

DGDS Takes Initiative With "Finians Rainbow"

by MOIRA KERR

After over 10 years of producing the venerable Gilbert and Sullivan operettas on the Dal Stage, the DGDS has finally taken the initiative to put on something which they feel will have more popular appeal to the paying audience. The production they have selected is Harburg & Lane's "Finian's Rainbow", to be presented March 6, 7, and 8.

This musical, which opened January 10, 1947, on Broadway, was a smash hit throughout its run. In recent years it has been put on by college groups at St. F.X. and the University of Toronto, where its gay plot and songs have caused it to be very well received.

Len Chappell, well-known in Halifax for his work in such productions, has consented to direct the musical, and he will hold try-outs on Thursday, November 21, at 7:15 in Room 21. All persons, whether interested in singing, dancing, ushering, orchestra, selling tickets, or doing anything else connected with the show, are asked to come to this meeting. Up to 70 people will be used in the production.

A cross-section of opinion on the campus seems to show that the students are overwhelmingly in favour of the DGDS' decision.

Following are a few opinions:

Ellen Yablon, Arts 3: Like a lot of other people, I've been exposed to G&S in junior high school, high school and then in college. I'm getting sick of it.

Tom MacQuarrie, Law 2: It's a good idea provided we don't lose money on it. \$2500 (the estimated cost of production) is a pretty expensive answer to find out whether we can put on a Broadway show successfully.

Wally Turnbull, Arts 2: Students and others have shown that they are dissatisfied with G&S. Since the Council effected a raise in fees for just this sort of thing, and since they and the DGDS are willing to take a chance, that leaves it up to the students to follow through and support it.

Janet Allen, Arts 2: "Finian's Rainbow" is about the best thing the DGDS can do. The songs in it, really standards, are 100% better than G&S. It would be a fine thing if Dal could bet modern with Tennessee Williams' plays and Broadway musicals.

Stu MacKinnon, Law 1: It's a fine thing they are doing, but I'll be surprised if they can get away with the cost planned; altogether, it's a good thing to try.

Midlothian Club Begins Meetings For Year

One of the lesser known and probably smallest organizations on campus, the Midlothian Club was organized in 1941 for the purpose of bringing together students that were interested in literature.

At each meeting, one of the members presents a review on a book she has chosen, and a general discussion ensues. Modern novels, poetry and biographies are reviewed every two weeks at meetings on Monday afternoons at Shirreff Hall.

This year's club is made up of 10 members with Jane Oland as President and Margaret Doody as Secretary-Treasurer.

However, one thing to remember is: IF every student on the campus buys one ticket, most of the cost of production will be paid by that alone.

Dents Plan Annual Ball

Finalizing of plans for the Annual Dental Ball and an address by Dr. H. M. Eaton, were the highlights of the Dalhousie Dental Students Society's second meeting of the fall term held last Thursday evening at Forrest.

President Fred Bullock told a large student audience that the big Dentistry Ball would be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on December 6, with Don Warner's orchestra in attendance. The dance, one of the most popular on the campus will be the biggest social whirl for Forrest students this term and the dental students hope that many of their friends will be in attendance.

Following the business meeting, the students were addressed by Dr. Eaton, Professor of Radiology, who gave an interesting account of some of the problems and highlights of private practice. Frank Lovely, vice-president of the DDSS thanked the speaker.

Chaplain Appointed By United Church

The appointment of the Reverend Hanns Skoutajan, B.A., B.D., as Chaplain to Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia Technical College and the Nursing Schools in Halifax has been announced by the United Church of Canada.

Rev. Skoutajan (Sko-tah-yahn) was born in Czechoslovakia, emigrating with his parents to Canada in 1939. He received his schooling in Belleville, Ont., and his university training at Queen's University in Kingston. He has also spent the past year in Post Graduate studies at the University of Munster in Germany and at the Ecumenical Institute near Geneva, Switzerland.

Monday Night's Council Meeting

Pay \$6,000 Student Debt on Rink?

A motion that the \$6000 debt on the Dal rink be paid from present funds raised heated debate in Monday night's Student Council meeting. The Council ranged from a study of budget re-allocation powers to consideration of a new public address system for the campus.

The ten-year-old debt on the rink, still only partly paid by the defunct Rink Rates came under fire, and although lump sum payment was rejected, the matter was tabled for

future consideration. Re-allocation of budgeted monies without Council knowledge, was criticized, and the resulting motion to withdraw permission to re-allocate from the Athletic Directors and give it to DAAC and DGDC, with Council's executive committee permission, was passed.

Four Med representatives stated that medical students' dissatisfaction with the Council was premature and unofficial, but it was

Forum Approves Russians' Tour

by DON MORSE

An amendment to the constitution allowing a Nursing Science Representative on the Student Council and a proposed tour of Russian Students and Professors highlighted the first Student Forum of the year held Thursday, November 14 in Room 21 of the Arts Building.

The Forum was called for Thursday after the original meeting on Tuesday night was postponed when a quorum of students failed to appear.

Council president Murray Fraser related the history of Nursing Science saying it had been made a separate faculty last spring, and now has an enrollment of 54. On a motion from the floor it was moved that the constitution be amended to allow Nursing Science one representative on the Council of Students to be elected on October 15 of each year. No discussion followed and the motion put to a vote was passed unanimously.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS

Ed Harris, chairman of WUSC spoke to the assembly about a proposed tour of Russian students to Canadian Universities. The idea was originally suggested at the WUSC Conference held at UNB. The reasons for inviting these students are fourfold. Firstly, Canadian students have already visited Russia and a return visit would be in order. Secondly, contact of students from both sides of the Iron Curtain would be both interesting and beneficial. Thirdly, it would be interesting to see Russian reaction to Canada and Canadian universities, and finally, it would enable Canadian and Russian students to discuss problems of mutual interest.

Financing the visit is the main problem of WUSC. It is hoped that the Student Councils of the various universities will contribute financial support. This would include the boarding expense while at the university and probably their travelling expenses to the next university.

There was considerable discussion from the floor on the financial aspect but Mr. Harris assured the Forum that the tour would not be undertaken without the assent of the universities concerned. A straw vote revealed that the majority of the students present were in favor of the plan in principle.

OTHER ITEMS

Other items brought up on which there was no vote and little discussion included the plans of DGDS to stage Finian's Rainbow, a report on Pharos, and the survey of Student Union Buildings.

LIFE INSURANCE

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Frank Howell, Halifax Representative of Canadian Life Insurance Co., underwriters of the NFCUS Life Insurance Plan, spoke to a small group of students present. This Plan is an exceptional opportunity for all university students. The premium is very low at \$3.50 per \$1000, and the policy includes numerous benefits. All interested in this Life Insurance Plan should contact Lew Matheson.

Gazette Victim Of Petty Theft

It appears that one or more students on this campus who have an affinity for petty theft do not like the "Gazette." During recent weeks on different days, there was found missing: first, from the top drawer of the editor's desk, approximately six trolley tickets used by the Gazette staff for greater convenience in their never-ending struggle to deliver copy to the printer downtown; and secondly, about eight to nine empty chocolate milk bottles, (valued at five cents each), left in the Gazette Office by conscientious quick-lunch staffers. Untouched, however, were approximately 15 pop bottles (valued at two cents each).

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LESTER B. PEARSON

Capacity Audience Hears Address by Lester Pearson

by MARY SHEPHARD

"Challenge has driven home to us the consequence of our failure to keep the peace."

The Hon. Lester B. Pearson, first Canadian to win the Nobel Peace Prize, made this statement here last Friday. He was addressing an audience of over 700 in Room 21 of the Arts Building, including students, faculty members, alumni and special guests.

Mr. Pearson, introduced by Council member, Joan Herman, expressed his pleasure in being at Dalhousie and regretted that his visit was such a hurried one.

The Nobel Prize Winner went on to say that we should not lose our sense of proportion because of the events taking place in Russia during the past few weeks. There is a totalitarian society where all efforts can be concentrated on a single objective, while in a free society as ours, this is impossible.

We must not "dig ourselves in" under the influence of fear, but take advantage of every opportunity, Mr. Pearson said. There is no great and immediate danger of total destruction but we might get into trouble by a little conflict

which can lead to a bigger one.

Mr. Pearson ended his address with the challenge that it is our task to build a better foundation for peace, based on tolerance and enlightened self-interest and our education here puts us in a position to make such a contribution.

George LeVatte, third year Law student, thanked Mr. Pearson on behalf of the student body for the honor of his visit at Dalhousie.

Murray Fraser, President of the Students' Council, presented the distinguished guest with the highest honor the Dalhousie students can award, a gold "D" and Dave Matheson, Council Vice-President, presented a Dal Tiger as a tribute to Mr. Pearson's kindness in speaking at the University.

By PETER OUTHIT