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CORNERSTONE OF A BETTER FUTURE

For the past few years the students at Dalhousie have been seeking an answer to the lack of college spirit on the campus. The main causes were suggested to be the lack of extra-curricular facilities or in the need for a Men's Residence.

Monday the cornerstone of the new rink was laid as the Board of Governors made a decided move to help Dalhousians carry the name of our college into the sports world.

This laying of the cornerstone comes only a week after the opening of our new football field, which was reconditioned by the University at some expense after it proved to be too rough for playing.

The University has begun the year on a note of co-operation with the students and a display of interest in student activities. It is to be hoped that the student body will reciprocate by supporting the Rink Fund and any other movements launched to maintain Dalhousie as one of Canada's foremost universities.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

This week Dalhousie will be host to a national convention of one of its larger religious organizations, the Newman Club.

This society, to be found on campi of non-sectarian universities all over the world, represents one tradition or approach towards God—the Roman Catholic approach.

It was only sixty years ago that Cardinal Newman, patron of the society and a convert, died, and it is fitting that this anniversary of the passing of so great an individual and thinker should be celebrated at Dalhousie, one of the greatest of liberal universities.

One of the most cherished freedoms of the Western World is that of Freedom of Religion. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in the Province of Nova Scotia. This same tolerance of the other person's way of life is reflected on Dalhousie campus, where no questions as to a student's religion are asked.

Each individual student is free to make up his own mind about religious matters and what he does about it is his own business. At Dalhousie, unlike some other universities, there are no factions and groupings along religious lines.

All students are treated alike, with intolerance to none, and a person's success is determined by what he does, not what he is.

SECOND-HAND CLEARING CENTRE NEEDED

A number of students had difficulty in obtaining books this year. The main reason for this was that they could not make the proper contacts and so obtain books from students who had taken the courses the year before.

Conversely, many of last year's students were unable to dispose of their last year's text books because they could not find anybody who was taking the courses they took last year. The problem was complicated by the fact that a number of courses requiring expensive texts are only taught every second year.

A solution of this who problem would be the establishment of a clearing house for second-hand books, under the auspices of the Students' Council. Such a book centre could be opened this spring, and students could take their books to the agency to be stored over the summer. When the books are sold in the fall, the students would receive the purchase price, minus a small commission.

A commission of only about 10% would be a small price to pay somebody for worrying about the book problem. The convenience of this system for students wanting to buy new books cannot be estimated.

The job of managing this book centre would not be an onerous one, as the whole work of classifying the books could be done in a day or so during the summer, and the sale of books would only last the first few weeks of college.

With the opening of the new Arts Building there will be increased office space on the campus, and surely a room could be found for so worthy a venture.



CAROL WOOD

The appearance this summer and fall of the Pharos Year Book is due in no small part to Miss Carol Wood, editor for 1950. Although asked late in the year to proceed with the word, Carol tackled the job and turned out a fine record. The Gazette extends its congratulations and best wishes to a good Dalhousian. The above photo of Carol was taken last year when Carol graduated in Arts.

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR DAL-TECH MEMBERS

National Convention of Newman Clubs, October 12 - 15, 1950
Thursday, Oct. 12th—

8:00 p.m. Delegates arrive.
Registration at the Newman Club Rooms.

Friday, Oct. 13th—

9:30 a.m. Opening Session in the Engineering Common Room.

2:30 p.m. Panel Discussions at the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

9:30 p.m. Social Evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Saturday, Oct. 14th—

9:30 a.m. Panel Discussions at the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

2:30 p.m. Closing Session at the N. S. Technical College.

10:00 p.m. Dance in the Dal Gymnasium.

Sunday, Oct. 15th—

9:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Basilica.

10:00 a.m. Communion Breakfast at Newman Hall.

DGDS to Give 4-Night Shows

The Glee Club are this year staging four-night performances for their three annual productions instead of the three-night performances as in the past.

This was decided at a Council meeting last week. Glee Club President Al MacMahon, in referring to the budget which the club will ask for, mentioned that he hoped to have their productions on stage for four days.

In view of the tight situation of finances the Council were unwilling to sanction this. But a letter arrived from the costume company to the effect that there was no extra charge for using the costumes this extra night.

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Address By Col. K. C. Laurie, D.C.L. Chairman of The Board of Governors

The following address was delivered by Col. K. C. Laurie, D.C.L., Chairman of the Board of Governors, at the recent laying of the cornerstone of Dalhousie Universities' new rink.

Mr. President and Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen and Fellow Students:

This building is not the least important one on the campus, but one the need for which we have all long felt, and for which we have high hopes of the value and the future benefits resulting from its use.

We are all, I know delighted to see that it appears to have long passed the normal age for Foundation Stone laying, and will therefore, in a few weeks be ready for active use.

I am in one respect at least the most unsuitable person to lay the stone of a rink as I would come out bottom of all here present, if examined on ice hockey rules and am also sadly unable to give correctly the names of any teams—International or others — competing in

"the Ball Games" so widely broadcast and so enthusiastically followed by such large numbers—not of youth alone!

But, from a larger point of view, I challenge my unsuitability as I am a convinced believer in the great value of games and all athletics in developing manly qualities, especially the team spirit, an attitude to life to one's companions, neighbours and countrymen which we believe characterises the Anglo Saxon and which is a fundamentally good quality.

Friendship, co-operation, the sense of fair play even in welcoming decisions given to the disadvantage of ones own self, or ones side; all, may I hope and expect, be powerfully developed here in this building and thus the formation of fine character developed, which is of more importance than any intellectual knowledge.

On this "Thanksgiving Day", we ask for the protection, guidance and blessing of God on all who use this rink.

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