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## welcome frosh...

The annual freshman inundation of the Dal-King's campus is by now an accomplished fact. Though our formal welcome was somewhat reserved, though we have lost most of the means of warm-welcome by regulation and are now reduced to sugary mouthings and cold print, on behalf of all the veterans, we welcome you warmly to our way of life.

In their eyes you are the ones who will make future student life here more full and exciting. You will share what they have built and known and when they leave you will assume their role.

However, contrary to much popular opinion, the main reason for your presence here is study; everything else must be secondary. Universities exist for no other reason. The ideas of Dr. Sidney Smith—formerly Dean of the Dal Law School and President of the University of Toronto, and presently Minister of External Affairs—are on point: if you play much Bridge, you may leave university a good Bridge player; if you play much sports, you may leave a good athlete; if you dance a lot, you may leave a good dancer; it takes much more than these things to let you leave as an educated person.

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## one and all...

A word of welcome is also in order to our number one freshman this Fall: Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, the new Chancellor of the university. A former professor here, successful businessman in the West, immediate past supervisor of Canada's economy and post-war boom in the federal cabinet, Dr. Howe's acceptance of this position is seen by students and alumni as a great honor for Dal. If the recent announcement of the gift of almost two million dollars for a new Science and Engineering Building by his efforts is indicative, big things await our alma mater.

However, a point of hope could be mentioned: that the new Chancellor will be more than a figurehead, rarely seen, and will exert his dynamic ability and personality in order to engineer a new phase in the life of the university instead of merely constructing an extension to the edifice of the old.

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## to our hospitality...

Though our welcome may in some respects be dull, the freshmen and freshettes will soon discover that our hospitality is without peer. However, in the interests of pure honesty and future friendliness, it is only fair to state several minor reservations.

Firstly, we welcome the frosh to our canteen. Slightly dirty, slightly crowded and slightly inefficient it somehow manages to barely satisfy at least some of our wants. However, compared to the setup of five years ago, it is a palace.

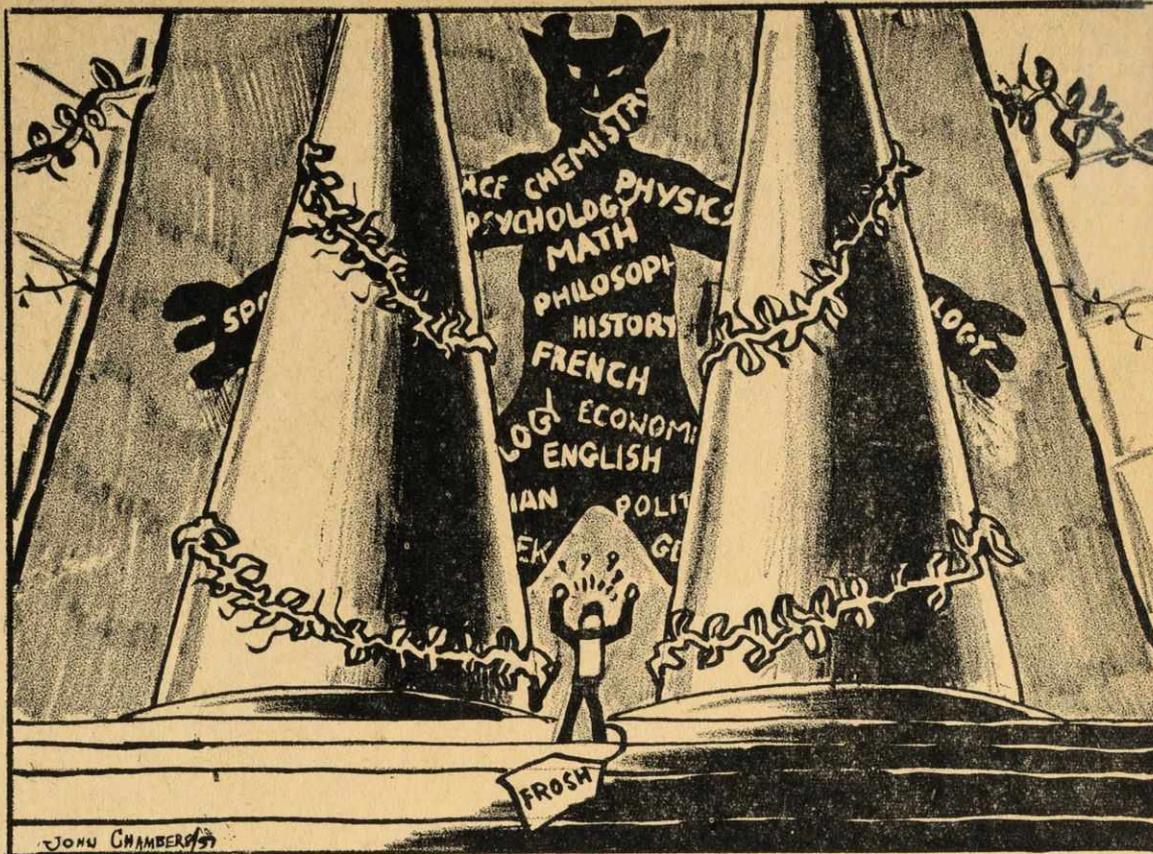
Then we welcome them to the university administration, not always forthright in their controversies with the student body. An efficient and eminently respectable organization, the students may sometimes disagree with its edicts but rarely disrespect it.

Next are our athletic teams, in recent years not outstandingly successful and, on the other hand, not always supported by their fans on the campus or by their financiers on the Council of Students.

A welcome to our present men's residence might be enlightening though not necessarily very interesting; a welcome to our future men's residence is still several years off.

All in all, however, Dal can be a great place. It all depends on you.

## dal: first academic impressions



## letter from the editor

Dear Gazette Reader:

It is almost traditional now that there be annual changes in the size of the Gazette; it is a foregone conclusion that there be variations in the layout and composition of the paper according to the temperament and views of the immediate editors.

Undoubtedly, you have already noticed some changes in this year's Gazette. By way of general information to the real publishers of this paper, I would like to enumerate for you what changes we have effected to date as well as those planned for the near future. Many of these are the direct result of our reaction to campus complaints over the past two years, for example: the shallowness of news coverage, the dullness of editorial comment, the morbidity of feature articles, the possible better use of Gazette paper for other more utilitarian purposes.

### SIZE REDUCED

Firstly, the page length has been reduced by some three inches to 14 inches of print; column width remains the same as last year (five columns) but still one less than two years ago. This reduction has resulted in a money saving which will be expended on increasing the total number of pages per issue. This, in turn, allows for a more favourable division of page space among news, features and sports.

To increase the amount of space per page available for print and photos, the title-masthead on page one has been reduced in size and it is hoped that all banners or headlines will be eliminated. Also, because of the smaller page size and because of minor financial limitations, it is expected that the number of photos used will be slightly less; again, this will allow more space for the printed word.

### MORE PAGES

The Gazette will have more pages, the basic unit issue being eight pages. Many of you Gazette readers may recall the controversy that raged during student elections two years ago; in order to compensate for periods of great campus activity—and therefore, of news—should the Gazette put out more than one issue weekly or should it increase the number of pages according to the requirements of the week in question. Last year's Editor found his solution in more frequent issues. This year, we hope to solve the problem by a bigger paper in weeks of

great activity and a smaller paper when news is rarer. Present plans call for the following:

1. Twelve issues of eight pages.
2. Four issues of six pages.
3. Three issues of four pages.
4. One issue of twelve pages.

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### FEATURES

In the way of Features, there have also been some changes. Bruce Willis will write the Alpha and Omega column which was received favourably last year when written by John Nichols; Pat McDonald will write the Canadian University Press column (with a few original comments by himself) to be called "Through The Keyhole". Features will have two full pages when we print eight pages. We are hoping to add variety to these pages and would be very happy to accept contributions of poems, essays and short stories. However, the highlight of this department will be a series of interviews with campus personalities on the teaching staff, the student body and the administration on matters of particular interest and controversy.

To further increase the readability of the paper all other columns—Med's, King's, C.O.T.C., will be replaced by news, features and sport stories peculiar to those groups. The more of these that organization representatives submit or that our reporters obtain, the happier will the Gazette be.

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### LETTERS TO EDITOR

By the way, letters to the editor are always welcome. These may be signed with the writer's own name or a nom de plume. However, in the latter case, the writer's name will have to be supplied for the Editor's information, although it will not be printed. The rule is: any topic, any length, any viewpoint—just as long as the nature of the subject-matter is within the bounds of legality.

The Gazette, this year, is not particularly seeking after honours and awards whether of national or local origin. We hope to please only ourselves and the readers of the paper who pay—and you do pay—for it. All complaints will be cheerfully examined though we cannot guarantee complete satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Hilroy Nathanson.

## through the keyhole

by Pat McDonald

Looking through my files I see that the Student Council Safe at Carleton College was robbed recently and deprived of its contents. Council members state that "The vault would offer no problems to anyone with safe-cracking ability."

**Ed. Note—**I beg your pardon! It presented quite a problem. The damn mechanism had rusted and fearing that the janitor would be awakened, three hours were painstakingly wasted.

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The Manitoban wishes all Dal frosh their sympathy in the form of this wonderful excerpt from Shakespeare:

Little freshman, feeling fine,  
Stole his father's favourite wine,  
Mother, seeing he was plastered,  
Said, "Go to bed you little boozehound."

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I see by looking at the Manitoban that as of now, aptitude tests are to be held to determine whether students entering the University have brains and if so whether they are keeping them in solitary confinement.

**Ed. Note—**For every student with a spark of genius, there are a dozen with ignition trouble.

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The Toronto Varsity states that a girl student who fainted in the University bookstore was unable to receive proper attention until her student council card was produced.

**Ed. Note—**Dalhousie girls anticipating fainting spells this year, be sure you have your students council card. Let's not clutter up the halls of that wonderful building known as the men's residence.

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### IN PASSING

**The Manitoban—**A sweater doesn't do anything for her except make her itch.

**The Sheaf—**Since we call professors "profs", I bet you can guess what we call assistants.

**The Silhouette—**The difference between wrestling and dancing is that in wrestling some holds are barred.

**Ed. Note—**"Good night, Princess"