

"Finian's Rainbow" Opens In Gym Thursday Night

The first musical comedy ever to be attempted by the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society will be staged this week, when "Finian's Rainbow", a Broadway favorite, will be presented in the Dal Gym.

The production is being directed by Len Chappell and Prof. C. L. Lamberston, remembered by Halifax theatre-goers for their excellent handling of the shows "Bonanza" and "Brigadoon".

"Finian's Rainbow" has been acclaimed as one of the outstanding musicals to appear on Broadway in the last decade, and has been presented in the past few years by groups at the University of Toronto and St. F.X. Most of its numbers, like "That Old Devil Moon," "If This Isn't Love," and "How Are Things in Glocca Morra," have already become standard favorites.

Jackie MacDonald, who plays the role of Sharon McLonergan, an Irish colleen who has come to the United States with her father, is an Education student at Dal. She is a graduate of Acadia University, where she became known as a top performer in musical roles. Her father, Finian McLonergan, is played by Don Aitken, a second year Med student, who was seen last fall in the leading part in "The Admirable Crichton."

Two other leading roles are being handled by well known Halifax personalities: that of Og, the leprechaun who came from Ireland to seek his stolen pot of gold, played by David Brown, and Woody, the romantic lead, played by Don Warner.

The stage crew, headed by Fred Dobson, has been working on the clever and complicated scenery. Other backstage workers are led by Phoebe Redpath, props; Moira Kerr, costumes, and Helen Wickwire, make-up.

The play will open tomorrow night at 8 p.m. and will also be open to the public on Friday and Saturday night. Reserved tickets for the general public are \$1.50, rush seats 1.00, while student admission is 75 cents. Tickets may be obtained at Bligh Radio, Phinney's Limited, or from any member of the cast.

Hold Connolly Shield Plays Next Week

Dalhousie's annual drama competition, the Connolly Shield plays, are being held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March 4 and 5, in Room 21 of the Arts and Administration building, at 8 p.m.

There is a large number of entries this year than in recent years, seven in all, from the Law Society, Delta Gamma, Pi Phi's, Arts & Science, King's and Education.

Prof. C. L. Bennet will be the adjudicator. The Connolly Shield and the awards for the best actress and the best actor will be presented on Munro Day.

FLASH—It has just been learned that Moira Keer and Carolyn Potter will represent Dal at the WUSC Seminar in Yugoslavia this summer. Further details next week.

Council Hears Report On Student Union Building

by DON MORSE

President Murray Fraser presided over a meeting of the Council of Students on Sunday evening. The meeting was called to hear a report on a Student Union Building. The report was prepared by a committee chaired by Dave Matheson and including Art Fordham and Lew Matheson. Motions arising out of discussions on the matter will now be taken up with University officials whose approval is needed before any positive steps are taken.

NFCUS Sponsors National Seminar

The National Federation of Canadian University Students, in cooperation with the Canada Council, is sponsoring a national seminar at the University of Western Ontario in early September, 1958. The theme of the seminar is "the role of the university in national development."

Dalhousie will be sending one delegate who is to be chosen from applicants by a special selection committee consisting of NFCUS, Council and faculty representatives. Except for a \$10.00 registration fee at the seminar, all other expenses will be paid by the federation. The deadline for applications is February 28th.

All students returning to this university next year are eligible. Application forms are available from the Registrar's Office, the Gazette office, and the NFCUS Chairman.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bringing to a close a six weeks' series of discussion on problems in education, the SCM will sponsor an "education symposium" on Sunday afternoon, March 2, in the west common room of the Men's Residence at 3 p.m.

All students who have participated in DGDS productions this year are invited to an "Open House" at Dr. and Mrs. Kerr's following the performance of "Finian's Rainbow" Thursday evening.

The general feeling among the Council was that it would be desirable to have a Student Union Building at Dal as soon as possible. The question then raised was whether to renovate the present Men's Residence or to build a new building. It was pointed out to the Council by Dr. W. A. Murray, Alumni Representative at the meeting, that even if the University gave the Men's Residence for a Student Union Building that it might be temporary as expansion plans of the University in other matters might call for its removal. A motion was passed that if the Men's Residence is given by the University for a Student Union Building, it should be temporary. Also passed was a motion that if the Men's Residence is used as a Temporary Students' Union Building, then a bare minimum be spent on renovation. Most Council Members felt that a renovated Men's Residence would be little better than present facilities and that a new building would be more suitable.

The Council then adopted a motion that a Student Union Building if and when built, be situated between Forrest and Studley campi. The purpose behind this motion was the fact that there is very little space on the Studley Campus for additional buildings. It was also felt that many more Medical Students would use the facilities if they were closer to Forrest.

Because anything that is decided by the Council on this matter must be approved by the University it was moved that the executive of the Students' Council meet with the University officials and inform them of the Student Council's discussions with a view to having further meetings with the University Administration, Alumni, Students' Council and Faculty.

Upon motion it was decided to recommend that a survey be made

throughout the campus on the possibilities and recommendations of what is desired—this to be carried out by next year's council.

The method of financing the project was a hotly debated issue. Council itself started the ball rolling by taking \$15,000 out of the Investment Fund and putting it in a fund for a permanent Students' Union Building. Put to a motion, it was passed.

Features to be included in the Students' Union Building were discussed at considerable length. It was moved that essential features be put into the Building with non-essentials to be added as monies became available. The Council felt that the following were essential: bookstore, lounges for men and women, cafeteria and snack bar, auditorium convertible to a dance floor, game rooms, meeting rooms and various administrative offices.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Student Union Building Report Committee.

Sophomores Feature Pandemonium

Last Thursday evening a large number of Sophomores courageously left the light of the world to enter the gaping mouth of the East Common Room and brave, from 9 until 1, a vivid Pandemonium. In fact the eerie unearthly atmosphere left the intelligent party-goer somewhat aghast at its authenticity.

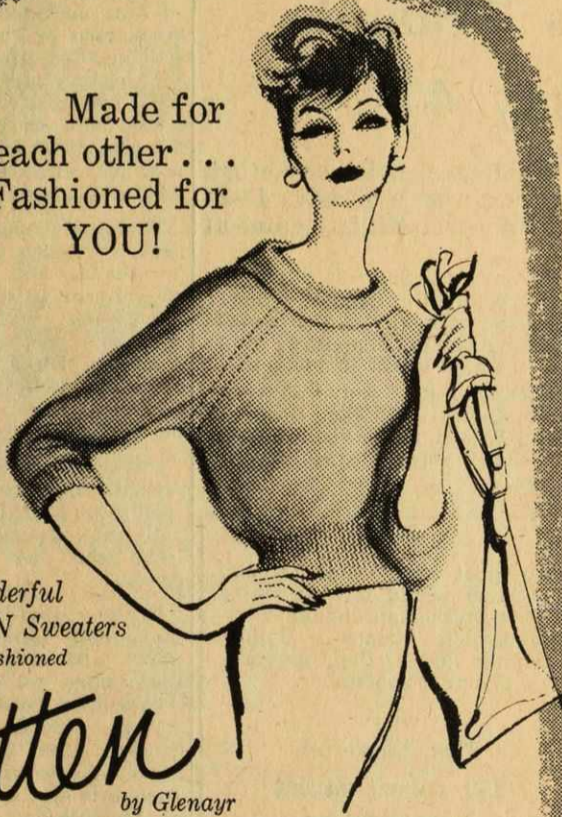
Popular music was supplied for dancing. One of the novelties of the evening was a presentation of "Romeo and Juliet," "abridged" by Margaret Doody and John Chambers. Mary MacDonald played Juliet; Andrew Betts, Romeo; and Sandy Clark the Ghost characteristic of this tragedy.

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Sophomore Queen—Phoebe Redpath. Phoebe, whose home is in Montreal, is secretary of the Arts and Science Society, Properties Manager for DGDS, a promoter for the forthcoming play "Antigone" and a member of the Shireff Hall House Committee, as well as being active in Sodales.



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