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Frantic doings at Sunday night's rehearsal of "Arsenic and Old Lace" were caught by Staff Photographer Bob Jackson. Brenda Murphy, left, and Jeanette LeBrun carry away a body, while Kay Campbell and Dave Peel demonstrate one of their several clinches. Nice work if you can get it!

## D.G.D.S. Comedy Laugh Riot, Students Free On Thursday

"Arsenic and Old Lace", a hilarious comedy by Joseph Kesselring that was a big Broadway hit in 1941, is coming to Dalhousie this week. Student night for the Glee Club reproduction will be Thursday, with curtain time 8:30. Admission will be free on presentation of Council cards. The play will continue Friday and Saturday for the general public and the D.G.D.S. executive promises a riot of laughs to everyone.

## McDermaid Is Tory Leader

A Progressive Conservative meeting was well attended last Thursday at noon in the Arts and Administration Building. Pat Nowlan, Law 3, the Tory leader in the Law School Mock Parliament, chaired the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to see if there would be interest in having a mock parliament on the Dalhousie campus. The next meeting is planned for this Thursday in 234 Arts, with Richard Donahoe as speaker. All interested are invited.

Since Sodales must hold an election in order to send representatives to the model parliament at Fredericton in March it was hoped that there might be enough politically minded people on the campus to have our own parliament here, and thus put the Sodales election to a second use. The election held by Sodales will determine the number of seats to be held by the different parties in the model parliament at Fredericton; Dal is allowed five seats. A mock parliament could be set up here with seats given on a basis of the Sodales election.

For two reasons, an interest in politics, although not necessarily an interest in a particular party, is advisable, Mr. Nowlan said. We will be running Canada in years to come, and this can only be accomplished well, if we have a knowledge of the laws and customs of our country. This knowledge will be furthered by an active interest in a mock parliament. Secondly, public speaking experience can be gained by cultivating this interest.

There seemed to be interest from the Progressive Conservative front and so a temporary executive was set up to try to plan under way for a mock parliament at Dalhousie. The temporary executive is as follows:

President: Peter McDermaid  
First Vice Pres.: Jack Buntain,  
Second Vice Pres.: Jeanette LeBrun  
Secretary Treasurer: Mary Paterson  
Liaison Officer: Dave Peel  
Publicity Director: Dave Millar  
Arrangements to have Mr. Donahoe speak at this Thursday's meeting are as yet incomplete, but it is expected that he will attend. The time is 12 noon in 234 Arts.

The set for the melodramatic farce has been designed by Olga Karlovna and Wally Bergman, and executed by Paul Kennedy's stage crew. The action takes place in an old-fashioned home in Brooklyn, New York, where nobody is very sane.

The plot centres around two lovable old ladies, Abby and Martha Brewster, who are devoted to charity and good works. Brenda Murphy, a star in the skits of "TV or Not TV", plays the part of Martha, while Jeanette LeBrun, who made her only earlier dramatic appearance in the Connolly Shield plays last year, takes the part of her sister Abby. Both Jeanette and Brenda get along famously in their career of poisoning old men, although they do meet several complications.

One of the complications arrives in the form of nephew Jonathan, a Boris Karloff character, played to perfection by David Murray. As a boy, Jonathan "liked to cut worms in two - with his teeth," we are told. His partner in crime, a meek plastic surgeon called Dr. Einstein, is David Brown. They are experts at making blood curdle all over the world.

The other nephew, Mortimer, carries on a romance that becomes very interesting on the stage with the girl next door, played by Kay Campbell. Kay, a newcomer to Dal, presents a beautifully bewildered interpretation of Elaine, who can't understand what goes on in her neighbours' house. Mortimer will be played by Dave Peel, a familiar figure on the Dal stage. He was given the part only last week, when Roland Thornhill was unable to return from Newfoundland.

## Manitoba In NFCUS Again

An increase of fifty cents in student union fees was approved by the Boards of Governors at the University of Manitoba at its December meeting. This fee is necessary to sustain membership in the National Federation of Canadian University students. A similar request for the fifty cent hike was turned down last spring because of late submission.

The University of Toronto and British Columbia are expected to follow suit and become full fledged members of NFCUS according to world received from Doug Burns, national president of NFCUS.

## REFERENDUM ON NFCUS MEMBERSHIP ON THURSDAY - EVERYBODY VOTE

### Raise In Fees Not Needed To Remain

On Thursday, Dalhousie students will go to the polls to vote on whether they wish Dalhousie to remain a member of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The Student Council declined to vote on the issue, as it felt that all Dal students should express their stand on the matter.

The vote, which will be taken on Thursday at Forrest and Arts Building, will not be on the increased fees, but on whether Dalhousie students wish to remain members of the organization. Victor Burstall, president of the Students' Council, stated that the Council has sufficient funds to pay the NFCUS fees, if the students wished to give the organization their support.

A Student Forum was held today at which President Burstall outlined the reasons for the increase in fees. Dennis Madden, NFCUS chairman, asked the students to take an active interest in the organization which now has a membership of 40,000 Canadian students at twenty-one universities. He pointed out that NFCUS would bring benefits to the student body only if Dal students took an active interest in its work and supported the NFCUS committee at Dalhousie.

This year a number of students have taken an active interest in the work of the Dal committee and have carried out several projects for Dalhousie students on a local level, such as student discounts at fifteen city stores, an investigation of text book prices at Dal, a survey of Christmas employment in the Halifax area, sent a questionnaire on initiation to all member universities across Canada, in order to prepare a brief on initiation which will be presented to the Dalhousie Senate, and they have started a campaign to foster public support for increased government aid for students.

The Dal NFCUS committee expressed the hope that all students would think seriously of the choice they have to make when they go to the polls this Thursday.

## Kaplan Talks In California

Dr. J. Gordon Kaplan, associate professor of Physiology at Dalhousie, returned last week to Halifax from Berkeley, California, where he attended the 121st meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. While attending the Conference, Dr. Kaplan presented a new theory concerning the results of his research on enzymes at the Dalhousie Medical School.

Dr. Kaplan, whose trip was sponsored by the National Cancer Institute of Canada, was invited by the Association to participate in a symposium of eight students discussing the effect of radiations on living matter. He presented a new theory showing how enzymes exist within the living cell and how they function. Dr. Kaplan described how he succeeded in extracting an enzyme from a cell and then restored it artificially to a state closely corresponding to its original state within the cell. Dr. Kaplan stated that there is still a great deal of research to be done before any conclusions can be made.

Dr. Kaplan has been doing research work on enzymes since his arrival at Dalhousie five years ago. Dr. Kaplan and his associate, Dr. J. A. McCarter are the only two working in this field east of Quebec.

## Liberals, CCF, PC's To Meet

The Liberals and the C.C.F., following the lead of the P.C.'s, are planning political meetings to organize themselves this week. Liberals will meet in 130 Arts on Thursday at noon, with the Co-operative Commonwealth University Federation organizing in 321 Arts at 2:00. At 12 noon, the same time as the Liberals, the Conservatives have slated another meeting, at which it is hoped that Richard A. Donahoe, recently elected M.L.A., will be the speaker, in 234 Arts.

George Mitchell, leader of the Law School Liberals, has called the Grit meeting. It is to discuss the same issues that the Tories handled last week. Ken Pryke will chair the C.F.F.'ers, and both groups will try to find interest for a model parliament on campus.

## National Frosh Info Sought

It was a sad day for the Sophomores when the Dalhousie Senate banned Initiation Week on the campus last fall. Accordingly, a howl was set up for its return. Even the freshmen, in former years, none too keen about the project, appeared to want it, as a lot of fun and good fellowship seemed to be missing from the beginning of college life. Most students feel that a tradition has been shattered, but nothing can be done without the approval of the Senate.

Recently, the Dalhousie Students' Council and NFCUS organization decided to do something about the situation. A committee consisting of Dennis Madden and Helen Scammell was appointed to make a survey of Initiation Week programs in all the universities in Canada through the following process: Letters enclosing questionnaires on initiation are being sent to these Canadian Universities, whose officials are requested to return them with a week. Covering the subject very thoroughly and fairly, the questions begin with the query "Is initiation compulsory" and end with "Is the relationship between the faculty and students on initiation satisfactory?" They are also concerned with the costs, the various activities carried on by the Initiation Committee during Freshman Week, the part played by the faculty.

When the questionnaires have been returned to Dalhousie, the Committee will use them to compile a brief or initiation, which will be presented to the University officials. Perhaps as a result of this survey and of the consensus of campus opinion, the Dalhousie Senate will once again permit some, if milder, form of initiation this fall.



ENGINEERS QUEEN - Elise Lane is pictured above just after her coronation at the Boilermakers' Ball.

## Engineers Choose Lane

The Engineering Society has announced its choice of Elise Lane as its princess in the Munroe Day Campus Queen Contest.

Her three years at Dal have been full of extra curricular activities. This year she is a member of the Student Council and chairman of the awards committee, co-editor of the "Organizations" section of the Radio Club and active in WUSC and the Glee Club.

In her previous years she has played basketball and ice hockey, been on the swimming team and managed it, and has been a Gazette reporter. She has also been active in the Glee Club, Delta Gamma, the Radio Club and Publicity.

In addition to being Engineer's Queen, she was last year the Queen of the Junior Class, and is holder of the Pan Hellenic Award. This year, Elise holds a Khaki Scholarship. She is majoring in history.

## Delta Gamma Plans Contest

The first meeting of Delta Gamma was held Thursday, January 13, with the president Jeanette LeBrun presiding. It was decided to enter a play in the Connolly Shield competition under the direction of Iris Cappel. The report on the Open House at Shirreff Hall showed it to be a huge success. Then the all important business of Sadie Hawkins Week was discussed. The following schedule for the week starting January 31 to Feb. 4 was drawn up. Monday will be the night when the Dalhousie girls escort their men to the show; Tuesday skating; Wednesday, card playing in the Men's Common Room; Thursday, the Serenade, and Friday, the final and biggest event of the week - the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Much enthusiasm was shown in regard to a Campus King Contest. The girls felt they would like to sponsor a contest among the males of the campus and a king should be chosen and crowned at the Sadie Hawkins Dance. The following were nominated to run: David Fraser, Alex Campbell, John Nichols, Terry Goodyear and John Williston. This year it will be a penny a vote and the money collected will be given to the Rink Rats.

## Aid Plan Gets Official Help

Students short of money got support last week from the Student Council and the University President, Dr. A. E. Kerr.

The Student Council voted unanimous approval to a resolution presented by the NFCUS scholarship calling for government aid to needy students.

Dr. Kerr gave his blessing to a publicity campaign to be conducted by the committee in the Maritimes to rouse public support.

The committee has begun work on a survey of the campus to find out how many students have quit or may quit college because of money troubles.

Their findings will be used as part of a nation-wide campaign by the National Federation of Canadian University Students to rouse public support for a demand to the Federal government for \$5½ million grant for student aid.

The grant will be used to help high school students enter college, who otherwise could not go. The scholarships will be awarded on a basis of ability to benefit from university and financial need. When approved by the Federal government the scheme should enable another 10,000 young Canadians to enter university per year.

Professor J. F. Graham, of the Faculty of Arts, has volunteered to act as advisor to the committee on the preparation of statistics on student need at Dal, and on correlation of the findings.

The committee has prepared a questionnaire for high schools, which will be circulated to discover how many high school students.

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## What Council Did Last Week

### Regular Meeting January 10th

—Heard the Red Cross Director for N. S. and P.E.I. speak on the need for blood, in anticipation of the coming Blood Drive.

—On the suggestion of the NFCUS sub-committee on the National Scholarship plan, gave its official approval to the National Scholarship program.

—Suggested that Dr. Hayes, head of the Zoology Dept., be appointed to the Malcolm Honor Award Committee.

—Granted \$20 to the D.G.A.C. for a new basketball.

—Appointed Four Committees.

Election Committee: George Slipp, Stu MacKinnon  
Awards Committee: Elise Lane, Chairman, Stu MacKinnon, Betty Bissett, Dave Peel, Dave Fraser  
Munro Day Committee: Anne Thompson, Chairman, Roland Thornhill

Committee to look into Freshman Initiations: Dennis Madden, Helen Scammell

—Appreciated \$154. for the D.A.A.C.

—Heard report on Council Dance by Elise Lane, congratulated the committee on the successful dance.

—Adjourned.

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