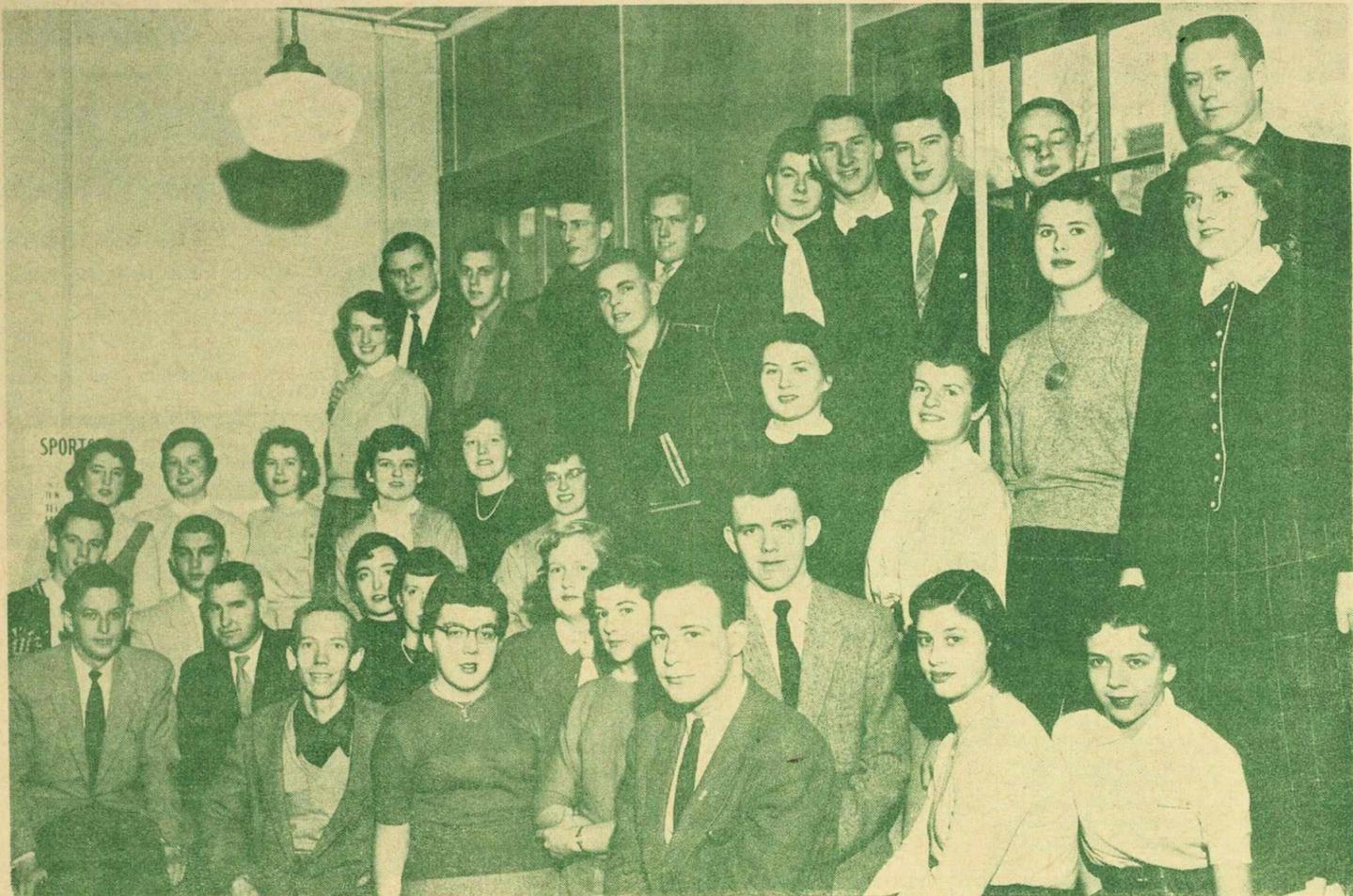


Merry Christmas

EVERYBODY



Front, Matt Epstein. First row, left to right: D. Young, P. Pottie, P. Armstrong, J. Curtis, J. Levine, G. Nobuary. Second row: H. Nathanson, R. Wellman, S. Ellman, B. Gerard, H. MacLean. Third row: D. Matheson, A. Campbell, Fourth row: L. Young, P. Campbell, N. Lane, C. Willett, J. MacPherson, E. Montgomery. Fifth row: C. Potter, G. Booth, C. Mayo, V. Wood, E. Murphy, F. Boston. Sixth row: G. Braund, D. Millar, T. Withers, L. Peach, J. Goring, D. MacIntosh, D. Bogart, B. Miller.

Photo by Thomas

Comedy Cast Selected

The cast has been selected for King's 3-act comedy "Happiest Days of Your Life", and rehearsals are in full swing. A lot of work is entailed in the production of this play, and it is expected to be a smash hit when presented in the Dal gym in January.

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Christmas Shopping?

The Dalhousie NFCUS Committee announces that eleven Halifax merchants have been contacted and will offer discounts to Dal and King's students upon presentation of Council cards:

- ALPHA TAXI
- ARCADE LADIES WEAR
- BOND'S MEN'S WEAR
- COUSIN'S DRY CLEANERS
- CLYDE ISNOR'S MEN'S WEAR
- GORDON B. ISNOR'S MEN'S WEAR
- MAHON'S STATIONERY
- MARITIME FURRIERS
- NU-WAY DRY CLEANERS
- SHANE'S SHOE STORE
- SPORTS LODGE

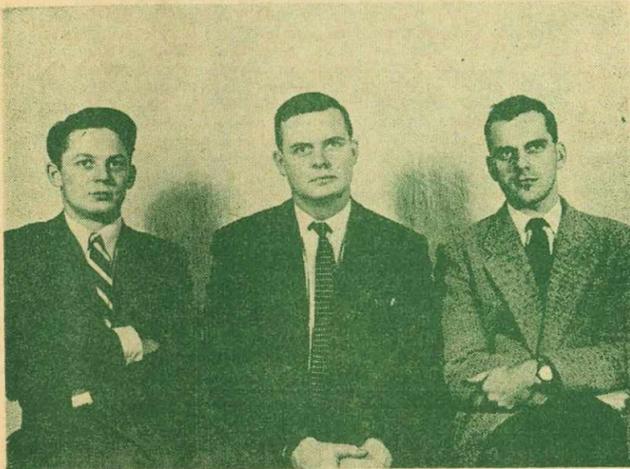
Other merchants who are currently giving discounts but have not yet been contracted by the NFCUS committee are:

- THE BLOSSOM SHOP
- DONALD J. MORRISON - PHOTOGRAPHER
- ROSEDALE NURSERIES
- SHANE'S MEN'S WEAR

Negotiations are being carried on with The Book Room and Famous Players to get them to support the discount plan, but these two firms are not yet granting price reductions.

It will be noticed that two firms who last year were granting discounts are not on this year's list. They have withdrawn primarily because students abused the discount privilege and loaned their Council cards to non-students.

VICTORIOUS COMPETITORS



Malcom Smith and Al Sinclair with soulful Sodales President, Garry Braund in the middle.

(Photo by Jollymore)

Dal Debaters Topple U. N. B. Law School

The talented Dalhousie debating team of Al Sinclair, Law '56 and Malcom Smith, Law '56, who took the affirmative on the resolution, "National Sovereignty is Obsolete", came out on top by unanimous decision over the U.N.B. debating team of Colin Bergh and Fred Theriault, last Friday night.

The keenness and ability shown by the Dal team both in their public speaking and preparation proved them superior to their opponents, although U.N.B. proved to be strong competition.

The judges were Richard Donahoe, Q.C., Walter Barss, Q.C., and R. E. MacDonald, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia, and after careful deliberation gave a unanimous decision to the Dal team. The judges summed it up as a fiery and close

debate. They congratulated all four competitors on their extensive preparation and brilliant deliveries.

Richard Donahoe, one of Halifax's most accomplished speakers, emphasized that to excel in public speaking one must grasp every opportunity to express himself, and that the field of debating offered much in training and application.

Acting as chairman for the debate was Sodales President, Garry K. C. Braund.

The Big Cram Is On Again

Well, guys and gals, the time has rolled around once more to the Grand Drive, preliminary to the sad but inevitable topic of Christmas exams — those plagues to the hearts of students and to the serenity of the campus.

Just gaze around you at our dark-ringed eyes and gnawed fingernails — we know what we're up against on December 13. But for the benefit of all ye innocent freshettes and freshmen, a word of encouragement from last year's statistics: only 39% approximately are doomed to failure.

Languages Bugbear

Last year's freshmen apparently found their language exams pretty rough, since only 49% of them passed French 1 and 42%, Latin 1. We'd better warn the engineers to drop their slide-rules for a moment since 62% are not going to slide through English 1A, if statistics mean anything. As for those bugbears, English 1 and English 2, 65% managed to get through their first year and those who knew Milton passed English 2 (approximately 63%).

Lucky Scientists

Chances for the science students are about even, we'd say. Specifically, last year's results showed that 52% passed Math 1, 55%, Biology 1; 57%, Chem 1; 43%, Geology and 53%, Physics 1. Encouragingly, there was one perfect Physics 1 paper, so Dal has its brighter freshmen, too.

It seems that students work harder on their elective courses. For instance, 85% passed Psychology 1; 82%, Philosophy 1; and 77%, Political Science. These were by far the most encouraging results.

If these percentages sound disheartening — well, they're not cut-and-dried predictions of what's going to happen this year, are they? Besides, marks usually seem to shoot up remarkably in the spring finals — if you study harder!

Directory Available

Copies of this year's Dalhousie-King's Students' Directory were distributed to students late last week, from Roy's bookstore.

The printer regrets the delay in the production of the Students' Directory, which along with other work, had to be set aside, at times, when the very new and attractive football programs were being printed.

Next year, with an expected expansion in facilities, and several new ideas concerning the Directory, a much earlier edition can be possible.

Students are asked to note the following correction: the address of Phi Chi Fraternity is 160 Robie Street and not 304 South Street.

LOST

Would the finder of a Birk's wrist watch kindly contact J. Nickerson, tel. 2-4150. Reward.

Correction

Information carried in the Dal Gazette on November 16 stated that 116 students are enrolled in the Engineering Department. While essentially correct, a check with the Department reveals that an additional 55 students enrolled in other degree-granting faculties will also be receiving engineering diplomas as well.

All told, Dalhousie's famed "shack" caters this year to 171 aspiring slide-rule men.

Improved Maritime Economy Is Goal Of M. R. P.

"The desires of the people of the Maritimes are the desires of the Maritime Rights Party", stated President Ronald Clarke last week.

The new campus political party has been formed this month with definite plans to contest the campus elections and to form a major bloc in the Mock Parliament. The party, originally organized in the Mock Parliament of the Law School in 1954, has been reorganized this year by Ron Clarke, who was elected as MRP president at the last meeting.

Although this party is only in the primary steps of organization, the number of members is steadily growing and they are enthusiastic for economic and social reforms. At the last meeting the skeleton

of the executive was appointed consisting of president, Ron Clarke; vice-president in charge of organization, Allan Doane; party whip, John Stewart; general secretary, Ron Stodard; and secretary in charge of publicity, Gail Nobuary.

The main plans of the party's platform are generally economic. Some of the main points which it will support concern subsidization from the Dominion Government for Nova Scotia apple growers, increases and reduction of tariff on certain imported goods, and the lessening of unemployment in the

Maritimes. However, no legislation or definite proposals will be brought in at the present time.

A meeting of the party caucus will be held before Christmas to broaden and challenge the party platform and to make up definite legislation in agreement with the platform.

At the next general meeting the platform will be presented to the members for ratification and suggestions. At this meeting the party will be consolidated and the remaining executive posts will be filled. Date of this meeting will be announced.