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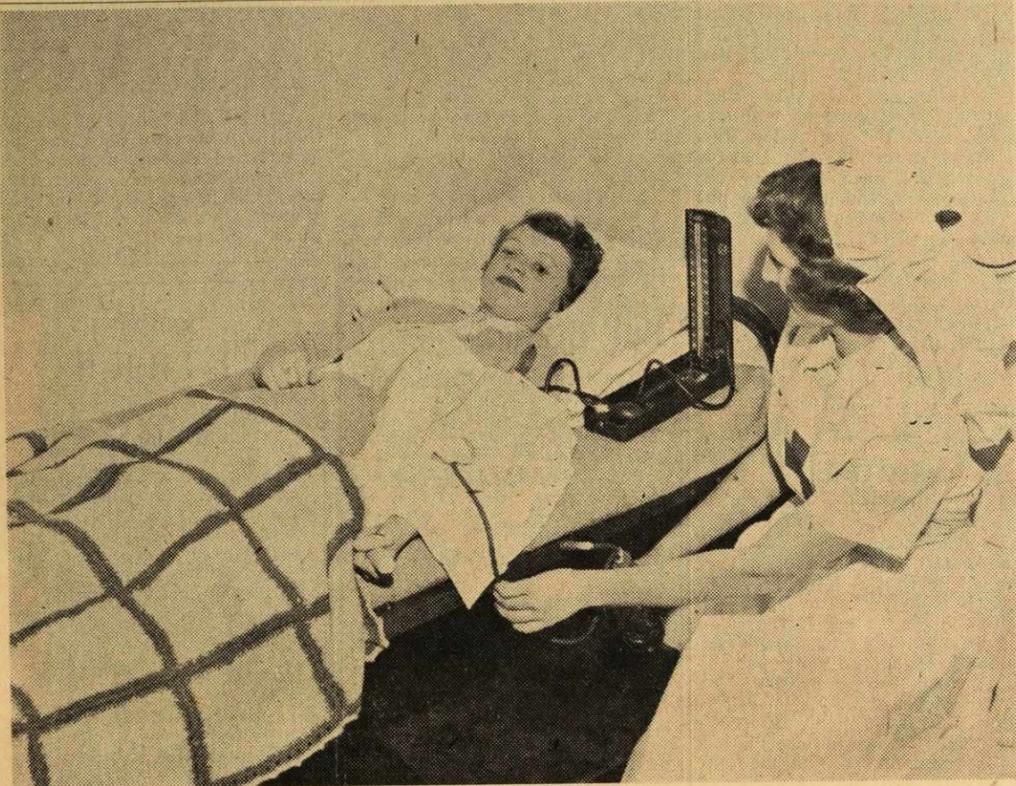
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## 5% ATTENDANCE, FORUM FLOPS SPEAKER OUTLINES BLOOD DRIVE



**UTTERLY PAINLESS, SHE SAID**—In answer to an urgent appeal broadcast over Halifax stations last weekend, many Dalhousie and King's students rushed to the Red Cross blood clinic to give blood in an effort to ease an emergency situation that arose over the weekend. There wasn't enough blood in the blood bank to answer the current demands. Pictured above is Gretchen Hewat, who braved stormy weather to donate a pint of blood. She and other students who donated blood earlier this week will be counted as one of the students to give blood in the Dalhousie campaign which starts on January 28. (Photo by Smith)

### Blood Shortage Costs Lives Express Dire Need In City

#### 70 Present No Quorum

The first student forum of the year, at which several controversial topics were likely to come up for discussion, turned out to be a complete failure yesterday, as far as legislating was concerned. Approximately 70 students arrived at Room 21 in the Arts Building, less than the minimum number of 100 required to constitute a quorum.

The few students present heard F. S. Bruce Williams give an interesting talk on the need for blood donors in the Halifax area but they were unable to discuss to any purpose the possibility of Dalhousie's re-entering the MIAU. Rumors were also present that the Gazette was liable to come under the fire of a group of students, the usual procedure of many previous student forums.

Disappointment could be seen in the faces of many students when they discovered that there could be no object in bringing up any of the suggested topics since no legislative action could be forthcoming without the constitutionally required quorum of 100. Those present made up approximately five per cent of the student registration of Dalhousie University.

#### FLASH

The attention of all students included in the Class of '55 is requested to the following—an important meeting of those included within this group to be held on Tuesday at 12.00 p.m. in the Arts and Administration Building, Room 234.

"Blood should be the free gift of one human being to another human being in need." Thus spoke F. S. Bruce-Williams, director of the Red Cross Blood Clinic in Halifax yesterday morning in addressing a group of students at a Forum in the Arts and Administration building. Emphasizing the dire need for blood donors, the visiting speaker described the effect a good supply in the blood bank on city hospital patients.

In describing the history of blood transfusion services, Mr. Bruce-Williams pointed out that in World War I, 80 per cent of compound fractures and abdominal wounds were fatal. By World War II when the blood transfusion service was introduced, these figures were reversed. Eighty-seven per cent of compound fractures and 66 per cent of abdominal wounds were saved largely through transfusions.

After the war, it was decided to have a civilian blood transfusion service since many of the deaths among the civilian population could be attributed to the fact that blood was not available when required.

And since the Red Cross performed this service during the war, it was decided that they should do it in peacetime.

Speaking of the need for incredible quantities of blood, he described the plight of a doctor who has to undergo the enduring experience of watching his patient die after he has used all human skill possible to save the patient. The patient dies for want of blood. This is especially true in childbirth where an unforeseen hemorrhage may endanger the mother's life.

### Tories Breeze Into Political Power Upset Law School Liberal Traditions

#### Flash

**ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL** — There will be an orchestra rehearsal for "H.M.S. Pinafore" next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the music room of the gymnasium. All musicians are asked to attend.

#### NEWMAN CLUB NOTICE

The second in the series of discussion panels on "Conscience the Stabilizer in a World of Chaos" will be presented this Sunday night in the clubrooms on Windsor St. The panel will be comprised of Rev. Donald Duffie, J.C.D. of the Matrimonial Court, and Maurice Keating, LL.B., Assistant Supervisor of Schools for Halifax. A third member will be chosen from the club. Discussion will center on the topic of Natural Law in relation to the main topic.

#### New Ruling In Examinations

A new ruling on the pass mark for continuing classes was put into effect by the Committee of Studies after the Christmas examinations. It was decided that a student who made a mark of less than 15 in any exam must drop that class. If a student made below 15 in all five of his classes he would not have to drop all 5. No student may continue with less than three subjects.

If a student on the other hand made 16 in all five he could continue his classes. The other marks of the student are taken into consideration as well as his failures. It is not likely that a student will make high marks in his other subjects if he has made below 15 in one class. It is likely that this process will continue in effect next year.

The Progressive Conservative party was chosen in an election on Wednesday to form the government at the 1953 session of the Dalhousie Mock Parliament. In a close contest in which most of the law students voted, the P-C party won by five votes over their only competitor, the Liberal party. The final count was 54-49.

Robert M. McInnis, leader of the Conservative party, said in a statement following the announcing of the result that he was very pleased

#### Big Dance By Millionaires

Well, gang, once again it's time for that big event of the year—the Millionaires' Sweater Dance, sponsored by the Dalhousie Commerce Society. Yes, this is the dance that is different, the dance where dresses and blouses are discarded for sweaters. According to reports, the gym will be well decorated with paintings of models advertising the finer points of sweaters.

The latest word from the Commerce Society is that a competent group of judges will pick a Sweater Queen from among those girls at the dance and present the winner with a new sweater.

Dancing will be to the music of Don Warner and his orchestra and admission will be the regular price of \$1.25. Girls not wearing sweaters will be fined 25c. Members of the Commerce Society, on presentation of their cards, will be admitted for \$1.00.

So, come on, gang, let's not let ourselves or the Commerce Society down and everybody attend the Millionaires' Sweater Dance tonight in the gym at 9 o'clock.

with the outcome. He complimented the Liberals on their campaign and spoke highly of the democracy which made the campaign and election possible.

Ronald Stevenson, leader of the defeated Liberal party which has formed the government for the past number of years, in a carefully prepared release congratulated Mr. McInnis and his supporters on being chosen to form the government. He went on to say:

"I also congratulate the students on such a fine turnout in the voting. In the true spirit of Liberalism we accept the decision of the majority and pledge ourselves to do our best as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Mock Parliament."

In previous years, the party in power at Ottawa has formed the Mock Parliament. This year, however, it was decided to hold an election. In former years, also, there has been a third party, usually a different one each year. Mock Parliament this year will function without the assistance of a third party.

Mr. McInnis will be called upon by the Governor General, whose name is yet to be released to form a cabinet. When queried on this matter, he failed to give any indication as to whom he would give the various portfolios. It is expected that news on this matter will be released shortly.

Meanwhile, the Liberal party was preparing its forces for a strong opposition.

Mock Parliament is organized each year by the Law Society. There was talk of extending it so that all students at Dal may take part, but it decided to leave things as they were for this year.

In the election, only the paid up members of the Law Society voted. Mock Parliament will be held this year on January 27, 28 and 29.

### Few Roles Still Open In DGDS "School For Husbands"

The cast for "The School for Husbands" was announced this week by H. Leslie Pigot, the director. The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society plans to produce Moliere's comedy during the second week of February. There are still some small parts to be cast.

The lead, Sgararelle, as a French Scot, will be played by Edwin Rubin. One of his best perform-

ances at Dalhousie was as Captain Applejack in the fall of 1951.

Nancy Wickwire, who played Jacqueline in "French Without Tears", and Silvette in the Inter-University Drama Festival play, is cast as Isabelle, the love star ward of Sgararelle.

Leonor, Isabelle's unrestrained sister, will be portrayed by Joan Bissett, a newcomer to the Dalhousie stage. Her guardian Ariste, the light hearted brother of Sgararelle, has Clifford Matthews showing the ability he has acquired with the King's College Players in past performances.

David Peel will play Valere, the object of Isabelle's affections. Dave played Brian in "French Without Tears" and Nichol in "Fantasy on an Empty Stage".

Lisette, Leonor's flirtatious maid, will be done by Anna McCormack, who won the award for the best performance by an actress in the Nova Scotia Drama Festival. Ergaste, Valere's servant and Lisette's interest, is being done by John Nichols, who is a familiar figure in Glee Club productions. Gordon MacMurtry, will take a venture in front of the footlights to play Sylvester, a friend of Valere.

Carolyn Wiles, the assistant director of "The School for Husbands", will be glad to hear from anyone interested in taking one of the small parts.

#### S. C. M.

The first 1953 chapel service of the S.C.M. was held in the Chapel Room of the Arts Building on Thursday. Dr. W. J. Archibald, professor of mathematical physics, led the service. He read the chapter, "Conformity to God's Will" from Cardinal Fenelon's book, "On Christian Perfection". The theme of his talk was that we should "... want all that God wants ... and it is thus that God's kingdom comes." Fenelon's belief was that we should give up everything for God. "Let him who would be My disciple give up everything and follow Me." Dr. Archibald concluded the service with a prayer for the balance of the soul and a hymn.

The next meeting of the S.C.M. will be held next Thursday in the Arts Building, when the Reverend Mr. Shaw, of the Advisory Board will speak.