

# STUDENTS URGED TO EXAMINE PLANS

## List Rules For Interfac Debates

Interfaculty Debating will get under way at Dalhousie, Thursday, January 24. More than 50 students, representing four faculties and both camps, have entered their names in competition.

Participants will debate in teams of two. The schedule will proceed by way of elimination until two teams reach the semi-finals, when these two teams will compete against each other for the Bennett Shield. This trophy, emblematic of Inter-faculty Debating supremacy, was won last year by the team of Bruce Lee and Malcolm Smith, representing the Faculty of Law.

The rules governing the competitions are as follows:

Each participant is to give a speech not more than seven minutes in length. Each side gives one rebuttal of not more than three minutes in length. Opposing teams shall decide by flipping a coin which side shall submit the resolutions.

The side that is to submit the resolutions shall submit to its opponents not less than four days before the day of the debate three resolutions. The side receiving the resolutions shall decide within 24 hours which of the resolutions it wishes to debate and which side it wishes to take

## Dal Gals Fete Fellas

The annual Delta Gamma Open House was held last Friday at Shirreff Hall. Laurie Bowes' Orchestra provided music for dancing from 9 to 12.

Ruth Murphy, president of Delta Gamma, presented the door prize to Carolyn Crowell. Coke and cookies were served and a good time was had by all. This enjoyable dance was a preview of the coming events of Sadie Hawkins week, Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, also sponsored by Delta Gamma.

and shall inform the opposing side and the chairman of this decision. Any question not covered by the above rules shall be decided by the chairman who shall take into consideration the rules of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League and previous practice at Dalhousie.

An appeal from the decision of the chairman shall lie to the Executive of Sodales, whose decisions shall be final.

Those participating in inter-faculty debating are requested to save a copy of these rules for future reference.

The schedule of debates will be published in the *Gazette* from time to time. The first portion of the schedule is printed in today's *Gazette*, page three.



ED HARRIS

## Dal Lawyer Wins Highest Award

Last autumn, 927 men wrote the final Dominion examinations in Chartered Accountancy. These men represented every province in Canada, extending all the way from Vancouver to Newfoundland.

A few weeks ago the winner of the Governor-General's Gold Medal was announced. It is with great pride that we of Dalhousie University learned that Edwin C. Harris, a second-year Dalhousie Law student, captured the distinguished and coveted honor.

The award carries a cash prize and an all expense paid trip to the Institute's annual meeting to be held in Saskatoon next August. It goes to the graduate with the highest average standing on the six final papers.

A native of Halifax and Saint John, Ed entered Dalhousie University, graduating in commerce in 1954. Articled to the firm of Lee, Martin in Halifax, he has now returned to Dalhousie to secure a Law degree.

To date, Ed has a brilliant scholastic record and brings honor to Dalhousie Law School by being the first Nova Scotian to receive the award.

In conjunction with this outstanding academic accomplishment, Ed has been very active in extra-curricular activities, being the winner of the inter-faculty debating in 1953, a member of WUSC, NFCUS and on the inter-collegiate debating team for this year.

## Full Program Is Scheduled

The Dawson Geological Club has announced its program for the remainder of the term. It is as follows:

Jan. 21, Dr. N. R. Goodman—*Methods in Mineralogy.*

Feb. 4, Dr. Burke-Gaffney — *Radio Astronomy.*

Feb. 18, Symposium discussion—*Development of the Canadian Industry. Is it safe and sane?*

Speakers: Dr. N. R. Goodman, Prof. D. J. Heasman, Dr. A. E. Cameron.

Mar. 4, N. J. Gass—*Geology of the Winnipeg River area, Manitoba.*

Mar. 18, A. C. Gourley — *Geology and Petrology of Health Steele and Elbow Lake areas, New Brunswick.*

Apr. 1, Students' Essays.

The club meets in the Geological building of Dalhousie University. Everyone is welcome.

## Several Societies Fail To Donate To Springhill Fund

Five Dalhousie societies have contributed a total of \$60.00 to the Springhill Mine Disaster Relief Fund.

Council President Ken Mounce asks that any societies which have planned to contribute do so in the next week. To date the Pharmacy, Law and Commerce Societies have contributed \$10.00 each, while the Engineers and Dental students have given \$15.00 each.

## NFCUS Insurance Scheme Offers Low Cost Protection

Members of the local NFCUS committee will be bringing life insurance to the attention of Dalhousie and King's students during the next few weeks. With the establishment of a Halifax branch office by the Canadian Premier Life Insurance Company, underwriters of the NFCUS Life Plan, a campaign to educate students about insurance has begun in earnest.

The NFCUS Plan selected by the executive of the Federation last spring after every insurance company in Canada had been asked to submit similar schemes, is considered by experts as meeting the needs of most students better than any other available plans.

The chief factor is the low cost for the first few years of insurance, only \$3.50 per thousand. There are many other benefits to the plan, which is offered to Canadian students as a service from their National Federation.

Canadian Premier's Halifax representative, Mr. Frank Howell, met with members of the NFCUS committee last Friday, and will visit the campus again to answer any questions from

students. Information about the plan is contained in folders which have been placed around the campus. Application for it may be made by mail, and students are urged to consider the importance of life insurance while it may be obtained at the lowest possible price.

The plan has been approved by actuaries and by the faculties of several NFCUS member universities, and has been successful on several Canadian camps. Information about it has appeared in the *Gazette* in earlier editions, but the NFCUS committee has waited for the establishment of the company's branch office before making an all-out effort to bring the plan to the attention of students.

## In The University's Interests

With the great amount of talk and action that is taking place lately regarding a new Men's Residence, it seems a certainly that within five years the new edifice will take its part as an integral unit of the University. Before the plans for this enigma are made, we would like to offer one sincere suggestion to the powers that be, and that is the incorporation of a Student Union Centre in any such building.

The expenses for the construction of such a centre would be very high, to be certain, but the needs for it are equally as high and important. The University must realize and realize immediately that there is a problem of student indifference on the two camps. A problem that is rapidly reaching massive proportions, and one which someday, if left to continue, will have devastating effects on the University and Alumni groups.

A focal point for Dalhousians on the Studley and Forrest camps is a necessity. Medical and Dental students, the majority of whom are from other Maritime universities, have little opportunity to actively participate in Dalhousie life, and certainly have even less opportunity to mingle and make friends with their Studley colleagues. The University must realize that such a centre, centrally placed, would serve as a meeting place for friendship and propagation of the Dalhousie spirit, and would certainly be in the University's best interests.

Apart from the medical and dental viewpoint, it is equally important to the men and women of the Studley campus that such a unifying centre be established. Conversation and the interchange of ideas would take on new meanings and Dalhousie would draw nearer to its goal of disseminating universal knowledge.

It has been rumoured repeatedly that any plans for a Men's Residence will be on a small unit affair, housing about 50 students. In light of the Alumni campaign to raise \$100,000, and considering the high cost of building construction the rumour seems to have some justification. If this were so, it seems reasonable to assume that the University could not provide suitable space for the Student Union centre. Nevertheless, it is the opinion of many interested Dalhousians both past and present that such a centre is the foremost problem, a problem also regarded by many as ahead of any increased expansion such as new Science faculty buildings.

Dalhousie must realize that the students of today will be the Alumni of tomorrow, and a University such as ours is certainly dependent on benefactions from its far flung graduates.

If Dalhousie continues to overlook the growing problem of student indifference, the University will someday suffer greatly.

## Why We Have Four Pages

Before students begin complaining too vociferously about the recent thin issues of the *Gazette*, we feel we should explain the reasons for them.

For the past several years the *Gazette* has been a weekly newspaper. We felt that this year we should try to bring it out twice a week whenever this was justified by campus activity, so you could read the news while it was still news.

In order to afford more issues, we had to cut down on expenses somewhere. The *Gazette* is on regular newsprint this year, instead of higher quality pages; it is five columns wide instead of six; and it is sometimes only four pages.

We hope that there will not be too many weeks when we are forced to put out four page issues, but until there is more money available to the *Gazette* we must keep expenses at a minimum.

## Bulletin Board

- January 16, Wednesday—Boys' Basketball: 7:00 p.m.—Shearwater vs. Dal; 8:30 p.m.—Tech vs. Kings
- 17, Thursday—Senior Class Meeting, room 234, noon; Interfaculty Basketball—7:15 to 9:30; Lecture on "Capitalism: What Is It?" by Professor John F. Graham—8:15, room 217.
- 18, Friday—Commerce Sweater Dance in gym—9 to 1.
- 19, Saturday—Interfaculty Basketball all afternoon; Evening Basketball: YMCA vs. Dal—7:00 p.m.; Tech vs. Dal—8:30.
- 21, Monday—Dawson Club Meeting—8 p.m.; Geological Building, Dr. N. R. Goodman to speak on: "Methods in Mineralogy." First night for King's play, "By the Skin of our Teeth."

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