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INITIATION STOPPED AT DALHOUSIE

Sodales Host to Maritime Colleges

On October 16th and 17th Sodales will be host to some 20 students from various Maritime Universities who will meet at Dalhousie for the Annual Conference of the Maritime Inter-collegiate Debating League.

According to the system of rotation contained in the M.I.D.L. Constitution, Dalhousie will be official headquarters for the league for the 1953-1954 debating year.

The M.I.D.L. officers are J. Turney Jones, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ben Douglas, Chairman.

The debaters are scheduled to arrive on the evening of the 15th and the Conference proper begins on the morning of Friday, October 16.

A programme of activities is being planned by the Sodales executive in conjunction with the committee composed of Elizabeth Goring, Jeanette LeBrun, and Ken Stubbington. This programme will be published upon completion.

The conference was held last year at Acadia and according to reports from Dal's delegates Betty Morse and Duncan Fraser, it was very interesting and instructive.

This year's Conference promises to be equally interesting and all those who are interested in the Forensic art are urged to look out for future information in the Gazette.

Dalhousie's delegates to the conference will be nominated at the first Sodales meeting which will be held sometime next week. The date, time, place and agenda of this meeting will be published in the Gazette and also through the medium of posters.

One of the items on the agenda will be election of Vice-President to Sodales. The present executive are Ben Douglas, President; Elizabeth Goring, Secretary-Treasurer.

Initial Council Meeting of Year

The first Student Council meeting of the year was held last night in the Men's Residence. The minutes from the last meeting were read followed by a reading of the financial statement for last year ending July 31, 1953.

The next order of business was the reading of the summer's communications, all of which was accepted by council as read. Also, accepted by the Council was the financial statement recorded for the year 1952-53 and with a few items remaining for settlement, it is announced that there are no debit items from that year.

NFCUS has written a request to the Student Council that they raise the nominal sum of 20 cents per student to \$1.00 per student. The discussion was deferred to a later meeting. It is the wish of NFCUS to install a full time National President. Duncan Fraser will represent Dalhousie at the Conference to be held at McGill.

The University of Kings college has requested that the Dalhousie Student Council permit them to attend Dalhousie Functions for a nominal fee as the same charged for Dal students. Their lease agreement with the College authorities has expired as of this year and the students have submitted their request on their own initiative. Vic Bursal and Helen Scammell were appointed by the Council to look into the matter with the King's delegates.

Dave Bryson has agreed to manage temporarily the gate re-

Famous Art Critic To Speak In Arts Building

Eric Newton, famous British art critic, and his wife Mary Pearce, widely known authority on costuming and stage design, will begin a Canadian tour in Halifax with illustrated lectures at Dalhousie University on October 6 and 7. On Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Newton will open the Art Gallery in Dalhousie's Arts and Administration Building.

The Newtons' tour is sponsored by the National Gallery of Canada and a special exhibition of Canadian art has been lent by the National Gallery to Dalhousie. The exhibition will be on display for the general public from October 1 to 24.

Both lectures will be given at 8:30 p.m. in Room 21 of the Arts and Administration Building and the public is invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. On Tuesday evening, Mr. Newton will speak on "How to Look at Pictures" and on Wednesday evening his wife will speak on "Costume in the Theatre." Arrangements for the lectures and for the opening of the Dalhousie Art Gallery have been completed by the Art Committee of the University.

Eric Newton is internationally famous as an art critic and art historian. Until recently art critic to the Manchester Guardian and the Sunday Times, he is at present art critic to Time and Tide and frequent broadcaster on art subjects for the B.B.C.

Stella Mary Pearce is well known both as a stage designer and costume historian. She designed the decor for plays by T. S. Eliot and Christopher Fry for the Festival of Britain, the Edinburgh Festival, and other important occasions. She has also lectured extensively in Great Britain and the United States.

NOTICE

All student organizations or groups wishing to use any room in the University for Meeting purposes, are reminded that permission must be first obtained from the Office of the Engineer in Charge of Buildings and Grounds, at least 24 hours before the Meeting is to be held—please telephone 3-7618.

Dalhousie Football Promises To Have Successful Season

Canadian Football is about to take over top position on the Campus spotlight. Since Sept. 16, coach K. V. King has been holding practices on Studley field, and this year, the Tigers are once again expected to field a contending team. For the Tigers, this could well be the year. Entered once again in the Nova Scotia Canadian Football League, the team will face H.M.C.S. Stadacona, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, and H.M.C.S. Cornwallis in this year's competition. Dalhousie will be the only civilian team in the circuit as Dartmouth dropped out of competition after a rather unspectacular debut last season.

The Dal team will probably be on the same lines as last year. The backfield looks fast and strong with such stars as Nip Theakston and Reg Cluney sparking the way. Cluney will quarter the team this year and Theakston will once again be the galloping ghost from Studley. Also at practices have been Dave Bryson, probably the most dependable player for the Tigers in the past years, and John Nichols, who has added enough weight to make him a formidable threat this year. Kicking stars Bob Goss and Charlie MacKenzie have also been practicing continually.

Students Protest as Senate Rules No More Initiation

While the Barn Dance was commencing last Monday, Sept. 28th, the merriment was interrupted by an announcement from Gordie MacConnel, President of The Students' Council. This is what he said. "Due to a misfortune and a misunderstanding the President, Dr. Kerr, had informed him that any part of the present initiation which would lower the self-respect of first year students to a humiliating level, was to be stopped immediately!" This announcement was received with surprise. Some of the students were relieved, others were sorry, while still others were glad.

Here are some comments made by the freshmen class about the stopping of the initiation.

"It would be a lot more fun if we kept going for the rest of the week."

"Too bad it had to stop in the middle."

"It doesn't matter to me. The kids were sports the other years, why not be sports again this year?"

"We're been having too much fun. Why was it stopped?"

"I don't think it should be stopped now that it's started."

"All other colleges have to do the same thing."

"They should keep initiation. They'll lose people to other colleges which have it."

After the first week it's all work."

"You don't get to know the kids without placards."

"I'm glad the sticky stuff stopped. The beanies and placards are alright around Dalhousie, but not so good for downtown. The messy stuff should not be used, paint or something like that is all right."

After reading these comments, what do you think of initiation? There are good and bad points to initiation as there are good and bad points to everything.

Here's to the ones who find a happy medium.

—G. LeRoy Smith

Commerce Society To Meet Tuesday, October 6

The first meeting of the executive of the Commerce Society was held on Tuesday, September 29th.

Those comprising the executive this year are:

President, Ted Irwin; Vice-President, John Cook; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Brookfield; Social Director, Larry Doane; Publicity Director, Bill McCurdy.

The executive has decided to firmly establish the Commerce Society on the Dalhousie campus.

Various activities which are to be held this year were discussed.

The first general meeting of all commerce students (including females) will be held on Tuesday, October 6. The activities for the year will be the points of discussion. All commerce students are urged to attend as we want to make this year the most successful one that the Commerce Society has ever had.

Hazing Halt Explanation

The decision to stop hazing as part of the initiation program has been taken after a meeting of the President, a committee of the University Senate and student representatives. The action implements the principles laid down by the Senate last year that hazing which inflicts personal indignity upon any student is not in accordance with the true conception of a university. This decision of the Senate had, apparently, been imperfectly understood by this year's Initiation Committee, and certain practices were carried out contrary to the above principle.

The Senate, which is the internal governing body of the University normally leaves the regulation of student affairs to the Council of Students and respects the rights of student self-government, as is demonstrated by the decision to place the remaining Initiation Week ceremonies directly under the supervision of the Council.

The Senate, however, has the responsibility of maintaining the standards traditional to a university and of safeguarding the rights of arbitrary interference, but rather in the belief that it was necessary to protect the liberty of the individual.

It may be pointed out that hazing no longer plays a part in the initiation ceremonies of most of the leading universities in Canada, the U.S.A. and the U.K.

G. P. GRANT,
 (Chairman of Senate Comm.)

News Briefs

The Dalhousie Gazette urgently requires a Circulation Manager for the coming year.

The position entails delivery of copy, circulation of the Gazette, subscription mailing and general management of circulation of the Dalhousie Gazette.

The position provides 'Points' toward the attainment of a Dalhousie Silver 'D'. Previous experience not required.

All interested please apply at the Gazette Office.

The Gazette Office has in its possession a memorandum about the Canadian Rhodes Scholarships for the year and an application form.

Any student who desires information about this may apply at the Gazette Office.

Sherriff Hall Tea

Tuesday afternoon the Sophomore girls held a tea in honor of the freshettes at Sherriff Hall.

Mary Ann Lohnes introduced the new students to the receiving line, Mrs. A. E. Kerr and Miss Mowat.

Barbara Davidson and Mrs. Clarke poured. Those serving were Elsie Lane, Jeanette LeBrun, Janet Conrad, Janet Christie, Betty Bissett and Barb Crosby.

Notice on Grounds

Each year the University spends thousands of dollars on improvements and maintenance of the university grounds. However, the job of keeping the expenses down and of maintaining the beauty of the University grounds rests mostly in the hands of the students.

So if you want to park your cars on the grass or take short cuts across the lawns and football field or throw bottles and paper about the grounds there isn't much the University can do about it.

However, if you have any sense of social responsibility or if you have the least regard for the University itself, then please refrain from these thoughtless acts of vandalism.

Any uneducated hoodlum is capable of carelessness. Perhaps you as a University student could distinguish yourself by showing some care toward the University grounds.

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