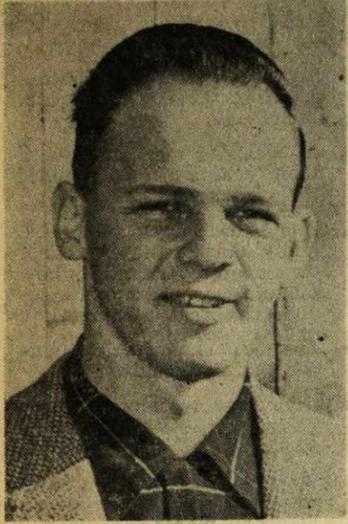


# -POLITICAL ACTIVITY AT HEIGHT-



**WILLIS . . .**  
... we have every confidence

## Polling Day On Friday

The Dalhousie University Model Parliament will be held on Wednesday February 27th and Thursday February 28th. Voting day is Friday, February 8th. The polling booths will be open from 9:50 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and from 2:15 to 4 p.m. Ballot boxes will be placed in the Men's Residence, at King's and on the Forrest campus.

Three parties are in the running this year. They are the Progressive Conservatives and led by Orville Pulsifer, a senior Arts student, seeking re-election; the Liberals led by Senior Commerce student Bruce Willis and the Canada First Party who will name their leader next Monday. This is the Canada First Party's initial venture into campus politics.

In last year's election in which only a meager 40% of those eligible voted the Conservatives polled 47% of the total vote, the Liberals 35% and the Maritimes Rights Party 18%.

The number of seats in the Mock Parliament will total between 55 and 65, being divided among the parties in proportion to the percentage of the vote they capture in the election. Peter MacDermaid, chairman of the Political Committee has been appointed Speaker.

1. **Foreign Policy:**  
Continued support of—  
(1) NATO  
(2) United Nations  
(3) Colombo Plan
2. **Taxation:**  
Increased exemption for college students
3. **Education:**  
Increased grants for universities
4. **Immigration:**  
A policy to attract agricultural and industrial experts. Not immigration but immigration.
5. **Health and Welfare:**  
A broader Health Insurance Plan.
6. **Trade and Commerce:**  
(1) Program of increased export trade  
(2) Revision of tariff agreements, both internal and external.

The Canada First Party have elected Dave Dunlop, Arts student, as leader. Their main policies have been stated by Frank Sigsworth:

- International:**  
A very definite, distinctive Canada and an uncompromising stand on all foreign relations that will display to the world our autonomy as a nation and our national sovereignty as a member of society.
- National:**  
Distinct Canadian national flag bearing no emblems of colonial subservience or any representation of any ethnic group in the country.
- Regionally:**  
Policies are aimed at eliminating nativism, provincialism and hycenated Canadianism.



**DUNLOP . . .**  
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## Production Differs From TV Version

"Oedipus Rex," the classic Greek drama by Sophocles, will be presented at Dalhousie on Thursday evening, February 28.

The production, under the direction of Prof. Usmani of the University's Classics department, is to go on stage in 21 Arts. Admission will be free.

The director, commenting to the *Gazette*, said that he disagreed with the Tyrone Guthrie interpretation of the play seen on television recently. The Stratford production, he said, relied too heavily on theatricals and did not let the characters speak for themselves. He is relying more on the words of the tragedy.

Familiar faces are in the cast, headed by Dave Peel as Oedipus, John Nichols as Creon, Valerie Colgan as Jocasta, and Dave Murray as Tiresias. All of these people have taken major roles in Dalhousie and King's plays for several years. Others in the cast include Roy Kimball, Jim Goring, Les Kaiser, Larry Finsten, and Jim Boutillier.

"Oedipus Rex" is being presented by the Classics Society.

## Plays Underway For Connolly Shield

The annual competition of one-act plays for the Connolly Shield will be held on stage in the gym on February 25, 26 and 27.

The shield, donated by the late Capt. Joseph Connolly, is awarded annually by the Glee and Dramatic Society to the group presenting the best one-act play.

Any campus organization may enter a play, but cast members and the director must be students.

Last year the shield was won by King's, with Sally Roper of Law, and Larry Finsten of the Classics Society, taking the awards for the best acting.

A few plays are already in rehearsal for the competition, and other groups are asked to get in touch with the DGDS executive if they plan to enter a play.

## Interfac Debating

The following are the first two debates in the second round. (Please note that in future all debates will be in the Moot Court Room of the Law Building unless otherwise stated).

**Wednesday, Feb. 13:**  
MacDonald & Harper, Law v. Jones & Goodfellow, Law  
Chairman: Hugh Coady  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 14:**  
Wiggs & Sullivan, Law v. Cochrane & Robinson, Arts  
Chairman: Fran Stanfield  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

## Party Leaders Issue Statements

The leaders of all three parties have released statements on the outcome of the election.

Bruce Willis, Liberal leader said "We have every confidence and the appearance of a third party on the scene makes it appear only more interesting."

Orville Pulsifer of the Conservatives had this to say: "The trend has been toward Conservatism in the last few years. This year in campus model Parliaments, the Progressive Conservative party has won elections at the University of Alberta, University of Western Ontario, Queens and University of Toronto. We suggest that this trend will continue."

Speaking on behalf of the Canada First Party Dave Dunlop said that "the Canada First Party is confident that the other two parties are over-confident but that the election will tell the result."

## McGill Debate Tryouts Monday

Tryouts for the annual inter-collegiate debate held at McGill University in connection with their Winter Carnival will be held this Monday, February 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. The debate which will be held this year on February 22 and 23 will be attended by representatives from both Canadian and American Universities. Dalhousie will be represented by two debaters.

Those interested in trying out must deliver a 5 to 10-minute argument on the topic "Resolved that this house approves of the principle of athletic scholarships at the college level."

## Historic Election Held At Law School

As the Law School of Dalhousie University elected their government on Wednesday, Jan. 30, history was made in one of Canada's oldest Law schools. For 74 years either the Liberal or Progressive Conservatives formed the government in the Model Parliament. The Canada First Party, led by Dennis Madden, have now gained the distinction of becoming the first "third party" to form the government.

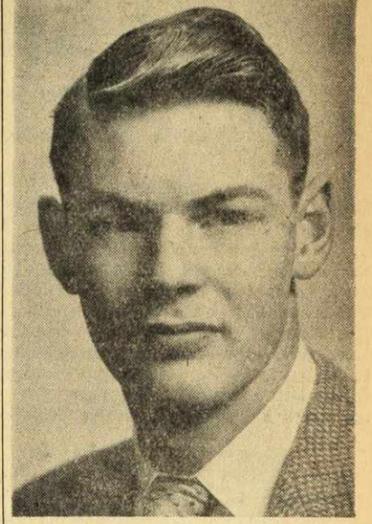
The Mock Parliament of the Dal Law School was founded in 1886, three years after the founding of the School itself. It is interesting to note that the Liberal Party, under Dick Vogel, who formed last year's government, are now the third party in the House with the Progressive Conservative, led by Sonny Dowell, making up the official opposition.

**Election statistics are as follows:**  
eligible voters 177, actual turnout 149, percentage of voters 84%, CFP votes cast 56, PC votes cast 45, Liberal votes cast 40, spoiled ballots 8.

Speaker of the House will be Mr. L. W. Fraser, Q.C., Mr. Gordon Cooper, president of the Nova Scotia Bar Association will be Governor General.

All members of the Law School may sit in the House of Commons, backing any party they wish. The sessions of parliament will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 13 and 14. It is expected that a total of thirty-three speeches will be presented.

Of chief interest on the national side of the CFP platform will be "The Establishment of a distinctive Canadian flag, bearing no vestige of colonial subservience, and including no emblem of representation, however referred, of any other country or ethnic group. One of the first acts of the Canada First Party will be to designate by federal statute, the red and white diagonal with a green maple leaf as the national flag of Canada." The Canada First Party also intends a more realistic support of the UN and contribution to NATO. On the regional front the Canada First Party will follow a policy to develop the agriculture, fisheries



**PULSIFER . . .**  
... the trend toward Conservatism will continue.

(Photo by Rofihe)

## Prof. Heasman To Lecture

The series of lectures on the subject of "Capitalism and Socialism" have been very well attended at 8:15 p.m. in Room 234 of the Arts Building.

This is the fourth lecture in a series being presented by the University. The speaker will be Professor Heasman. His topic is "Capitalist Impact on Politics."

The first three lectures of the series have been very well attended. Students from any faculty will undoubtedly benefit from them. There is no charge for admission.

## "Cygnet" Planning April Appearance

Dalhousie's new literary publication will be called *Cygnet*, it was announced this week by co-editors John Nichols and Dave Peel.

Plans are underway to have the new venture make its appearance early in April. It is to contain works of literary merit by students of Dalhousie.

Simon Gray has been appointed to the editorial board of *Cygnet*, and other interested in taking part in its production are asked to get in touch with the co-editors.

Contributions of poems or short stories are needed, and may be left in the office of the *Dalhousie Gazette*.

and tourist industries. They will also encourage the co-operative movement and promote equitable readjustments of freight rates.

Members of the newly formed Cabinet are as follows: Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council, Dennis Madden; Minister of Finance, Ed Harris; Minister of Defence, Roy Wellman; Secretary of State, Pat MacDonald; Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Frank Sigsworth; Minister of Trade and Commerce, David Hilton; Minister of Justice, Dave Bryson; Minister of Public Works, Mike Carty and Minister of Transportation, Al O'Brien.

The Minister of Health and Welfare will be Mrs. Edith Blake, Minister of Fisheries, Martin Smith; Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Derek Wiggs; Postmaster General, Gerald Conrad; Minister of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources, Maurice Godin; Minister of National Revenues, Theodore Reagh; Minister of Veterans' Affairs, Ray Walker; Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, William MacIsaac; Minister of Defence Production, Edward Dube; Solicitor General, Frank Jones; Minister of Labor, Richard Wedge; Minister of Canadian Culture, Robert Carleton; Minister of Commonwealth Relations, Alade Akesode; Minister of Atlantic Provinces Development, Colin MacKenzie; Minister of Central Canadian Development, Marven Katzman; Minister of Western Canadian Development, William Sullivan; Minister without portfolio, Frank Elman; Government Tribune, Sam Vinegar; Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice, Fred Arsenault; Leader of the Senate, Louis Vincent.

## PARTY PLATFORMS

The platforms of the three parties have been released. The Progressive Conservative platform is as follows:

1. We disassociate our party entirely from collectivism which involves ownership by the state of the means of production and distribution.
2. We advocate a fined policy, to give the Maritime Provinces increased means of sharing in the great meetings of the Federal Government and the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council in the immediate future.
3. We whole-heartedly endorse the continued support of NATO and a policy of close co-operation with the United States, Britain and the Commonwealth.
4. We support the formation of a permanent United Nations police force.
5. We propose the immediate formation of a parliamentary committee to investigate and report upon the Fowler Commission Recommendation on CBC radio and TV.
6. Student income tax exemption will be raised to \$3000 per year.
7. Student aid must be instituted particularly in the fields of engineering and science.
8. Old Age Pensions will be increased forthwith \$20.00 per month. No income tax will be paid by the pensioner until his income reaches \$2500 per year.
9. State managed house rentals for the civilian population must cease.
10. We will set up a joint committee of the House of Commons and Senate to settle positively the design of a distinctive Canadian Flag.

The Liberals have released their platform with the following planks:

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