

The Devil and the Freshman

I

The Freshman sate in the depths of his cell and groaned, and beat his breast, for he was humiliated and abased, being a Freshman. He had suffered shame and loss of dignity in the Initiation, and had not the effrontery whereby to outface the jeers and scoffs of initiates. And he sate in the depths of his cell in the Men's Monastery, and groaned.

II

Whereat his Better Self arose, as Better Selves will, came and berated him his weakness, saying: "Bear up, bear up!" And it exhorted him to join the Glum Club, or the Diehard Football Team, and do great deeds. But he cursed the B.S., which withdrew forthwith. And when it could no longer hear him, he said: Better I had not come; better I had sold my soul, than that this should have happened.

III

And as his words were lost in the murk, there came a rumble of thunder and the cell grew dark. And he beheld a Stranger leaning against the door, with sneering countenance. And the Freshman drew himself up proudly, for he feared nothing, and was a Boshville Bosh, of one of the oldest families.

But the Stranger spoke, and said: "Give yourself no airs, for my family is older even than yours, particularly in Halifax." And the Stranger continued, saying: "So you don't like the Glum Club or the football team. Then take my advice; unless you can make Delta Gamma, join the Gazette. Fine institution." And the Stranger vanished in a rumble of thunder, and a cloud of Science Building smoke, and the place knew him no more.

IV

The Freshman sate and marvelled, for the Stranger had said the truth; the Gazette was, indeed, most illustrious. And he arose and went forth, and it is written that he entered the office of the Gazette and became a scribe.

For the Stranger is a sporting type, and loves a gamble with a soul, and there was no greater gamble than this. For many there are who venture in to the Gazette, but few emerge to say that they no overset set, no deadline broke,

no story flubbed, no copy passed that should not have been passed, and have no great oaths caused in the Editors, whereat damnation came upon them, and have not bleached the soul of the proof-reader with bad proof, and have not printed vile columns causing the reader to take the Name in vain, but have done all well.

But such a one was this Freshman, and did all well, and many souls were thereby saved.

V

And the Stranger sate on his throne in Hell, and gnashed his teeth with rage, for at his feet lay the Gazette whereof the same Freshman was an Editor, and it was good and all was indeed pussier.

For it had come by the new One-Thirty-On-The-Dot Circulation Service devised by this Freshman's ingenuity, and in the opening it could be seen that the Editorials were good, and the heads good and balanced, the cuts clear and the proof perfect, the length exact and the layout impeccable. And that day the Stranger lost a Soul, and there was great rejoicing in the Gazette; for there is more joy for a good issue in the Gazette than in the salvation of six hundred sinners, or sixteen years' subscriptions to the Hansard.

The following poem was printed in the Harvard "Lampoon".

IN PHILANDERER'S FIELD

In Philanderer's Field the poppas grow,
Amid the curses, deep and low,
That mark their place. And flying by,
A love-bird thumbs its nose on high.
We are the dads. Short days ago
We wooed, got hooked, for all we know.
Now we are wed. Our doom we sealed
In Philanderer's Field.

FACULTY NEWS

Med Notes

The first year medical class was officially welcomed to the business of the Medical School at a "miniature" meeting of the Medical Society on Sept. 22 where, we are sorry to relate, confusion reigned supreme. The faux pas of wrangling and useless debate lasted for two and a half hours with nothing accomplished beyond the fact that we know what constitutes a quorum. After numerous motions of adjournment the President (figuratively) released the chains from the door and allowed us to return to our books and studies.

At a special meeting a few days later we were pleased to see that there are still a few men on the campus that would like to see Dalhousie on the map. These men would like to see Dalhousie take her place among the other Medical Schools in the promotion of the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes. We refer to the motion of asking to have the CAMSI National Executive at Dalhousie next year. A few made themselves quite conspicuous by not only refusing to take an interest in such an endeavour but by attempting to dissuade others from doing so as well.

As is the custom a warm welcome was extended the first year

Law Notes

It is nice to see so many bright young people in the First Year again, with some old faces mixed in with the new, who are being introduced to the complexities of the law for the first time.

The Supreme Moot Court opens its sittings on the 13th of this month with Rhude and Hannington, last year's top men in the first year, arguing before a Bench well loaded with lordship. The usual high standards of conduct will be expected from junior counsel, who are, we are told, liable to be severely penalized for contempt of court if their Lordships feel at all thirsty.

There has been, we are told, a slight letup in the volume of work done since the Dean left to be adviser on Constitutional Law to the delegation from Newfoundland. The Dean is expected back in about a week.

Law should have fairly strong teams in this year's inter-Faculty schedules, with a large first year class to draw on and most of last year's stalwarts back again. It is safe to predict, at any rate, that who ever wants to take the football honours away from Law will have a hard time.

class by both fraternities. Each trying to out-do the other by a wild display of free meals, parties and pledge talks. In this whirlpool of gaiety the new arrivals caught a glimpse of how medical students relax in their free hours. However, we do hope that all this frivolity has not been too dissipating an influence on those who are not immune to the effects of seeking (and finding) the pleasures of life.

We hope to talk with you again next Friday, if by that time, no one has rendered us incapable of writing. (Watch next week for our Library report.)

Notices

All faculty societies desiring coverage in the Faculty News section should appoint a representative to keep the features Editor informed as to activities, etc. If these representatives will contact Sherburne McCurdy at the Gazette office on Monday or Tuesday afternoons at Two-thirty, arrangements can be made accordingly.

There will be a regular meeting of the Gazette staff on Tuesday afternoon at One-thirty P. M. in the Gazette Office. All interested in working on the Gazette are urged to come along, besides regular members.

The Band will march to the field on Saturday for the McGill game at 1.45 p.m. All students who are going to attend the game are urged to be at the Gym at that time to march down with the band.

The Dalhousie Liberal Club will hold an informal Hallowe'en Dance at the Lord Nelson Hotel Oct. 29th.



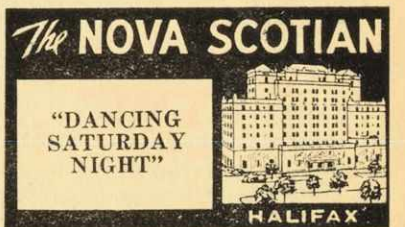
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