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## Welcome Is Extended By Dal U. Head Council Prex Optimistic In Welcoming



Dr. A. Kerr

As Edinburgh has called itself the "Athens of the North", so Halifax may aspire to be the "Athens of the New North", President A. E. Kerr told new students of Dalhousie University at the annual Fall Convocation last week. Dalhousie, he recalled, was founded "in imitation" of the University of Edinburgh and like that university has preserved a spirit of tolerance and a "forward look."

Not the university alone, but the city which surrounds it, he said, influences the intellectual of the student. And here, Halifax can be to Dalhousie as Edinburgh to the university which bears its name. Like Athens, said Dr. Kerr, Halifax has its Acropolis, its harbor, and its seats of learning. It is well known as "the Warden of the Honor of the North" but can also be "the Athens of the New North."

The convocation, which was held in the Arts and Administration Building, was an occasion for the introduction of new appointees on the university staff and for the university's official welcome to new students. Led by the Mace Bearer, the official procession, in academic robes, marched to the auditorium where Canon H. L. Puxley, President of the University of King's College, associated with Dalhousie, pronounced the invocation.

Seated on the platform with senior members of the platform were new appointees, half of whom are graduates of Dalhousie. In welcoming the new students, Dr. Kerr assured them that the university existed for them which, he said, was a complete justification of its existence. The University of Edinburgh, he said, required its new students to take an oath of diligence, good conduct, and life-long loyalty to their Alma Mater.



Doug Brown

Welcome to Dalhousie, Freshmen, welcome back ye upper classmen and welcome upperclassmen and graduates from other universities. I hope that the coming year will be both profitable and enjoyable.

The prospects for the coming year are bright. Already you have seen the unveiling of the football team which shows great promise to repeat its triumph of last year. The Gazette staff is bigger and better than ever and under a very capable editor promises to give it a first class paper. This year's Gazette is after national recognition as a university paper of high calibre. I am sure you will hear more of NFCUS on our campus under the capable leadership of Dave Peel. The Dalhousie Committee this year (with the official sanction of the council and the University) is proposing to be the host to the National Conference in 1956. Last year NFCUS chairman Dennis Madden, was a National Delegate to the International Student Conference in Birmingham, a conference of over 50 student national organizations.

Pharos, the year book, is being co-edited by Helen Scammell and Barbara Clancy and I hope that all those approached by them to assist in this publication will give active support. Compus Co-ordination, under Alex Campbell, is including Kings College and all societies so that no unfortunate happenings of last year will be repeated.

The D.G.D.S. are planning two major and two minor productions this year. An unfortunate incident occurred during the summer when an original production based on one of the Connolly shield productions of last year failed to materialize. An English company did the same thing and due to their applications for production rights, our hard working composers were forced to put their work on the shelf. There are many extracurricular activities on this campus. My appeal is now to that half of the students who take no active part in any activity, to take up any one interest and be a solid contribution to campus life. (To the active students no urging is needed). Come out and get to know your fellow students remembering to keep a wholesome balance between work and play. Remember that apart from being capable in your chosen field you are also expected by the people of Canada to assume the responsibilities of a privileged university.

Douglas Brown, Council President.

their leaving the Campus. The Alumni Association should be willing to help.

With every wish for a most successful year,  
Yours very truly,  
V. F. Burstall

ED: Always pleased to hear from recent ex-Dalhousians, especially last year's efficient and popular President of the Students' Council Plan is still being worked on!

## NEWS OF THE U's

By GARRY K. C. BRAUND



Universities across Canada are aware of two things: 1. Classes. 2. Freshmen. Advice to the latter — PERSEVERE.

Winege (Manitoba) — "The Russians behaved more like campaigning American politicians than Russian bureaucrats".  
ED.—How strange they would look bow tie et al in salt mines.

Mount A (Argosy) — Philharmonic Piano Quartet opened Concert Series October 3. "Four brilliant, attractive artists, members of the Philharmonic Piano Quartet will provide for the first of a series, etc."  
ED.—How Dal thirsts for some outside talent. Not to see the sunshine, is to remain always in the dark.

U.N.B. (Brunswick) — Fred Drummie, Editor-in-Chief had on the front page of a letter edged in black, contents "We need Editors, reporters, etc., and if there is not, within two weeks, sufficient response to this call for staff, and it becomes impossible to produce this paper, it will disappear from the campus. Only you the student will lose out."

Acadia (Atheneum) — First word from the Valley college is that they are already busy setting the wheels rolling for this year's Atlantic Regional meet for the Canadian University Press. Universities St. F. X., Dal., Mt. A., U.N.B., Memorial, (full members) and Saint Mary's University (not yet a full member) will all show up.  
ED.—The Dal Gazette hopes to be there in full force on this November date.

The Dal staff is hedging 85 students who have started the year off with a Roger Bannister sprint. CAVEAT . . . Our staff plans on making a grab for the Jacques Breau Trophy, won last year by the Varsity and the Bracken Trophy by Le Carabin of Laval U.

Queen's Journal (Queen's) — Oh for the life of a frosh — the frosh are now in the throes of "hell week" and are wearing pajama tops, neckties, one running shoe and one ordinary shoe, in class. They must carry, and know how to operate, a slide rule, and last but not least, must supply any soph on request, with the vital statistics on the co-eds.  
ED.—How easy the Dal frosh make out at the College-by-the-Sea.

MANITOBAN Further . . . Deserve a special congratulation for the excellent organization on the coverage for the first two big national conference, and the NFCUS conference currently underway at Edmonton.

XAVERIAN (St. F.X.) — Our earnest plea, don't repeat last year's noticeable absence from last year's Atlantic Regional CUP conference. We at Dal thought it rather strange you did not attend the conference of the organization that awarded you CUP trophies in '53 and '54.

DEAR CUP ACROSS THE BOARD — A constant bugbear in our offices is the unfortunate position that Dal is placed in as to national competition. The present system of classification leaves a small university like ourselves without incentive.  
ED.—We'll rip this topic to shreds in a later issue but at least you have the warning that it's coming.

CUP ACROSS THE BOARD FURTHER — The Dal Gazette put double coverage on WUSC in Saskatoon and NFCUS in Edmonton. Our Managing Editor, Don Young, also Dal president of WUSC went TCA to Saskatoon followed by Dave Peel, retiring news editor and last year's campus big cog on Gazette, who is presently in Edmonton. Dave is currently heading up NFCUS on the Dal campus for the 1955-'56 sessions.

GOODNIGHT CAROLYN.

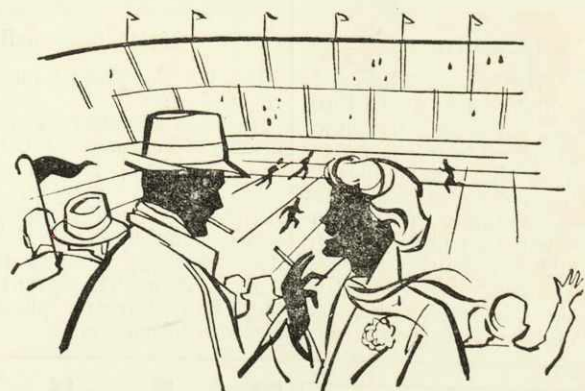
## WEDDING BELLS FOR DAL PROF.

Wilfred Berman called "Bill" by his many students and friends has finally shattered the annals of Dal. by announcing his engagement. Bill is from Montreal where he received a B.Comm., L.I.A., in Accounting and his Chartered Accountancy from the Province of Quebec.

Bill has been active as the statistician for the Royal Commission for Nova Scotia Automobile Insurance. Bill is planning on a marriage in the near future to Rita Weissler, also of Montreal. Rita received her B.A. from McGill where she had an active career in debating. Those that know Bill, think he is a great guy, and those that don't know him should. We are sure that Bill's choice in a wife will be as good as his influence has been at Dalhousie University.

## City Address? Number?

Failure of some 200 students to have their Halifax city addresses and telephone numbers to the Registrar's Office may delay production of the annual King's-Dal Student Directory. All those who have not yet performed this task are requested to do so at once so that the remaining 1300 students will not be deprived of early use of the handy booklet.



## SWEET CAPS

add to the enjoyment



FRESHER...MILDER...THEY'RE TODAY'S CIGARETTE

## Less Sympathy for the Apathetic

AFTER several years of reading, talking and writing APATHY, we feel convinced that now is the time to say "We're plain sick and tired of the word, its implications and effects!" While we do not intend to outrightly condone apathy and its adherents, it might be wise to look at the scene through another pair of eyes — that of the apathetic, indifferent Dalhousian.

Many of the "eager beavers" on the campus look with distaste on the many who apparently have an absolute lack of desire to participate in campus activities. Why this lack? Why this don't-give-a-darn attitude so prevalent on Dal's two campuses, Studley and The Forrest? For some, the reasons are personal and as such are none of our business; many others arriving at the Maritime's largest university from other "alma maters" have already contributed to campus projects and their presence at Dal, often as graduate students at the professional level, is anti-climatic; but for the majority of our undergraduate students, the answer is simpler than one might imagine — they are the victims of a situation best described as the "Cinderella Tea Party".

Every fall at this time approximately three hundred young men and women register for the first time at this institution. Every fall we "keen types" extend a mass invitation to the freshmen and freshettes to drop around and see how our organization works. This is not enough. Individual invitations should be attempted, program highlights advertised, and made more appealing, along with a direct request to our new arrivals to express any interests which they have or would like to acquire. An aggressive policy by our campus elders should help greatly to minimize the number of uninvited Cinderellas sitting among the ashes, waiting without avail for a bid to another dull tea party.

The coming year promises to be one of the most outstanding and memorable in the annals of recent Dalhousie history. For the students, the dream of a decent Men's Residence has become a promise, a new and much needed Dental Building is to be constructed; another wing is being added to the MacDonald Library and a bigger and better book store has begun operation along with improved canteen facilities at the TEMPORARY Men's Residence. A number of changes in faculty members and courses may also inject new interest both in the scholastic and extra curricular mediums.

While we may not have first given the impression, we do nevertheless feel inspired to toss a bouger in our opening editorial. And it's to those very "Eager Beavers and keen types" on the campus to whom all of us, old and new are indebted. We would be in sorry state indeed without their unselfish willingness to give of their time and energies so that all of us, participating or not participating, may enjoy the results of their efforts at our pleasure. There are no barred doors on any organization sponsored at Dalhousie by either the University or the Students' Council. The Welcome Mat is there if you want to use it.

To the apathetic, we say, "It's your privilege to be that way — but we have no sympathy for the apathetic. Instead we would much rather have you join in; first alma mater or second; graduate or undergraduate; Studley or Forrest. We don't give a darn. We want you in!" But the choice is yours.

The staff of the Dal Gazette welcomes the many newcomers and greet once more the old hands. In the Gazette office the pass word for 1955-56 is "APATHY VERBOTEN". Let's make it campus-wide.

Letters to the Editor should be handed in by 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays. If possible, they should be type-written, double spaced on one side of paper only. The Editors reserve the right to select letters to be published and if necessary to edit them. Names will be withheld on request, but must be in our possession.

## TAKE NOTE CAMPUS GROUPS!

All Students Organizations, or Groups, wishing to use any room in the University for Meeting purposes, are reminded that the permission must be first obtained from the Office of the Engineer in Charge of Buildings and Grounds at least 24 hours before the Meeting is to be held — please telephone 3-7618.

## The University Bereaves

The whole campus was saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Mrs. Harry E. Nickerson on Tuesday of last week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson have endeared themselves to the student body by their kindness and helpfulness, first while at Mulgrave Park and latterly at the Men's Residence. To Mr. Nickerson goes the deepest and most sincere sympathy of students past and present.

During the summer, Izack Walton Killam, one of Dalhousie's most distinguished honorary graduates and one of Nova Scotia's outstanding native sons, died suddenly. Mr. Killam died as he had lived, as obscurely as possible considering the high position he occupied in the financial world and the active role he played in international finance even up until the time of his death. Born in Yarmouth, N. S., Mr. Killam spent his early years in his native province and as a young man was employed for a time in a Halifax bank. However it was not long before his financial genius brought him to the forefront of the Canadian business world and at his death he was one of North America's foremost financiers. Mr. Killam contributed generously to Dalhousie University and his passing was regarded with regret by all of who have, either directly or indirectly, been the beneficiaries of his generosity.