

# LEAP YEAR, SADIE HAWKINS, AND "THE HAPPINESS OF PURSUIT"

1960—according to the Gregorian calendar, another 'leap year', a year during which—it is the custom of our society—it is considered quite proper for a young lady to take the prerogative in any boy-girl relationship. From a survey of historical data, the custom started in Canada at the turn of the century.

There was an old maid from Vancouver, Who captured a man by maneuver. She leaped on his knee With a chorle of glee, And nothing on earth could remove her.

Dating from this incident, the calendar year (so the story goes) came to be called 'leap year'. This idea travelled rapidly, and reached Dalhousie some years later, when—

An erudite young femme from Dalhousie, Who although quite repulsive and frowsy,

By a devious plan, She ensnared her a man— They still try to figure out how she!

This 'leap year' business seemed to work so well, that it was slyly initiated every year for one week—calling it Sadie Hawkins' Week after that renowned inhabitant of Dogpatch.

However, the girls have taken over so much of the initiative—(now many campus romances have begun during Sadie Hawkins' Week) that we are beginning to wonder where are the gay young bachelors who used to affirm their belief in

the principles of liberty, equality, and the happiness of pursuit.

Delta Gamma, representing the girls on Dal campus has planned a full program for Sadie Hawkins' Week beginning January 18.

Monday—Movie Night

(Sponsored by Commerce Society) Tuesday—Free Night

Wednesday—Serenade Pine Hill, King's, Men's Residence, and Phi Rho.

Thursday—Serande Fraternities

Friday—Sadie Hawkins' Dance

In addition, the girls will be campaigning to elect a Campus King from representatives chosen from each society—for their charm, personality, and manly attributes. The Daisy Mae Cup will be presented to the girl having had the most dates during that week, and this year something new has been added—a prize for the girl treating a boy to the Most Original Date.

SO, as that old adage "Look before you leap" applies to the girls, the fellows might well adopt as their motto—"Look before you're leaped on".

# SHIRREFF HALL WILL CONTAIN 40 MORE WOMEN

"As soon as possible" according to university authorities, a quarter of a million dollars will be spent in constructing accommodation for 40 more Dal women. A new wing will extend from the east side of the main building of Shirreff Hall, paralleling the present west-side wing.

No definite date has been set for its construction.

"Dalhousie cannot possibly cope with the housing of its increasing number of women students until more room is available," Miss Helen Reynolds, the university's dean of women and warden for Shirreff Hall said. "The need is very great and very urgent both for more room for the undergraduates and for a graduate house for professional girls and students in the graduate studies faculty".

"In the past four years, we have been unable to take any girls in education, graduate studies, or the professional schools", Miss Reynolds said, "and we can handle only part of the undergraduates".

At present, Shirreff Hall can accommodate only 111 girls, a much smaller number than those who apply for room and board there.

She said that for the present college year 50 undergraduates had been refused accommodation at Shirreff Hall, in addition to about a dozen who for one reason or another had requested permission to live outside.

There is also an extreme shortage of homes in the area which accept women students as roomers, she said.

The new wing is called for in original plans for the building, opened in 1923 and constructed through funds donated by Mrs. E. B. Eddy in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shirreff.

The late J. T. Shirreff, Mrs. Eddy's brother, made provision in his will for approximately \$250,000 to be used for the completion of the residence, but stipulated that his wife was to derive the interest from the capital sum throughout her lifetime.

## On Campus

### P.C. Club Meeting

West Common Room Thursday, January 14, 12:00

### Junior Class Meeting

Re: Junior Prom Room 234 Thursday, January 14, 12:00

### Commerce Society Dance

Gym Friday, January 15, 9:00

### Dal German Society Dance

Flamingo Club Friday, January 15, 9:00

### Students' Council Meeting

Woman's Common Room A & A Building Tuesday, January 19, 7:00

### Blood Donors' Clinic

East Common Room Tuesday, Jan. 19; Wednesday, Jan. 20; Thursday, Jan. 21

### Political Rally

Room 21—A & A Bldg. Thursday, January 21, 12:00

## Connelly Shield Actors at Work

The annual Connelly Shield play competition will be held in Room 21 of the Arts and Administration building, January 25-27 this year, with at least six entries slated for adjudication.

Carol Clark, president of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society, said entries will be forthcoming from the Law, Education, Arts and Science faculties, with others from the Junior Class, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and the Delta Gamma Society, "with perhaps one or two others."

The one-act plays will be adjudicated by Professor Sprott of the English department, who will announce winners of the best play, best actor and actress on the final night of the competition.

Prizes will awarded on Munro Day.



Unfortunately familiar sights at the beginning of the term were students such as the anxious pair above, faces tensely pressed towards the walls of the Arts building basement where the results of the Christmas were posted. The Gazette will print a summary of the marks as soon as they are available for any students interested in how every one passed.



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## Engineer Engineers Flag Heist

A surprise to practically no one but the Dal Commerce Company, the black and gold Dalcom flag was stolen Monday afternoon from the Studley flagpole, a scant 6 hours after it had been raised.

Three unidentified students, believed to be members of the Dal Engineering Society, took the flag. Dalcom President Ron Simmons, upset over the issue, stated that "such juvenile antics will seriously deter other organizations from engaging in similar promotion."

Aside from the disappointment of not having the flag for the Commerce banquet, Simmons said, most people felt it was "a very bad joke" with no traces of originality.

One Commerce student put it thus: "This is our week to have fun, not to have stupid fights with children."