then contacted CJCH. Joe King liked the plan, and incorporated it with his program SCOPE. It was well received,

and some of the programs went as far as Winnipeg.

CHEERLEADERS

The appearance of male cheer leaders in the cheering section marks a new era in the history of the illustrious Pepcats. Let's hope they have the courage to turn out again next year.

In our election campaign we promised to send as many people as possible to as many good conferences as possible. We have tried to carry this out by sending people to Carleton, Sherbrooke, Laval, McGill, Sir George Williams, Manitoa, Saint Mary's, Newfoundland, and Ottawa. There is no insurmountable reason why Dalhousie, in the near future, cannot host a conference of this type. With the help of the Provincial and City governments, and the university administration, it could become a reality.

And the University still won't allow Mr. Attwood to serve soup and pie in the canteen.

We had hoped to get the directory published at least after registration, but due to continual delays the publication was delayed until the end of November. In the future a written contract should do away with most of the delays.

AND GOOD OLD DGDS

After many changes and a few moments of sincere panic, the Glee and Dramatic Society buckled down and produced one of the best musicals to hit the city. The three thousand dollar increase in their budget that was granted less than a month and a half before the production was well spent. For the first time in years, they made a profit. A man who was dismissed from a university over thirty

Attention Graduates 1963

The following is the tentative schedule of the Class of 1963 graduation festivities:

- Sunday, May 12 — Baccalaureate Service 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Oxford St.
- Tuesday, May 14 — Wiener Roast & Dance 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 15 — Graduation Banquet, Nova Scotian Hotel.
- Thursday, May 16 — Convocation —
Morning — Undergrad schools
Afternoon — Graduate schools
Graduation Ball, Eddie Richards Orchestra, 9-1, Nova Scotian Hotel.

A composite ticket for all activities will be sold for \$10.00 by the Class of 1963 executive before and after Spring Examinations. Tickets for each event will be sold individually at a slightly higher price.

years ago for his political beliefs appealed to the Council for funds to continue his campaign for democracy. Although, individually, many members sympathized with his case, it was decided that the Council had no right to give money entrusted to us to a cause such as this. Some interested students felt we had made a wrong decision, and appealed his case at the next meeting, but after we had explained our reasons, nothing more was done.

WINTER CARNIVALS

Early in the fall of 1962 a meeting was arranged with representatives from other major maritime universities with the hope of getting some concrete plans for a Dalhousie Winter Carnival. It was decided to deal collectively with entertainment to insure reasonable prices. On this basis we contracted the Journeymen, who turned out to be one of the finest groups to hit the campus in a long time. A torch lite parade, variety show, snow-bowl game, a cookout, and an ice show were some of the other events that made the Carnival the unqualified success it was.

After years of squabbling about who should belong to the senior class, we brought forth a constitution that was subsequently passed at a meeting of the graduating students, to the effect that all persons receiving a degree or diploma are eligible to become life officers of the senior class.

To keep from giving money outright to the various societies for operating expenses, it has been customary to allot them a Friday night dance in the gymnasium. On occasion, however, this privilege has been abused to the extent that students have been charged up to \$1.75 per couple for record hops. On the recommendation of the campus Coordinator we drew up a list of suggested prices for certain types of dances, and presented it to the new Council with the hope that they will give the idea some thought before next fall.

STUDY BREAKS

This year has seen the continuance of a newly instituted tradition (?) at Dalhousie in the form of a mid-term study break. Its primary use is that of a review period for those conscientious enough to have kept their studies up, and a time for rearranging disturbed thoughts for the majority.

AND COPS

To keep some semblance of order among Dal students during the annual trip to Acadia, a provost corps was instituted, whose job it was to keep any misaligned students in line. The measure was effective, much to the relief of apprehensive Acadia students, and I imagine that upon a further request by Acadia, the precedent will be followed.

POETS

In February, the Council arranged to have Irving Layton, one

of Canada's better known poets give a reading to a group of students and Professors. He was both amusing and provocative. An ardent disbeliever in the modern way of life with its successful young executive and his two car garage, he reflected on these and other thoughts for an hour and a half. At times he had his listeners engrossed in thought, while two minutes later they were writhing in laughter or squirming in embarrassed silence. We should have more of this kind of thing at Dalhousie, and I sincerely hope that the next Council will hold this view.

An energetic group of English students banded together late last term to publish some of their works in the form of "broad sheets." We were pleased to finance such a worthy proposition, and I have visions of the idea blooming fully in the future. This type of publication has been absent from the Dalhousie campus for over fifteen years, and its return is sure to be a welcome addition to the growing list of student accomplishments.

FREE BASH

Student activities came to a halt in the form of a formal dance for the entire student body and faculty on Friday, the 8th of March at the Nova Scotian Hotel. Awards were presented, our Campus Queen was crowned, and the Student Body said good-bye to Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, our retiring President and his wife, who, after eighteen years of devotion to Dalhousie are going to spend some time themselves. On behalf of the Students' Council and the Student Body may I offer a sincere thank you and congratulations for a job well-done. You will not be forgotten.

KUDOS

I am deeply indebted to three people for making my job a lot easier. Dick Thompson did a lot in his term of office, not only in the physical sense such as instituting an excellent filing system and many other things, but also in establishing contacts between various departments of the Administration to which the Council could turn for help. His experience has been a Godsend when crisis threatened.

Miss Bernice Robb is the saviour of every Council President. Miss Robb deals with the facts, the figures, and most important, the money. A wealth of knowledge about University and Council affairs, she can always be counted upon to come up with the right advice at the right time.

AND WITH THANKS

May I express my appreciation especially to Ian MacKenzie and the Gazette Staff for their cooperation, their excellent coverage of Council activities, and for taking the part of an interested and fair press for the duration of the 1962-63 Council year. A constructive opposition is the greatest asset to any government. And they were.



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