

Battered, Browbeaten But Still UNBOWED

Our own annual Hell Week has limped past in its customary fashion (or was it the frosh?), and last year's victims have had their threatened revenge.

Present campus opinion to the contrary, the lowly frosh, beneath their doubtful exteriors (no offense meant, please), are actually people with minds of their own, and despite, or perhaps because of, a week of suppression, have been forming their own judgments of Dalhousie and of the upperclassmen. A few of the less timid souls have ventured to express their

views, while keeping a wisely cautious eye on the closing-ceremonies of the Freshie-Soph Dance.

Opinion is sharply divided between the male and female frosh. With the girls, it appears to have been a case of love at first sight. The majority of the freshettes are overwhelmingly enthusiastic about their new college, and while we wouldn't want to venture an opinion as to why this should be so, one honest freshette was heard to remark, "I simply love it! I'm in a class with forty boys."

Despite the general feeling that

initiation proceedings would have been a good deal more bearable with a girl's best friend, the lipstick, the co-eds have adopted a tolerant viewpoint. "After all, we are at the bottom now and have to respect those who have been through it all before."

Whether it be because the male vanity is more easily bruised, or because they feel it is expected of them, many of the boys are sarcastic and several downright bitter about their week of welcome. "I've crawled enough for my girl — I'm through crawling," "I shoulda stood at home," and "The sophs have been real kind to us. Not one of them had used a knife or a club yet," are typical comments.

Fortunately for next year's frosh, there are the more easy-going males who look on the

brighter side: "Friday night was rough. I lost a little hair, but nothing that isn't replaceable." There was even one philosophic young man who regarded initiation, like death, as the 'great leveller. (Perhaps an unfortunate comparison.)

There are, of course, the inevitable grudges and grim threats against the sophomores: "They seem to forget next week is coming, when they'll want our friendship. We won't forget!" "The guys you went to school with act like big wheels and half of them won't even speak to you." Most frosh, however, readily agree that Dalhousie initiation is lenient compared with those of other universities, and when pressed for an answer (we didn't use a club, hon-

est), confess that they have been having "a darn good time."

Although initiation is the chief topic of interest, the frosh have not been silent concerning the other features of campus life. All are favourably impressed by the whirl of social activities they have been enjoying, the large range of extra-curricular interests, and the independence. They do not seem too depressed by the prospect of study which lies ahead.

To end on a sentimental note, tonight after the beanies and placards have been put away as cherished (?) souvenirs of youth, the last muttered curse has died away, and dire plots laid for next year's crop of innocents, we hope there won't be any hard feelings, but rather a growing love of and loyalty to Dalhousie.

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