

# J. Godsoe Performs Miracle

## Student Government History # 43

The beginning of the 1928-29 academic year found the Students' Council still trying to control the use of athletic equipment and uniforms by having the university employ someone to issue them. There was no co-operation from the university. Meanwhile the Amateur Athletic Club (DAAC) was attempting to resume its central control of the athletic money. For several years Council had been giving the monies directly to each team instead of passing it through the DAAC officers.

A final audit of the previous year's accounts revealed that as a Secretary-Treasurer and President J. Gerald Godsoe performed miracles. When he entered the executive the Council had a \$500 deficit. Three years later he was able to pass a surplus of \$666.82 on to his successors. This audit must have done a great deal to slow down the strong push for a fee increase.

President Murray Rankin, another former Secretary-Treasurer, reported in early October that there was some progress in attempts to find a method of ensuring that King's students paid for their Dalhousie privileges. The Council decided that it should ask the alumni for more support and co-operation in university activities. Traditionally students and alumni had worked together from improvements at Dalhousie, prodding the Senate and Board of Governors.

As the 20's ended there was no slowdown of the number of Dalhousie students who would become prominent locally and nationally. On the 1928 GAZETTE masthead are to be found Associate Editor Ernest Howse (a future United Church Moderator) and Assistant Business Manager R.A. Donohoe, (a future Nova Scotia cabinet member). Forty years later Dalhousie students led the successful effort to defeat Donohoe in the 1969

provincial election.

Despite their short collective memory students are able to maintain some sort of pressure for their causes. This was illustrated late in October when the newspaper took up the cause of regular evening hours for the library. Several years earlier it had successfully convinced the Board to extend hours into the evening on an experimental basis. As soon as exams were over the hours went back to the restricted basis, and were thereafter just extended before exams upon request. The newspaper again asked why students had to suffer the inconvenience and limited availability of library resources. A month later the university announced a permanent extension, so that the library would open every week day evening during the academic year.

Also in October the Council received the glad news that the stands and equipment at Studley Field were finally paid for. The University had received 50% of gate receipts for seven years in payment for the stands. Now it would just receive 35%, using this money for upkeep. Council approved a card index system for keeping track of uniforms and equipment. The team managers were made personally responsible for the loss of uniforms.

For the first time an interfaculty sports budget was approved. Previously the interfaculty teams had to make do with what they could get from the major sports allocations. For the first time the scope of intercollegiate athletics was expanding, with budgets added for badminton and boxing. The Dalhousie Girls Athletic Association became more prominent.

While athletics grew, so did the yearbook. It was given \$500, double the previous support, and a vote of appreciation. The new editor was Ralph Morton, who would later found the Dartmouth

Free Press. He had already been a GAZETTE Business Manager. Instead of the president it was the Medicine rep, Dr. MacKenzie, who was chosen to represent Dalhousie at the NFCUS meeting in Toronto. MacKenzie was a Dentist who came to Dalhousie from the U.S. to take Medicine. Before he left Dalhousie's Council approved the proposal for a student exchange programme that NFCUS was sponsoring. It had already been adopted by several universities. The aim was to facilitate university education away from home.

Although Christmas was approaching Council heard the sad news that there was no immediate solution to the King's fees problem. King's had not replied to the latest Dalhousie proposal, and there is no evidence that their Council was able to enforce its order that King's students not participate in Dalhousie activities.

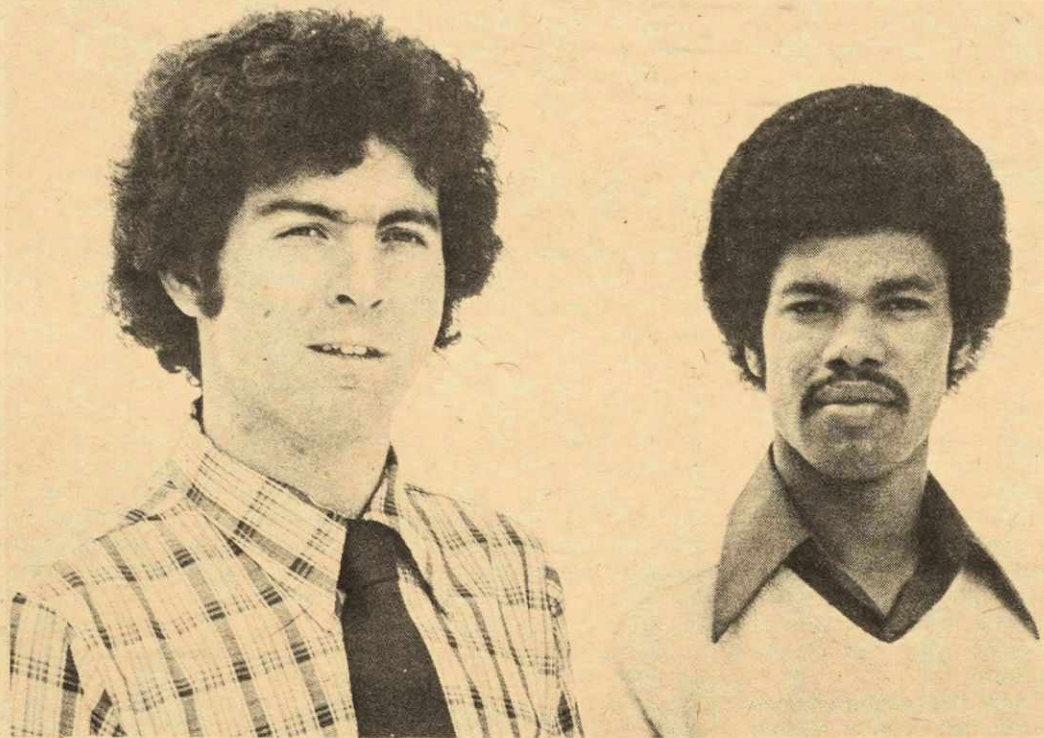
A pacifist movement similar to the pre-war one seems to have been emerging, because for Armistice Day GAZETTE chose the headline "We Have Paid in Full". Sir Herbert Ames was giving four lectures at Dalhousie on the League of Nations, and it was still seen as a viable means of preventing conflict between nations. Later in the month the newspaper devoted some space to Tom Parker, who was the DAAC Vice-President and the manager of Interfaculty sports. He is now the university's Summer School Director, after a distinguished career in education.

As the yearbook was preparing its third edition a contest was started to choose its name. A public debate on the Council and its problems decided that the system of government should be changed so that officers were elected popularly, not by the Council. Also, the constitution should be amended by the students, not Senate. Residence representation was suggested.

# Gorman and Neal

President

Vice President



Interaction is the process whereby we can become more aware of ourselves and our fellow students.

We all have come to Dalhousie for basically the same reason:

To increase our knowledge.

For the most part, the atmosphere at Dalhousie is filled with apathy, so our main purpose for coming to Dalhousie is weakened. Knowledge isn't just A's and B's, knowledge is more than that. It is meeting people, having experiences, seeing new things, and getting involved. The campus of Dalhousie is large, so unless we look around and become aware of one another, it will be cold and stereotyped.

There are many problems on our campus that concern us. It is us, the students that pay for the operation of the campus, so why should there be problems. As employers of the University, why don't we go to the Student Union, our own government and complain? If we don't interact with one another, we won't become aware that each and everyone of us, care.

HOWIE GORMAN AND GORDIE NEAL CARE!

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