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## Battered But Unbowed . . .



Here they are. Revealed at last—the students who have published this —\* X! 3 \* paper for twenty weeks of the year. Now their job is finished—and they may start some of the studying they have had to forego. It has been a pleasure (it says here) to publish the GAZETTE for you. And now — adieu.

## THE LAST WORD . . .

We have reached the end of our publishing year with this issue number 20. And it is now the inescapable task of the editor that he must compose one final editorial to surpass all editorials. At the same time he must avoid the trite and hackneyed phrases of farewells. This is difficult.

Looking back — and looking ahead — we see Dalhousie now in the 'critical period'. Whether we admit to it or not, the future though not determined, is on its way, and Dalhousie stands between success and mediocrity. Still the largest of the Maritimes' 'Big Five' Universities, it now faces the serious competition of the remaining four. A slip now from the progress of the past several years, and the hand that forms the writing on the wall may spell — Failure.

This year, there have been many obvious advances, both material and intellectually. Enrollment has again increased. New buildings have been purchased or leased. Indicating a fuller realization of the students' role in Canada of the future — political clubs have been established on this campus. That this has not been accomplished without some opposition is deplorable — but unfortunately true.

Under an efficient Students' Council, student affairs have been administered wisely and well. A progressive Glee Club has proven Dalhousie's best public relations department in demonstrating to the community as a whole, some of the best accomplishments of the students. The D. A. A. C. has laid the foundations for better athletic teams, which are probably the best advertising mediums this University could have. But this is far from enough.

Dalhousie's position in this city and province must be more widely recognized. What this University has to offer — that no other University can — must be made known. Dalhousie must gain the leading role in all phases of University life, against determined competition, or accept the position of mediocrity.

It has been said that instead of an atmosphere of intellectual stimulation, there is here developed an atmosphere of stolid 'grind'. Should this develop, Dalhousie's position as the foremost University of the East is lost. Dalhousie must be able to offer not only an education—but a liberal education—to employ that much used and misconstrued phrase. In this University, should be centered the culture of the Maritimes, which is already finding refuge in another Nova Scotian University. More, the student leaving Dalhousie should have a realization of the problems confronting the Canadian nation, and sufficient understanding that he may subjugate sectional interests for the welfare of his country. And finally, the process of education should arouse in him sufficient interest in the world outside his door, that he, as an individual member of society, may make his contribution to mankind.

And so we come to write finis to our efforts, and as it is our end, so it is the beginning for our successors. To the many hard working and stimulating people who have helped to produce this year's GAZETTE, we say, "Thank you". To the new Editor, to the new Council, and to Dalhousie, we say "Congratulations, and Good Luck."

## MERCHANT SEAMEN

No doubt you are aware that veterans' rehabilitation legislation does not apply to veterans of the Merchant Navy. A number of Merchant Navy Veterans here, at the University of British Columbia, have formed a group with the intention of pressing vigorously for the extension of this legislation to cover Merchant Seamen who served during the war. We wish to see similar groups formed on the various campuses across Canada.

The immediate support of all Merchant Navy Veterans, now attending University, is needed to ensure the success of this campaign. All interested should contact us immediately for full information at the following address; Merchant Navy Veterans Committee, U. B. C. Branch 72, Canadian Legion, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

JOHN R. MUNRO, Secretary, Merchant Navy Veterans' Committee, U. B. C. Branch No. 72, Canadian Legion, University of B. C.

## Newman Club Meeting

Miss Kay MacLean, Toronto, will address a combined meeting of Newman Club, St. Mary's College and Mount St. Vincent students next Sunday evening at St. Mary's College. A former president of the University of Toronto Newman Club, Miss MacLean represented the National Federation at the 20th World Congress of Pax Romana held in Fribourg, Switzerland, last summer. Her visit to Halifax is made en route to Rome where she will represent the Newman Club Federation at an international meeting of Catholic student federations.

Mark Yeoman was elected president of the Club for 1947-48 and Jack Boudreau was the popular choice for the vice-presidency; Joan Walker, also of Halifax, was elected secretary-treasurer. Other members on the new executive are Bill Somers, spiritual director; Bill Kelly, social director; Bob MacLellan, intellectual director, and Pat Crosby, publicity director. Faculty representatives will be named early next year.

After a year's operations, the retiring secretary, Jack MacCormack, revealed the financial status of the Club is secured by a calculable surplus.

## PASS MARK ARTS & SCIENCE

The following notice has been received from the Secretary of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

In order that marks may be brought into conformity with those prevailing in other universities, the Faculty has decided that beginning with the session 1947-48 the standard required for a pass shall be represented by a mark of 50%. This regulation will go into effect for the regular supplemental examinations in September, 1947.

Other marks and requirements will be adjusted accordingly.

## CATHEDRAL

So that a preliminary estimate may be made of accommodation desired, those intending to apply for rooms at Cathedral Residence are requested to submit applications AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Office of the University Veteran Adviser.

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