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A Year to Remember

In retrospect this year at Dalhousie has been a year to remember. Success smiled on all facets of university life. Small patches of shade were visible, but on the whole, the year was one of progress and development.

Following the welcome of the freshmen, the year began with two historic events, one which stretched back 75 years into Dalhousie's history for the commemoration of the founding of the Dalhousie Law School, the other which brought a glimpse of Dalhousie's future when Lady Dunn laid the cornerstone of the new Sir James Dunn Science Building. At the same time Lady Dunn announced a gift of more than one million dollars in invested interests for scholarships and improvement of the library for the Law School. A new Chairman of the Board of Governors, Donald McInnes, Q.C., was appointed this year, following the untimely death of Brigadier H. V. D. Laing. Mr. McInnes, a Halifax lawyer, is warmly welcomed by all Dalhousians as the son of a former Chairman of the Board, as an alumnus of Dalhousie and as the father of two Dal graduates. Another important announcement, which came from the administration, is one that Dr. Kerr made on Munro Day when he informed students that plans for the new Men's Residence have been completed and that first signs of building would probably be seen before students left the campus in the spring.

Student activities prospered similarly. The Council of Students has been hard-working and has achieved a large measure of success. Under their regime, the long-soughtafter Sunday Skating was achieved; the first SUB-athon was held, and at the subsequent well-attended student forum, a five dollar raise in Council fees, subject to referendum, was passed unanimously; a new Dalhousie-King's agreement was drawn up and a Dalhousie-Pine Hill one is pending; and Munro Day activities, marking the end of campus activities, were carried through successfully. They were, unfortunately, hampered by a few of the more spirited fans, but, on the whole, events were enjoyable.

To Dalhousie this year came the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League Championship, and our debaters leave for Ottawa next week to attend the Dominion Championships. Much of the success which Sodales is due this year to the active participation on the part of students as well as to a strong executive. DGDS was in the spotlight again when it presented its second Broadway musical which proved equally as successful as their first. NFCUS managed to hold its same enviable position this year, with the prospect of holding the 1960 NFCUS Conference at Dal and a visit from Morty Bistrisky, national president, adding interest.

The episode of the tigernappers must not be forgotten, nor must the Apathy Award—"to him who combats apathy" -which was bought out of the ransom money, be forgotten. Where would Dalhousie spirit have been without those clever tigernappers? The three perennial problems of the Canteen, the Bookstore, and Delta Gamma were bandied about again this year as usual with little success. We are now assured that they are three ghosts which have been sent to haunt Dalhousie Students' Councils. The World Affairs Society and the German Club came into existence this year, and both met with astounding success. For a campus which seems already too chocked with activities this was surprising.

Although Dalhouie teams were not victorious in football and hockey, they did manage to win a few Intercollegiate Championships: the girls in ground hockey and volleyball and the boys in soccer.

Yes, success and prosperity are the words to be used in describing this year to remember.

New Doc. Same Patient



THE LETTERS

Merci

I wish to express publicly through the medium of the campus news-paper my thanks to all those who have worked hard and well with me in the preparation of Pharos '59. For those that complain of apathy on these campi, I must say that the reverse was true in all my dealings with students. I found interest on all sides and especially from members of the freshman class. Special thanks must be given to my Graduate Co-Editors, Natalie Anthony and Jean Perry; Organizations Editor, Frances Goring; Art and Layout Editors, John Chambers and Les Mosher; Biography Editor, Gordon Gale; Sports Editors, Judy Jackson and Patty Armstrong; and John MacEachern of Dalhousie Advertising Bureau.

All indications point to a com-

submitted to the printers with the exception of Munro Day (8 pages) which will be finished this A sample finished covered design is now in our hands.

I sincerely hope that the final book is received with as much pleasure as we have had assembling it for you.

> HUGH GORHAM, Editor, Pharos '59 Dalhousie University.

Congratulations with Reservations

Madam:

I feel I must express my congratulations to the Munro Day Committee, Mr. Ring, and those pleted yearbook in our hands by brave students who performed de-

graduation. All material has been spite the peril of possible blindness to mention one injury possible from misguided missiles.

> Please note that this congratulatory note is not extended to those "spirited" misguiders in the audience.

> Despite these "Boors" I feel confident that I echo the voices of many of the audience in saying that the '59 Revue was very good and it shows that there are students who have an inborn spirit for Dalhousie and don't have to buy it as some others do.

> Alcohol is, I would say, something like country music: "It's here to stay." I hope that we shall not have as much of its effects next year and possibly even more of that good talent. (I don't mean the snowthrowing and the witty remarks.)

> > JOE ROBSON. King's College.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Gazette Reader:

It hardly seems possible that six months have passed since I sat here at my desk writing my first "Letter from the Editor" to you. And now, instead of outlining hopefully what the Gazette has in store for you in the coming months, I must bid you farewell on behalf of my staff as well as me.

The year has been a good one, too fast over, perhaps, but nevertheless, a year to remember. Most of our hopes have become realities and most of our ideals have grown and progressed from experience and from your comments and criticisms. have not achieved, but we are satisfied for goals must be set too high in order to accomplish more than mediocrity.

Scarcely had we settled in to our job of publishing a weekly, when two major events occurred which required special editions. On October 29 Lady Dunn laid the cornerstone for the Sir James Dunn Science Building. Four pages of the Gazette were devoted exclusively to this historic occasion, and we are much indebted to the administration for the assistance they gave us in compiling the required material. Two day party.

days later, the Gazette published a special edition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Dalhousie Law School.

In November the Gazette hosted the Atlantic Region Conference of Canadian University Press, which was a great success. Credit for arrangements go to the Gazette staff under the direction of the Atlantic president, Bill Rankin.

December, of course, brought with it exams, but on the evening of December 3, the new Chairman of the Board of Governors was named, and we managed to take a night off from studying to put out by the next morning a small one page special

After Christmas Peter Outhit, news editor, and I attended the Canadian University Press Conference in Winnipeg at which a permanent paid president was elected. With this move, CUP takes a major step forward.

This term we only published one special edition, a 12-page commemoration of the founding of the Dalhousie Gazette, 90 years ago on January 25, 1869. In conjunction with this the staff held a wellattended, much enjoyed 90th birth-

This week, when we say our fond adieu, we have attempted a humour edition, De Lousy Gazoo. Take offs of the four departments of the Gazette, news, features, sports and editorials have been done and we hope you enjoy the laughs before you settle down, as we are, to the last minute cram before finals.

I'd like to say a personal thanks to all those who helped with the Gazette this year, especially to those who worked on specials, the conference or the party or who worked into the wee small hours to meet the morning eight o'clock deadline. Also may I say a special thanks to Alan Fleming and Peter Outhit, associate and news editors; to Alex Farrell, contributing editor; Janet Sinclair, features editor; and Bill Rankin and Grace Hogg, sports editors. I can turly say that without all of you there would have been no paper.

When I began, I asked for your comments and criticisms so that I might serve you. You have done your part and I hope I have fulfilled mine. I've tried, and it's been

Yours very sincerely,

JUDY BELL