

An Interview with Doug Cudmore

THE NEW PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Last Tuesday, for the second time in eight days, Dal students went to the polls, this time to elect the leaders of the student government for the forthcoming year. Their choice for president was Doug Cudmore, a third year Med student from Charlottetown.

Doug was elected on the basis of a short one week campaign climaxed by his speech at the student's forum on Thursday. Still he remains virtually unknown to the majority of the students on Studley. In order to publicize his views on the most important issues which he and the new council will face during for president was Doug Cudmore, a third year interview.

Concerning dances in the Gym, Doug suggested that restrictions should be placed so that only people with Dal NFCUS cards and their guests could attend. He realizes that this might be difficult to enforce as many such cards have been obtained under false pretenses by non-Dalhousie students. However, the idea, if practical, might well be a step toward solving this deplorable situation.

The new president feels that the Halifax newspapers should give more publicity to Dal activities than they do. In his opinion Dal is a large university and should be properly recognized as such by the press, other than *The Gazette*.

As regards the D system, Doug is very ready to admit that much needs to be done but realizes that any new plan would meet with opposition in

some quarters. Many new improvements will be discussed but which is finally accepted will depend on the vote of the whole council.

Certainly one of the most interesting points on his platform concerned the midterm recess. Mr. Cudmore pointed out that such a recess is now in effect on many campuses across the country and he sees no reason why one should not be instituted here next year. The fact that the Law School began such a system this year is an example of the feeling of the faculty toward such a move and hence Doug is quite sure of success.

When questioned on the right of *The Gazette* to criticize the Students' Council, something which has caused considerable controversy this year, Mr. Cudmore said: "I am not

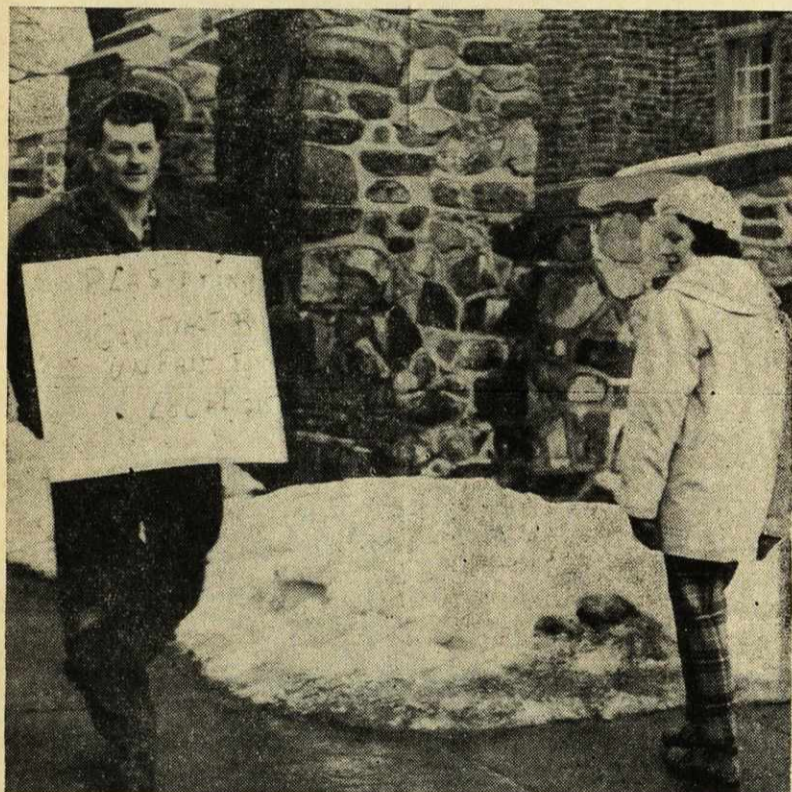
against criticism as long as it is well founded. However, the facts must be perfectly accurate, and not distorted in any way." He went on to suggest that the best way to solve this problem would be to have the same reporter cover all council activities.

The publicity and coordination committee is to be revised under the leadership of two men instead of one. One man would handle strictly publicity while the others would coordinate all dates of the various student affairs. He intends to eliminate the rather ridiculous confusion of a weekend such as this one, where D.G.D.S., the Engineers, a fraternity and Munro Day, all have functions at almost the same time. He suggested this could be best done by having every organization book a date with the coordination office be required to post a bond which will be forfeited to the council if they fail to have their activity on their registered day.

What is probably the most important point on the Cudmore-Dickson platform concerns Freshman initiation. Until now this has been one of the poorest organized and most unsuccessful events on the campus. The new methods which will be introduced to have freshmen meet people and get a firm background of each campus activity are excellent. They show a good knowledge of what is really needed to make freshmen a part of our campus and if implemented will result in tremendous improvements.

In summing up his comments on each of the various articles in his platform Mr. Cudmore said: "Each of our points is there because we are sure it can be done, and we will take them all into account at the appropriate time."

The students have elected a man with good, new ideas, and the courage to fight for them. *The Gazette* hopes that he will accomplish all that he has set out to do.



"He's not the only one who has trouble getting plastered."

THE D WINNERS

The Awards Committee of the Council, under the chairmanship of Jim Hurley, has produced the following list of students to be awarded D's and engravings on Munro Day. These D's are awarded to the students who have accumulated the necessary 75 points for a silver D or 150 for a gold D. An engraving is given for each additional 75 points.

Silver D's:

Sharon Blackburn, Hilary Bonycastle, Jean Bremner, Ted Brown, Frank Cappell, Rick Cashin, Brian Chandler, Alroy Chow, Carol Clark, Ron Clark, George Cooper, Bob Cunningham, David Cunningham, Vincent De Robbio, Fraser Dewis, Bill Dickson, Lorne Fisher, Bob Fraser, John Graham, Heather Hebb, Susan Herman, Terry Hogan, Jon Hoogstratten, Jim Hurley, Les Karagianis, Mike Kirby, Mitch Levine, Dave Logan, Libby McKean, Rod MacLennan, Donna MacRae, Libby MacRae, Anne Mason, Sheila Mason, Marilyn Medjuck, Janice Merritt, Winna Millar, Mike Noble, Glenda Oxner, Eric Parsons, Alison Petrie, Karen Price, Janet Ritcey, Sally Ross, Sandy Ross, Robert Ryan, Robert Schurman, Frank Sim, Eve Smith, Diane Sperry, Denis Stairs, Pene-

lope Stanbury, Elliot Sutherland, Bill Sommerville, Michael Steeves, Jane Williams, Bill Wilson, Sharon Wood.

Gold D's:

Jim Boutilier, John Chambers, Brian Chandler, Carol Clark, Kempton Hayes, Joan Hennessey, Lorraine Laurence, Heather MacIntosh, Gregor Murray, Rick Quigley, Bill Rankin, Phoebe Redpath, Byron Reid, Ron Simmons, Bill White, Bobbie Wood, Colette Young.

First Engraving,

Alan Felming, Gregor Murray, Peter Outhit, Byron Reid, Wallace Turnbull.

Second Engraving:

Stuart MacKinnon, Dave Matheson.

Third Engraving: Janet Sinclair.

Fourth Engraving: Janet Sinclair.

To Our Outstanding Graduate

With Munro Day fast approaching, a combined committee of professors and students is busily engaged in determining who shall receive the Malcolm Honour Award, which has been described as the "highest symbol of student recognition."

The Award was established in 1926 and is named after James Malcolm, who graduated in Arts in 1903 and returned in the following year to study theology. An excellent student, fine athlete, and eager participant in student activities, Mr. Malcolm died while attempting to save a companion from drowning.

The purpose of the Malcolm Honour Award is "to give by its small gold key a concrete recognition that the person so honoured has consciously or unconsciously set the welfare of the institution before the welfare of self, and has often trodden the harder, rather than the easier, path." High scholarship attainments and efficient service in top student offices are not necessarily criteria upon which the giving of the award is based.

In exceptional cases, more than one person may receive the honour.

The Facts About Girls' Fraternities

By SUE HERMAN

The girls' fraternities at Dalhousie do NOT consist of vacuum-headed, wealthy, self-appointed socialites. That one sentence sums up most of the misconceived ideas possessed by many students who are either completely ignorant of the concept of fraternities, or who are too bigoted to believe that anything beneficial exists outside their own restricted horizon. This article is dedicated to the former, while it can only be hoped that the mellowing of age will cause the latter to realize that many opinions previously adhered to were unjustly critical.

There are two women's fraternities at Dalhousie, Alpha Gamma, Delta and Pi Beta Phi. Calling these organizations "fraternities", incidentally, does not indicate faulty knowledge of Latin. They are Greek-letter "fraternities" (from the Greek root meaning "friendship") with membership in an International Panhellenic (all Greek) Council, thus they are not connected with the sororities found on many U. S. camps.

The Panhellenic delegates decide rules for rushing which occurs formally in October, and informally in January, so that no one fraternity will hold an unfair advantage over another. All girls are rushed by a fraternity, barring purely accidental failure of the person's name to reach the rushing committee. As anyone who has taken advantage of the invitations will vouch, no high-pressure salesmanship or snobbery is witnessed.

It is the privilege of each individual to choose the fraternity whose members she most prefers, or on the other hand she can merely turn down the invitation and join none. The non-fraternity friends of members cannot say honestly that they have been ignored or deserted. The girls do not form unapproachable cliques. These thoughts are not only uncharitable but extremely inaccurate. The one saving grace, from my own experience, is that they are reversible.

Upon accepting a bid, the prospective member becomes a pledge, undergoing approximately six weeks

instruction, and then, having fulfilled the scholarship requirements of her chosen fraternity, she becomes an initiated member. A fact seldom mentioned is that a certain scholastic level must be attained before becoming initiated. Normally 60% of the classes taken must be passed, that is, three out of five, or four out of six, contrary to popular belief. Scholastic competition does exist among fraternities and their chapters.

To tackle the inevitable sneer "Well, what good do they do?" does not, as well might be expected, pose any impossible problem. Actually there should be no need for these girls to publicize their altruistic activities. These are not engaged in for the purpose of creating an impression, but to benefit the recipients of their aid. However, the author, not being plagued by extreme modesty, these projects will receive deserved attention.

The altruistic project of Alpha Gamma Delta, both in Canada and in the United States, is the contribution of aid to the cerebral-palsied child. Scholarships are provided to train women in this vital work, and locally, the normal money raising schemes such as pantry sales are carried out. Here in Halifax, the members of Alpha Gamma Delta assist, as often as they wish, the instructor of the class for retarded children at Sir Charles Tupper School. Each girl spends a minimum amount of time there during the winter term working with these occasionally pathetic, but always endearing children, to whom the privilege of having a "teacher all their own" is an unrivalled event.

The projects of Pi Beta Phi differ in Canada and in the United States. In Canada their efforts are exerted to provide scholarships for girls, at least one of which is training in Halifax, to attend a School of Social Work. Money is also loaned, interest free, to help girls who wish to reach the ultimate goal of social worker. In the States, the actual deed, but not the policy, is different. The funds support a Settlement House in Tennessee. When the chapter in a small Tennessee town was organized the people were generally so unprogressive that the fraternity set up a school for the children. This led to provisions being made for older people, whose weaving is sold by Pi Beta Phi chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Because of the outmoded convention that all girls in attendance at Dalhousie must live either at Shirreff Hall or at approved residences, of which a girls' fraternity house is not considered suitable (unlike those of the more enlightened American Universities), neither fraternity has a house. Both then do have private rooms in private houses in which to work, and hold their meetings.

The matter stands irrevocably that unless an endeavour is made to acquaint the students with the purposes and accomplishments of these two fraternities, the slander which is expressed against them can have bitter and unnecessary results. The thirty-three members of Alpha Gamma Delta (thirty active, three pledges) and the thirty-six members of Pi Beta Phi (thirty-one active, five pledges) extend an earnest welcome to those who have not yet been rushed, and urge them to accept invitations to future rushing functions.

As a reminder . . . a cake must be tasted, a book read, wine sampled, or a cigarette smoked, before it is condemned. Dalhousie's fraternities only request that the same concession be granted to them.

New Freedom For Daily?

MONTREAL, Feb. 4 (CUP) — McGill's Student Society last night passed a sub-amendment to its constitution guaranteeing the McGill Daily editorial freedom, after refusing to do so a month ago.

The sub-amendment reads: "In the editorial columns of the McGill Daily, the managing board shall be free to express whatever opinion it holds, save that no editorial shall treat of a religious or political question in a partisan way, or express or imply any but a neutral attitude in discussing any student election."

Earlier in January the council approved "in principle" the Canadian University Press charter which calls for freedom of expression, and freedom from external influences. But it would not incorporate a guarantee of press freedom into its constitution.

A member of the council pointed out that this would give the Daily no new power, but merely give it a "legal leg to stand on."

The law undergraduate society president attacked the amendment, stating that although an oppressive council might restrict freedom it is more probable that such faults will lie with the editor. He also maintained that as it was the students who supported the newspaper financially, the responsibility should lie with their elected representatives, the students' council.

At this point Phillips countered by saying that the students' society constitution was a direct contradiction to that of the Daily, which has council approval. He went on to note that unless all rules were properly set down it is possible to have a repeat of the irregularities which necessitated the re-run of a recent campus election.