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WELCOME TO DALHOUSIE

A MESSAGE FROM DR. KERR

I appreciate the opportunity given me by the editors of the Gazette to use their columns to extend personal greetings to all new students, and to welcome back all others who have returned to the campus to resume their courses. I trust that the 1961-62 session will be a happy and profitable time for everyone, and that you will all make full use of the splendid opportunities for study and social life that the University offers. Your years at Dalhousie should appear in retrospect among the best years of your lives.

It is not our ambition in Dalhousie to be one of the large universities of our country - in our circumstances such a hope would not be well founded - but we are determined that the quality of instruction offered here shall be good enough to make a Dalhousie parchment a recognized certificate of academic standards.

When a recruit joins a famous regiment, he is expected to conduct himself in such a manner as will maintain the traditions of which it is proud, and the same should be true of a young man or woman coming to a university such as Dalhousie. It enjoys a reputation that has been built up by many generations of students and graduates.

A few weeks ago a distinguished scholar who has been commissioned by an American Foundation to make a first-hand report on selected universities in almost every country in the world, called on me by appointment and said that he had chosen for his purpose four universities in Canada, and Dalhousie, because of the high esteem in which it is held, was one of this group. All that I wish to say on this point in welcoming new members to the Dalhousie family is that we are glad you have come, and we are counting on you to be worthy of those who have gone before you here.

I assure all students that my colleagues and I shall be glad to serve you in every possible way.

A. E. KERR,
President.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL GREETS CLASS OF '65

Through the medium of the Gazette I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the class of '65 and wish them every success during their stay at Dalhousie. It is the sincerest wish of the Council of Students that this year's freshman enjoy their stay on this campus and continue to carry on many of Dalhousie's finer traditions.

Dalhousie University is an old Canadian College with a history and record extending back over the last hundred years. The original University was established on the funds raised in a small New England tavern, and the land granted by the Governor of Nova Scotia 1818. Since those days it has grown to become one of the better Universities in Canada and the largest school in the Maritimes. The Medical and Law schools are held in great respect throughout Canada and the United States. Therefore, we students of Dalhousie should be extremely proud of our past record and our future possibilities. The growth in Dalhousie's reputation and an increased enrollment have led to corresponding increases in student facilities.

At present it is planned to erect the Students Union Building in 1963 with funds raised from the contributions of students and alumni and land given to the students by the University. It is hoped that this addition to the student life of Dalhousie will be completed as soon as possible, because this student centre will be of great benefit to all.

The Students' Council with members elected from every faculty in the University is the principal body governing all campus organizations and activities. The Council collects the fees from each student and determines how these funds should best be spent in the interest of every student. This is where the Council obtains its authority - it controls the purse strings of all but a relatively few bodies.

The chief aim of the Council of Students is to coordinate and organize these many activities; to spend the student's money in such a way that everyone benefits equally, and a happy medium of satisfaction is obtained.

I would like to urge each and every one of you to take an active interest in your Students' Council and the many organizations active on campus. Without your participation and enthusiastic support these bodies will be unable to continue, and life for the student at Dalhousie would become extremely dull and uninteresting. Remember, a sound democracy is a political institution based on the ideals of criticism and respect for the individual's right to think for himself. I invite all of you to participate, and take an active interest in the student life at Dalhousie. With your help we can make this coming year a successful endeavour for all of us.

It is also extremely important to realize that there is a great deal more to a University Education than parties, dances and sports events. You must learn to integrate studies and lectures with the many extra-curricular activities. The exams you write will depend upon what you will be studying during the forthcoming year, and on this depends your success or failure. However, it is the opportunity for developing your personality during your years at University which will benefit you most.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD THOMPSON,
President of the Students' Council

This week marks the beginning of another college term at Dalhousie. From around the world to just around the corner from our campus come the chosen few who will one day be asked to lead our nation to prosperity.

Fundamentally, this group is no different from any other that has come here in the past several years. It is marked with diversified interests, different tastes and individual educational desires. It is, however, a group with one fundamental, common characteristic: Each individual possesses a basic educational background that has been obtained during the past several years at high school.



"All hail to thee, Dalhousie,
Our College by the Sea"

Introduction to college life is already being felt by most of this year's timid, indefatigable rookies. Senior students, particularly sophomores, try to make the newcomers feel welcome and are pleased to extend their hospitality which is modelled after the manners and traditions of a typical 19th century aristocratic English "gentleman".

At the same time these time-tested college veterans will try and impress the freshmen, and particularly the freshettes, with their intelligence and savoir-faire. Such actions are designed to bring gasps of awe and sighs of admiration from even the most self-assured newcomer.

In short, this introductory period is known to many as freshman week, although invariably and misleadingly called initiation week, be kind to young animal week, followed by an array of names unprintable on the front page of this issue.

While one can hardly sympathize with this years greenhorns on parade before more educated and higher developed intellectuals, it seems only fitting to prepare the newcomers for some of the events scheduled for the remainder of the week, if only to serve as a handy guide in encountering some of the aforementioned eastern hospitality.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

7:30 p.m. - Reception at the

residence of Dr. Kerr for Halifax and district students only.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

7:30 p.m. - Dr. Kerr's reception for out of town students.

9:30 p.m. - Film in Room 21, sponsored by the Dalhousie Commerce Company.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

9:30 a.m. - Room 21, Arts and Administration Building, important meeting for all freshmen.

11:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Sophomores of the university extend an invitation to all freshmen for a tour of the campus.

2:30 p.m. - A pep rally in Room 21 precedes a theatre party at the Hyland. No assurance has been made by the Initiation Committee, however, that a movie will be seen.

6:15 - Football Pep rally. All Freshman will meet at the gym from where there will be a march to the Wanderers Grounds.

7:00 - Football game. Tigers vs St. Mary's Huskies.

10:00 - Record hop in gym after game. Free for freshmen.

THURSDAY, SEPT 28

10:00 a.m. - Room 21. Orientation programme at which freshman will meet with athletic directors and various administrative leaders.

2:30 p.m. - Room 21. Introductions to student leaders and campus organizations. It is urged that freshmen take some part in extra-curricular activities. Any

inquiries they may wish to make about a particular activity can be made at this time.

6:00 p.m. - All Freshman to meet on campus. A scavenger hunt follows to end at Black Rock, Point Pleasant Park.

9:00 p.m. - There'll be a wiener roast at Black Rock.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Tour of city by bus.

2:00 p.m. - Tour of the harbor, weather permitting.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Initiation Dance in the Gymnasium Free for Freshmen. Eddie Richards and his orchestra.

SUNDAY: OCT. 1

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Panhellenic Tea for all freshettes and freshisophs, sponsored by the Alumnae of the women's fraternities. Consult invitations handed out for further details.

MONDAY: OCT. 2

7:00 p.m. - The annual supper and dance at Shirreff Hall for freshmen only. Positively no upperclassmen will be admitted.

FRIDAY: OCT. 6

7:30 p.m. - Movie in Room 21. This marks the commencement of the regularly scheduled Dalcom movies for the current season.

9:00 p.m. - Frshie-Soph Dance in the Gymnasium. This is a semi-formal event and perhaps the last occasion where the freshmen and freshettes are treated to the honor of being escorted by their superior counterparts.