

THE END IS NEARING DAL GAZETTE

Exams On Horizon The Cram Is On

Munro Day is over, and THEY are on the way. THEY are the reason why everyone takes great pains to have a wonderful time on Munro Day. Unfortunately, fellow students, THEY are the only things of real importance after March 13. Much activity heralds THEIR arrival, not only through the days but through the long and weary nights!

THEY can make you work, tear your hair, gnash your teeth, make the most fervent resolutions for NEXT year, and (THEY are the best excuse in the world for having one!!! of a time when THEY are over!)

On this auspicious occasion we pass on to you, appropriate thoughts, formulated by an All-sonian a few years ago and published in the ARGOSY.

A PRAYER

Oh, Lord high in Heaven hid,
Look down on me, your little kid.
And in this last dread awful hour
Help me with your Almighty power.
I've lapsed a little, Lord, I know;
I sometimes hike down to the show,
I've danced a bit and skated too,
But never more than others do.
Some mornings, Lord, I've let things slip,
Of course, I didn't have to skip;
But You who know all secrets deep,
Can tell how much I craved to sleep,
Perhaps, Oh Lord, to you it seems
I waste much time on foolish dreams;
But if my dreary round you knew
I'll bet a buck You'd do it too.
So, Lord, high in Heaven hid,
Look down on me your little kid,
Forget the times I've been an ass
And help me now to get a pass.
Amen.

NEWS BRIEF

The annual A. & S. Society Banquet will be held on Sat., Mar. 17 at Shirreff Hall, with a dance afterward.

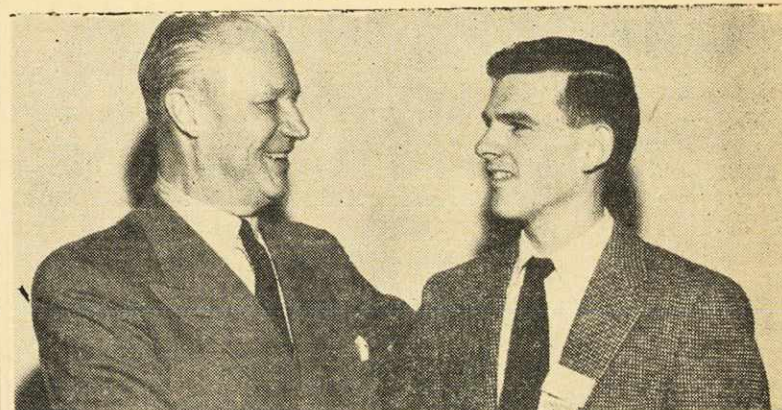
Wins Coveted Scholarship

John Carnell Crosbie, B.A., of St. John's, Newfoundland, a student in his final year at the Dalhousie Law School, has been awarded the Viscount Bennett Scholarship for post-graduate study in Law, according to word received at Dalhousie University yesterday. The selection was made and announced by the Scholarship Committee of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association, which is holding its mid-winter meeting at the Seignior Club in Quebec.

The scholarship is open to any person who is a senior student or graduate of any Canadian Law School and has been awarded annually since 1949. This is the third occasion in this period on which the scholarship has been won by a senior student of Dalhousie Law School. It carries a grant of \$2,000 to be applied to the expenses of post-graduate study.

Mr. Crosbie had a distinguished undergraduate record at Queen's University, Kingston, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Economics with first class honors. Since attending Dalhousie Law School he has twice won the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Prize for highest standing in his year. He plans to pursue his post-graduate work in England at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London.

PETER AND GEORGE



(Photo by Thomas)

LATE FLASHES!

FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP

The French Embassy in Ottawa has advised the French Department that Dalhousie University is offered a scholarship enabling one of its students to spend the next academic session in France. Applications for this scholarship will be received at the Registrar's Office until Wednesday, March 28, 1956. Applications will be accepted from prospective graduates who have a sufficient knowledge of French to benefit by a scholarship, but preference will be given to an Honours student in French.

LATE SPORTS FLASH

M.I.A.U. endorses intercollegiate golf and curling. Fall track meet slated for U.N.B. with Dal participating and approval of King's. Dal agreement whereby King's students may play on any Dal Varsity squad in which King's has no intercollegiate entry.

Wire received at press time advised MIAU Constitution has been amended to allow all bona fide students, grad or undergrad, to participate in Intercollegiate sports for four years. The amendment was presented by Gary Watson, DAAC president.

FLASH — C.U.P

Students at the University of British Columbia voted yesterday to withdraw from National Federation of Canadian University Students. The University of Toronto Students' Council have approved a similar move for Varsity.

FOR THE LAST TIME

Excess number of the Pharos '52, '53 and '55 are on sale in the Pharos Office for \$1.00 each. There will be no excess of this year's edition. Order yours now.

TOPS IN D-SPORTS



Shown above after accepting the campus' top athletic awards are: Ted Marshall (McKinnon Award), Dave Bryson (Little Trophy), and Larry Marshall (Climo Trophy).

(Photo by Jollymore)

THEY'RE ALL WINNERS!



Winner of the Class of '55 Best Girl Athlete Award: Carolyn Flemming; Co-winners of the Marjorie Leonard Award: Gwen MacDonald and Ann Rayworth.

Letter To Student Body From Council President

Dear Fellow Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with the policy of your new Students' Council. We pledge our sincerity in upholding and fulfilling our campaign platforms to the very best of our ability. Our efforts will include discussions on and attempted remedies for the issues raised in all three platforms.

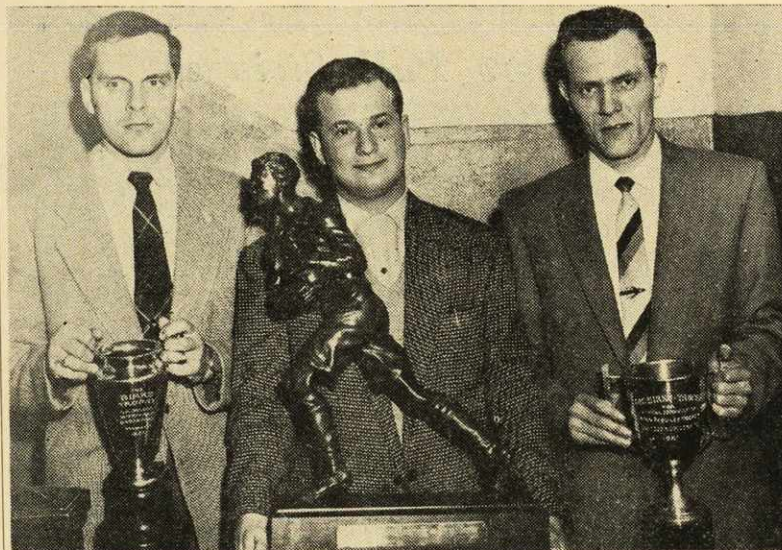
The Students' Council is more than a nominal power. What is its true aim? Is it an active governing body? Is it the core of the Dalhousie campus? We believe that these are two vital and inseparable facets of the Students' Council. Admittedly, it is not always possible to put the Council's ideas into effect. However, it should always function with these aims in mind.

The Studley-Forrest campi are to be congratulated for a keen but clean election. Much of the credit is due to the Council's Election Committee and the various campaign managers. These hard-working people did an excellent job. A well-run, well-contested election is a healthy sign on any campus.

It is hoped that these signs will continue in the future. With closer harmony between campi and between organizations, the Council hopes to further solidify its only position — that of positive and constructive student leadership.

Sincerely yours,
KEN MOUNCE,
Council President.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE



Accepting awards for interfaculty sports were: Al Sinclair, basketball; Bill Leith, English Rugby; and "Link" MacDonald, hockey. (Photo by Jollymore)

they associate. Editorials are one of the most powerful forces on campus; they are instrumental in molding and forming student opinion. For this reason, criticism should be carefully thought out and clearly expressed, as well as constructive.

What about the Bookstore and the Canteen? Regarding this issue, an undercurrent of student dissatisfaction still persists. The Council, after thoroughly investigating the situation, could find no system more satisfactory than the present one. The opinions of all parties concerned were heard. Report from the NFCUS survey indicate that the price of books is fair. It is doubtful whether a student-run canteen and bookstore could guarantee better service and Council profit in the years to come. A keen and active group in charge would be hampered by inexperience. Thus they would be unable to make any sweeping changes for several years without chancing great financial risk for the Council. By then interest would probably lag, especially since student response to this type of job is always poor. A necessarily low salary would add little stimulus. Continuity of management must also be considered.

From 1930-1945 students ran the bookstore, employing the present management. They then chose to

adopt the present system. After an unsuccessful attempt at a cafeteria system the University is satisfied with the present Canteen. Moreover, the Administration would adopt a student-faculty directorship with the greatest reluctance. To reiterate, the Council saw no valid reason for changing the present system of running the Canteen and Bookstore inasmuch as it could find no better method of operation.

One problem of paramount importance to students (especially male) has been the lack of a residence. This is due in part to Dalhousie's tradition and location. Thus fraternities flourish inasmuch as they serve a definite purpose and answer a great need. However, with regard to this problem, hopes for the future are constantly brightening.

Next year's Council is already taking over its duties as an actively functioning body. May I offer my sincerest wishes for its success. I hope that the members will feel free to call on me for any help which I can offer. To those with whom I have had the pleasure of working, may I say "thank you" for jobs well-done and for the support and assistance you have given me. This has been a most enjoyable year.

Yours truly,
DOUG BROWN

President's Message

The Editor has very thoughtfully suggested that I might address a few words to you through the columns of this last issue of the Gazette for the current session, and I am most happy to take advantage of his gracious offer. Following the homiletic practice established, it has been alleged, by the historian Eusebius sixteen hundred years ago, many preachers divide their discourses into three parts, and I shall yield to the force of habit and organize what I have to say in this brief message under three heads.

First, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the contribution which so many of you have made to the life of the University in extra-curricular activities during the past year. Your academic obligations had, or should have had, the first claim on your attention, but it is gratifying to note that a very large number of you, including many of the best students, found time to take part in campus societies and enterprises. Your participation helped to make life at the University a richer experience for the student body as a whole, and I trust that you on your part have derived genuine personal satisfaction from it. I extend to you the cordial thanks of the University.

In the second place, I wish to assure you that the governing bodies of the University are giving earnest thought just now to the changing and expanding demands that presently confront Dalhousie as an institution of higher learning, and that will do so with still greater insistence in the years ahead. There is every reason to believe that the University population in some parts of Canada will double in the course of the next decade, and that University budgets and facilities everywhere will have to take account of the emerging situation. The enrollment in the schools and high schools of the Atlantic Provinces indicates that the increase here will be smaller, but that it will nevertheless be significant; and those of us who have either financial or academic responsibilities for the programme in Dalhousie are trying to estimate the development that we must contemplate if we are to fulfil our responsibilities to you and to those who will follow you very shortly. In the meantime I wish you to be aware that serious planning for the future, and a re-examination of present academic requirements, are already underway in some of our Faculties.

In the third place, I wish to convey to you who, in the ordinary course of events, will return to the University next autumn to resume your studies — I shall have the opportunity of speaking at Convocation to those who will be taking final leave of the campus — that you will have a profitable, enjoyable, and in every way satisfactory summer and that you will return in the autumn, eager and in good health, to make the most of your time at Dalhousie. The best of luck to you all!

A. E. KERR

Ice Carnival Smash Success

A capacity crowd packed the Dal rink Tuesday evening to witness one of the most exciting ice carnivals Dal has ever staged.

The show opened with a parade of drum majorettes from the Civic Youth Band. This was followed by the precision skating of Miss Lorna Jean Grayston, a former student of Dalhousie. Skits, put on by the various faculties and fraternities including Pharmacy, Engineers, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta, and Phi Rho, were one of the headliners of the evenings entertainment and also proved to be one of the funniest.

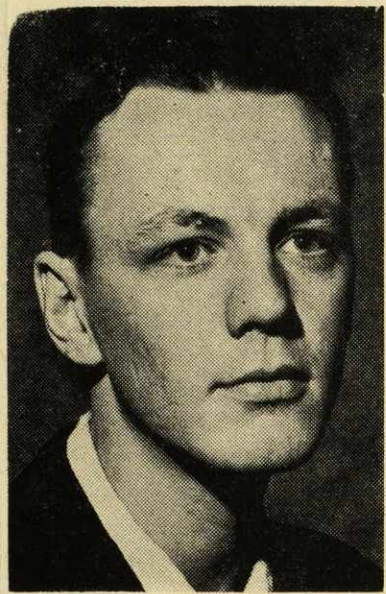
Women To Attend Engineer's Banquet

The annual banquet and last official gathering of the Dalhousie Engineering Society is slated for Mar. 20 at 7.00 o'clock in the Lord Nelson Hotel. At the banquet the Society's new slate of officers for next year will be presented.

Letter From Doug Brown

As another year draws to a close, one is tempted to review the highlights of 1955-56. These events often speak for themselves, whereas lesser ones and behind-the-scenes problems slip by unnoticed.

In the past, campus affairs have been in the hands of a minority. Irrespective of any praise or criticism bestowed on the various campus organizations, it is they that make our university life interesting and more profitable. They develop our latent talents and help us to appreciate the many problems of society.



Along with other organizations, the Council also comes up for appraisal. At this time I would like to take you behind the scenes and acquaint you with issues that arose this year. In so doing, I can explain the attitudes adopted by the Council regarding these issues.

Last fall the Council granted every organization its requested budget. These grants, plus a surplus of \$500, brought the total budget to \$27,500. By eliminating major projects and a "rainy day nest egg", the Council was able to attempt this risky venture. The income was estimated cautiously; as yet, we have not been proven too optimistic. The present satisfactory financial status is due largely to the cooperation of the Council-supported organizations.

I would strongly recommend that the new heads of student organizations consult the outgoing executives when they make out their budgets for the coming year. In this matter an experienced person can be of invaluable assistance. Inasmuch as we are faced with rising costs, activities on a larger scale, and no raise in the Council fee, finances cannot be over-emphasized. Students might note Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution, which gives the Council authority to determine the Council fee.

This year the Constitution has become a controversial issue, as was proved in the pre-election proceedings. The Council was aware of the problem — that of precedence vs constitutionality. I would like to thank the column "Let's Face It" for presenting a clear and unbiased report on the matter. Granted that the legal phrasing of the Constitution is impressive. Nevertheless, its inadequacies became apparent whenever the student looks to the Constitution for guidance. Next year's Council is now obligated to revise sections of our Constitution, and thereby settle the matter.

For the first time in many years a student forum was held with Dr. Kerr answering students' questions. Because of certain controversial questions the forum was received with mixed feelings. However, it was a beginning, and I would suggest that in becoming an annual event it will be of increasing value to students and administration alike.

Turning to other aspects of the Council, one might consider the "Gazette". The Council appoints the Editor and grants him funds. He is then independent of any Council censorship. I would point out one weakness in this system. It is debatable whether some of the editorials are the expressions of "popular opinion" which they claim to be. I would venture to say that some writers express the views of a small group with whom