



Examination time draws nigh . . . and yet there seems to be no outward show of that inward terror of the approaching spectre of examinations. Student life blossoms out each week in enthusiastic spirited gatherings which do not look like students the throes of studious contemplations. And yet the time of questioning approaches ever closer. Are YOU prepared?

Friday evening one of the assemblages of students held forth in "spirited" tete a tete at the Seagull Club. Held in the bowels of the club, by the Inter-Fraternity Council, the dance itself had a furtive flavor that harked back to the early twenties. (Not that I have been here that long, but it did seem reminiscent of the stories of the era.) A side entrance down a long covered alley, a basement grotto carved out of the underpinnings of the Navy League building, the stomping of the Cape Breton Club and a stimulated, smokey atmosphere stirred up by the efforts of a small combo—brewed together with the syncopations of vari-attired students of all sexes . . . made it reminiscent. Are these to be the flighty fifties in contrast to the golden twenties? A good smash though, with the Meds obviously relishing their release from exams.

Congratulations go to Carrie Ann Matheson of the Dal cheer leading contingent who did Dalhousie proud by winning the title of "Miss Purdy Cup I" at the first Purdy Cup Ball. What with the St. Andrew's Day Ball, the Purdy Cup affair and the IFC smash, it is no wonder the students of Dalhousie don't have the fear of examinations in their eyes. With the Blood Drive draining it from the one side and the parties from the other the students (sic) cannot keep their eyes open.

Members of the Dalhousie football team did well in the trophy parade of the Nova Scotia Canadian Football League. Ted Wickwire, young freshman quarterback was runner-up to Ron Binnie for the "Rookie of the Year Award," Don Nicholson, who won the "Rookie Award" last year won the "Most Valuable Player Award" this year and rightfully so; and Gord Rankin who plays centre on both the basketball and football teams on occasions and has for years here at Dalhousie won the "Lineman of the Year Award." With this all-star material, including Ted Marshall and Mal Young who made the All Star team, how did we lose every game?

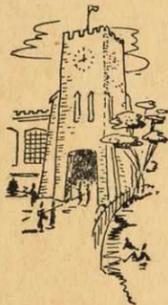
The recent Blood Drive brings to mind this Scotch story: Three blood transfusions were required to save an American lady's life at a hospital. A brawny Scotchman offered his blood. The patient gave him \$50 for the first pint, \$25 for the second pint, but the third time she only thanked him.

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## "400 WORDS OR MORE"

by PETER OUTHIT

In my pre-university days, my Uncle Earnest fed me various stories of college life. He recalled with tears in his eyes and a voice choked with emotion the wonderful times he had—the class parties, attended only by class members; the dances; the class theatre parties and picnics. There was a hilarious unity in that very word "class." Those were the days—when everybody knew everybody, everybody danced with everybody, and everybody had a ball. In particular, however, class loyalty was much greater than faculty leanings, and the popularly attended class meetings provided immeasurable laughs, and lasting memories. Games and fun for all.

He illustrated proudly the fact that he was from the class of '26, which is, of course, renowned—and he said that it mattered not in life what faculty you had been enrolled, but rather in what class! The very mention of a class conjured up visions of splendor, when water flowed like grape juice and the parties—but enough of enumerating. I have arrived at college, and . . .

Thus it was with no little anticipation that I read the notice of my class meeting. I rushed right over to Room 774 and plunked down in a front seat, and waited. Eventually the chairman (it appeared) entered, followed by several students who slipped in as though fearful of being caught at such a gathering. It had all the earmarks of a Catilinian conspiracy. The following ensued:

Order was called. All eleven students sat up, burning with interest.

The Dalhousie Varsity basketball team opened the Intercollegiate season Saturday night at the Gorsebrook Gym and defeated Nova Scotia Tech 60-48. The work of veteran Bob Douglas and that of the freshmen from QEH aided in the winning cause but the two platoon system employed by Dal did not give them the best possible quintet. No doubt a hatching process to produce one of the strongest teams Dal has had for the Intercollegiate title.

The current movie crop at the local theatres gives the dilatory student no excuse for spending an afternoon at the cinema. The Capitol's production of *The Opposite Sex* is a colorful bit of fluff, with one good line describing a socialite columnist. Her column "included everything from the ridiculous to the slime." The work of the Canadian novelist Shelina Mackay Russell *A Lamp is Heavy* is currently playing at the Hyland. The story of the life of nurses it may prove interesting to those of the distaff side, especially since the authoress was once a nurse in the Canadian West.

Speaking of the West, what about those Eskimos. "Et les Eskimos" ran rough shod over the Eastern champs in the second half winning 50-27. It was interesting to note that the million dollar spectacle of the Grey Cup could run afoul of complications when for the lack of a \$15 ball the final convert couldn't be kicked and the game was called for lack of ball. The headaches of the Committee chairman!

The Purdy Cup parade here in Halifax, sponsored by the Junior Board of Trade was a success thanks to the weather, but the fans must have huddled around the TV set Saturday for the crowd, I understand was not as large as expected. The Dalhousie float was one of the better parts of the parade and the credit goes to Ted Marshall, Garry Watson and Co. for the work they did. Even if we can't win a game, we play to win anyway.

The Dalhousie Alumni association held their annual dance for the freshmen last week with the usual good turnout of freshmen. The party gives the freshmen and freshettes an opportunity to enjoy meeting some of the officers of the Alumni, and gives them a chance to get together as a group. The Alumni of Dalhousie aided the football team last fall in many ways and in a quiet way are behind the Dalhousie students aiding and abetting them in every way. It is to be hoped that the graduating students this year attempt to take an active interest in Alumni work. A strong Alumni can do a lot for a student body. Keep the idea in mind.

**Chairman:** Well, ha-ha, I see you are all here. (This in itself served to increase the intense interest of those present).

**Chairman:** I guess the first item on our agenda is to elect an executive, so . . .

**Bored Voice,** interrupting: Do we have enough here to make up a quorum?

**Second Bored Voice:** Say, what room is this anyway, 212? (A pause. Then the Voice and two others got up and left rather noisily by the back).

**Chairman:** (attempting humor): Wrong meeting, eh? . . . Well, as I said—(The remnants brighten perceptibly) I'm asking for nominations . . .

A lengthy silence followed this statement, broken only by the sound of heads turning as they followed the chairman's every move.

**Chairman:** Any nominations? (Pause).

A student got to his feet. A hush fell over the room. He cleared his throat as if to speak—the chairman interrupted, apologized, withdrew a slip of paper from his pocket, and announced:

"Oh, I'm sorry, I have the list of nominations here. All those in favor say aye."

Whereupon the interrupted student said in a small voice:

"I move the meeting be adjourned. I have to go now, anyway."

The motion was hastily seconded, there was a rush of feet, a door slammed, and silence settled once more over the chairman.

The last to leave was Uncle Ernest's ghost and it looked unhappy.

Maybe Uncle Ernest had something. Class meetings and class parties could be fun.

## Hither and Yawn—

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Here's a novel approach. An intellectual game of musical chairs is being played in the library of the U. of Manitoba. The librarian, frowning upon smoking, chattering, and other such practices, playfully removes one chair from the library each night. By mid-December this crisis could out-crisis the political ones.

A wise professor of Political Science at the U. of Alberta has opened the eyes of all students by remarking that "professors have champagne appetites on beer incomes" . . . Professors and Commerce men alike might take advantage of McGill's example. It took only five hours for the Students' Fund to raise \$200 with their "Penny Mile" . . . Maybe we should find a similar worthy project like aiding bubbly profs! On second thought, every man for himself!

"Amazing but true": things are in a bad way when I have to read other CUP columns to see what the news has been in our little paper lately. However, rest assured that yours truly will not follow the example of the CUP editor from UBC. This young lady burlesqued channel swimming when, at the beginning of November, she swam UBC's Lily pond, watched by 1500 students, and accompanied by a rowboat. Not me. I'm too chicken-hearted . . . don't like lilies.

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