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"FINIAN'S RAINBOW" SEEN BY OVER 2200

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"Finian's Rainbow", which the Students' Council supported both morally and financially, to the extent of a tripled budget over previous productions, was a fabulous success, as over 2200 students and citizens of Halifax thronged to the gym last week.

The outstanding success of the production marks the beginning of a new era for the Glee and Dramatic Society.

The cast proved beyond a doubt that Dalhousians are capable of putting on a show that compares favorably with professional productions.

The show opened on Thursday night with 479 of the auditorium's chairs filled. On Friday the crowds were so great that even though extra seats were brought in, a number of persons stood throughout the performance, and about 100 more were turned away.

For the Saturday performance, some 300 extra seats were placed in the gym, allowing for an almost unheard of audience of 1,000. That night, too, about 100 people were turned away.

To date, the financial picture is this: on Thursday night, \$438.75 was received; Friday, \$802.75; Saturday, \$1,090.25. These figures may change slightly as student money comes in.

For the first time, the DGDS sold programs at the door, at a price of 10 cents each. 1,000 programs were printed and sold.

Credit should certainly be given to Julia Gosling for her excellent work in the production of the show and for the co-ordination of the work involved.

Hold NFCUS Dance Friday Night

The annual NFCUS Dance will be held on Friday, March 7, in the Dalhousie Gym. Admission will be free to all students with NFCUS cards. The dance will be the last big one on the campus before the Munro Day festivities which bring most activities to a close.

It is planned to have games such as roulette, horse races and a balloon game. It is also planned to raffle off NFCUS tigers.

Members of the committee include Judy MacCleary, Mary Archibald and Lew Smith. June Nudelman is chairman.

Student Council Considers DAAC Report

Last Tuesday night was a night of reports as the Council heard and discussed five of them in an effort to clean house before the end of its term of office. John Stewart and George Travis presented their investigation of the minor sports program; it stressed that lack of interest in participation and attendance was the prime factor for the low state of collegiate spirit. Other reports pertained to Pharos, the Advertising Bureau, the Gazette and intercollegiate football.

The minor sports report contained many pertinent observations and recommendations: pool times at the YMCA are inconvenient and new arrangements are needed for next Fall; a swimming pool is needed on the campus and one is suggested for any new men's residence; facilities for volleyball, handball, badminton and gymnastics are not being used to full capacity; an all-Dal curling bonspiel should be held each year; there is need of additional training area for football; interfac basketball has suffered from a definite lack of interest; there is a great need for more ice time at the rink for Dal students; soccer was successful upon introduction on an intercollegiate level this year and interfac soccer is suggested for the future; track and field is almost dead here, largely due to the lack of training facilities and areas. The report concluded that minor sports have suffered at the expense of promoting varsity sports, and, to some extent, the indifferent attitude of succeeding DAAC executives was to blame; there is great need of the whole minor sports program being revitalized.

The report on the possibility of an intercollegiate football league was presented by George Travis and Kempton Hayes. The main conclusion of this report was that such a league was impossible at the present time and would take about five years to become a reality of any quality. The main recommendation was that Dal should continue in the present Nova Scotia Football League as long as the newly-changed division of gate receipts made this a financial possibility.

Council President Murray Fraser announced that the Board of Governors had approved the request by the Council for a decrease in fee for fifth year Med students, from \$8 to \$3.

Life Officers Elected

Dave Matheson, this year's vice-president of the Student Council, was elected life president of the class of 1957-58 at a special meeting of the class held last week.

Elected to the position of vice-president was Carolyn Potter; secretary, Nancy Lane; treasurer, Dave Shaw; valedictorian, Hilroy Nathanson; and historian, Elizabeth Dusan.



Shown above are Jackie MacDonald as Sharon and Don Warner as Woody, in last week's production of "Finian's Rainbow." (Photo by Thomas.)

Dal Students Prepare To Celebrate Munro Day

Excitement fills the air as Munro Day draws near. Each year, the second Tuesday of March is a holiday which Dalhousians celebrate in honor of the great benefactions made to Dalhousie by George Munro.

George Travis and John Stewart, hope to make D-Day and Munro Day into a two-day extravaganza, with continuous activities from 6 o'clock Monday until the last weary reveler wends his way homeward after the Munro Day Dance. Members of the committee are Ron Clarke Colette Young, Judy Jackson, Joan Hault, Jim Holland, Mitch Levine, Alan Fleming and Al Rigs, who will act as M.C.

At 6 p.m. on D-Day, there will be a motor cavalcade from the airport to the campus. The big welcome for the Laval team is being organized by the Pep Cats. At 7:30 the Pageant of Queens will be presented in the rink. This novel presentation of the candidates for Campus Queen promises to be well worth seeing. This will be followed by a skating show. At 8:45 the Tigers will meet the Laval team in an exhibition game. A two-hour Variety Show will follow at 11:00. The Glee Club will perform and there will be contributions from various societies and fraternities. This show is under the direction of Julia Gosling.

Things will get off to an early start on Munro Day morning when the old and new Student Councils confer. The inter-fac sports finals will also be played off in the morning.

In the afternoon, the presentation of awards will take place at 2 o'clock. Dr. Kerr will address the students. Following the presentation of awards, the annual Quartet Contest will be staged.

A second hockey game will take place at 7 o'clock. At 9:30 this year's Campus Queen will be crowned in the gym, and the two days of revelry will draw to a close with dancing until 1 a.m. to the music of Don Warner.

Meds To Crown Queen At Ball

This Friday evening the Med students officially open Munro weekend festivities with the Med Ball. It will be held at the Nova Scotian Hotel with music supplied by Don Warner.

Invitations have been sent out to the doctors in the Halifax and Dartmouth area. The student body and the general public are also cordially invited. Student tickets are \$3.00 per couple, others \$5.00 per couple. The Med Queen will be crowned at the Ball.

Chaperones for this gala affair will be Prof. Robert Dixon, Prof. of Medicine, and Mrs. Dixon, and Prof. Ian MacKenzie, Prof. of Surgery, and Mrs. MacKenzie.

"My Fur Lady" Coming To Halifax

The Air Force Association of Halifax is bringing to this city the fabulous "My Fur Lady," the satirical musical comedy which was written and staged by students of McGill University last spring. It has already played in Toronto, Stratford, Ottawa and other metropolitan centres. Now carried on by professional actors and singers, "My Fur Lady" will be performed at the St. Patrick's High School Auditorium from March 24 to 29.

Honourable Sidney Smith

External Affairs Minister Visits Dal

Students Monday heard the Honourable Sidney Smith, Minister for External Affairs and a Dalhousie Alumnus, give an amusing, yet thought-provoking non-political talk Tuesday noon. Welcomed by long-time friend Dr. Kerr, Dr. Smith was introduced by Elizabeth Dusan, Student Council Vice-President, who enumerated the numerous achievements studding his colourful career.

Dr. Smith spoke learnedly and with refreshing wit, broadly avoiding politics. He attributed the success of Maritimers in other parts of Canada to their capacity for hard work, and named the Law school "a great section of Dalhousie." Dalhousie must continue to stress the "hub" of a solid Arts course, and Dr. Smith said he regretted that he had been guilty of drawing a line between physics and engineering, and the humanities. "We must guard against the training of scientists who would be merely button-pushers in an age of automation."

Dr. Smith stated that University recruits must have the capacity and resolution for hard work plus the moral stamina to get the most out of their work. More scholarships and bursaries, granted upon a national average basis, are a must for such students, with matching grants to University staffs.

Tom Denton thanked the Speaker, following which Dr. Smith presented the Smith Shield to this year's winning lawyers. Dave Matheson ended proceedings by presenting a Tiger to Dr. Smith, whose friendly informality is remembered in his remark: "I spent eleven years at Dalhousie and four at King's College. They were thirteen of the best years I ever had."