

LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND GANG!



Editorial

Why They Did Not Come Back

Last week the students held their second Alumni Homecoming. It was not a success; together with a black week-end in sports it reduced student activity to an all-time low.

What are the facts? There are, in Halifax alone, two thousand Dalhousie alums. There are approximately three thousand more, most of whom live in eastern Canada. On two occasions, well in advance of the week-end, every alumnus was individually circularized by the Council Committee in charge of the Homecoming. In addition to this there was a large quantity of miscellaneous publicity, including, we are informed, notices in the Alumni "News", which every alumnus receives. In spite of this, only forty-two were interested enough to appear.

On Saturday about forty students and eleven alums braved the weather and appeared at the football game at Wanderers; an even smaller number graced Studley. No doubt the lack of student support was just as bad (if not worse) as the alumni showing—perhaps both are symptoms of the same illness—but we are here concerned with the alumni Homecoming. Why should so few alumni take the trouble to appear when it would have been so little trouble for so many of them, and when one would expect them to have some interest in the affairs of their alma mater?

This is a liberal University of some renown. We are not concerned, at the moment, with the fact that we cannot produce the top teams that lesser institutions produce, or with the fact that the vast majority of our students display no interest in the affairs of the University. But bearing this in mind it may be less surprising to find that we can expect even less success in interesting members of the Alumni than it would be if we make the mistake of thinking of them as the normal produce of a normal University.

We may as well face the fact that the vast majority of the Alumni do not wish to revisit the University, either once a year or once every two years. They will probably remain equally undisturbed if even at ten-year intervals no invitation is extended. The reason for this must be found in their period of study at the University; it cannot be found anywhere else.

In search of enlightenment we spent some time questioning students as to their opinions on the subject. Were they happy at Dal? Would they return to an Alumni Homecoming? Would they leave with fond memories of the old school? In most cases the answer was an emphatic "No". Nor have we discovered any good reason for believing that this state of affairs was never very different. The students of today are in much the same boat as was occupied by their predecessors; their existence here, except for the classroom or library, is largely off the Campus. Most students remain only for one reason—to get their degree and then leave as soon as decency and the regulations of the University permit.

The life of a student as a student is not one calculated to arouse enthusiasm—at least, not here. That product of community life which is generally referred to as "college spirit" does not exist at Dal because there is no community life to produce it. Those intrepid souls who do venture into the extra-curricular activities of the student body receive no thanks and copious quantities of blame for anything they do. The remainder (sensibly, perhaps) employ themselves in their spare time outside the University.

If we conclude, then, that most students do not enjoy their stay at the University very much, and have no desire to return once they depart with a degree, it is less surprising (if no less disappointing) that we have sustained such a defeat in the task of interesting the alumni in the lighter side of University endeavour.

It cannot be a question of blaming anyone. The Committee did everything that could be done; presumably the University did what it could to help, and the Alumni Association placed its facilities at our disposal. The fault, if it lies anywhere, lies with the apathy and lack of interest that are as much a part of this University as the buildings.

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HOMECOMING FLOPS

IMPORTANT

The Students' Council requests that all students who attend Acadia this weekend act in a manner befitting their status, and that there be no damage or unnecessary disturbances.

Only Forty-Seven Alumni at Week-End of Special Events

Last weekend the events for Dalhousie's second Homecoming were presented. The idea behind Homecoming week was to encourage the Alumni to return for a few days to their Alma Mater to renew old friendships and refresh their memories. With this idea in mind a schedule of events was drawn up that would, it was thought, prove attractive and interesting to former Dalhousians.

A total of roughly eight thousand have graduated from Dalhousie and of this number almost two thousand live in the Halifax area. Yet only 46 alumni registered for the event of the Homecoming.

A breakdown of this figure shows that 42 were residents of Halifax and immediate vicinity. The other four were from Yarmouth, Lunenburg, Springhill and Asbestos, Quebec. This latter Alumni was in Halifax at the time and decided to attend some of the functions while he was in town.

Nine out of the 46 alumni who registered attended the Canadian Football game.

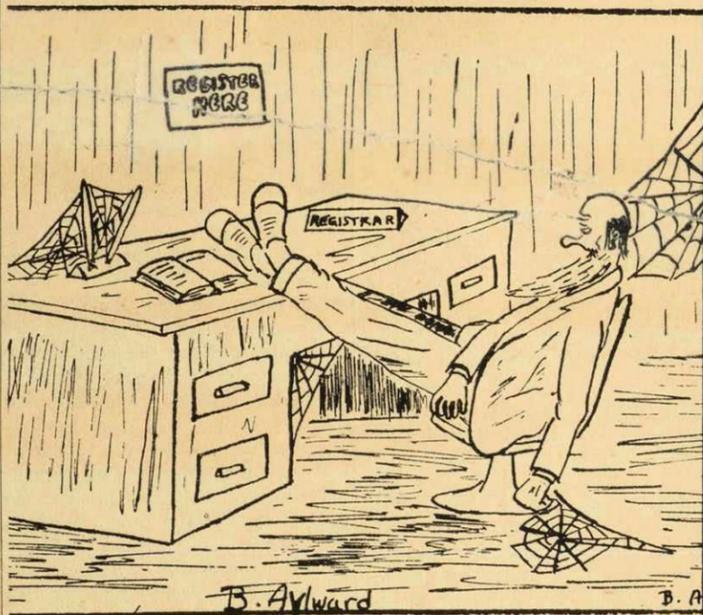
Attendance at some of the other events was comparatively better, nearly fifty alumni turning up for the smoker on Thursday evening.

At most of the Homecoming events, however, the alumni were noticeable by their absence.

Dalhousie students turned out in fairly large numbers to most of the functions, and from this point of view most of the Homecoming events were a moderate success.

Approximately six hundred attended the performance of the Inter-collegiate Drama Festival and the same number were at the Dal-Q.E.H.S. basketball game.

Homecoming Registration



Homecoming Highlights

The ribbon, cut by Hon. H. Connolly at the official opening of the rink, was bid for and secured by O'Brien (of gym fame) at the rink rat dance, who presented it to Mrs. A. E. Kerr later that evening.

Congratulations to Professors H. R. Theakston and A. F. Chisholm for going out of their way the day of the rink opening to paint lines in hopes of having the rink ready for the student display.

The alumnus from Asbestos, Quebec, ended up at Dal because he was in town for a wedding and figured it was worth it.

The cutting of the ribbon for the formal rink opening was accompanied with neither cheers nor clapping. Must have been surprised to see the ribbon cut so easily.

Serenading of the girls after the Smoker was the least enthusiastic serenading in years. The main body of the delegation stayed for five minutes, then left, and only a handful did the serenading.

Congratulations to the Homecoming committee chairman, Pete Doig, Arpy Robertson, Gretchen Fraser and Strat Poulos, for the effort put into the program.

The Homecoming committee mailed a notice of the Homecoming to 6,934 alumni. Then mailed 4,900 follow up post cards.

This Week-end

Friday—Pep Rally—7 p.m. "Hay Fever"

Saturday—Rugby at Acadia Football at Wanderers Soccer at Studley

Monday—"Hay Fever"

Wednesday—S.C.M.

Next Friday—Boilermakers' Ball

No Cheer Leaders No Band, No Win

Wednesday afternoon the Dalhousie Rugby team played Acadia in the first of two games for the Nova Scotia championship.

A fair number of Dalhousie students turned out to watch the game, but a bigger crowd would have been expected for this event.

There was no band present at this game and the cheerleaders were also absent.

What is the matter with the people who are running things at this college that they neglect to have cheerleaders and a band at a game which, if it had been won, could have resulted in Dal having a good chance at copping the championship. As it was what cheering there was was quite disorganized and of little inspirational value to the team.

It is planned to have both band and cheerleaders at the Canadian football game against Stadacona Saturday. Thus they will appear at Acadia in the final game of the series.

Dalhousie and Acadia have been natural rivals for years, and it is shameful that the band and cheerleaders did not put in an appearance at the game Wednesday. The same thing is to be repeated Saturday at the Acadia home field, where the Dal team will have little enough support. This is certainly poor organization.

Canadian Football

DAL vs. STAD

Saturday

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THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN

Tomorrow morning, at eleven o'clock, we will all pause in whatever we are doing to bow our heads in remembrance of those who died that we might live.

During this moment of reverent silence, marking the thirty-second anniversary of the end of the First World War, we should think just what was accomplished for us by those who died.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918 the first global conflict came to an end. The spectre of a war involving the whole world was still fresh in the minds of all, and on that morning the people of the democratic world really thought that they had just fought the War to end wars.

The last manifestations of imperialistic nationalism, it was thought, had perished in the ruins of the crumbling Austro-Hungarian and German Empires. Now, it was believed, there was nobody who had not what he wants. The only threat to world order, it was felt, was Communism, which has found re-birth in Russia when that country was disorganized by the impact of the Industrial Revolution—but the Bolsheviks, while not gentlemen, would surely never dare to threaten the world.

This belief persisted, and Chamberlain said, with all sincerity, when he stood on the threshold of a greater conflict. "Peace in Our Time".

The War of 1939-1945 was not a war to end wars, but a war to contain the growth of an anti-democratic, unchristian ideology which, coupled with nationalism, raged throughout Europe for over a decade, crushing everything democratic. A return to the dark ages seemed imminent. Those who fought and died in the Second World War saved the world from a danger far greater than that which confronted the world in 1914.

At the present time men are dying in Asia to contain yet another vile ideology: Russian nationalism using Pan-Slavian and Communism as its tools, has posed a still greater threat to the Western World.

There are some who feel that the sacrifices of those who died that civilization might survive, had sacrificed in vain. This is far from true; and, while as yet we do not have peace in the world, many of the greatest advances in well being of the individual were made in the interval between the wars. Democracy remained free to develop itself, uncontaminated by foreign ideology, and, most of all, the hope of mankind remained undimmed. The future may be dark, but the sacrifice of those who died may serve as an example to us who remain, and we may face the future confident in the knowledge of our moral strength.

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Grains of Sand

In this great Canada of ours there is a mighty river that drains the Rocky Mountains and flows through the flat lands of the prairies. In the spring of the year when the ice and snow is melted with the rain, the water rises to dangerous heights, threatening the towns and cities along its course. The inhabitants of those communities, as a yearly chore, throw great amounts of sand against the course of the river, to protect themselves from its raging waters. Then as the sun dries up the water, they look in comfort and security at their dykes, marvelling at the feats of their handiwork. They know that each year the pattern of events will be repeated, and each year they build bigger dykes, fearful of the day when the swirling waters will be too strong for their dykes of sand to hold, and will break through, destroying the advances of civilization.

The angry torrents of the river can be compared to the regular on-sweep of war: one can compare, too, the individual grains of sand to the privates, the craftsmen, and the seamen of our fighting forces, thrown into battle to dyke the flood. Some are washed away, never to return, and others remain to stem the tide on its next advance. The fallen soldier realizes, in the lonely hour of death, that his death will mean no more than the uncountable numbers that have preceded him, and that man will never know peace on the face of the earth.

And, although at times, the course of war has been stymied and the people of the world settle back into a false security, the mutterings of its awful might are soon heard again; the world awaits in fear and trepidation, lest the next holocaust prove too much for its arms to contain, and scourge life all over the globe.

Tomorrow is set aside for remembering the dead of our man-made wars. In conjunction with the remembrance of them, prayers will be raised for the continuance of peace which this generation has never known. For idle talk and propagandizing does not produce any practical results. In this year, 1950, when the grass is just beginning to grow luxurious on the graves in Holland and Belgium, new sod is being turned in Korea to cover the fruits of a new "war to preserve peace." And foolish men the world over praise a war that was started to prevent wars.

It is the dead of such wars we remember tomorrow. Whether we believe their labor in vain or the fruits of their victory within our easy grasp we must bow in humility before their sacrifice.

G. E. C.

"Remembrance Day"

To fewer and fewer Canadians, as the years pass, does 11th November bring back personal memories of that historic date in 1918. But though the ranks of these become ever thinner, there is good reason why the anniversary should continue to be kept with reverence and zeal. In the thirty-two years since the event it recalls, the younger generation have witnessed, at least twice, a scene which, for them, gives meaning to the annual tribute named by the older "Remembrance Day".

The menace victoriously confronted by those of whom we now think as heroes and martyrs of the First World War was the same in essence which, at like fearful cost, was overcome in the Second. Once again it is darkening the international horizon now, and while every resource of negotiation is being invoked to avoid a Third, the warning from London, from Paris, from Washington is unmistakable—that if such diplomacy again fails to stop aggression, it will be again stopped by force. Such has become the burden of every recent pronouncement by western leaders.

In 1914, when the diplomatic preliminaries of the First World War were in progress, the aggressor counted on sacrifice of justice rather than acceptance of battle by the peace-loving democratic Powers. It was a miscalculation. Twenty-five years later, not even the memory of this mistake, and of the price paid for committing it, was enough to prevent its being repeated. Again the challenge was met and resistance was victorious, but at a terrific cost which it is the legitimate pride of the democracies that they refused to count till the cause of justice had been won. As we read now the bulletins about Korea, we may well think of the plight of Poland in 1939 and that of Belgium in 1914: it is the same old picture of falsehood, cruelty, mania for imperial expansion in contempt of the simple virtues of fairness and good faith.

That there were faults on both sides in 1914 and in 1939 (as indeed always in complicated international dispute) does not affect the plain obligation to remember how the central value at stake was that of Justice contemptuously derided by Power. What is now being done "behind the Iron Curtain", excused and even commended on grounds such as Bethmann-Hollweg put forward in 1914 and Ribbentrop in 1939, presents essentially the same challenge. That it can and will, if needful, be met again unflinchingly as before, is a warning in our celebration of Remembrance Day to an aggressor who thinks of risking again the same defiance to international morals. In the Moscow of 1950 it should waken memories—very different from those it stirs in London, in Paris, in Washington, but no less timely.

Canadians look back with well justified gratitude to those of their own country who, a generation ago, won for Canada an altogether new place in the esteem of the world by the great national venture in a noble cause. But it is not of the statesmen who made the decisions of policy (much as we rightly honor them), it is of the soldiers and sailors and airmen whose tireless effort and dauntless courage carried out this high resolve that the anniversary brings chief remembrance. On that great roll there are a great many homes the kindred of those who thus brought new honor to "the Little College by the Sea" recall at this season the details of that proud story. Whatever changes time has brought or may bring in institutional machinery, may the spirit of those days continue to inspire. It is with this in mind that Remembrance Day should be kept at Dalhousie.

Dr. H. L. Stewart.

The Cost of War

In the Preamble of UNESCO are the words: "Wars begin in the minds of men." Heredity and environment are the formative influences of the mind and much of a person's environment is centered around his education. The university exists as a training ground for the mind and thus students find themselves in a strategic position. Students and professors have a challenge to work together so that

the seeds of prejudice and misunderstanding will not arise.

In warfare two kinds of cost appear: the cost in human lives and the cost in materials. Students and educational institutions suffer greatly on both counts. Total war is today accompanied by total destruction as demonstrated by the A-bomb and as promised by the H-bomb, and by total extermination.

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Those Who Have Served

Dalhousie's contributions in the two World Wars has been exceptional when one realizes the relatively small number of students. In the 1st World War, five hundred and eighty enlisted; there were sixty-seven on the Honour Roll and forty-four were awarded distinctions. The students remaining on the campus took part in many patriotic activities, particularly the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross. A complete Hospital Unit was sent overseas, organized, equipped and staffed by Dalhousie. The physical campus suffered badly in the 1917 explosion, but payment in full, over \$20,000 came from the Carnegie Corporation.

In the 2nd World War, there were one thousand, five hundred and fifty-six enlistments; there were seventy-seven on the Honour Roll; no accurate data has been compiled on the number of distinctions awarded. During the 1st World War, the Army was in the forefront, but in the recent holocaust the roll of the Air Force and of the Navy played an extremely important part. In addition women were permitted to serve, not on active duty, but they were important in releasing men for combat. Many attained distinction in their field.

The WRCNS, WACS, and WDS all had Dalhousie students among their ranks; and in both wars a very important part was played by the nurses.

The above-mentioned things are only very incomplete statistical data. The percentage of men and women serving, the records of distinction in the Second War—and above all, the personal element is

missing. Does anyone know of outstanding deeds of heroism, that went quietly unrewarded, or of others that did receive distinction, but of which Dal has no record? Are there no records kept except of numbers and names? Back in 1916 there was agitation to perpetuate the records of Dalhousians in that war, but was anything ever done? Thirty-four years later and still nothing has been done. Oh, yes, we know approximately how many enlisted, and how many died, but that only makes human beings into ciphers. How many students returned to the university, or how many went back to normal life, and tried to prove that victory was worthwhile, and that those who died fell not in vain.

For the honour of the university, the encouragement of those living, and in respectful appreciation to those who died, a history must be prepared—a book that will be read and re-read; a tome sparing none of the anguish and anxiety, with no glossing of the fight for freedom; a text containing the message of hope. Let this be done, lest we forget.

(Footnote—Statistics were compiled from the Alumni News, April

Swan Song

I am not alone my love. I remember you who are my wife and here in this broken land you walk beside me. The life we knew in all its beauty still lives with me and as I walk the same fields at night our fathers walked. I remember still I see the graves of the Marne and now again the bullets sing their song of death. Am I afraid to die? Only in that I lose all that we have known. All that we held so cherished. And the worst pain for all is that it may be in vain. I can't help feeling this, when I recall that other war. We are but the puppets of destiny, the sacrifice of human frailty.

Last week they awarded me the cross for bravery. It makes me laugh. Courage! There is no such thing. Don't let them say that we do not know fear. We feel the panic and when the times comes to do the brave deed it is but an automatic reflex, and not valour that guides us. The blood we see, the convictions of right we have, the resignation to our fate is all that drives us on.

Be proud my love. Remember me if I should not return. Be happy in your memories and drain your life of all the good you can. Know that I have known why I died, as our fathers knew. Not for a flag but for a selfish reason which to ignore is but hypocrisy. I died that you might live out your life in peace. May my hopes too, not be in vain.

Student Forum Thursday

It was announced at last night's meeting of the Students' Council that there would be a Students' Forum next Thursday in the gym.

For new students who do not know the Constitution, a Students' Forum is a giant meeting of students where the main issues of the day are discussed openly and all attending are invited to give their opinions.

This year's forum should be attended by everybody, for the need to air out student activities is pressing in the light of the appalling apathy evident today.

'43-Oct. '45, Oct. '46; and various of the Presidents' Reports, with the kind assistance of Dr. Harvey of the N. S. Archives.)

In Memoriam

Far from the glittering city
The tramp of feet I hear
The men of battle passing
Their way is bleak and drear.

The battle songs have left their lips
The glow has left their eyes
And somnolescently they march
To meet Death in disguise.

Where are men whose footsteps once
Resounded through these halls
We saw them laugh, and wave goodbye.
Dull pictures on the walls,
They went a thousand miles from home,
To fight a foe and die.
And now a thousand miles from home.
In foreign lands they lie.
They took each bloody beachhead
And mile by mile they crawled
Across a blazing continent
Their thoughts by death appalled.
France, Greece—the ancient landmarks,
They passed with sightless eyes
And feet that followed only
A dim and distant prize.
They sweated in the engine rooms,
In deadly fear they fought,
In prison camps and fox-holes
The Peace was dearly bought.

Red are the fields across the earth
For poppies and blood are red,
And Flanders Fields hold but a few
Of a hundred thousand dead!

The Cost of War -- Continued

tion as at Belsen and Dachau. Schools and universities are destroyed; libraries are wrecked by air and land bombardment; students' lives are lost.

Four thousand of the University of Warsaw's nine thousand students in 1945 had been in concentration camps, compulsory labor camps, prisoner of war camps or in the resistance movement. Sixty percent of their professors had during the war. Much of their plant was destroyed.

There were 14,000 students in Holland when war broke out. More than half were in the resistance movement, of whom 1,000 died. Three thousand other students were captured for compulsory labor.

Of the 8,800 students at the University of Belgrade in 1940, 4,478 lost their lives.

The student body of today looks at the war and sees the cost in relation to himself and to his fellow students. The cost of keeping alive is peace. Can we afford that?

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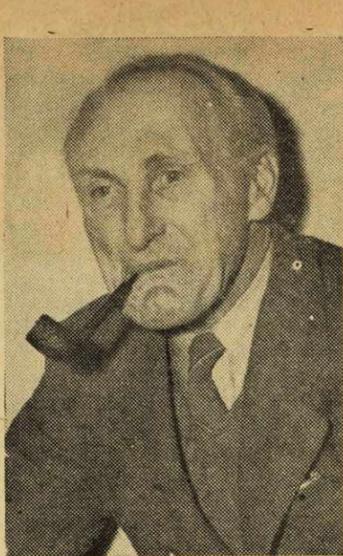
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CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Judith Bliss (Jane Clow) descends the stairs to find her husband, David (Lee Crowell) in the embrace of another woman, Myra (Barbara McColough). The scene which follows is a dramatic explosion. —Photo by Marshall



H. Leslie Pigot, director of *Hay Fever*, who has added another laurel to his garland of well-directed plays. Mr. Pigot has been with Dal for many years, and has been untiring in his efforts to help and improve student productions.



NOT CAUGHT IN THE ACT—"Nice weather we've been having". Richard (Robin McNeil) weekend guest, is doing his best to resist the advances of his hostess, Judith Bliss (Jane Clow), in the absence of the other members of the household and other guests. —Photo by Marshall

"Hay Fever" Presented by Glee Club to Appreciative Student Audience In Gym

"The best and most humorous production presented in the Dal Gym in many a day." With those words a member of the student audience summed up his feelings as he prepared to leave the Gymnasium after the performance of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever", presented this week by the Glee Club. He may possibly have exaggerated the merits of the performance, but it was, all in all, a good one.

Directed by H. Leslie Pigot, the play joins the series of his successes with the Glee and Dramatic Society over the last six years. The play itself concerns a theatrical family and its guests during a weekend at the family's country home. The family consists of a retired actress' mother, a novelist father, and an artistic son and daughter. Each of the family, having invited a guest of the opposite sex for the weekend, subsequently leaves the guest to his or her own devices, as a family quarrel breaks out. As the quarrel subsides, the mother discovers, one by one, each of her family in a compromising position with someone else's guest. Believing the worst, she embarrasses the guests to such an extent that each one makes a more or less hurried exit, leaving the family to resume its normal life.

Jane Clow as "Judith", the mother, turned in a remarkable performance. Her effort was one of the most admirable, if not the most admirable, of the production. She was required to remember far more than any other member of the cast, quite apart from the fact that she had a difficult role to play. She had to be an actress within an already-played part—a feat which requires untold ability. She was required to play her prime role and yet very often throughout the evening, to enliven her voice with even more inflexions and more meaning in her second and almost equally important role. As a newcomer to Dalhousie, and, indeed, to drama itself, she deserves the highest praise.

Bernie Keeler, who played the role of the rather comical, changeable artist-son of the family, was not outstanding. He possesses,

however, a clear, rich, expressive voice, which is an asset to any player—likewise to any play—and could be heard easily and distinctly at all times from the farthest side of the Gymnasium. His good performances were generally done in bits. He did not maintain the desirable, consistent, level of good acting throughout, and rather tended to give forth his best in uneven spurts and starts.

Norma Messenger's part was not great, but what she played was played well. Considering the quality and not the quantity of her lines, she was the best actress of the evening. Her voice was at times too high pitched, but even its high pitch was thoroughly in keeping with that of the comical, fussy little scullery maid, whose role she played. She was the most enjoyable, most entirely humorous character within the entire comedy.

Barbara McColough as Myra, one of the weekend visitors, was often too vague. Her stage appearance was good; her entrances and exits could not have been improved upon. She lacked personality, however, and possessed a disagreeable "sameness" throughout the play which left room for improvement.

Joanne Murphy's performances as Jackie, another visitor, was not the best. Throughout, one was always totally aware that she was acting. It was difficult ever to think of her as Jackie because she could never quite keep up with her role. She was always essentially Joanne Murphy, and as a result seemed to lack that necessary realism. The effect may, however, have been largely due to a lack of experience and it is quite possible that the same actress who, it must be remembered, is a newcomer, may indeed prove an asset to the dramatic Society in the future.

Margo MacLaren was good. Her voice possessed a weak and broken unsteady effect early in the play, but she gained an admirable amount of fine stage presence, charm, and matter-of-fact good acting, as the evening progressed, which at times almost

made the play. Her performance this year left little to be desired.

Lee Crowell was excellent. He spoke his lines throughout with an ease and dignity which seemed to suit him to a "T", the personality of the rather quiet, retiring novelist portrayed. He could by no means have been better.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the evening was the well done part of Sandy, played by Edwin Rubin. Wednesday night was Rubin's first appearance on the Dal stage, and it is sincerely hoped that it will not be his last. His voice was low, but plain and full at all times, and indeed, he performed with an easy dignity and dramatic quality worthy of highest commendation.

Robin McNeil was fairly good although his performance was, to sum, somewhat of a disappointment after the excellence of his last year's presentation in *Othello*. Robin's stage appearance was not good, principally because his face was made up so poorly as to be almost humorous when a humorous effect was certainly not desired. Robin's dramatic effort, even at its worst, however, it not bad—it is just that his role was a rather sympathetic, shallow one, perhaps not worthy of his ability.

Directing "Hay Fever" was H. Leslie Pigot, who has produced so many other top-notch pieces of entertainment for Dalhousie audiences in the past. The extent to which he was responsible for the general smooth flowingness of last Wednesday night's performance can hardly be over-estimated. Mr. Pigot has added another to his long line of successes at Dalhousie.

"Hay Fever" brought to a close the Glee Club's dramatic activities for this portion of the term. All seem with one accord to agree that although both productions (this and "The Marriage Proposal") have not been perfect in the sense that professional productions are sometimes perfect, they have held their own among first productions of the past at Dalhousie and have certainly succeeded in fulfilling our early hopes in something close approaching amateur excellence.

Maritime Universities Present Inter-Collegiate Drama Festival

By BETTY LIVINGSTONE

"Superb."

That was the way the large crowd of students and Alumni, who all but filled the gymnasium despite bad weather, described the four one-act plays presented by the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Drama Festival on last Saturday evening.

After a few words of welcome to Alumni by Student's Council President Sherman Zwicker, the curtain was raised at 8 o'clock to the King's College Robertson Davies presentation "Eros At Breakfast". The voices of actors Donald Trivett, Lloyd Gesner, Donald Clark and Charles Collis were excellent and the mysterious atmosphere desired, even though costumes were few and stage settings at a minimum, carried throughout.

Next came Dalhousie's humorous "Marriage Proposal"—one of the best pieces of dramatic entertainment, it was agreed, ever to have been presented by Dalhousie players. Directed by Professor C. L. Bennett, it possessed the perfect character-portrayal of the best of Glee Club Shakespearean productions and the thoroughly humorous atmosphere of the most enjoyable of Glee Club comedies.

Al McMahan, Natasha Coffin, and Robin McNeil, all "veteran" actors to some extent, put forth a truly remarkable display of first-rate talent. Acadia University's "Twelve Pound Look" was, too, a delightfully humorous production. Norma Hatfield, who played Acadia's role of "Kate", succeeded in giving her part the care-free air it demanded. Frances Collins, Robert Dow, and even butler Leslie Loomer were excellent.

Lastly, Mount Allison University presented W. S. Milne's "Lampshade". The dreary atmosphere and ghostly lines given by players Ian MacMillan, Shirley Meisner, and George Stark were "first-

class". The portrayals were remarkable, producing every moment the spine-tingling effect desired.

The theme of the Inter-Collegiate Drama Group has been, since its inauguration last March, "co-operative rather than competitive" dramatic endeavour but, had last Saturday's performance been "competitive", it would have been almost impossible to have chosen a "best" presentation.

The purpose of the Festival, as stated last March, is "to open up new avenues of fraternalism, giving all a keener insight into what may be accomplished in the field of inter-university co-operation . . ." At that time it was decided that the Festival, as stated last March, is "to open up new avenues of fraternalism, giving all a keener insight into what may be accomplished in the field of inter-university co-operation . . ." At that time it was decided that the Festival would be held during the first week-end of November of each year and, even before the audience had shuffled from the gymnasium, this year's players were discussing plans for next November's performances.

"Eros At Breakfast", "Marriage Proposal", "Twelve Pound Look", and "Lampshade" were presented at Acadia on Friday, November 3 and at Mount A. on last night, November 6. At Acadia and at Mount A., admission to the Festival for both students and outsiders was 50c but, through the generosity of the Students' Council, who paid the difference, Dalhousie students paid 25c only.

CBC To Send Greetings

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has announced that West Indian students attending Dalhousie University will be able to send Christmas messages to their friends and relatives in the Caribbean through the facilities of the C.B.C. International Service.

The message will be recorded at the studios in Halifax early next week, and rebroadcast over the

various West Indian radio stations on Christmas Eve.

This service applies to students from Jamaica, Barbados, British Guiana, and Trinidad.

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL SQUAD TO MEET NAVY TOMORROW

Bridge, Reception Part Homecoming

The Alumni Homecoming, from the lady graduates point of view, got under way Thursday evening with a bridge at Sherriff Hall. There were twelve tables in all. Mrs. R. W. Ballem took first prize, a box of chocolates, while Mrs. C. A. Aucoin walked off with the booby prize, which was a cup and saucer. Refreshments were served. Before the lady grads departed they were serenaded by a group of anonymous gentlemen. The success of Thursday night's bridge was due to the efforts of Gretchen Fraser, Sally Newman and Barbara Lohnes.

A reception at Sherriff Hall,

Dal Swim Team Gets Workouts

The Dal Boys will have a swimming team again this year. They have not had one for two years now. They will work out with the girls on Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30 p.m. The meet will be held at Acadia, March 8th.

Back from last year's Maritime Champion Girls' Team are Jean Titus, manager, and Joanne Beaubien, and there are many promising freshettes, according to Coach Al Trepanier. Gay Esdale is out trying for the berth as diver.

Among the boys there is much promising talent and who knows—we might even beat U.N.B. this year. For the boys there are Bob Cook, Bermuda Olympic Team Member; Vaughan Baird, for diver, Joel Christianson, Randy Erdman, Doug Clancy and Jack Lane.

Let's see everyone out — the more the merrier and also, the more the better team.

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following the religious service in the Gymnasium, brought the Homecoming to a close on Sunday afternoon. In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Kerr, Col. and Mrs. K. C. Laurie, Peter Doig, Chairman of the Homecoming Committee and Sherman Zwicker, President of the Council of Students. The reception made a suitable closing for the Homecoming.

Saturday

Football at Wanderers

Rugby at Acadia

Soccer at Studley
10.00 a.m.

Plagued by Injuries Tigers To Meet League Leaders

Tomorrow, the Canadia Tigers are to meet Stad in what may be their last appearance on the gridiron this year.

In last week's against a much stronger team, will require even more of that little something that was missing last week.

Dalhousie Canadian Football Team



BATTERED BUT UNBOWED: Riddled with injuries the Dalhousie Tigers are about to complete an unlucky series. Back, left to right, Coach Vitalone, Gordie McCoy, Scott Henderson, John Nichols, Reg Cluney, Ed Kinley, Bill Haley, Rusty McLean, Don Stewart, Bob Inglis, Pete Mingo; center, Doug Oakley, Marcel Plonde, Jerry Regan, Fred Lang, Randy Eardman, Strat Paulos, Tom Bellivue, Angus MacLean, Jim McEwan; front, left to right, Andy MacKay, Dave Jannigan, John Wright, George Smith, Don Good, Chick Fancy, Dave Bryson, Bill MacReady, Bud Gregory.

—Photo by Marshall

Debaters Attend MIDL Conference

The Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League Conference was held Nov. 3 at U.N.B.

Miss Jacqueline Webster of U.N.B. as president of M.I.D.L. presided over the conference. After welcoming the delegates she introduced the President of U.N.B., Dr. A. W. Trueman. His remarks dwelt on the importance of Debating, strongly urging it as a highly effective self-improving weapon. Mr. Ronald Stevenson welcomed the gathering in the name of the students.

In setting out to draw up this year's plans, the conference body first heard the minutes of last year's M.I.D.L. conference. After a brief review of activities the delegates turned to the debating schedule as such. A committee, appointed for this purpose, brought

in this year's debating time-table. Dalhousie will partake in four intercollegiate debates this year. Two of them are scheduled before Christmas with one of these away. Exact date and time of each debate will be announced by Sodales.

Of the recommendations made, an invitation to join M.I.D.L. was extended to the three New Brunswick French Universities and the Memorial in St. John's Newfoundland. Feasibility of the plan is left up to study of the universities interested. October 20 instead of November 10 has been chosen as the latest date to hold the M.I.D.L. conference. This noteworthy change will allow more time for the member universities to carry out their respective programmes. Modern techniques such as recorders, loud speakers, radio are being readily incorporated in debating activities.

Editorial -- Why They Did Not Come Back

(Continued from page one)

The question should not be reduced to one of giving up the idea altogether. The question—and it is a question for a Student Forum—should rather be one of modifications in next year's program. A more modest program should be prepared—at least, a less expensive one. Perhaps it should be held less frequently. Such reductions in the program can be continued until the Alumni show that their interest in the University extends somewhat further than the badminton, squash and (now) skating facilities placed at their disposal. When the time comes, the program can be increased again.

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Whatever modifications are made in the progress, however, the problem is the same. Even if the Homecoming is done away with altogether, the problem remains. Something is radically wrong with our setup when the members of the University, both past and present, display so little interest in it.

It will be a difficult subject to deal with in a Forum. A better method of approaching the subject—which has always been a touchy one—might be found in the appointment of a Council Committee to prepare a report for a Forum. A series of alternative proposals should be presented to the meeting, as regards the Homecoming at least.

Hope, it is said, springs eternal, and should the Homecoming be continued indefinitely it may not be too much to hope that in a few decades, we ourselves may return with gray hairs to the scene of our undergraduate indiscretions and find, not only a few contemporaries to keep us company, but even the students, turned out to welcome their guests.

Doctor Alexander Heard In Society Canada Series

Dr. Alexander, former professor of philosophy at the University of Alberta, gave another address in the Society of Canada series, last Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Engineering Common Room. The subject was, "Religion of Classicism." The speaker was introduced by Dr. H. L. Stewart.

Dr. Alexander restricted his discussion to "religion" and "classicism" and drew analogies and comparisons with oriental philosophy.

Rink Schedule

Interfac Practices:

Monday 12-1—Pharm.

1-2—Engineers

Tuesday 12-1—

1-2—Girls

Wednesday 1-2—Meds

Thursday 12-1—Law

1-2—Girls

Friday 12-1

1-2—Pre-Med

Varsity Practices:

Every day 5-7

General Skating:

Tuesday and Thursday—8 to 11

Saturday 4 to 7

Any faculty who has not applied for time is advised to do so at the Physical Directors office.

The R. C. A. F. offers CAREERS

R.C.A.F. technical officers will visit the University Thursday, November 16th to outline career opportunities in technical and non-technical field in the R.C.A.F.

All undergraduates interested are invited to attend.

Further notice of time and place will be on the Notice Board. This is your opportunity to find out what the Air Force has to offer upon leaving the University.

Dal Tigers To Tackle Axemen Tomorrow

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In shape and ready to go—The Tiger soccer squad, Nova Scotia Champions, will meet the U. N. B. team on Studley field Saturday morning to decide the Maritime Championship. Left to right, front—Aubrey Hanaman, Asst. Coach, Jack Hollands, Ken Hibbert, Moses Saiphoo, Edward Finnigan, Dave Hammond, Bid Adams, Manager. Back—Roger Patey, Sol Tancoo, Garry Watson, Hans Epstein, Bill Smith, Roland Wills, Captain. —Photo by Marshall

Rugby Team to Trek to Wolfville With Eleven Point Deficit to Overcome

By JOHN POTTS

Tomorrow afternoon, on Raymond Field at Acadia, the Dal Rugger Tigers line up against Acadia for a game in which they must score a major upset to capture the Halifax City League and to remain in the running for further honours this season.

Axemen Beat Dal Rugby Team 11-0

Facing their hardest opposition of the season the Dalhousie Tigers were defeated 11-0 Wednesday afternoon at Studley field by Acadia in the first game of a home and home total point series for the Halifax City League Championship.

Dal found it hard to adopt themselves to the kicking game which Acadia used to advantage throughout the fixture and it was to late when the Dal team switched from their usual ground attack to kicking for yards.

Coach George Gray predicts that it will be different story when his gold and black charges travel to Acadia this Saturday. It is hoped that a large number of students will make the trip, as the Dal team has come far, and now that they are playing for the City League Championship, they deserve student support.

Conspicuous by their absence were the Dal cheer leaders and conspicuous by their presence were a handful of Acadia fans who could be heard loud and often. This Saturday it will be a different story when Dal invades Acadia in quest of their first Halifax City League Championship.

The line-ups were as follows:

Dal—fullback, Jamie Anglin; halves, Ted Grayston, Fraser Mooney; three quarters, Mike Delory, Rod Fraser, Gerry Guidry, George Tracy; forwards, Will Archibald, Dave Jardine, Bliss Leslie, Ron Robertson, Jim Cruickshank, Marv Ellis; subs, Steve Davis, Ralph Medjuck, Don Betts, Bill MacPherson.

Acadia—fullback, John MacAskill; three quarters, John Clark, John Mulhall, Rob MacDonald, Jerry Mujnell; halves, Gint MacKenzie; forwards, Gaye Johnson, Red MacLutchey, Plug MacNearn, Charlie MacKeign, Pat Nowlan, Dave Meynell; subs, Ralph Turner, Squicks Matheson.

back, Scott Henderson, was chosen as star of the football game Saturday by a well known Halifax firm and given a suitable merchandise award . . . Diminutive Reg "Eager" Beaver, of Woodside, looks very good in varsity hockey practice. He should be a real asset . . . Dal's soccer squad is favoured to triumph over U.N.B. Saturday for the intercollegiate title.

Down 11 points to the valley squad as a result of their 11-0 defeat here Wednesday, the Tigers must come back to defeat the Appleknockers by at least 12 points or else hang up their equipment for this year. However Coach George Gray is confident that the team will come through with flying colors to take Saturday's contest.

To be a threat, the Tigers will have to match the brilliant booting of "Scorchy" MacVicar and John MacAskill yard for yard, as Acadia's dominance in this phase of Wednesday's tilt was one of the biggest factors in their one-sided win.

There's lots of transportation to Acadia and back, so let's see a large contingent of fans out to cheer the team to victory.

NOTICE

Debate — Monday Night

Nov. 13

Munroe Room — Law School

Wrestling Starts Again at College

It has been a number of years now, since Dalhousie has offered the sport of wrestling to the male students. In 1928, a team was formed, and a number of men were put on the mat under the coaching of Mr. Stirling, the Physical Director of Dalhousie at that time. Exhibition matches were presented for the benefit of the student body, who showed considerable interest in the scientific offensive and defensive holds and throws of the "grunt and groan" artists.

The sport develops a splendid physique and a quick-thinking mind. No other sport so brings into play the muscles needed for perfect bodily development. Moreover, wrestling is not dangerous.

Dalhousie now re-offers the sport to her able-bodied (and otherwise) men. The wrestling plans are tentative, pending the response of those who are interested. The services of an excellent coach will be procured, and those interested are guaranteed to derive the most from this sport. Therefore, those men who are interested are urged to leave their names at the office of the physical director.

Soccer Team to Meet UNB Tomorrow On Studley Field for Maritime Title

The Tiger's Den

by JERRY REGAN

For the past few days, hockey coach, Billy Hannon, has been working out his charges in our new arena. Early indications are that Dal may ice its best hockey team in quite a few years. Hannon is showing great ability in handling the boys. New material, turning out with the team, is both numerous and proficient. The new rink enables Dal to present for the first time, a squad comparable in physical conditioning with the other teams in the intercollegiate league. Any competent hockey authority will tell you that, in college hockey, conditioning is the big thing; it's a case of skate, skate, and then skate some more, until the opposition drops. So the new arena enables Dal to win half the battle before the opening whistle.

Speaking of hockey, we feel that this is the time and the place to discuss, and attack, an intercollegiate hockey ruling which has decimated the number of teams participating in Nova Scotian intercollegiate hockey, and which has thwarted the efforts of Dalhousie to produce a first-class hockey team. This rule provides in essence that any player performing in any league outside a college

during the winter, whether it is senior, intermediate, or junior, becomes ineligible for his college intermediate team. This ruling forced the withdrawal of Tech and Saint Mary's from competition, and severely weakened the Tigers, leaving the unbalanced three-team league of Dal, St. F. X. and Acadia which has existed since the ruling was introduced. In other words, a player must stay inactive all through the early winter in order to participate in FOUR intercollegiate games in February; quite a heavy hockey season, what?

However, the ruling, which was conceived and sponsored by the hierarchy of St. F. X. and Acadia to favour their own particular situation, leaves a loophole which the valley boys use. This exception provides that the college team, playing as a whole, may play in another league. The edict is clearly directed against a sectional portion of the universities, namely, those situated in Halifax: Tech, Saint Mary's and Dal. I can see no reason why it should be any concern of the league that a bona fide student, in good standing at a university, should play in some other league to supplement the experience which he gains from the

Saturday afternoon, at Studley field, the Dalhousie soccer squad continues its quest of this year's laurels, when they meet a powerful team from the University of New Brunswick. The Tigers annexed the Nova Scotia title two weeks ago when they downed Acadia, 3-2, while U.N.B. copped the New Brunswick title by defeating Mt. A. Tomorrow's tilt will decide the Maritime Championship.

The Tigers, coached by George Gray, are at full strength, and at the peak of condition after a two week rest. They have been practising daily, getting their passes and kicks down of a razor edge.

The team feels confident that they will be able to take the N. B. champs, but it should be a hard, fast game.

It is to be hoped that more fans will turn out than were on hand two weeks ago when the Tigers took the N. S. crown.

intercollegiate games; especially if the college team is unable to play in any other league—as is the situation at Dalhousie.

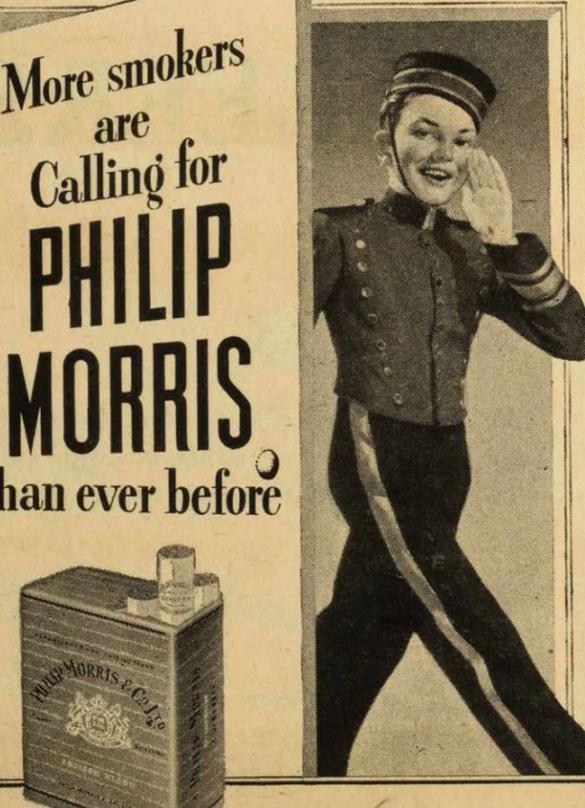
We believe in the rule of majorities, but we do not believe in the right of majorities to pass rules which discriminate against any sectional minority; in this case the three Halifax Universities.

Let us see some immediate action to have this rule repealed, and thus return to an equitable and sensible intercollegiate hockey league; or are St. F. X. and Acadia afraid of the power which the city universities could muster under such conditions?

The Dal (Canadian) Tigers go into the last game of their schedule Saturday, needing an eight point victory to win a playoff spot. As things now stand, Wanderers have two wins to Dal's one, but should the Tigers down Stad on Saturday, the Redmen and Tigers would be tied for the last playoff spot, with total points for and against both teams during the season, deciding which team gets the elusive playoff slot. After consulting his slide-rule, Coach Vitalone announces that an eight point win over Stad would be sufficient to oust Wanderers; so our football hopes are still very much alive. We still maintain that, should the injury-sprinkled Tigers catch fire for just one game, there would be a lot of surprised people in this city.

JOTTINGS—With a rink on our campus, Dal should follow the lead of other colleges so equipped by icing an intermediate, as well as a senior, intercollegiate team. Half-

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