

# HUNDREDS ATTEND ALUMNI SMOKER



COL. LAURIE AND DEAN WILSON  
— — Cokes — —

A SING SONG WAS HELD AT THE ALUMNI SMOKER  
— — The Weaver — —

DR. KERR AND RUGGLES PRITCHARD  
— — Good Cheer — —



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## Students Forum Takes The Air

Citizens Forum, the national discussion of interesting and important issues, takes the air again Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9.45 p.m. Due to an inappropriate topic (something to do with raising children), and the need for organization and publicity, the Dal Citizens' Forum discussion group will begin its meetings with the second broadcast Wednesday, Oct. 29, to deal with the highly debatable question: "Do Jobs and Families Mix?; Should Married Women Work?"

Last year, many lively and interesting discussions were made doubly so by the presence of guests professionally involved in some of the main issues. Union officers participated in labor-management discussions, and an executive from UNNRA in discussions on European relief. Interesting guests will again be invited this year, and the practice of preceding the broadcast with a half-hour movie on a related topic may be resumed.

The Citizens' Forum group will meet regularly on Wednesday evenings in the Murray Homestead. A radio will be supplied for the broadcasts, the campus experts will bore into the matters under discussion, probably braced by refreshments (tea, sandwiches, etc., that is), served by Mrs. Sykes. Watch the notice boards for time of meetings, and current topics.

### McGILL STUDENTS BUILD RED ROAD?

A controversy has been carried on in the columns of the McGill Daily with some heat over the past two weeks. It was occasioned by the report of a trip made to Yugoslavia by a number of McGill students during the summer, which was accompanied by an Editorial suggesting that readers should approach the article without prejudice or "preconceived notions." A large number of letters has been received by the Editor on the subject, which make interesting reading if only from the diversity of their viewpoints.

According to the article in question, a number of students representing different McGill clubs and societies attended the World Youth Festival in Prague, after which they proceeded to Yugoslavia. Here they joined a group of Canadian students called the "Beaver Brigade" in working on a railroad being built from Samac to Serajevo in Bosnia. The line was being built entirely by youth organizations of one kind and another, particularly student organizations.



Ernest Lester (above) caretaker of the Arts building and well-known Dalhousie figure has been working at Dalhousie University for 25 years. One of the University's most ardent sports fans, Mr. Lester was awarded an honorary Gold "D" three years ago by a grateful Students' Council. He announced yesterday that he still feels like a boy, but thinks he will be retiring on pension before too long.

## COMMERCE SOCIETY ELECTION

Planning a banner year the, Commerce Society under the newly appointed president O. Gardner, held their first meeting last Thursday. Plans for a banquet and a hotel dance to be held near the end of January were discussed, and a committee was elected to co-ordinate the plan and report back to the council. It was also decided to field teams in the inter-faculty rugby, basketball, hockey and bowling leagues.

Officers elected were: President, O. Gardner; Vice-President, R. Milne; Secretary Treasurer, P. Hunt; Social Chairman and Debating Manager, B. Creighton; D. A. A. C. Representative, L. Devine.

On the dance committee are R. Milne, Chairman; Jean Bow-

## Sees Return Of School Spirit

Members of the Dalhousie Alumni Association were haggard hosts to the brawling, shouting, singing undergraduates at the annual Alumni smoker held last Thursday evening in the Dalhousie gymnasium.

### Offer Aid To Pipe Band

Resulting in the announcement made last week that Dalhousie University is to have a pipe band, the Scotia Branch of the Canadian Legion has offered the new-born organization the use of its own pipe band equipment.

This equipment would include drums, bagpipes and possibly highland kilts. Going hand in hand with the generous promise, the Scotia Branch has offered to provide to potential pipe band members.

The scheme got its start when law student Vince Morrison, a Cape Bretoner from 'way back, realized that there was highland talent on the campus kept under cover. He managed to round up six pipers and with these plans to add a squad of drummers from the brass band, and a flashing foreline of highland lassies as drum majorettes.

ers, Frannie Jubien, Byrna Levine, P. Hunt, B. Creighton and O. Gardner.

Those on the sports committee include: Roy MacMillan, Rusty Milne and Robin MacLean.

### STUDENTS INVADE SHIRREFF HALL

It was night — it was midnight. Silence, broken only by the far-off sound of voices blended in harmony, hung like a veil over Shirreff Hall.

Some distance away, in the Dalhousie Gymnasium, the men of old Dalhousie, undergraduates, graduates and faculty, were at-

There was many a rosy-cheeked freshman puffing on his first cigar, and many an old boy grunted and grumbled at the wild enthusiasm with which the students attacked the food, drinks and smokes.

Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of Dalhousie University addressed the large attendance, and spoke enthusiastically of the return to Dalhousie of School spirit — a school spirit which has been missing for some time. He mentioned the fact that Gold and Black teams have been victors in every contest in which they participated since classes started.

Col. K. C. Laurie, chairman of the board of governors, and a staunch supporter of the Alumni Association spoke briefly and was heartily received.

During the program, the Dalhousie Chorus under the direction of Geoffrey Payzant presented a fine group of choral selections, a number of which were incorporated in a broadcast of proceedings over a local radio station.

tending the annual Dalhousie Alumni Smoker. Smoker, it was — every student and old boy puffed vigorously on his black cheroot. All the gay blades gathered around a young lady with an accordion, and joined in singing the songs of the old school.

The girls in the Hall sat up in their beds. The voices seemed to be louder. Someone or a group of persons, seemed to be coming toward the hall. Windows opened and light streamed out across the lawns. A mass of male students stood without, singing lustily. Miss Mowatt opened the doors, and in trooped the exuberant youths, a fine time was had by all.

## RESEARCH REPORT

Dalhousie students want to see both sexes using the common room in the Men's residence according to figures supplied by Patsy Pigot, Gazette Researcher who interviewed members of the student body this week.

Twelve students were in favor of having the common room open to girls and boys, while a mere handful, four students, said that only males should be allowed to use the facilities of the room.

One student, Ken Phelps, had a rather facetious scheme in mind — one he seems to have been harbouring for some time. He said "yes, the common room should be open to girls, provided Shirreff Hall is open to men."

Greg Comeau expressed the opinion of most male students. He said "yes, they have as much right to use the common room as have the men".