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THE FACULTY OF LAW

The Faculty of Law at Dalhousie is still engaged in its primary task of training men for lives of usefulness in the practice of law. It realizes now — as it always has realized that Law must be taught as a great profession, membership in which entails social responsibilities of a high order to the citizen and to the State. All through its lengthening history the Faculty has sought to provide adequate training in the basic subjects and techniques of our legal system in an atmosphere of high purpose and wide freedom.

Over this span of years it has had to face successive changes in the character, habits and views of society, and to consider the degree to which teaching methods and faculties should be adapted thereto. In the result, the Faculty has won merited recognition as a preparatory agency for success in law, business and public life.

The Faculty is not unmindful of the fact that only about half of its graduates now embrace the active practice of law and that the rest find their careers in government service and business in about equal measure. Obviously such a situation poses problems as to objectives and directions. So far we have clung to the idea that we can best fit our students for these varied ways of life by giving them the best training in our power in the fundamental characteristics and methods of the legal system, broadly conceived as the great instrument whereby business and government are carried on.

The obligation to keep pace with the world about us is not necessarily best discharged by the multiplication or invention of new courses; for a better way may well be in changes of emphasis.

Certain it is that the growing complexity of modern life has produced increasing need for well-trained men of law and this should be a source of encouragement for all who are now in this Faculty.

V. C. MacDonald,
Dean.

February 23, 1948.



Garroty, K.C., arguing, before Yeoman, L.C.J., and Mitchell and MacIntosh, L.J.J., in *Old Copper Co. v. Lewisohn*.

Moot Court Has Successful Year

by Keith Eaton

The 1947-48 sittings of the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie were brought to a close last week after the hearing of a total of thirty appeals, the largest number since the creation of the right to appeal from the Privy Council some years back.

The giving of a whole case to each of the senior counsel in Second Year instead of having two argue each case; the reduction to a minimum of fining for court misdemeanor with a consequential elimination of horseplay; and a scheme calling for more preparation by the Third Year justices were innovations this year.

Highlights of court sessions were Colin Henderson Smith's quip while Sheriff Claude Dingwall was inspecting said Smith's fingernails on instructions from Churchill-Smith L.J.C. to ascertain if said Smith was "coming to equity with clean hands". Said the Social Credit ace: "Were it not Assize time I would run you through" (*Tuberville v. Savage*). And there was the day when counsel and public left the court completely mystified as to how the case was decided after just listening to Their Lordships hand down judgement. The Chief Justice said that he found for the Respondents (in fact he intended the Appellants). Another of Their Lordships said he concurred with the learned Lord

Chief Justice in finding for the Appellants, while the third and remaining judge said he concurred with both his learned brethren. It was not until a day that the contestants discovered who won the appeal.

It is possible that the competition for the Sidney Smith trophy which is based on an argument by four third year students before a bench comprised of two judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and the President of the N. S. Law Society, will be revived this year after having been dropped during the war years. Students selected by last year's Third Year class to argue this year were Alex MacIntosh, Bill Chipman, Gerry McAdam and Keith Eaton.



V.C. MacDonald, B.A., I.I.B.,
K.C., Dean of Law.

Lawyers Take Active Part In Student Affairs

Not many Studley students realize exactly how large a number of Law students take an active and responsible part in student organizations; the general impression is that lawyers are elderly people, somewhat detached from the hum and bustle of student offices at Studley. A brief review of the offices held by law students reveals how erroneous this impression is.

On the Council, apart from the Law representative, Bill Cox, there are two law students who hold two of the five general positions not confined to any faculty. These are Harry Rhude, who is Vice-President, and Dave Doig, the Member at Large.

In other organizations the tally is quite as large: in the D.A.A.C. there is Windy O'Neill, who is in the first year of Law. Art Mears, a third year lawyer, heads the new Publicity Department, one of the better innovations produced by the Harvey administration. Frank Fleming, the President of the Glee Club is in the second year of Law, and Ron Coldwell, the Editor of the Year Book, is in first. In the Vets Society Law is well represented, with Tommy Giles and Colin Smith heading the list. Lawyers are on all the Varsity teams, particularly in the two footballs, with Gordie Hart captaining the rugby team to the Maritime championship.

The Law Ball

This year's Law Ball was an unqualified success, thanks to an energetic committee whose efforts served to make it the best dance of the year. On the Committee were Gordon Hart, the Chairman, Doug Hunt and Nat Taylor. The dance was held in the Ballroom of the Nova Scotian Hotel, with Don Warner's Band in attendance.

Among the chaperones were Dean and Mrs. V. C. MacDonald, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Milner and Professor and Mrs. T. M. Feeney. Patrons were the Hon. and Mrs. Angus L. MacDonald, Sir Joseph Chisolm, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, and Mr. and Mrs. T. deW. Barss.

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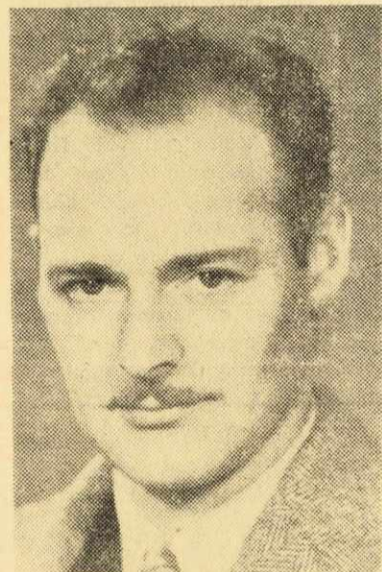
This year has been a very successful one for the Dalhousie Law School Society, the activities of which I propose to outline briefly. The Law Ball, thanks to the hard work of Gordon Hart and his committee was one of the finest formals held in the last few years. Our orators Tom Giles and Bill Cox journeyed to Toronto where they defeated a debating team from Osgoode Hall Law School. The Moot Court, under the guidance of a committee consisting of Alex MacIntosh, Keith Eaton and Bill Chipman, continued as in the past to upset the decisions of the House of Lord's in true judicial fashion, and finally our Mock Parliament promises to uncover some very fancy legislation.

In interfaculty competitions the lawyes have given an excellent account of themselves. Bill Cox, our interfaculty debating mtnager, deserves a lot of credit for his handling of the debating teams; in basketball, rugby and hockey, with Ken Mathews, Rory Black and Dave Churchill-Smith as respective managers, the lawyers have provided some thrilling moments, especially when they copped the rugby title in an upset victory last fall.

A great number of Law students are prominent figures on the campus, namely Windy O'Neill, President of the D.A.A.C., Harry Rhude, Vice-President of the Students Council, Art Mears, Publicity Director, Frank Fleming, President of the Glee Club, not to mention many others who are engaged in different capacities in the numerous functions on the campus, and above all our one and only Don Warner.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude on behalf of the Society to the various officials of the University for their co-operation. Had it not been for the help of Dr. Kerr, the debate with Osgoode Hall would not have been possible. We are specially grateful to Dean V.C. MacDonald and the other members of the Law Faculty for their kind help and advice.

In concluding I wish to extend my very sincere thanks to all the



Jim Cregan, President of the Law Society

members of the Society and in particular to Colin H. Smith, Vice-Pres., to Bob Matheson, Sec-Treas., and to Al Trites, Member-at-Large, for their assistance and co-operation.

JIM CREGAN PRES.

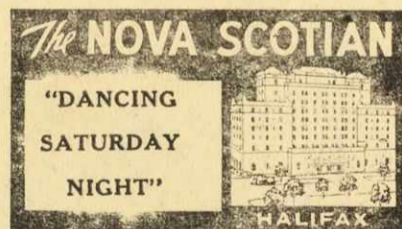
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