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### Brigadier H. V. D. Laing

Dalhousie suffered a great loss on September 1, with the death of one of its most eminent leaders, Brigadier Horace Vivian Darrell Laing, chairman of the Board of Governors.

A native of Halifax, Brigadier Laing entered Dalhousie on a Sir William Young Scholarship in 1916. Upon receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, he entered Dalhousie Law School, and a year later went to Oxford as Rhodes Scholar for Nova Scotia. There he received the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Law.

Brigadier Laing served in the Army in World War II, being promoted to the rank of Brigadier in 1943. He received the Order of Commander of the British Empire and decorations from the Netherlands Government and the United States.

His contribution to his community was equally great. He served as manager or director of many companies and boards in Halifax and was a governor of the Nova Scotia Technical College, Vice-Commandant of the Corps of Commissioners, Honorary Colonel of the Princess Louise Fusiliers and a past president of the Halifax Board of Trade.

We of Dalhousie knew him best as an alumnus and a member of the Board of Governors. In April 1955, having served on the board for eight years he was appointed vice-chairman and in November of the same year he was named chairman. He served as chairman of the New Construction Committee and of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and was instrumental in the building of the Arts and Administration Building and the Dentistry Building and in the commencement of the Sir James Dunn Building and the new men's residence.

Interested in all phases of campus activities, Brigadier Laing was always ready to help when the situation arose. Having played on many of the team himself, he was a staunch friend of the athletic department and they looked to him for help and advice.

We have lost a great leader and a great friend and mourn his passing.

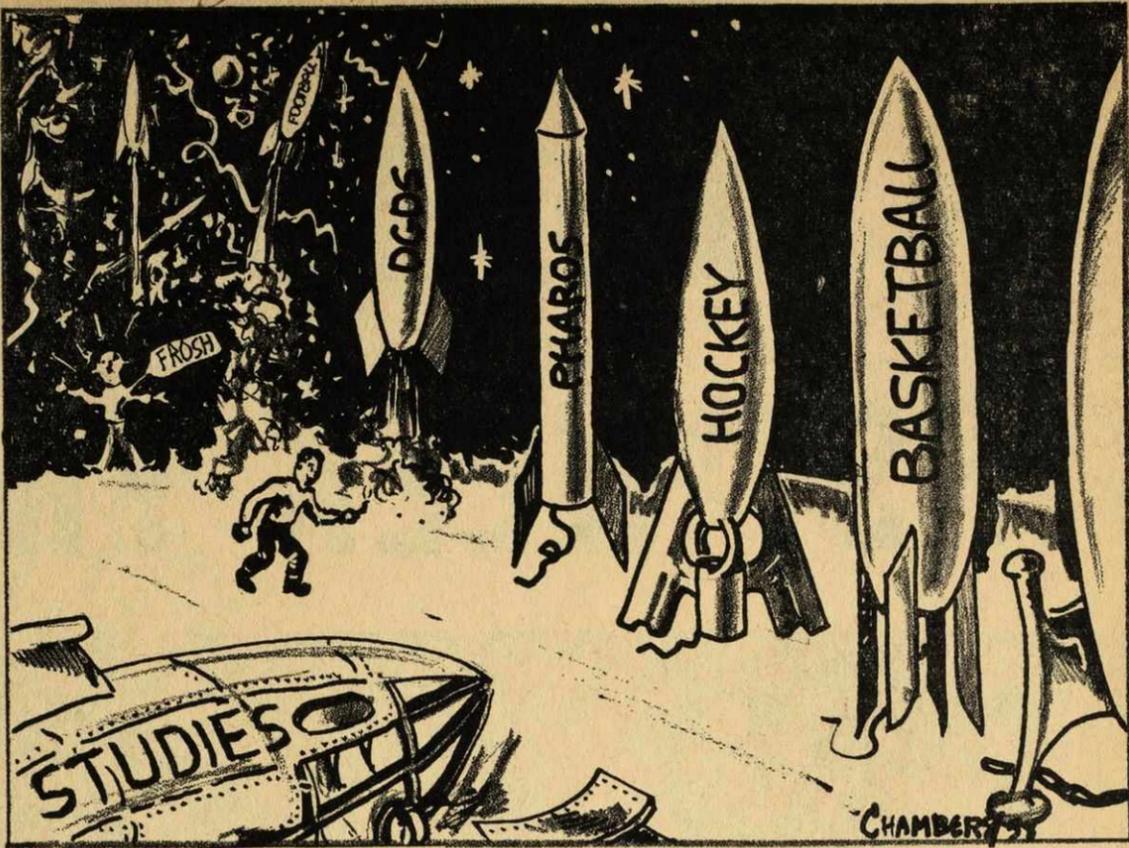
### Welcome Frosh

Once again, from coast to coast in Canada, the doors of our highest educational institutions have been opened. From all areas, all locales in our country, hundreds of young men and women enter for the first time . . . the university. To those who have chosen Dalhousie, the Gazette extends a warm welcome, and hopes that within the halls of our institution you will fulfill many purposes.

Your main purpose in being here is to gain knowledge. To the fulfillment of this objective, Dalhousie University offers a fine and dedicated staff of professors and instructors. You will find them, as we have, warm and tolerant men and women. But we hope that you will also remember the adage "one gets as much out of education as one puts into it."

Your secondary purpose should be to enter that phase of college life generally known as "extra-curricular" activities. Any campus organization, be it Sodales debating, athletic, political, glee and dramatic or NFCUS is always ready to welcome anyone who is willing to contribute time and energy. Too often in the past, major student projects have been carried out by the "sincere few" who are willing to work. We hope that this year will uncover a refreshing change of attitude.

We realize that for the freshman, the first few weeks on the campus are frightening and confusing. As we learned from our own experience, this phase gradually passes. The opportunities lie before you—academically, extra-curricularly, socially. Make the most of them and you will find university life to be a rich and rewarding experience.



### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Gazette Reader:

It is now traditional to begin the first letter from the editor with a discussion of our new look, whether it be that the Gazette has bigger and better or smaller and more compact pages, or a new banner. I am at a loss to begin, for as you no doubt have already noticed, the Gazette looks the same as it did last year. A surprise! This is due to the Council of Students which has finally declared that its official publication should be recognizable from year to year.

Having started by deciding that I cannot follow custom, I must go on to draw your attention to some new additions to our pages.

First we have a new column "The Periscope" by Murry Fraser, which appears on this page will comment on student activities and campus affairs. In passing I remind you to watch for Murray's column next week for the NFCUS Conference in Ottawa.

We welcome to our campus, and especially to the staff of the Gazette, one of our exchange students from the University of Saskatchewan, Norman Rebin. Norm, a two-year student, was co-editor of the University of Saskatchewan, and will join our staff as CUP editor. Watch for his first column next week on the Features pages.

Our third page has been given a new look with the "Around the Campus" column, which is designed to take the place of "News Briefs," "The Bulletin Board," and all other small notices or stories. Anyone wishing to place a notice in this column can leave it in the news box in the Gazette office.

Bill Rankin will write his weekly sports column "Press Box." As two pages will be devoted to features we will have space for essays, short stories and poems as well as interviews and pictures and stories of campus clubs and activities. Contributions will be appreciated.

Letters to the Editor are welcome. These must be signed with the writers own name or a nom de plume. However, in the latter case, the writer's name must be supplied for the Editor's information, but will not be printed.

Since we are your official publication we ask only that we please you. Your comments and criticisms are sought so that we may know whether we are being successful.

Sincerely,

JUDY BELL.



Returning Dalhousians are particularly interested in the re-organization of the Athletic Department which has taken place in the past summer. Witt Dargie assumes the office of Physical Director. Darg, well-qualified to do a top-notch job, is now among the ranks of the "old married men". Congratulations and good luck. A word of welcome to the Director of Girls' Athletics, Joanne Fryers. A Monctonian, she'll have lots of familiar faces to view, judging from registration. Also a welcome addition is Merv Shaw, from McGill. Presently up to his ears whipping the football squad into shape, popular Merv will fit into the picture very nicely. No doubt things at Dalhousie are a wee bit behind the streamlined set-up at the Montreal college but we'll get there some day.

Speaking of the various personalities involved in Athletics brings to mind the realization that there is much to be done in this department. Several recommendations were made regarding the present set-up last year and it's hoped that under the experienced eyes of President Murray Dewis the DAAC will begin to assume the responsibilities which such an organization has. Too many things which should be handled by the student executive fall uncomfortably on the shoulders of the coaches. Once again the condition of Interfac equipment must be brought to the fore and we hope that by the end of this year all the teams will be well equipped.

I understand that articles on the new appointments of the various faculties will be appearing in the next Gazette. By these appointments Dalhousie continues to attract some of the foremost teachers and scholars to our university community.

With the start of a new college year the problem of accommodation for Foreign Students deserve mention. Few will deny that a portion of Little Rock and its atmosphere may be found in Halifax. Ask any foreign student for confirmation of this. A beginning has been made in that the community for Friendly Relations with Overseas Students has attempted to provide a welcome and aid for these students who are coming to Canada for the first time. The committee, headed by Grace Hogg, needs your support. All of us should make a conscious effort to welcome and absorb these strangers into our way of life at Dalhousie.

The problem of accommodations for married students at Dalhousie has been simmering for quite some

time. Last year the Council and representatives of this group discussed the matter with University officials. They received an appreciative hearing and the new Council has a committee drawing up proposals. Let's hope for some concrete action as soon as possible.

Of course the major question in the minds of many out-of-town students is "What is the word on the RESIDENCE?" Well there's been no official comment to the students since last March. The plans were, at last look, still on the Student Council Notice Board. Maybe DR. KERR could bring the students up to date in the near future.

The new Dental Building was officially opened not long ago. Evidently a number of Dents spent a Saturday afternoon in the building showing members of the public through it. Unfortunately the Dal-X football game was in progress at the same time so we didn't get the guided tour. It seems a shame that the building had to be open for inspection at this time—two reasons—few Dents could get to the football game and few Dalhousians went through the buildings. Co-ordination anyone?

This year the INTERFAC FOOTBALL league is off to an early start. This has enabled the Meds, Dents and Lawyers to take a full part in the activity which otherwise would have been prevented because of classes.

Now a few odds and ends collected from here and there . . . Looks like the Peccats, the spirit leaders on the campus, will be going full force soon. Talented Tommy Vic-

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