

THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

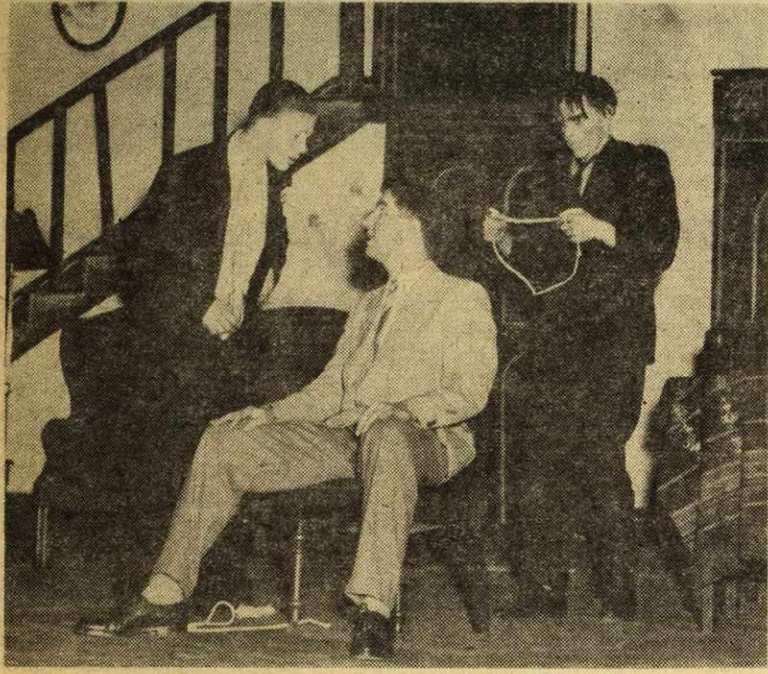
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News Editor Strangled!



During "Arsenic and Old Lace" last week, what our Editor termed "a blessed event" almost happened. Dave Peel, centre, as Mortimer Brewster, was nearly murdered by Dave Murray, right, as his brother Johnathan. Dave Brown, playing Dr. Einstein, lures him on to his doom in an exciting scene from the play.

Comedy Called Best in Years, Critic Showers High Praise

"Arsenic and Old Lace," a riotous comedy by Joseph Kesselring, played to full houses in the Dal gym last Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Campus comment has it that this was the best play seen here for years, and it is certain to be the most successful financially. Directed by Carol Vincent and Dave Murray, both Arts 3, the melodramatic farce told the hilarious story of two old ladies who murder for kindness, and the ways in which their antics affect the lives of their family.

Aid Plan Hits Snag, Recovers

Thursday's green light for NFCUS sparked the Aid-for-Students drive under way.

Questionnaires were mimeographed Monday and are now in the hands of scholarship committee members. In the next two weeks 900 students in senior years will be approached for details of summer earnings in confidence and how far they cover university costs.

The compiled results will be used as fuel in the nation-wide campaign for \$5,500,000 government grant to help students through college.

Letters were sent out over the weekend to the NFCUS committees at Acadia and St. F. X., Federal M.P.s and members of the Nova Scotia legislative, service clubs, press and radio, telling of student support and the work and plans of the committee.

Results of the campus survey are expected returned in two weeks and will be sent to the NFCUS headquarters in Toronto to be added to returns from all Canadian universities. An approach will then be made to the Federal government for a grant for scholarships and bursaries.

To add support to the drive the Dalhousie committee, and others, will be releasing the individual university results as widely as possible to gain public backing.

The opening of the campaign followed a week of worry over student support and administrative indecision.

Dr. A. E. Kerr, the president, earlier gave his support and blessing.

An approach was then made through the president to see if the committee could work in conjunction with a faculty committee, which is making an investigation along similar lines. The faculty decided against co-operation.

Another snag developed when it was found impractical to use

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The Gazette asked Ron Pugsley, Law 1, to review the student performance of the play for this issue. Ron has appeared in dramatics at Dal, and with city groups, notably Theatre-in-the-Round, and has taken a course in drama while in Arts. He is well qualified for the job, and his review of Thursday's production follows.

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society must be very proud of the performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" which was presented in the gym this evening. The students who packed the gym, filling all the seats, loved every minute of it. The Executive deserve a great deal of praise for the choice of play and general management of it. The stage design by Olga Karlovna was as good as I have seen for any play. Carol Vincent and David Murray are to be congratulated for their expert direction, and the latter is also to be commended for his work in make-up. The stage crew and make-up crew did efficient work.

It is hard to choose one member of a cast, which was extremely well balanced, to give first acting honors, but I was particularly impressed with the work done by the two old ladies. Jeanette Lebrun must have given a great deal of thought to her difficult part.

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Pharmacy Ball At Later Date

The Pharmacy Ball, once an obscure event, but recently one of the highlights of the spring term, will not be held on Jan. 28, as originally planned. The pill-pushers have postponed the gala dance to Feb. 18.

Advance notice says that the ball will be a semi-formal affair, with no corsages. Don Warner's orchestra will be on hand for those who go to dance. Several prizes have been arranged, and the price of tickets is \$3.00 a couple. They may be obtained from any Pharmacy student.

The ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel has been chosen for the festivities, and the pharmacists invite all other faculties to join them there.

DALHOUSIE RETAINS MEMBERSHIP IN NFCUS, SAYS CAMPUS REFERENDUM

Pharmacists Give Most Blood, Beat Engineers One Up

Pharmacy has done it again. For the third straight year, the druggists have led the campus in blood donations during the Red Cross Drive, and they have again won the interfaculty competition. The engineers were right behind them, and provided a far closer race than any faculty ever offered before.

With an enrollment of 38, the pharmacists had 26 donations and 10 rejects, for a percentage of 95. Engineers had 94 percent, with 127 enrolled, 11 under age, 30 rejects, and 79 donations.

Third place went to Commerce, with 109 enrolled and a percentage of 69. Arts and Science, the largest faculty, was fourth, with 56 percent, from an enrollment of 579. Other figures give Law 44 percent, Medicine 35, Education 33, Graduate Studies, including Public Health Nursing, 26 percent, and Dentistry 17 percent.

The total enrollment of the university is 1438, and there were 682 donations and rejections, for a percentage of 47. Dalhousie's gross score, compiled from the system of handicapper equalizing the disadvantage of larger universities, is 60.16 percent. The university with the largest gross score will be declared the winner of the Corpucle Cup in the competition sponsored by the University of British Columbia. Last year the winner was Mount Allison.

Figures on the inter-fraternity competition have not yet been released, but both girls' frats, Alpha Gamma Delta and Pi Beta Phi, scored one hundred percent. The fraternities compete annually for the "Butsy" trophy, which was won by several groups last year.

Dalhousie will not win the Corpucle Cup, but students here have helped to save lives, and the act of giving blood is far more important than any competition connected with it. The committee in charge of the Blood Drive has asked the Gazette to thank everyone who assisted in any way with its promotion, whether through publicity, organization, or assisting in registration. They also thank everyone who gave blood, or who registered as a reject.

Millionaires Hear Scammell

Dr. H. L. Scammell, former Dalhousie registrar and now affiliated with the Workman's Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, spoke to a group of Commerce students in Room 44 of the Arts Building on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 12 noon.

Speaking on the subject of workmen's compensation, Dr. Scammell first explained how this development came about in Canada and the United States. While all Canadian provinces have Compensation Boards, United States employs another scheme as well. An insurance company deals entirely with the employee in case of accidents; this results in little sympathy on the part of the company and in too much money being handed out to the employee at once. Dr. Scammell then enumerated and explained the four compensation funds in each province: the Accident Fund, the Pension Fund, the Disaster Fund, and the Contingent Fund. The money for the Accident Fund, the Pension Fund, the Disaster Fund, and the Contingent Fund is collected by the Compensation Board, which levies

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Large Majority Gives Yes Vote

By an overwhelming majority of almost seven to one, the campus decided last Thursday that Dalhousie should remain a member of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. The actual vote was 399 for membership and 60 against. Dennis Madden, local NFCUS chairman, expressed great satisfaction when the results were made public shortly after six o'clock on voting day. He said he had hoped for approval, but had never expected it to be so enthusiastic.



MED CHOICE—Janet Conrad is shown above. She is the Med candidate for Campus Queen.

Medicine Picks Janet Conrad

The Medical Students have announced that they have selected Janet Conrad to represent them in the Munro Day Campus Queen Contest.

Janet, who comes from the Dominican Republic, entered Dalhousie three years ago on a four-year entrance scholarship. For the past two years, she has held the Ross Stewart Smith Scholarship and last year was holder of the Belle Crowe Scholarship in Chemistry. Janet is taking honors in Chemistry and Pre-Med.

In addition to an outstanding scholastic record, Janet has taken an active part in many campus organizations. This year she is Co-editor of Pharos, the Dalhousie Year Book, an active

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CCUF Group Plans Future

The first meeting of the Dalhousie Co-operative Commonwealth University Federation was held last Thursday. Ken Pryke, who has been trying all year to organize such a group, was in the chair. The meeting decided to become a study group to provide an opportunity for the examination of democratic socialism, since there exists a gap in most students' knowledge of this phase of Canada's Political and social affairs.

The CCUF is a federation of University students who are affiliated in viewpoint only with the CCF party. Discussion at the meetings will not be limited to CCF policy, but will be concerned with socialist doctrine in general, Mr. Pryke said. It was agreed to take an active part in forthcoming political events on the campus.

The total number of students voting was less than one third of those enrolled at the university, but the turnout was as large as in similar referendums in other years. Those who did not vote, it seems clear, had no definite opinion on the matters, and the approval can be taken to be indicative of the attitude of the whole student body.

The largest proportional vote was in the Law School, where 91 were for and 23 against. The ballot box in the Forrest Building, including Meds, Dents, Pharmacy and Nursing, was 101 "yes" and 24 "no". The Arts poll registered 207 in favour, 13 opposed, with voters from Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering, Music, Education and Graduate Studies.

The Students Council now has a free hand to take active membership in the national organization, and will pay the increased fees in the near future. At a student meeting last Tuesday, Council president Vic Bursall outlined the reasons for the raise in fees by the national executive, and stated that the Council has sufficient funds to pay them. He expressed the hope that the 50 cents per capita levy would be lowered next year.

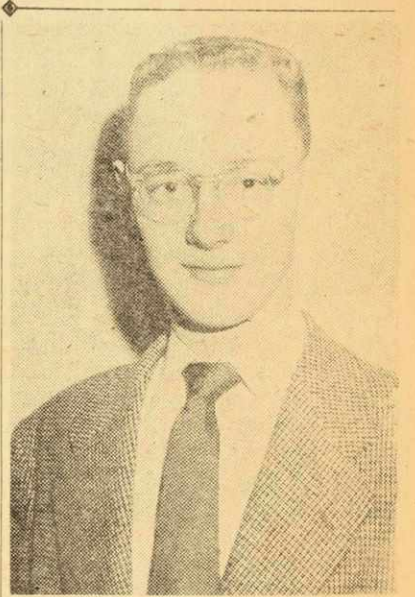
NFCUS, with the show of confidence it has received on the campus is expected to do great things in the future. Its committee for publicity on government scholarships is working with renewed vigor, as reported in this issue. Other committees, checking on text book prices and initiation practises across the nation, are expected to have reports and recommendations before the end of February.

Dennis Madden, on behalf of the NFCUS Committee, expressed his thanks to the student body for the confidence shown. Dennis admits that NFCUS has not accomplished all its aims in the past, but with support such as it received here, it should be a much stronger organization in the future.

Liberals Plan for Parliament

The Liberals held a meeting last Thursday at noon in the Arts Building to discuss plans for a Mock Parliament on the Dalhousie Campus.

George Mitchell, the Liberal leader in the Law School presided at the meeting. If the plan succeeds to have a Dal Mock Parliament, it was his opinion that the Law Students would be able to participate and advise in whatever capacity they could but would probably be able to hold no major office. This would give other students, who have not had Mock Parliament experience, a chance to learn and benefit by taking a more active part. Most universities have Mock Parliaments from which they are able to learn something about politics and enjoy themselves at the same time. Also, a Mock Parliament is ideal for injecting student interest, George said.



RHODES SCHOLAR—Shown above is Bill Caines who was recently awarded the Rhodes Scholarship for Newfoundland.

Wins Rhodes Scholarship

A King's College student, William (Bill) Caines, received word last week that he has won the Rhodes Scholarship for Newfoundland. Bill, who came to Dalhousie in 1951, from Corner Brook, Nfld., plans to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in Economics this spring.

While attending Dalhousie and King's College, Bill has been the recipient of many scholarships and prizes. He entered Dalhousie with a Special Entrance Bursary in 1951. In 1952, Bill transferred to King's College in order to accept the Chancellor's Scholarship which he has held for three years. He has also won the Stevenson Scholarship, the Bishop Binney Prize, the Dr. M. A. B. Smith Prize, 1953; and the Harry Crawford Memorial Prize in 1954.

Bill has taken part in many extra-curricular activities. These include Sophomore Representative on the King's Student Council; secretary of the students' Council; Inter-bay Sports Manager; Inter-bay Hockey; Inter-bay Dramatics; leader of the King's Delegation to Model United Nations; Bob Walter Award Committee and the R. L. Nixon Award Committee.

Bill's plans for the future are not definite, but he thinks that he will study Jurisprudence while attending Oxford. Then he plans to go to the United States to study Business Administration.

Conservatives Hear Donahoe

A largely attended Conservative meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 20, with Mayor Donahoe as guest speaker. The speaker was introduced by Peter MacDermaid, the newly elected President of the Progressive Conservative Club. Mayor Donahoe spoke concerning the rising enthusiasm shown by the Conservatives in recent years. He encouraged all young people to take an active part in politics, and to exercise their franchise.

Mr. Donahoe outlined the policy of the Conservative party as one which understood its position, moved slowly and carefully, and always respected individual rights. Throughout his talk he referred to the glowing record of the Conservative party, and paid high tribute to the late premier, Hon. Angus L. MacDonald. Mayor Donahoe was thanked for his very inspiring talk by Peter MacDermaid, who then presented the Conservative platform to be used in the student election.