

### DGDS Presents "The Marriage Proposal" In Intercollegiate Drama Festival

The Marriage Proposal by Anton Tehekov depicting the simple life of Russian farmers, was produced by the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society in the inter-University Drama Festival held in the Dal gym last Saturday night.

Before making any criticism the difficulties that have to be faced by the player must be realized. In the first place the time and civilization depicted were completely strange to us. Secondly in a play of this type there a great opportunity for the players to overact their parts. In both these points I think it may be said that our players did the right thing. Although at times Mr. MacMahon's actions seemed a little extraordinary. I cannot give a fair judgment not having had any contact with hypochondriacs or dipso-manias.

The enunciation of the characters was excellent and could be heard at all times. I think Miss Coffin playing Natalie Stepanovna must be especially commended since the gym acoustic qualities are by no means good.

Let us now consider each participant individually, in order of their appearance.

Mr. McNeil as usual, turned in a fine performance in the part of Stepan Stepanovitch Tschubukov. His motions were not, at all times,

in keeping with his part. Sometimes he showed his age while at other times his actions were those closely resembling a youthful schoolboy. His costume and make-up were excellent. Above all, he must be commended for his voice. Not once during the entire production did he forget that he was playing at least forty years his senior and one could never lose this fact in listening to him.

Mr. MacMahon playing the part of Svan Vassilyvitch Lomov also turned in a capable performance. His voice was clear and distinct, although at times his actions seemed a little overdone. Nevertheless this may be overlooked, considering that Nomov was actually an actor in everyday life, displaying his fits of excitement and hypochondria.

Miss Coffin, in the part of Natalia Stepanovna Tschubukov, was excellent. She looked quite at home on the stage and considering the fact that this is only her second performance it was quite remarkable. The range of her voice was very appropriate for the part, in time of severity the depth while in times of anger reaching the height of fury. Her actions were throughout relaxed except of course when the part demanded a little more than mere relaxation.

### T-SQUARE

The boys are all set for another trip, having had two weeks to recuperate. There will be one person who will be sure to stay awake next time. It has been suggested that we go through Stanfields in the spring. I wonder if it is just a coincidence that their factory is in Truro?

We have again taken over our common room after a period of occupation by some industrialists. It seems that someone didn't like our addition to the art exhibition.

Lately there have been two suspicious looking characters dressed in blue marching in formation about the halls of the shack. We overheard that they were looking for fine, brave, intelligent young men and so immediately offered our services. On being flatly refused we grew suspicious of their intentions and rushed to phone for the local gendarmes, but were stopped short to be sadly informed by Glider Kolm that there was always the Navy.

The sad Scot, Jim McEwan, is still looking for a girl who doesn't drink coke—coke that is. Maybe a certain pal of his who plays centre for the football team will get one for him. Been to the Gardens lately Pete?

Some of the boys have discovered the charms of a new "common room" in which to spend the break periods. You booped Harv, three goes into fifty-one.

### Arts and Science

The Arts and Science Society started off the year with the dances in the Common Room on Saturday nights. Two such dances have been held and enjoyed so far by those who attended. This coming Saturday the Society will continue the series of dances.

In the debating world the first inter-faculty debate takes place Wednesday night at the Forrest Building, when Arts and Science takes on Commerce.

Last week saw the entry of the Arts and Science Inter-Faculty Rugby team. Although the Arts & Science team were without practice they held the Law team fairly well throughout the game. Law took the game, 6-3. The next game should see the Arts and Science ball on the opponents' side of the line.

There will be a formal meeting of the Society at 12 o'clock on Thursday in Room 3 of the Arts Building.

### Poll on Homecoming Week-end

Following Homecoming Weekend The Gazette decided to take a poll on the results.

1. Do you think the Homecoming Weekend was a success? If not, why?
  - Not a success ..... 85%
  - A success ..... 9%
  - As successful as can be expected ..... 3%
  - Don't know ..... 3%

The reasons those polled felt it was unsuccessful are listed under question No. 4.

2. Do you think that the loss incurred warrants another Homecoming Weekend next year? Many other universities have found difficulty in starting Alumni Homecomings. They are rarely consistently successful until after ten years.
  - No ..... 52%
  - Yes ..... 42%
  - Don't know ..... 6%

3. Do you think that it would be better to hold an Alumni Homecoming every second, third or fifth years instead of every year?
  - Every year ..... 21%
  - Every second year ..... 48%
  - Every third year ..... 12%
  - Every fifth year ..... 15%
  - Every tenth year ..... 3%

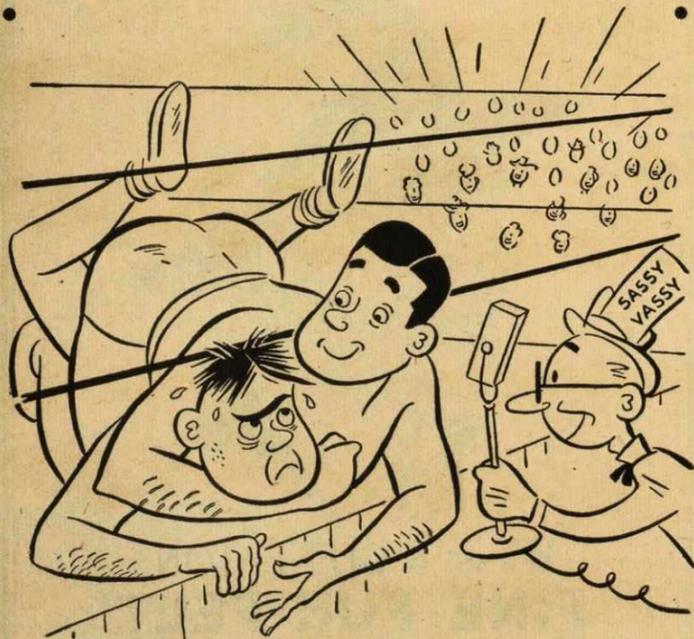
4. Have you any complaints about this year's Homecoming?
  - Lack of publicity ..... 45% (Particularly on Forrest Campus).
  - Not large enough programme ..... 39%
  - Not enough alumni ..... 92%
  - Lack of student support ..... 3%
  - Alumni didn't meet the students ..... 10%
  - Nobody except the committee did any work ..... 8%
  - No complaints ..... 24%

5. Have you any suggestions to make for future Homecomings?
  1. Larger programme.
  2. More publicity.
  3. Personal soliciting of Halifax alumni.
  4. Lower registration fee. Perhaps \$1.00 registration fee and then tickets at each function).
  5. Discussion groups.
  6. Hold it at a better time e.g. Spring Convocation, February, or Thanksgiving.
  7. Speeches by old alumni.
  8. Formal dance.
  9. Bring in personages, perhaps lecturers, entertainers, etc.
  10. Variety show.

### The Joke Pot

A doctor, picking up his car at a garage, was highly indignant at the size of the repair bill. "All this for a few hours work!" he yelled. "Why do you charge more than we of the medical profession do?"

"Well now," drawled the mechanic, "the way I look at it, we got it coming to us. You guys been wroking on the same old model since time began, but we have to learn a brand new model every year."



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