... spare that tree ...

In last week's edition of the

Gazette, there appeared a criti-cism of the Glee Club's choice of

productions for the current year.

It was suggested that plays such as last year's The Madwoman of Chaillot or The Little Foxes should be produced. Judging from

the comments in last year's Gazette, however, it would seem

that these two plays, to use an-other Woolcottian phrase, "left a taste of lukewarm parsnip juice" in the mouths of most. Cries were raised for more plays like Arsenic and Old Lace. Need we say more?

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As for the remarks about the operetta, may we remind the rather forgetful writer that the D.G.D.S. executive worked for five months during the summer vaction and fall attempting to produce Oklahoma! When the committe had finally worked out all the details and found a direc-tor, the necessary financial aid for the director was not forth-coming. The executive's efforts had been in vain. We, too, should

had been in vain. We, too, should like very much to see a modern musical produced here in the near future, but the Glee Club cannot do it alone!

If the writer desires education

Mr. David Peel,

Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

say more?

Editor, Dalhousie Gazette,

Feb. 16, 1957

Look, Ma, No Hands!



Obviously enjoying themselves, a group of '57 graduates from several faculties tackle the food at their reception last week. (photo by Rofihe)

Graduating Class Enjoys Reception, Supper at Hall

Dalhousie students who will graduate next spring en-joyed a Reception and Buffet Supper at Shirreff Hall on February 12.

thirty students from all faculties **D.G.A.C.** More than one hundred and were in attendance. This is the first year that such an event was Entertained attempted before the actual celebrations of Convocation week in brations of Convocation week in May and it was generally felt President of Dalhousie Univerthat it was a success.

In the receiving line were President and Mrs. Kerr, Miss Reynolds, and Murray Fraser and Dody McIntosh, President and Vice--President of the Senior class.

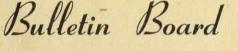
This Thursday at noon, the prospective graduates will meet to elect Life Officers and to discuss plans for Graduation in May. The gift of the class to the university will also be discussed.

sity, entertained at the tea hour Wednesday for members of the Dalhousie Girls Athletic club. Mrs. Thomas, coach of the DGAC, with about 40 girls spent an enjoyable afternoon.

They were introduced to Mrs. Kerr by Elizabeth Montgomery, president of DGAC.

Mrs. C. B. Stewart and Mrs. C. L. Bennet poured tea. Serving prospective graduates will meet were Mrs. Horace Read, Mrs. Al-in Room 234 of the Arts Building lan Ernest, Mrs. David Hawkins and Moira Kerr.

> The tea table was centered with a bowl of pink carnations and covered with a lace cloth.



February 21, Thursday—Graduating Class Meeting (ALL FACUL-THES) room 234, noon Mock Parliament, room 21, evening King's Formal, King's Interfaculty basketball, evening Lecture by Professor Heasman: "Socialism and Democracy: Revolution or Evolution", room 217, 8:15 p.m.
22, Friday—Engineers' Ball, Nova Scotian Hotel
23, Saturday— Playoff hockey, Dal vs Tech, rink, 2.30 p.m. Playoff basketball, Dal vs St. F.X., gym. 2.30

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

glee club objects, acadia replies, a canadian speaks, the 'post' denies

... no queen for me ...

21 Edward Street,

but all this will be subordinated to their patriotism for the land of their birth-their own land.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 11/57. The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading Ir. Massey's letter in the Feb. 7 Mr. edition. My thoughts and feelings, as a result, require some immediate outlet, so I am taking advantage of the columns of your paper.

It is next to impossible to change the mind of someone who does not hold with the monarchy, and does not believe that loyalty to the Queen plays any part in one's allegiance to Canada.

This is so because these beliefs, these degrees or types of patriotism, do no texist so much in the mind as in the emotions. After all, "patriotism" means "love of country", and love is an emotion, albeit ideally, a reasonable emotion.

Despite the futility of it all, however, I would like to try to explain to Mr. Massey and to those (and there are many) who think as he does, just why a lot of people support the program of such organizations as the Canada First Party.

Patriotism, like any reasonable emotion demands expression, and this is the purpose of such sym-bols as anthems and flags — to foster thoughts and feelings of love of country, and to give them expression. Symbols do mean something, and it is not making much ado about nothing to object to those which represent the tradition and heritage and culture of another country, and to demand their replacements by symbols which foster and represent the culture and tradition of our own nation.

For the Canadian must express his or her patriotism to Canada by way of an English flag and an English national anthem. The patriotism that is being fostered in this country is not love of Canada but of the "Empire" (?) and in particular of the "Mother Country" (?). Strangely enough too, when patriotism to one's own country. Connot, is a country of the strangely enough country, Canada, is seen to pre vail, one is accused of being "nationalistia" and disloyal.

The patriotism of the average Canadian is frustrated. It has no real expression—because the prescribed means of expression are false, and are part of the reason for our national apathy.

Let's take an example. Say a Let's take an example. Bay a Frenchman, an Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, and indi-viduals of a dozen other nation-alities moved to a new country (let it be imaginary). At first, the settlers will quite networks the settlers will quite naturally retain strong loyalties and alle-giances to their individual home-lands, but, in a few generations, the children, no matter what their nationality, will pledge their loyalty to this new land. Their loyalty to this new land. Their devotion to their country will be natural, as it is natural to be de-voted to one's own parents. They will also feel some attachment for will also feel some attachment for their own individual heritages,

Don't you see how right this is? And don't you see how wrong it would be, if one of the groups of

settlers took their own particular heritage and held it up as "offi-cial" in this new land? The fact that this has been done in Can-ada, is at least partly responsible for the division of the English and French speaking peoples of this country.

Since a large part of our population is of English stock, then we logically expect quite a bit of their culture to take its place naurally in our society. This is great! Just as it is great for Irishmen to wear the shamrock, Scotsmen to wear the kilts and play the pines and Hungarians to play the pipes, and Hungarians to preserve the dances and costumes of their original homeland. All this-however-all of it-should be subordinated to our own nation culture.

Mr. Massey accuses Mr. Madden of treason, and, in the same breath, says that he would even resist the Federal Governmentresist the rederal Government-if it should attempt to dethrone the Queen. What he is saying, in effect, is that he is loyal to the Queen and not to Canada, and I accuse him of high treason.

I sincerely believe that most of the people who fuss and fret when abolition of "God Save the Queen" is suggested, would not be in the least disturbed if it were proposed to abolish "O Canada"! On the contrary, I'd wager they'd even be pleased.

Canadianism is a true patriot-ism. It is something that springs naturally from the mind and heart, and would exist in its own right, without ever being nur-tured and bred (though this helps); but the false patriotism, to which we, as Canadians, are subjected involves the expression of thoughts and continue which of thoughts and emotions which are subjected involves the expres-sion of thoughts and emotions which are artificial, and must be nurtuped and bred or we would not think on feel them at all not think or feel them at all. They are inflicted upon us from without, and they diminish and they warp the true patriotism which naturally arises from withn us.

Britain is a good friend, and will, I hope, always remain onebut Canada must concentrate more on herself. We need more nationalism, more spirit, more unity -and one of the first steps in the right direction is to remove the stumbling block of this falseness from our national way of life.

What a strange state of affairs it is when loyal Canadians get into trouble and get rejected from jobs, because they refuse to swear alle-giance to a foreign monarch! The very fact that a lot of Canadians feel like this is in itself justifi-cation for abolition of the monarchy. Such disagreement on such

from the Dal stage, may we sug-gest as the opening song of next year's revue, "Woodman, Spare That Tree". Yours truly, Sidney Oland, James Holland snobbery ...

Acadia University (?) Wolfville, Nova Scotia, February 10, 1957

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

After careful perusal of that challenge which was issued to the Acadia Athenaeum in last week's issue of the Dalhousie Gazette, we poor illiterates, moronic Acadia U. evel, (see vol. no. 9, page 4) have failed to see any pparent consistency in its train of thought, although such was undoubtedly intended by your writer, (since we poor morons naturally have few analytical abilities.)

Your article is undoubtedly meant as a joke, which undoubt-edly it is, but because of our failure to see the consistency in this theme, we probably have been impressed erroneously with another aspect which underlies the reason for our failure to see its consistency.

However, there is a possibility that we may not be complete morons, and that upon occasion, through the dark, dank gloom that engulfs and enshrouds the Annapolis Valley, we have faint glimmerings of that great white light which emanates in flourescent radiations from your omniscient academic deity Now, if you can find it within your all-embracing principles of tolerance, to assume that we may be merely border-line morons, you might therefore assume that we may possibly hit upon the truth. It is thus, with great dis-pleasure and disappointment that upon spying the light from the darkness of our cave, that we note an attitude of unabashed intellec-tual snobbery (which appears to preclude the possibility of any-thing other than an animalistic existence within the halls of this misbegotten institution). It is this air of intellectual snobbery, reeking with an hypocrisy which becomes nauseating to the stom-achs of those (borderline morons) who be considered attuched and who, by accident, stumble upon the truth, and it is this of which we take account when humbly submitting this missive for your consideration. From a dweller in the gloom-shrouded Annapolis Valley. Moronically yours, (signed) Caloin C. McConnell Chairman: Acadia Hog-Callers Society (A.H.C.S.) Dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of illiteracy in the Annapolis Valley. Headquarters at Acadia.

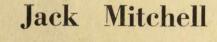
25, Monday—MED EXAMS BEGIN SOM Meeting open to the general public. Mr. Ted Nichols will speak on the "Epistles Paul", in the West Common Room, 1-2. Connelly Shield Plays, gym, evening
26, Tuesday—SCM Meeting, West Common Room, 1-2. Connelly Shield Plays, gym, evening.
27, Wednesday—SCM Meeting, West Common Room, 1-2. Connelly Shield Plays, gym, evening.
28, Thursday—Girls' Basketball, Mt. Allison at Dal, evening Classics Society production of "Oedipus Rex", room 21, p.m.
March 1, Friday—NFCUS Dance in gym, 9-1.

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Children from St. Joseph's and the Protestant Orphanages guests of the Dalhousie fraternities last Saturday afternoon. Shown here under piles of kids having fun are Gary Watson, Dick Vogel, Jack Davidson, and Martin Farnsworth. The party, an annual af-fair, is one of the many fraternity activities throughout the year. (photo by Thomas)