

Lament of A Male

Here I am so lonely and blue,
Wondering what the heck I can do.
I can't go out and show my face—
That would be such a disgrace.

The following night is the time
to skate,
And who knows, you might get a date.

Med Corner

In keeping with the theme of
Co-Ed Week, namely: "Who says
this is a man's world; where
would you be without us?"

Of all the professions perhaps
Medicine more than any other
has historically been considered
a man's responsibility, but even
Medicine wasn't immune to the
virulent creature—Woman—and
in 1849 the first woman in modern
times obtained her medical degree
and became the pioneer and leader
for over fifty years of women
in Medicine.

At the present time there are
fifteen of these same "creatures"
at the Dalhousie Medical School;
five in first year, one in second
and third, five in fourth and three
interning. They are carrying on
the heritage of the fifty-seven
women who have already graduated
from these halls of learning.

In 1893 Annie Hamilton graduated
as Dalhousie's first woman
physician and aroused both horro
and amusement as she rode around
her practice in the North End of
this city in divided skirts on a
bicycle. A fellow schoolmate
describes her as being very plainly
dressed, rather colorless, with
straight thin hair, not very
attractive. In fact, shortly after
school opened the boys sent a
paper around the class to get her
one of the affairs the other girls
wore—a bustle.

Dr. Grace Rice, 1903, took post-
graduate work in Edinburgh and
Dublin, came back in 1911 and is
still carrying on a large general
practice. Mary Leila Randall,
1899, went to Sydney, C. B., and
practiced as a paediatrician for at
least five years.

Others trained primarily to be
medical missionaries, Dr. Florence
O'Donnell (Piers) 1901, Dr. Minna
May Austen, 1903, served in Crina.
Dalhousie has her own lady
M.D., Hon LL.D in the person of
Dr. Jemima MacKenzie, who
graduated in 1904 and was awarded
an honorary degree by her
Alma Mater in 1940.

Then there was Victoria Sara
Ernst, who had big eyes like an
owl. She made her professors re-
member her for her questions and
her class mates used to say "Vic-
toria by the Grace of God, Miss
Ernst." She had taught school,
as had so many of the others, to
earn money to fulfill her ambition
to be a doctor. Twice she had

Nifcus Notes

by DAVE SNOW.

Plans for Interregional Scholar-
ships have been finalized for the
coming year. This plan enables
specially selected students to take
one year's work at universities
other than the "home" university
and in a different part of Canada.
Originated for the purpose of
broadening the outlook of Cana-
dian university students both aca-
demically and geographically, these
scholarships provide an opportu-
nity for special study not other-
wise obtainable. This plan has
been in effect for twenty years.
Many students have been able to
take advantage of the plan in that
time. All have voiced their ap-
preciation of the opportunities it
afforded.

This plan provides study in an-
other part of Canada for a stu-
dent in the second last year of his
course towards any degree. The
fees for that year are waived.
The student must undertake to
return to his home university to
complete the work for that degree.

The universities of Canada are
divided into four divisions for the
purpose of the scheme. These are
(1) The University of British Colum-
bia, (2) The Universities of Al-
berta, Saskatchewan and Mani-
toba, (3) The Universities of Ont-
ario and Quebec, and (4) the Uni-
versities of the Maritime Pro-
vince. Subject to certain excep-
tions, no student is allowed to ap-
ply for the benefits of the plan
unless he contemplates taking
work at a University which is in
a different division than his
"home" University.

Only sophomores may apply
for this scholarship plan. Uni-
versities taking part in the plan
will only accept students in their
second last year.

Every university may select
for attendance under the Inter-
regional Scholarship Plan a number
of students not exceeding one per
cent of the total student body.
This means as many as 12 may
be accepted from Dalhousie. The
successful candidates are known
as "Federation Scholars".

One final point, no effort will be
spared by the Nifcus Committee
at the receiving university to
make you feel at "home".

If you are interested, why not
contact the writer or Miss Smith
at the Registrar's Office. We
would only be too pleased to pro-
vide all the details.

MUSKAT MEMORIAL
ESSAY PRIZE

Students registered for three or
more classes in the Faculty of
Arts and Science may submit es-
says in competition for this prize,
the value of which is \$40.00.

Essays, which should be from
4,000 to 5,000 words in length, may
be written on any subject of na-
tional or international importance.
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Attention is called to the fact
that only Dalhousie students are
eligible for this prize.

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and teen-age children, in that
order. "And You Never Know"
presents further parent-teenager
problems; "The Ins and Outs" is
actually about and for teenagers,
on the problem of cliques in school.

Letter From Dr. Kerr

Because of a number of typo-
graphical errors which altered the
meaning of the original, the fol-
lowing corrected copy of a letter
from Dr. A. E. Kerr to Student
Council President George Kerr is
reprinted.

January 27, 1953.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

As you are aware, recent issues
of The Gazette have provoked a
great deal of criticism, and I have
been obliged to devote many hours
of the past week to interviews and
correspondence with persons whom
they offended. This circumstance
constrains me to write you com-
mending the whole subject of The
Gazette to your Council's atten-
tion.

The University recognizes the
freedom which belongs to The
Gazette as an official student pub-
lication and carefully refrains
from infringing upon its proper
rights. It assumes, however, that
the editors appointed by your
Council will exercise reasonable
discretion in the choice of articles
and letters approved for printing
in its columns. It expects The
Gazette to be governed by the
self-imposed restraints which re-
putable journals everywhere ac-
cept without question. It counts
on The Gazette to avoid anything
likely to jeopardize the good name
of the University and its position
in the community by disregarding
its long tradition of respect for
religious convictions, coupled with
its tolerance of creedal differ-
ences, or by violating the canons
of common decency and good taste.
It looks to The Gazette to keep in
mind that while Dalhousie is
strictly non-sectarian, and opens
its doors to students of all types
of faith and no faith at all, it is
itself definitely a Christian insti-
tution. It is within the generous
limits indicated by these considera-
tions, which no one should find
irksome, and which everyone must
observe, that The Gazette is en-
titled to exercise the fullest lib-
erty.

I invite you and your associates
to consider whether the time has
now come for you to essay the re-
covery of certain standards which
too many college papers have lost
sight of in recent years. Senior
teachers have more than once ex-
pressed to me their concern over
the deterioration of The Gazette
within their own memory. Alumni
of exemplary devotion to their
Alma Mater have confessed the
same anxiety. It would not put
them at ease to be told, as one
student told me, that The Gazette
still compares favourably with the
publications of other prominent
seats of learning in our country.
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for quite frankly most student
papers are poor advertisements for

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and all that stuff. This is your
old critic Len Bubbington string-
ing you the line again. As usual.
Today I am again forced to re-
port that everything anything in
Halifax still needs to be criticized,
except perhaps the Engineers.

Have you yet read:
"Better Eyesight", by Hezan I.
Sirjon.
"On Entering Dal", by Reggie
Stratton.
"Tha Guy Who Passed", by Miss
T. Fyde.
"May is Coming", by Luke A.
Hedd.
"A Moron at Large", by Ima Nutt.
"The Halifax Dog Catcher", by
Kay Nine.
"I was a Commerce Student", by
Y. Dicker, and the book of the
month:
"THE YELLOW PERIL", by
Ban Anna Peale, and these three
very charming love stories:
"A Little Sister for Johnny", by
O. G. Whiz.
Well, that's all for now. If you
like this column and want more
drop a "letter to the editor" and
you shall have it. If you are
wondering what that third love
story is, it's "The Passionate Rus-
sian", by E. Bitter Noseoff.
Bye.

their universities and the benefits
of higher education in general.

Nevertheless there was a day
when The Gazette was eminently
worthy of Dalhousie, and I see no
reason why the present generation
of students, for whom I have the
most cordial admiration, should
not make it so again.

The Gazette is read far beyond
the bounds of the campus and is
identified with Dalhousie in the
public mind. For this reason alone
the editors, and the Council to
which they are answerable, should
always be conscious of their great
responsibility for the reputation
of the University that we all love.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. KERR.

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