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VIC BURSTALL



DENNIS MADDEN

Dalhousie's representative at the annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students this year will be Vic Burstall, Law III, president of the Council of Students, and Dennis Madden, Law I, chairman of the N.F.C.U.S. Committee. The conference will be held in Toronto from October 18th to 23rd.

With Dal's delegates will be those from twenty-one other universities across Canada. Since the national organization dropped the question of the exchange of Russian students, it has caused far less controversy on Canadian campuses. This year one of the main topics to be discussed at the Conference will be student income tax exemption.

## Who Can Tell a Freshman? "Introduction" Fun Anyway

### D.G.D.S. Plans Revue, Opera

First presentation by the Glee and Dramatic Society this year will be a musical revue entitled TV or Not TV, scheduled to hit the boards in the gym on November 18, 19 and 20. The Glee Club President, Graham Day, Law II, has released some plans for the musical, a successor to last year's hit, Singin' in the Seine. Twelve popular songs by a mixed chorus of twenty will highlight the show, with vocal solos by such popular artists as Stu MacKinnon, Sc. IV, and Carmel Romo, Mus. IV. The basic idea of the revue is to satirize some of the CBC's television efforts, and it will run the gamut from corny commercials to splendid dances. Dave Brown and Karine Anderson, who will be remembered as the Apache dancers in last year's production, will again be appearing, and directing chorus dancing as well.

First chorus rehearsal for the Glee Club's major production, the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "Yeomen of the Guard", will be held Thursday night at 7.30 in 21 Arts. Performance of the opera Auditorium in February. Players will take place in Queen Elizabeth of stringed instruments are urgently needed for the orchestra, and everyone is welcome to audition for either the chorus or a leading role.

### Nesbitt Leads '55 Rink Rats

At a meeting of the Dalhousie Student Rink Fund Committee last week, Jim "Nosey" Nesbitt, Law III, was appointed chairman for the 1954-55 term. He succeeds Jack O'Neil, who graduated in May. Present members of the committee are Ann Stacey, Sarah Pullen, and John Nichols, with Alan "Butsy" O'Brien listed as honorary member.

The new chairman says plans for raising money to pay off the students' debt on the rink are a bit indefinite, "but we have big ideas". The Rink Rats will be handling the business end of the Glee Club's revue next month as their first project. Something wonderful is expected to happen by October 25th, and anyone interested in joining the committee is asked to get in touch with Jim at 2-4988.

# PUT UP OR SHUT UP ON CANTEEN!

## Three from Dal to King's MIDL

The annual conference of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League will be held this weekend at King's College. Dave Walker, president of the Quintilian Debating Society, has announced plans for entertainment as well as for several business sessions.

Delegates from nine member universities are expected to arrive in the city Friday with registration at 10.00 a.m. The first meeting will be at 3.00, with the students of King's entertaining at a dance during the evening. Final meeting will be on Saturday, with plans then being laid for intercollegiate debating for the year.

Sodales has elected Neva Eisner, Art Stone and Dave Peel to attend the conference as Dal's representatives. The society's first meeting was held last Thursday in 222 Arts, and also discussed interfacial debating. These debates will get underway by the first of November, and application forms have been posted on the campus. Winners of the competition will be presented with the Bennett Shield on Munro Day.

## WUSC A & S to Sell Calendar

A Dalhousie calendar of Dalhousie interest will be produced on campus for the first time this year. An announcement made jointly by Helen Scammell, Arts IV, president of the Arts and Science Society, and John Brown, Sc. En. IV, chairman of Dal's World University Service of Canada, states that a committee of six members will be set up by the two organizations to make up, print, and sell the Dalhousie calendar.

With an attractive and original cover, the calendar will carry pictures on each page of distinct university interest, ranging from buildings to campus cheesecake. It will also list memos of all important functions scheduled for the coming university year, with dates for such events as dances.

It is hoped that the calendar will be on sale before the end of this month. The announcement also states that the calendar idea has been successful on other campuses, and that the sale will be organized throughout the city as well as at Dalhousie.

## Frosh Get Mad; Want Own Rep

The freshman class, generally thought of as babes in arms, is now up in arms about its Council representative. At a meeting held last week, the green ones became quite indignant when they made the discovery that Helen Scammell, Arts IV, was their only voice in student government. "What was good enough for you is not good enough for us", was the general theme of the meeting, although they attempted to make clear to outnumbered Helen that nothing personal was intended.

What the frosh describe as "a contrary few", about thirty of the seventy at the meeting, thought things should be left as they are, but the meeting carried a motion calling for a change in the Student Body Constitution. The fact that the class numbers about three hundred, and that they have yet to elect an executive, did not phrase them in the least. "We're here at last", was the cry, "and what's more, we're on our own". Anyone of more than two weeks' stay on the campus is invited to sit back and watch the revolution.

## HEY THERE!

Yes, you with the holes in your head. Maybe you don't realize it, but this university of ours spends a considerable amount of money every year improving the appearance of the campus. It comes from your fees.

So? So the idea is that you are respectfully asked to keep your over-size clodhoppers and dainty glass slippers off the lawns. The football field is for football, not for shortcuts. The grass on the way to English II is purely ornamental, in common with the similar growth elsewhere. Please keep off it, everywhere. If you don't — Sh-Boom!

## To Cast Play For Festival

Casting for a one-act play will open dramatic activities for the year, Graham Day, D.G.D.S. president, announced yesterday. The play, Lord Byron's Love Letter, by Tennessee Williams, will be directed by Dave Peel, Law I, and will be Dal's entry in the Inter-University Drama Festival.

Next Monday evening, Oct. 18, at seven o'clock, anyone and everyone interested in appearing in the play is asked to be in the West Common Room of the Men's Residence. There are only four parts in this character drama by the author of A Streetcar Named Desire, but since this is the only dramatic production before Christmas, the D.G.D.S. expects a good turnout at the casting rehearsal.

The I.U.D.F. this year will be operating without the participation of one of its founders, Acadia University. Dave Peel, Festival chairman, received Acadia's withdrawal last week. Besides Dal and King's, entries are expected from St. Francis Xavier, St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent, with the presentation date set as November 6th in Halifax. Active interest in the Festival has been expressed by members of the Nova Scotia Drama League, which will be meeting at Dalhousie on the same date. Adjudicator for the one-act plays of the several colleges will be Mr. Donald Wetmore of the Department of Education, a recognized drama critic.

## New D. R. C. Head Plans CJCH

Colin MacKenzie, Law I, was appointed this year's president of the Dalhousie Radio Committee at a meeting of the executive held last week. Colin, a graduate of St. F.X., has had considerable radio experience with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at CBI, Sydney.

Russ Hatton and Dave Peel reported on plans being made with Len Chapple of the production staff of station CJCH. The next D.R.C. in co-operation with the Glee Club, expects to produce a series of seventeen weekly programmes, beginning in November. The show, to be aired at 7.30 on Saturdays, will be the first all musical programme to originate from Dal in several years. Choral numbers will be under the direction of Graham Day, D.G.D.S. president.

A general meeting of all students interested in the Radio Committee will be held in the Men's Residence tomorrow at noon. Plans will be discussed for a show over Halifax's CBC station, CBH, during the winter.

## Students Demand Action Tomorrow

Up to now you, the student body, have begged, pleaded, griped and grumbled about the canteen and what have you accomplished? Nothing. What you've never done is to show a unified spirit about anything. Every bit of that unity and more will be needed in the coming "now or never" drive to get your rightful due. There will be talk, of course, but when the talk is over you must back it up with acts when you're called upon.

Can there be any doubt in your's or anybody's mind that the canteen is a disgrace? Year after year the paper is plagued with complaints . . . year after year promises to do something about it fill election time air, but to date nothing has ever been done.

For the benefit of you who are attending Dalhousie for the first time it might be well to give you a brief resume of what has been said and done about this disgrace during the past few years.

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Thus the resolution appearing below will be presented to the Students' Council tonight, October 13. If it is approved by the Council a committee will approach Dr. Kerr on Thursday morning and demand, not request, that the suggestions in the resolution be incorporated into concrete improvements within 10 days. There have been enough broken promises and worm-eaten campaign planks. This time we mean business . . . this time if we all stick together we'll get what we want . . . all we have to do is stand as a body behind our Council. The time has at last come when the officials of the

## Boss Burstall Back; Beams on Body

"As you in the incoming year prepare to continue your scholastic endeavours, any well wishing and cheers for myself seem superfluous. However, to all students of Dalhousie, I would sincerely express my hopes for the year.

The commencement of any academic year if full of prophecies and glorious hopes, which the labours of the year tend to dim. If, as a student body, with each taking his part in the extra-curricular activities, we work together for the best interests of the student body, I feel that perhaps some of these fond hopes might survive.

Remember, as the twig is bent, so grows the tree — the choice is yours."  
(signed) VICTOR F. BURSTALL,  
President,  
Council of the Students

university will have to recognize the student body as a force which is not to be played with. We're no longer little boys timidly approaching the headmaster begging his favours . . . we're men demanding our rights.

The meaning of the headline should not be clear. You've continually demanded improvements . . . your requests have been continually ignored. Finally a definite plan for improvement has been conceived in the resolution which will work only if you'll back your Council to the finish. Now is the time to "put up" or henceforth let us never hear of the issue again, that is, "shut-up".

## ... Your Move

WHEREAS the sole franchise for supplying food and books to the students of Dalhousie University is apparently held by Mr. Roy Atwood.

AND WHEREAS the students of the university are in effect obliged to frequent the canteen and bookstore situate in the Men's Residence.

AND WHEREAS the services offered to the students by these facilities are grossly inadequate having reached the point where they have become a disgrace to the university and an insult to the dignity of the student.

AND WHEREAS both equipment and space are available for the expansion and improvement of the present facilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT action be immediately taken to insure that the following suggestions are put into effect:

1. That a cafeteria be substituted for the present canteen and that the space presently occupied by the horseshoe counter be fitted with suitable furniture for the consumption of meals.
2. That should that space prove inadequate, provisions be made for the consumption of meals in the East Common Room.
3. That the premises receive a sorely needed coat of paint.
4. That more adequate sanitary precautions be adopted: for example, the use of dish towels be avoided, food particles and lipstick stains be removed from the dishes, the sugar and silverware be kept in covered containers, etc.
5. That these, or any other such improvements in place of them as may prove satisfactory to the Students' Council, be effected on or before the 20th day of October, A. D. 1954.
6. That henceforth the manager of the canteen make himself available from time to time to discuss with a duly constituted committee of students for that purpose any further suggestions for improvement which may be brought forward.