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# IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN:

## EXAM FRENZY AT CLIMAX

by GREGOR MURRAY

It's that time again!! The frenzy before the fall is upon us, and the tense, haggard faces of book-laden students forecast the Horror that is to come. Latest Gazette surveys reveal that, per usual, nobody has overworked himself this fall, and the air of hopelessness hanging over the heads of many doesn't deny the fact.

Fiendish laughs are heard from behind the doors of faculty rooms, and professors, smiling cynically, emerge gripping their bundles of red pencils, knowing that their day is coming. Down at Shirreff Hall the Horror is all-pervading. The slightest sound of merriment, perhaps from some poor soul enjoying her last moments, brings a tirade of threats and imprecations down on the disturber.

In the canteen IT is combatted with an air of artificial hilarity—the band played on the Titanic, too—and those with textbooks grip them tightly to thwart the designs of the less fortunate. Many a cry of

"Surely there's one copy left" is heard from the bookstore, and many a hapless sufferer is button-holed in a corner and, as frantic eyes stare into his, is beseeched to lend a textbook for "Just a couple of days."

Extra-curriculars grind to a halt. Notice boards become relatively bare. The number of card players in the Common Rooms dwindles. Seats in the Library are at a premium. Even Gazette staffers—who only spend about 4 hours a week on in—opine that an exam break would be nice. Perhaps the most

disturbing aspect of the Horror is the absorbing thought of Christmas Graduation, and may we take this opportunity to wish a fond farewell to those whose shining faces we shan't see in January. People begin to look nervously at their classroom neighbors, wondering who will survive, and those for whom all hope is lost take their last lingering looks about the campus.

But don't be disheartened, for pass or fail, the New Year cometh, and we may rise from our ashes, pockets empty and minds eager, to begin again!

## Season to Open: Girls Hungry

This year, the annual Delta-Gamma-sponsored Sadie Hawkins' Week will be held the second week of January. Beginning Monday morning, open season is declared on all males classified Homo sapiens.

Hunting limit? There is none. This year, as usual, competition will be keen for the Sadie Hawkins' Cup, awarded to the girl who has accumulated the greatest number of signatures for dates. Deadline is Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Various events are planned for the week—Monday night will be movie night; Tuesday night, a basketball game between Dal and Tech is scheduled; Thursday and Friday

nights, the Fraternities will be serenaded. The week's events will culminate Friday night in the Sadie Hawkins Dance at the gym.

During the rest of the week, the opportunity is presented to the girls to gather names for their list by taking boys for breakfast, to movies, out for coffee—etc. At this time, too, campaigning will be keen for the election of a Campus King. Votes are counted by pennies contributed for each candidate, and everyone may vote as often as desired. Proceeds will go to a suitable charitable cause—last year, money was presented to the Hungarian Scholarship Fund.

When the girls get the bit in their teeth, the campus will jump for one lively week. All males are eligible—so—practice sprinting over the Holidays, fellows.

## Announcement

President Kerr has informed the Gazette that before the opening of the term he had acceded, to his regret, to a request from Dr. W. J. Archibald that he be relieved of his duties as Dean. The date of his resignation was set by mutual consent at September 1, 1959. In the meantime, Dean Archibald consented, at the President's request to remain as Dean with reduced responsibilities for the current academic year.

Following the retirement as Dean of Dr. G. E. Wilson, Dr. Archibald was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science for a period of three years from September 1955, and the President said that he had hoped that Dr. Archibald would be willing to continue for a further period with the full responsibilities of his important office. The selection of a successor to Dean Archibald is under consideration.

## Delta Gamma Announcement

There will be an important DELTA GAMMA meeting January 6 to 12 o'clock, in Room 218 in the Arts Building. Final plans for Sadie Hawkins Week will be made!

## Summer WUSC Seminar in West Indies

The annual summer seminar of WUSC will be held this year in the West Indies. In previous years it has been the practice for the local campus organization to send one delegate to the conference, and to obtain for him or her a certain amount of financial allowance towards travel expenses.

Applications from students must be handed to Moira Kerr, Chair-

No Surrender!

## DAL DECISIONS UNB

by PETER GREEN

Dalhousie's debating team of Alex Weir and Rick Cashin were declared winners in a split-decision in the intercollegiate debate against a team from UNB, held last Wednesday evening in the Moot Court Room of the Law Building. Ronald Manzer and Stephen Fay from UNB upheld the affirmative of the topic "Surrender to the USSR is preferable to risking the extermination of humanity in another war."

Student support of the debate was good, with about 90 students in attendance. It is certainly too bad that the UNB debaters were not able to be here at noon on Wednesday because had the debate

been held then, it is probable that more people would have made the effort to attend.

Alade Akasode, President of Sodale, acted as chairman of the debate. He welcomed and introduced the visiting debaters and judges. The judges were Miss Gene Morrison, President of the Canadian Teachers Association; Alderman Dunlop, Q.C., Deputy Mayor of Halifax and Monsignor Granville.

Ron Manzer opened the debate for the affirmative by defining the terms of the topic. He went on to say that the Communists believe that they can win, and that the present arms race is "the most fantastic the world has ever seen." "And then there is the madman—such a man could come to power in the USSR." In discussing the type of war that would be fought, he emphasized the possibility of radioactive fallout. He made direct reference to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, "the soul of a professional people, ripped from them."

Rick Cashin, first speaker for the Dal team, upholding the negative, first spoke of the absurdity of the word "surrender." In a rousing, almost flamboyant speech he stated that the affirmative argument was based upon probability. He asked, "Does Fear take precedence over honor and valor?" He stated that the history of man is based upon a conquest of fear. "We must show everybody that we are willing to fight."

Stephen Fay, second speaker for the affirmative, said, "we would be betraying our forefathers if we risk extermination. History shows us that democracy is not the only way of life." He discussed expansion of the arts and said, "University of the arts is more important than an ideology." In closing, he said, "If we are exterminated we don't have the chance to do anything."

Alex Weir, second negative speaker, said that surrender would mark the beginning of the end of our way of life. In Communism, he said, "there is no room for the idea of God." Weir quoted Lenin in emphasizing this point for Lenin said, "We must fight against religion." Weir went on to recall the destruction in Hungary and Spain. He called the USSR an aesthetic, materialistic, power-monger.

Following the main speeches, each speaker was allowed a five-minute rebuttal. After the speeches, the judges gave their decision as well as a critical appraisal of the debaters and their handling of the topic.

## Firing Controversary Prompts Resignation

The President of the Student Federation at Ottawa University has resigned. Marcel Prud'homme quit the highest student position at the university following the council's acceptance of the resignations of three editors of La Rotonde, the student newspaper.

Prud'homme had led opposition to university officials who refused to allow the editors to continue after they had published an article accusing the university administration of "religious peter."

The resolution which proceeded Prud'homme's resignation was passed by a 3-5 vote with one absentee and was in effect a vote of non-confidence in Prud'homme. In tears, he immediately announced his decision to resign. The resolution said that since the general good must be considered before that of individuals because of the circumstances, the need for a newspaper, and pressures from the administration, the council must "regretfully accept the editors' resignations."

One immediate reaction was forthcoming from the National Federation of Canadian University Students. NFCUS executive members were asked by telegraphic vote to grant authority to the National Office to set up a three man commission to investigate the entire situation. No decision was known at press time.

Several universities have already protested against the action at Ottawa. As yet Dalhousie's Council has taken no official action.

## Student Employment

Mr. George W. Beck has been appointed as full-time University Placement Officer of the National Employment Service, with an office in Room 150 of the Arts and Administration Building. Until Christmas Mr. Beck will be in this office all day on Friday; after the New Year it is expected that he will be there from Mondays to Fridays inclusive. He may be reached before New Year by calling 3-7351.

# Merry Christmas