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## WOT! NO AUDITORIUM?

No! No auditorium at Dalhousie. Truly a sad state of affairs. Neophyte dramatists run the risk at each rehearsal of swallowing a badmington bird, or suffering a dislocated neck from a far-flung basketball—and still no auditorium. Orchestra practices must compete with girl's basketball, choral practices are forced to resort to strange hours, because at Dalhousie both Athletics and Dramatics must use the same space for practice and presentation. Each Glee Club show means that some one must place and remove approximately 800 chairs to ensure a clear floor for Athletics.

Our gymnasium is considered comparatively adequate—for a gymnasium! As the scene for musical and dramatic productions it is discouraging, to say the least. There is a 'dead space' on the floor, about 40 feet from the stage, where even Joshua's famed noise would be muted to a whisper. A similar dead space exists on the stage itself. The backstage facilities are simply not there. Dressing rooms are the men's and womens' locker rooms. The Glee Club's costume department has no costumes—because there is no place to store same. Makeup is applied amidst the clutter and confusion of the 'kitchen'.

Clearly an auditorium is needed if the Dalhousie Glee Club is to continue its role as a seat of outstanding University productions. The GAZETTE advocates action!

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Every year—shortly after the Christmas festivities have subsided—the Dalhousie Campus becomes a buzzing hive of political activity. Election rallies are held, posters appear, handbills are distributed—and behind it all are the Student Council elections—held annually on the first Tuesday of March.

This editorial is designed as the preamble to a series of articles which will appear in The GAZETTE—presenting to the students of Dalhousie that small group into whose hands they pass the torch of student government. The GAZETTE hopes the purpose of these articles will not be misinterpreted. They will not be written to further the cause of any group planning to elect the new president. Nor will they be criticisms or approbations of the present Council. It is hoped that they will foster a healthy, interested attitude toward the Student Council and the coming elections.

Far too many students forget that the Council is an extremely important factor in the student life at Dalhousie. Many feel themselves to be above the "childish" wrangling. Possibly it has slipped their minds that the Council they elect has the responsibility of expending the entire sum resulting from the Student Council fee of ten dollars paid by each student upon registration.

Dalhousie's student government is responsible (to the Student Body, and to the University Senate on occasion) and representative. Its President is not only president of the Student Council, but also of the Student Body, and the Council's executive members hold similar posts. By constitution, the Council "shall consider recommendations, resolutions and motions passed at meetings of the Student Body." Its members are representatives, elected from the students registered in the various departments of the University.

## EDITOR'S MAIL

Dear Sir:

Last week's Gazette contained a letter from one Mr. Dan Livingstone, who seems to think he gets a very good view of the world from the little pink cloud which he obviously inhabits.

In deploring The Gazette's recent article, "Our Upright Selves," he says that the author of said article has done his bit to widen the gap between the East and West, and that only friendship and understanding between East and West can prevent a disastrous Third World War. Of course Mr. Livingstone is quite right. But Mr. Livingstone and a great many of his kind (remember Munich?) seem to forget that when one party does not wish friendship and understanding, friendship and understanding fail. And again, how can there be an understanding between two ideologies that are as unlike as night and day? Democracy is willing to try and live in a world with Communism, but Communism is pledged to the destruction of Democracy, and Communism can only live to destroy Democracy. Mr. Livingstone, in his pink cloud, should not be hoodwinked by Mr. Stalin's honeysweet statements that contradict all that he has ever said—or has done.

Yours truly, ROBERT TUCK.

## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you if your students would like to correspond with the British University Students, through the Victoria League University Students' Correspondence Scheme, which contacts British Students with Students overseas?

If you can kindly send me a list of the names, ages and college or home addresses of students willing to correspond with ours—I will send you a return list filled in with the names and addresses of British students with whom they will correspond. Ages, and lines of studies will be matched as nearly as possible, if you can kindly supply me with the details.

We do not give girls correspondence links with men. I mention this rule as we are sometimes asked to do so. We have linked a very large number of children in Nova Scotia with British children — through the Victoria League School Children's Correspondence Scheme, with very happy and successful results; we are now inaugurating a University Students' correspondence scheme. We hope that students of Dalhousie University will be interested in this scheme.

Hoping for your co-operation,

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
(MISS) PHYLLIS FRASER,  
Joint Secretary, Personal Correspondence.

## ATTENTION

November 4th, 1946.

To ALL men students of Dalhousie  
Dear Fellow Dalhousians:

On behalf of the Dalhousie Alumni Association, I cordially invite you to meet with us at a Smoker to be held in the Dalhousie Gymnasium on the evening of Monday, November 18th, at eight o'clock.

Many of you have attended the Smokers of the past few years and we hope that you have enjoyed them as much as the Alumni who met with you. This year we want EVERY man in the University to be on hand and meet Dalhousians of all ages in this annual get-together.

The evening will be an informal one with Dalhousie songs, and variety entertainment by Dalhousians and outside talent. Add to this an abundance of smokes and refreshments and you have a big time.

Tickets for the Smoker are available for the asking at the following places:

Faculty of Law Office,  
Registrar's Office,  
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Sincerely yours,

M. M. Rankin,

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