

CAMPUS REPLIES TO THE HAZING BAN

Dear Editor:

As a Freshette at Dalhousie University this year I was very disappointed the other evening when the announcement was made that the initiation program was to be cancelled except for the most dignified parts.

We ask each other why this has come about. Could anyone have been such spoilsport as to rebel against the workover they are given during the first few days of initiation? No one has been bodily harmed in any way and I am sure the rest of the Freshmen agree with me in saying that actually it is a big joke and we should all take it like good sports for it gives us a chance to prove we can take our medicine just as those before us have done for many years.

I think that if initiation is banned from Dalhousie that in future years a great many new students will not come to Dalhousie for they will be looking forward to initiation and will go to a college where they will get it. I know I have looked forward to it and enjoyed it wholeheartedly until our "Miss Spoilsport" (whoever she may be) came along.

Why we have even been forbidden to wear our beanies and placards. These were a great aid in identifying us from the Sophomores and in helping us to get acquainted. Once our placards were removed no one knew each other.

Surely there is no harm in wearing a beanie and a placard with a mild joke on it.

I say, and I am sure the majority of the freshmen of '53 agree with me, "On with Initiation. The harder they treat us the better we will like them."

Yours truly,
Edith MacDonald,
Commerce '57

Dear Editor:

We should like to say a few words on behalf of the initiation which was abolished at the beginning of this week.

We, the Freshettes, feel that the wearing of beanies as well as of placards with the names, addresses and courses encribed helps us to become acquainted more quickly and to come in contact with more people. We think the sophomore girls have also helped considerably in making this possible.

We know that in our future years we shall look back on our first week at college as being one of the most enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,
Ann Rayworth
Dorothy MacIntosh
Chris Carter

Don't Stay Out Of the Game

Probably sometime in the past week, some Frosh has said, "Gee, I wish that I could play Varsity." More than likely, he turned away and ended his thoughts by saying, "But I wouldn't have a chance with those fellows." However, his chances are more than likely to take fulfillment. As in the past Freshmen and Freshettes have supplied new blood to Dalhousie, so in the present. If you were one of these doubtful students, judging from other freshmen classes in the past years, your dream could very well take place. The sport stars from last year were mostly frosh.

Canadian Football and English Rugger, the first Dal sports of the year, had large freshmen representations last year. The name applied to the girls ground hockey team. Taking a quick glance over the freshmen names, one could say that this year the Frosh are also going to be well represented in sports. Tennis in particular appears at the present time to be perhaps even dominated by the Freshmen classes.

And then there are the winter sports. It is actually too early to say that freshmen will be on these teams, yet there are always sport-finds every day, the Frosh supplied the bulwark of basketball and hockey, and in curling, several frosh became club champions as well as the inter-collegiate king-pins.

Probably by this time, anyone who had such doubts as not making the sport teams, is convinced that they have every chance of doing so. At least one opportunity is there. Football and English Rugger players are still welcomed, so if anyone thinks they can help carry the name of Dalhousie in the sports field, let's give the teams a lift.

The Editor:

In regard to Initiation we believe it is a ritual part of our college life, and without this traditional welcome to the university, college life is incomplete.

Initiation tends to bring the Frosh as a class, closer together, and would be a great disappointment to Freshmen and Freshettes alike if it was discontinued in future years.

Yours sincerely,
Marilyn Oyler
Sue Cody
Pat MacAvity
Jean MacPherson
Freshettes

Yes, I think initiation was good fun, unharmed and a wonderful way to become acquainted.

Bob Aralley

I am in favour with college initiation because it has been with college traditions for years since the college has been founded.

LeRoy Little

Yes. Initiation week helps everyone get acquainted and many friends are made. It is an affair that is held by nearly every college in the land and has become a tradition that is looked forward to by all.

Don Oxner

Yes. As the Initiation does no harm to the new students it should be kept up.

Ziggie

Yes. Because it is an excellent way of making new friends. It has been a tradition in college for years and provides some of the happiest memories of College life.

Gordon Armstrong

Yes Because I think that initiation is the best way for a Freshman to meet other students. It was good "clean" fun.

Jack Davison

Yes. Because I think that everybody enjoys it. Not only the Sophomores but also the Freshmen. Nothing harmful happened to anybody and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Everybody looks back on their Freshman days as the best days at college.

G. M. Hanner

Meet Friends —Inter-Fac

Inter-Faculty competition at Dalhousie is perhaps the most interesting of all the sports' programs at Dal. Just as it is the most interesting, so it is the most extensive. Faculties usually represented in the Inter-Fac competitions are the Med and Dents, Arts and Science, Pharmacy, Engineers, Law and Commerce. For many of the participating teams, the Inter-Fac sports are the only means of communication. For instance, not many Engineers know the Meds and Dents and this competition gives them an opportunity to meet. Quite often the teams in Inter-Fac meet, but it may not be on friendly terms. However, it is all in the spirit of the game and faculty.

Very soon, the cry of Meds, Engineers, Arts and the other groups will be ringing on the campus. English Rugger opens the inter-fac schedule. Although Dalhousie has been the forerunner of Canadian Football in the N.S.F.L., Dalhousie still likes to play the English game, even though it is not played in the same spirit as the famed Tigers of yore. That was back in the 'twenties when the Black and Gold were the top opponents of the famed Halifax Wanderers.

A cross-country race is also on schedule for the Fall and in this sporting venture, some of the top track athletes display their form.

So when the various societies discuss their Inter-Fac plans for this year, remember that not only will you be playing the game for your faculty, but you will also be playing to meet new friends. Dal is a sprawling campus and its students are not gathered together as in most other Maritime Universities. Through the medium of Inter-Fac competition, the University feels that unity can be almost attained.

Initial Meeting—

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cept committee with Dave Fraser as his assistant. Garry Watson was appointed to the Alumni Relations Committee. Vice-president of the Student Council, Bard Davison was automatically chosen to manage the Blood Drive for the coming year. Concerning the forth coming election for the Council positions of Senior Girl and Sophomore representatives, Helen Scammell and George Slipp, Pharmacy, will handle the duties of the Election Committee.

The meeting terminated with a discussion on the Initiation question.

How to Get Through College the Easy Way

A bit of advice to Freshmen and a lot of advice to some of the older students is contained in the following column. If you have successfully passed every course that you have ever taken at the University then there is no point in reading any further but for the majority it wouldn't hurt to pursue the following lines.

First of all do not be afraid to ask the occasional question in classes. If you have never asked a question you will be surprised how it helps you to wake up a bit when you are dozing off to sleep. Of course the only disadvantage to this method is that it often, but not always, requires that you wake up first in order to be able to ask an intelligent question.

Secondly, try to get to your classes on time. Although you will rarely miss much by missing the first five minutes of the class it does have a terrific psychological effect on the professor when it comes to marking the exams. The problem of coming in late is usually resolved in a very direct way; by not going to the class at all. In order to see this in practice check the cafeteria at 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., etc. Being late is also very bad manners but that doesn't bother a lot of students anyway so don't worry about it.

Very important to good scholastic standing is regular attendance. Now we all know that it doesn't do any good for some students to attend classes but once again we run into the psy-

chological factor which is quite evident when it is realized that some professors are even sneaky enough to keep a record of attendance. Although students try to confuse the attendance keeping by refusing to give their correct names, wearing disguises or by frequently changing their seat it usually doesn't work because most of the professors are pretty well educated themselves and are therefore up to the tricks.

The fourth thing to remember is that it is not true that the exams are marked by throwing them off the Arts building and giving the highest mark to the first paper to hit the ground. Unfortunately most exam papers are marked on ability and the percentage of correct answers. It is hoped that someday knowledge will not be necessary in order to pass exams, in the meantime acquiring knowledge is recognized as the best way to get through College.

The fifth point concerns the male students only. It is this: be sure to pick out a respectable tavern very early in the year, preferably one frequented by students and professors. Untold of time can be wasted by trying all the taverns; go to a good one and then stay there for the rest of the year. In lieu of a tavern patronized by scholars try to find one that is on a bus line. Buses are much cheaper in the long run than taxis or patrol cars.

Finally, don't be afraid to study, it's been known to have results and the reward is worth working for.

Royal Society Scholarships

The Council of the Royal Society of Canada proposes to award in 1954 two Rutherford Memorial Fellowships to enable persons who have shown a high order of ability in scientific research to broaden their experience and outlook by further training in another country.

The value of these Fellowships is \$3,000 and they are open to British subjects resident in Canada who possess a Ph.D. degree; preferably in experimental physics, from a recognized University.

One of these Fellowships will be awarded annually by the Royal Society of Canada. Only candidates whose undergraduate and post graduate training as in some branch of physics, chemistry, or mathematics will be considered eligible. In honor of Lord Rutherford's work in experimental physics, preference will be given

candidates whose work is in that field.

Forms and regulations for this Fellowship may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa, Canada. All applications must be received prior to January 1, 1954.

The other Fellowship will be awarded in co-operation with the National Research Council, and the Fellow will be selected from successful candidates for National Research Council Post-doctorate Overseas Fellowships. The award in this case is \$500 in addition to the National Research Council award.

For this Fellowship, regulations and application procedure are those applicable to National Research Council Post-doctorate Overseas Fellowship. Forms may be obtained from the General Secretary, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

The Royal Society of Canada will award two types of research scholarships during the year 1954 to Canadians for advanced work:

Post-doctoral scholarships of \$2,500 each for candidates who have obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or equivalent in any branch of science or literature.

Pre-doctoral scholarships of \$1,500 each in the humanities. The subject of investigation must, however, have been selected and preliminary work done on it, as the award cannot be given to assist in meeting course or examination requirements for the Ph.D.

Copies of regulations and forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned. Applications and all supporting papers must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 1 January, 1954.

During the past two years Canadian Government Overseas Awards based on blocked currency available only in France and Holland have been open to candidates in Science, Literature and other branches of learning. For the duration of this scheme the Scholarships Board of the Royal Society of Canada has decided that Royal Society Scholarships will not be awarded for study in those countries.

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