



By BRUCE WILLIS

Already the frosh have been here for a month and have, in the grand old tradition, been assimilated into various activities. From what we hear, they have taken an active interest in the Gazette, in NFCUS, SCM, Newman Club etc. There seems to be quite a bit of talent at Dal this year, but, as in the past, it is a pretty valid conclusion that not all the talent has been reached.

The Student Body here has always been a great source of worthwhile talent but also a great reservoir of untouched and untried ability. One comes into contact daily with a myriad of able critics of everything in the Campus; critics of the Gazette, the pharos, the various faculty societies, and the numerous campus organizations. These critics are often quite capable, and have considerable to offer in the way of improving those organizations they choose to criticize from a distance. Unfortunately, they seldom do anything in the way of entering these groups and making them better, to put their otherwise destructive criticism to a constructive purpose.

Those who have been familiar with campus activities over the years are aware and very much so, of the great difficulty experienced in attempting to get things done, attempting to raise that nebulous 'spirit' which Dal seems to be lacking. One who has been associated actively with campus groups of varying importance and influence, realizes that constructive criticism is good, but criticism from persons who are not willing to carry the load to help make the objects of their criticism more worthwhile, just aren't doing anybody any good—neither the organization itself, the university and students as a whole, nor themselves for that matter.

It's a well known fact around the campus that 'spirit' is a rather vague term. This is not the fault of those who are doing something about it. The Pep Committee are doing a great job to keep the interest up; they're doing their job, but it is up to the students who gripe about the lack of spirit and interest to go out and get behind the committee and really give the joint up. Then, too, nothing is more surprising than to see a Commerce Co. or a Pharmacy Society which collectively does everything in the way of providing ability, controversy and amusement on the campus, while their numbers are less than 150. Again, the Arts and Science of 600 students plus is always in a tizzy over getting a representative attendance at meetings.

Just for the record, who's doing all the cynical beefing?? Why, the ones who don't give a damn in the end, the ones who could make a difference, but prefer not to!

One sees in the third page of the Gazette Issue No. 1, that the D.G.D.S. musical production of the year will be Purcell & Tate's "Dido and Aeneas", written 200 years ago for students in England, and well-suited to the talent and ability found at Dalhousie.

Well, that may all be very good, but, the selection of this play implies to me that at Dal are 200 years behind England in the realm of drama, comedy and general theatrical ability. It is of course understood that we don't have many people who are prospective giants in the theatre, but 200 years, . . . wow! Why not a modern musical like the old faithful Gilbert and Sullivan.

Gilbert and Sullivan have an ability to give one an enjoyable evening. Not too much to challenge the imagination, or exhaust a person's patience, and yet, complete enjoyment. So why not a G. & S. operetta, or at least something more modern and controversial, rather than a long look at what the well-dressed Trojan, and well-undressed Carthaginian are wearing. It sounds like it will be a Toga-fashion show set to music.

Sad! The men's residence is still with us.

An enjoyable article in the New York Times Magazine would be of interest to those on the campus who enjoy the finer things of life. "Wine Cellar on a Budget" is extremely informative and offers four ways of stocking your own private vault with the nectar of the gods when you have only \$50. to spare. Wine is the partner of good food; the French say that you cannot have one without the other. But beware! Each wine has its unique use: only the finest Amontillado (about \$2.50) for an aperitif; white Burgundy or Bordeaux (\$1.55 to \$2.70) for cold meats, fish, pork or chicken; Red Burgundy from the region of Beaujolais, for stews; Chianti (\$1.50 or so), for spaghetti. However, don't buy champagne because "it represents a mode of living which you can't afford if you have only \$50. to spend". It all sounds so wonderful.

CONQUEST

By CAROL CLARK

Conquest of knowledge by Dalhousie students begins in the largest library in the Maritimes which contains, besides a comprehensive collection of volumes covering the studies of all students, some invaluable, rare and unique recordings. This year, as before, newcomers to the campus were taken on conducted tours which included the Macdonald Library. In this way, students can realize, from their first year, the excellence of our library facilities.

ORIGIN

Dalhousie began its collection of books in 1818, laying a foundation for the present total of 150,000 volumes. In 1919, the Macdonald library was established in honor of Charles Macdonald, M.A., Professor of Mathematics at the college during the turn of the century. In 1956, the O. E. Smith wing was added, housing stacks and the Kipling collection.

OTHER LIBRARIES

Containing 100,000 volumes are the departmental libraries for Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Engineering-Geology, and holding a total of nearly 25,000 volumes respectively are the Med, Dent and Law libraries.

MORSE ROOM

Two sections of the main library are the Morse Room and the Kipling collection. The former contains the Douglas Cockerell collection with works dating back to the courts of James I of England and Louis XIV of France. In the Morse Room are kept all major periodicals available to today's public. It is a depository for official documents and publications of the Canadian and foreign governments and of the United Nations. For all this we are indebted to William Inglis Morse, who established this room in 1939.

KIPLING ROOM

The Kipling Room, of fitting beauty and architectural design, houses the private collection of James Stewart, C.B.E., Q.C. Here, along with nearly 1200 first editions and association copies, various, unusual, and unique volumes, are more magazine printings of Rudyard Kipling's work than exist in any other library. This collection was established in 1954 in the O. E. Smith wing.

3000 A MONTH

The Macdonald Library has adequate facilities for fulfilling the needs of undergraduates, post-graduates and the faculty. During the academic year more than 3000 books leave the premises each month. The reading room has a monthly attendance of almost 7000. It contains reference sources including a set of 233 volumes of the Library of Congress Authors' Catalogue listing more than ten million literary works. Here, the book club caters to the interests of students by providing popular fiction and non-fiction.

Our library is constantly growing, the number of books being double that of 1939. The staff of professional librarians augmented by student help is enlarging with it.

FLASH

Unofficial, but usually accurate, sources at press time today have reported the impending visit to Dalhousie of the new Chancellor, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Lady Dunn, and other guests. An official announcement is expected shortly.



Alistair Fraser



John E. Read



Charles Gavsie



John Wiggins Fisher



Sidney E. Smith

This Could Happen to You

by PAM CAMPBELL

Since the inauguration of Dalhousie University many years ago, men and women every year have been graduating from its halls, taking with them the knowledge and experience which they gained while attending the university. Each in his own way profited while at the same time aiding the building and strengthening of our Canadian nation.

As in every field of life, there are always some who head the list and seem more important than others because of their mark which they leave behind while marching forth toward broader goals. Only a small fraction can be introduced at this time.

Lt.-Governor Alistair Fraser came to Dalhousie from New Glasgow, N. S., and received his B.A. in 1906 and in 1908 his LL.B. After graduating he worked in Montreal with the legal department of the C.N.R. and in 1935 Mr. Fraser was made vice-president of the C.N.R. In 1952 he became Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; today holds the same office.

John Wiggins Fisher, a graduate of Rothesay Collegiate School came from Sackville, N. B. and in 1937 received his LL.B. from Dalhousie. At this time he won the La Fleche Trophy for his contribution to Canadian Radio as a commentator. Mr. Fisher was awarded an Honorary Degree (LL.D.) from the University of Western Ontario at which time he was the guest speaker of the occasion for opening a new building. In 1956 John Fisher became the Director of the Canadian Tourist Association. He is always known to Canadians for his excellent commentations.

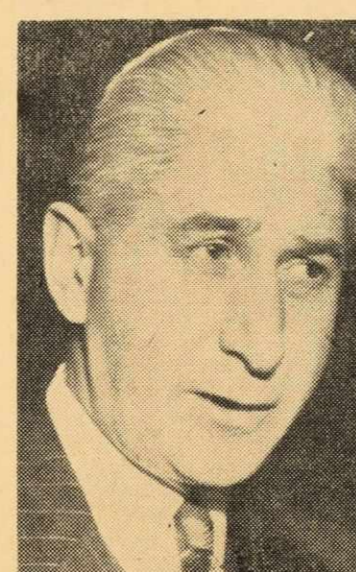
Sidney E. Smith came from Port Hood Island, N. S., and received his B.A. degree from King's College and his LL.B. from Dalhousie and then studied Post Graduate Law at Harvard in 1920-21. He joined the staff of Osgoode Hall where he was an associate professor. In 1929 Sidney Smith was made Dean of Dalhousie Law School until 1934 when he was appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba. In 1944 saw Mr. Smith made President of the University College at Toronto as well as executive assistant to Dr. H. J. Cody, President of the University of Toronto. The Honorary Degree, Doctorate of Laws has been conferred on Sidney Smith by Queens University, University of King's College, Bishops College and Dalhousie University. In 1945 he was made President of the University of Toronto and two years later he received another Honorary Degree from McGill University. Sidney Smith served as assistant editor of the Canadian Bar Review and Secretary of the

Commissions of the University of Laws. This year, 1957, saw Dr. Sidney E. Smith appointed Canada's Minister for External Affairs.

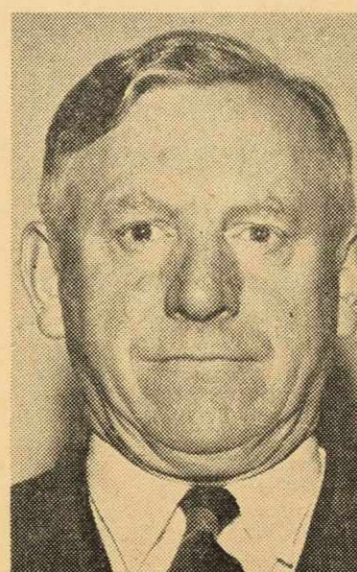
Sir Albert J. Walsh came from Holyrood, Newfoundland to Dalhousie University and in 1928 received his LL.B. winning the University Medal. In 1948 he became Commissioner for Justice and Newfoundland's first Lieutenant Governor in 1949, at which time he also became Chief Justice of Newfoundland. In 1948 Sir Albert J. Walsh received his Doctor of Law from Dalhousie at the Spring Convocation.

Norman A. MacKenzie of Pugwash, N. S., graduated in 1923 with a B.A. and an LL.B. Degree from Dalhousie University and later with an LL.M. Degree from Harvard. In 1924 he won the Blue Ribbon Prize in International Law conducted in Washington and in 1925 was appointed Legal Advisor to the International Labor Office, League of Nations in Geneva. In 1938 he became the Professor of International Law at the University of Toronto and in 1940 President of the University of New Brunswick. Mr. MacKenzie became Chairman of the Wartime Information Board in 1943 and appointed to the Presidency of the University of British Columbia the following year. He was made President of the National Conference of Canadian Universities in 1945 and in 1946 was made Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, a very high honor. The Newsmen Club of B.C. named him British Columbian of the year in 1952 and the following year 1953 he received an LL.D. from Dalhousie University.

Charles Gavsie of Brooklyn, N.Y., graduated from Dalhousie in 1927 with a B.A. and in 1929 an LL.B. with high honours in Jurisprudence. In 1942 he worked with the legal branch of the Department of Munitions and Supply, Ottawa and three years later became Deputy Minister of National Revenue for Taxation. Charles



Sir Albert J. Walsh



Norman A. MacKenzie

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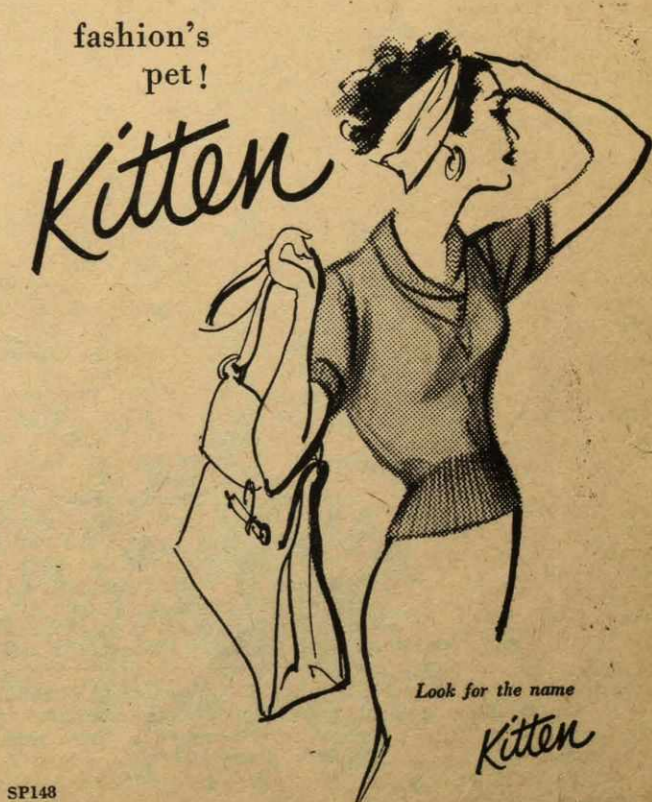
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- October 28—MONDAY: Gym—DGDS
- October 29—TUESDAY: Women's Common Room, Arts Bldg. 6:45 - 7:45 SCM Gym DGDS rehearsal
- October 30—WEDNESDAY: Gym DGDS dress rehearsal

The Shape of Things to Come

RUTH MACKENZIE

The college students more or less Come in the shape of the letter "S"; Their vertebrae attach with hinges Their backbones jelly at the fringes; This ghastly state of the skelton's bent Is not a conditions authorities meant To exist as part of college study. It turns educational waters muddy. Each day the student walks thirteen miles Toting books in assorted colors and styles; But alike in this, to the student's remorse, If they're less than five pounds, they're not on the course, Thus posture degenerates, nerve cells lump; The whole general outlook develops a slump. Unless this system is curbed and guided, As a nation, we're going to be rather lop-sided. To keep future graduates from an obvious fate We must publish textbooks of negative weight.

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