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"OKLAHOMA"? NOT THIS YEAR

Council Holds First Meeting

The Students' Council held its first meeting of the year in the Shirreff Hall Library following the Freshman Buffet Supper. Ken Mounce presided and 13 Council members were present. After the minutes were read and approved, a letter from Dr. Kerr was read stating that a \$3 reduction in the Council fees of fifth-year medical students has gone into effect.

A new financial setup in the Football League gives this distribution at the home games — 15% to the League, 20% to the University, 65% to the Student Council.

A unanimous vote of thanks will be sent to the Alumni for their encouragement to the football team.

An additional \$10 for the DGAC budget was approved.

DGDS President Jim Holland presented a brief on the Glee Club's plans to produce "The Pirates of Penzance." A brief from the Senate was read and following a discussion the Council moved to accept the report of the Glee Club, expressing regret that a modern musical could not be done. \$150 for a director was approved to augment \$350 to come from the University.

Formation of a service society for entertaining visiting teams and dignitaries was discussed. Council formed a committee of five to work with Mr. Allen and Mr. Thomas in establishing an honor Kev Society. Council members Murray Fraser and Joy Cunningham, DAAC President Garry Watson and two other students make up this committee.

Acceptance of the application of Dave Thomas as Head of the Photography Department was approved.

Appointment of the Pharos Editor was deferred to the Budget Meeting.

Vernon Butt was appointed Acting Director of Campus Co-ordination. All campus functions must be listed with him. Phone 2-4659.

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Insurance At College Rates

Big news for every University student is the new NFCUS low cost Life Insurance Plan. The National Federation of Canadian University Students offers complete life-long coverage at an extremely low premium. NFCUS feels that the student needs to begin his life insurance program now, so that he can enter his life career with a financial program already started. This plan is tailored for the University student—a 10-year term insurance or term to the age of 35, whichever is the shorter, with ordinary life thereafter.

The minimum policy is \$5000. The premium is \$3.50 per \$1000 annually for the term period. Loan values are not offered during the term period, but after the policy has been on the Ordinary Life Plan for three years, the insured person has the right up to 94% of the cash value of his policy.

There is no war clause in this plan . . . that is no restriction as to the payment of death benefit if the death occurs as the result of war.

This life insurance plan is only open to Students of Canadian Universities that are members of the National Federation, and only up to the age of 35. For further information interested students at requested to see Al O'Brien, Chairman of NFCUS at Dalhousie.



Shown in the above photo by campus photographer Dave Thomas are some of this year's crop of frosh. They are obviously enjoying one of the most exciting moments of Dal's new initiation programs.

Frosh Enjoy Hectic Week; Committee Does Fine Job

Over 300 Freshman and Freshettes started off registration week with a bang last Monday as Frosh from the four corners of the world began registering for the 56-57 year at Dalhousie. Including a large number of scholarship students the Frosh went through the process of registering, paying fees, filling out forms, and having pictures taken, to then await the beginning of Initiation Week.

Initiation Week itself began last Thursday afternoon in the gym where the Frosh were presented with their black and gold beanies and placards. After every one had received their "Freshman Suit," the Frosh were addressed by a number of the heads of organizations on the campus including Ken Mounce, President of the Students' Council, Al O'Brien, NFCUS; Al Thomas, DAAC; Flo Thomas, DGAC; Ruth Murphy, Delta Gamma; and Jim Holland, President of DGDS. The Dal Cheerleaders made an attempt at teaching the Frosh a few of the Dal yells and songs.

The Frosh reappeared Thursday night en masse for the scavenger hunt which went off very well and most of the Frosh returned in time for the dance which featured Laurie Bowes' Orchestra. With the dance floor filled until about one a.m., Laurie and his boys did a very commendable job.

Alf "Hayseed" Johnson appeared on Friday to turn off one of the most successful square-dances held on the Dal Campus. The Frosh, on Saturday, were given a reserved section at the football game free of charge after which Zeta Psi Fraternity held an open house for all the Frosh. Later that evening our graduates

of '60 were entertained at a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerr at the President's home on Oxford Street.

Partying again, the Freshmen and Freshettes were given a buffet supper and dance at Shirreff Hall on Monday night.

The different societies on the campus held pep-rallies and get-together parties Wednesday night and then everyone concerned went to the gym for a dance featuring once again the orchestra of Laurie Bowes.

So far Initiation Week has given the Frosh an excellent idea of what goes on around the campus and Les Kariganis is certainly to be commended on his fine work as chairman of the Initiation Committee.

Football Tigers Feted by Alumni

The 1956 edition of the Dalhousie Tigers football squad was unveiled to the public Friday night as the Alumni Association feted them to a banquet at the Nova Scotian Hotel. All interested supporters of the team were welcome to attend in order to meet and talk with the players.

About 60 people were in attendance, mostly members of the press, radio, and league executive. Some of the head table guests included Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of the University; John Finston, MFU president, and Pete Lesaux, St. Francis Xavier all-star quarterback in the league the past two years.

Coach Al Thomas introduced the players of this year's team and predicted that come Purdy Cup day, the Tigers would be on the field fighting for the league championship. Dr. W. A. Murray, Honorary president of the D.A.A.C., presided at the banquet.

For the first time this year Season Tickets are being offered for Dal's three home games which are:

September 29—Shearwater
October 8—St. Francis Xavier
October 20—Greenwood

They may be bought in groups of three for \$3, the regular price of each game. The mid-field section of the north bleachers has been set aside for the season ticket holders and it is hoped that this will be the start of the most enthusiastic fan support ever.

Glee Club Announces "Pirates Of Penzance"

Students returning to the campus last week were greeted by rumours of the production of a modern musical this year. The Glee Club announced that arrangements had been completed to present the Rodgers and Hammerstein hit "Oklahoma!" To a campus exposed to a procession of Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas for more years than anyone cares to remember, this news was calculated to arouse great interest.

But all is not well in DGDS arrangements. At press time "Pirates of Penzance" appeared slated for the boards in place of "Oklahoma!" and the executive has given up hope of doing the Broadway smash.

The move for a modern musical began at a student council meeting last spring, when the DGDS was offered a sizeable increase in its budget if it would consider a musical of post-1940 vintage. Negotiations were carried on over the summer, and the announcement of the executive's decision was made in the city press last week.

But then things started happening—just what is not exactly clear. The Glee Club after a long search could not find a director among the city's musicians who would tackle the job for a price that could be paid. The university, which in the past has paid a Director of Student Activities, could not make the remuneration high enough to interest the few people capable, and also would not permit a member of the

faculty to be paid for the job. The one faculty member interested would, therefore, receive nothing for his labors. The university also felt that such a large venture was perhaps financially beyond the capabilities of its students.

There were further doubts: the DGDS executive has never felt secure in the talent available for a modern musical this year. Many of the top singers of past productions have graduated. A modern musical also makes more demands on students—for dancers and choreography, set design, orchestra, and production, as well as singers. Participation in the production always large in Gilbert and Sullivan, would have to be limited to fewer students.

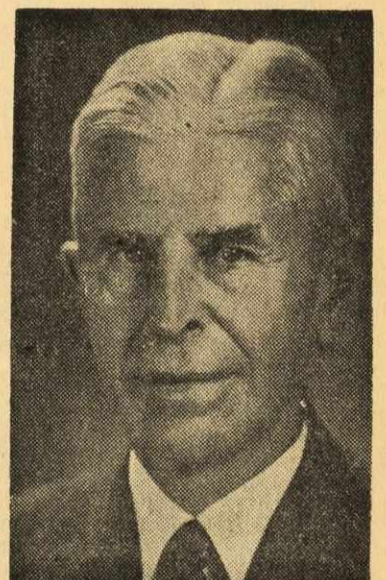
"The Pirates of Penzance" was last performed at Dal in 1950. G. and S., while interesting in their way, have run the gamut on this campus, and it was with a definite wish for a change that the Council asked the DGDS to consider a modern musical. Like Milwaukee, we'll wait till next year.

Appointed



Prof. C. L. Bennet

Retiring



Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone

Johnstone Retires, Bennet Appointed Graduate Dean

Last week Dr. Kerr announced that Professor C. L. Bennet will succeed Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone, O.B.E., as Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The appointment was effective as of September 1st.

Professor Bennet, a native of New Zealand, joined the teaching staff of Dalhousie in 1922, and has been George Munro Professor of English Literature and Head of the Department since 1931. He was University Registrar from 1936 to 1946, and Veterans' Advisor from 1946 to 1950. In addition, he has edited a series of textbooks and anthologies which are being used in every Canadian province. In his new capacity, Professor Bennet will supervise students who are working towards a Master's degree or doctorate of Philosophy.

Dr. Johnstone, a former Dalhousian, joined the Physics Department in 1918. He has an outstanding war record with Naval Research. Since the war, Professor Johnstone has been George Munro Professor of Physics and Head of the Physics Department. When the Faculty of Graduate Studies was established in 1949 Dr. Johnstone was appointed as the Dean. To quote Dr. Kerr, "Dr. Johnstone has made an outstanding contribution to Dalhousie as a teacher and administrator and an outstanding contribution to the nation, as one of its ablest physicists, in peace and war."