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## A General Organization of Women

"Delta Gamma is the general organization of women students on the Dalhousie Campus." Thus reads the definition of Delta Gamma in the Students' Handbook, Dalhousie University and King's College.

A general organization of women students! On reading this a new student would think that the female population on the campus are still living in the 19th century, that women here have to band together in order to fight for or protect their rights. It is strange to discover that the males on the campus have no similar organization to fight against these demands for rights.

Further investigation of this relic from antiquity is needed, the new student decides. The best thing to do naturally is to ask the girls on the campus what the organization does. Nine out of ten girls questioned, however, have heard of Delta Gamma, a very commendable fact in itself, and although not too sure of what it does, think that it has something to do with the feminine portion of the students.

From the other one out of ten questioned, comes the answer. Delta Gamma is an organization on the campus to which all girls automatically belong. As for its functions, it enters a play in the Connolly Shield Competition, holds an Open House, organizes Co-Ed Week and this year is helping in the rink canteen.

On close examination we feel that this should not qualify it to spend an estimated \$316. of the Council's budget. Is it necessary to have this large, unwieldy club, having for its membership all the girls on campus, very few of whom take an active part, in order that a play can be submitted to the Connolly Shield Competition? Must we also have such an association so that it can put on an Open House, sandwiched between many other social events, at an estimated cost of \$83. to the Council? It is commendable that Delta Gamma is going to help in the Rink Canteen, but this does not provide a reason for its existence. A complex organization is not necessary in order to find 10 or 15 girls willing to help in the Canteen.

We will admit that Co-Ed Week should be a part of every campus' social events, but surely it could be arranged with more ease by having the Council set up a committee to arrange the functions.

We feel that there is no reason for the existence of Delta Gamma. It is a useless organization, whose very essence is ridiculous. It is a costly extra, serving no purpose which cannot be handled in some other way and we suggest to Council that it discontinue this extravagant waste of the students' money.

## On Essay Prizes

The University has announced this week the donation of a \$300 a year essay prize by Mr. Samuel Jacobson, which will bear the name of the Dr. H. L. Stewart Memorial Prizes. In the past students have not taken sufficient advantage of the W. H. Dennis Competitions for prose and poetry and we hope that the same lack of interest will not be shown. This is a very valuable prize and there should be a high degree of competition for it. Not everyone can win but the experience in competing will be reward enough and there is always a good chance to win.



**DEMOCRACY.** An unimpressive word, perhaps. A word that to most people probably means only the right to vote or "what politicians talk about."

Yet in our nation's capital there has been a flagrant violation of some of the rights inherent in democracy. At Ottawa University the Editor and two of his associates have been dismissed from the college paper (La Rotonde) for criticising the administration. What is the amazing thing about this is that they were dismissed by the administration without hearing and without recourse to appeal.

I understand the facts of this story are appearing elsewhere in this issue. However, I cannot help but comment on what appears to be a shocking and almost unbelievable situation. At Dalhousie there has been, is, and will be a difference of opinion between the administration and student leaders about some of the articles and stories that appear in print. However, there has not, from what I can determine, nor will there ever be, from the present attitude of the administration, any action to parallel the appalling situation at Ottawa University. We hope that the officials there will reconsider their moves and that the students will not accept such an act without vigorous protest.

For an example of how democracy works at Dalhousie we invite you to drop in on a Student Council meeting some night. At the last one they took twenty minutes deciding when to meet for the next time. The discussion was priceless.

An encouraging note at the first Student Forum held not too long ago was the participation and interest of the Meds, who were there. The possibility of bringing the Med Journal under the direct jurisdiction of the Council met with favorable comment. Rumors have it that the Meds will be sponsoring an all-medical variety show in the spring. This would be a smashing success and would be a material contribution of our friends down that way. This year, as in the past, the Meds have strong representation on the Council with Byron Reid, Ike Boniuk, and John Stewart attending.

I believe that most of us will agree that modern buildings should contain modern features. However, there are some of the old standbys that cannot be dispensed with. An electric plug outlet for example.

At present the Dental students have acquired a soft drink machine for their use in the new building. Unfortunately the only room in which they are permitted to place this machine contains not a single

outlet for electricity.

At the time of writing the Dents had been informed that the cost of installation of any outlet must be borne by the Student Society. The cost—\$50.00. Now, no matter whether the price be \$5.00 or \$50.00, is it unreasonable to ask that the University bear the brunt of this expense? The cleaners, who at the moment are using an extension cord will not hesitate to unplug the machine if and when an outlet is put in and make their own use of the outlet. When the Dental Society decides, will it be able to have the outlet removed and cut off? No. In other words, it does not own the outlet.

The University has at different times provided new lights for the Student Council office and other facilities similar in nature to this.

The issue involved is not one of cost but of principle. The principle, a reasonable one, that the University should provide proper facilities in various buildings.

National President of NFCUS, Morty Bistrisky, was in town over last week, in the midst of a tour of Newfoundland and New Brunswick Universities. NFCUS is lining up some fabulous tours this year, including a humdinger of Eastern Europe. For information see Doug Smith in the Law school.

The Student Directory is late in its publication this year. No actual fault can be determined. Editor Dave Bogart had all his material in on time. Unfortunately the Ad Bureau is still working on the ads and this is the actual cause for the delay. However, Dave Fox and company have been working very hard to bring things up to date after they were left holding the bag in September. No doubt the Council will guard against the possibility of the Ad Bureau folding in the summertime such as it did this year. Members of this bureau must continue to work on the advertising 12 months a year.

Now we go from here to there and pick up odds and ends . . . among

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Blood Drive

Council of Students  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, N. S.  
November 7, 1958.

The Editor,  
The Dalhousie Gazette,  
Dalhousie University.

Dear Madame:

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who in any way contributed to the Blood Drive.

I do not feel that the Blood Drive could be termed successful this year, as the total number of pints donated was shockingly low. However registration, which includes all those who were rejected for age and medical reasons, was up from last year.

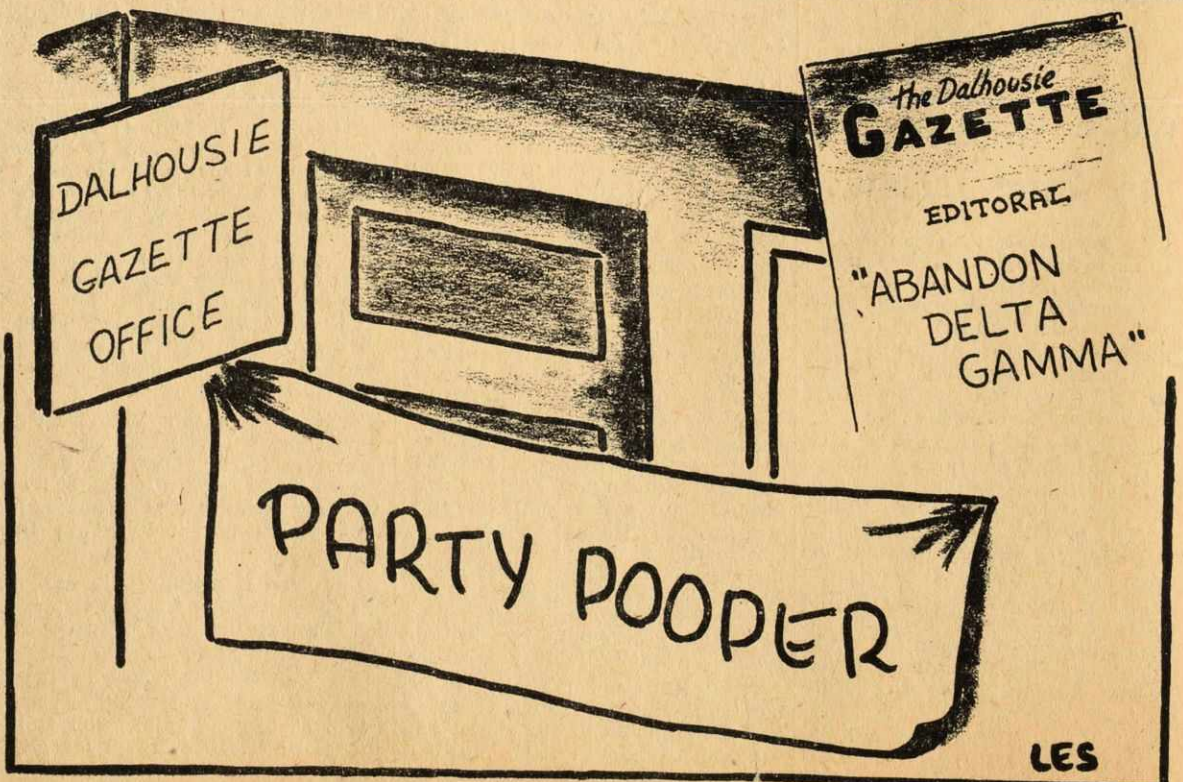
I congratulate Pharmacy, who again received top honors, and the Engineers for their fine showing. Moreover I should like to point out that King's had 100% registration, and Pine Hill almost as high. This should illustrate again the need for a residence on the campus.

I doubt that our standing this year will place us at the top of the Intercollegiate Competition, and I sincerely hope that we shall not be at the bottom. Perhaps we can hope for better things next year.

I am sure that those who have donated blood will feel satisfied that they have done their part to help the Red Cross and fellow man in their fight to save lives.

JOAN HERMAN,  
Chairman,  
Dalhousie Blood Service.

former prominent grads at the Law School celebrations were John Nichols, Mike McDonald, Reg Cluney, Hilroy Nathanson, and George Lavatte. . . a letter from New York brings greetings from our campus co-ordinator of two years ago Anne Coburn . . . and speaking of former Dal grads abroad, Nancy Lane, Loanne Young, Liz Dustan, and Val Colgan are in London, while Liz Aitchison is enjoying Southern hospitality in Nashville . . . an editorial in a local high school paper makes the point that there is a complete lack of vocational guidance in our high schools, at least in this area. Many of us will agree wholeheartedly—in fact we're suffering from it now . . . good luck to the Meds in those exams coming up soon . . . Med Ian Drysdale could add lots of punch to the Varsity basketballers if he had the time . . . congrats to Darg and soccer players and Joanne and the ground hockey gals on their recent triumphs. . . some folks feel that a big-name dance band, say Les Elgart, should be brought in for the Munro Day festivities. Now's the time to start planning .



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