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1949 SWEATER GIRL—Mary Christie (above) of Windsor, Nova Scotia, walked off the stage in the Dalhousie gym last Friday night, bearing the proud title of "Dalhousie Sweater Girl of 1949". A nineteen-year-old freshette, she was selected by a panel of judges as the unanimous winner of the contest and was

simultaneously acclaimed as Gazette "Cover Girl" by the Board of Editors. Thunderous applause marked the students acclaim of the judges' choice. The contest was a feature of the annual Millionaires' Ball, sponsored by the Commerce Society.

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What's Wrong With The Press?... No. 2

The following is taken from the editorial of the first number of *The Halifax Free Press*, a new weekly paper, and may be of some interest to those who maintain, like ourselves, that the press must mix a little responsibility with its freedom.

"No press is truly free that is controlled by one source of power, whether that one source of power is the wealth of a man, or the police authority of the state.

"This is not yet a Communist or Nazi state, and so it remains possible for freedom to be exercised in order to remedy the state of affairs which has threatened Halifax this week.

"For one management alone cannot be allowed indefinitely to control the publication of the news—particularly when the participants in this week's newspaper merger control the local radio stations, and have begun their career by withholding the news of the wholesale dismissal of the entire *Chronicle* staff on forty-eight hours' notice—some 150 men and women in all, from managing editor to printer's devil. In our opinion, that is news for Haligonians. . . .

"Whatever else has been sold in this city, the journalistic tradition of such men as Joseph Howe, William Annand and W. S. Fielding cannot be transferred from one rich man to another like a piece of paper or a roll of bills . . ."

The event of the week in Halifax as the University reopened its doors was the "merger" of the two newspaper companies which resulted in the dismissal of the entire *Chronicle* staff. No less interesting than this "merger" was the mystery in which the whole thing was shrouded.

Except for one article (above) circulated by hand in the City, the one hundred and fifty *Chronicle* staff members filled out their unemployment insurance applications and left in silence, unsung and certainly unheralded. The only tribute they could expect of the profession some of them had served for fifty years was a tactful silence. While the public understood that merger meant combination, the hundred and fifty handed their ex-employer in effigy, packed up and went.

As well as the oldtimers who found themselves without jobs there were recent graduates of King's and Dal, who had just begun to contribute to a tradition. With the *Chronicle* gone some will remember the rather austere editorial page, others the book reviews, and some the only attempt made by any newspaper to tell a few truths to the muddled apple industry. There are many who, going into the Forum, will see the ghost of the man who failed to get an even break leaning over the press box rail, absently dropping peanut shells on the crowd below.

In a guide to journalists published by some firm or other there appear the twelve commandments of the newspaper profession, the last of which runs something like this:—

"... And if thou feelest that thou hast been betrayed, walk out the door without a backward glance, and worry not from when cometh thy next breakfast . . ." That's all very well if you haven't got a wife and children.

Graduate Record Examination

Tests will be held on Monday, February 7 and Tuesday, February 8. Application should be made as soon as possible and in no case later than January 20.

These tests are required by some Graduate Schools, especially in the United States, and are recommended by others. They are accepted by some schools of Medicine and Dentistry, and are required by McGill and some others.

The Professional Aptitude Tests specially prepared for pre-Medical candidates will not be offered at Dalhousie this year.

For further information apply at Room 6, Men's Residence, Dalhousie University, January 5, 1949.

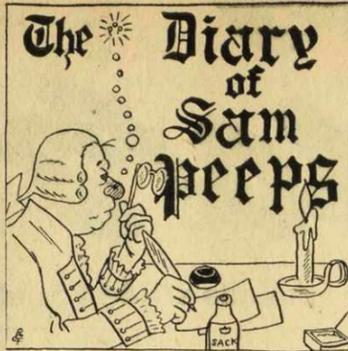
D. V. A.

Christmas Examinations

D.V.A. requires all students under benefits, and expecting their benefits to continue, to remain in all classes for which fees have been paid by D.V.A. To receive benefits during the session 1949-50 students must write final examinations in all classes, and supplementals in classes in which they fail.

Pending final action by the Committee on Studies, students under benefits whose failures make it advisable that classes should be dropped, should consult the University Veterans' Adviser before discontinuing any class.

Office of the Veterans' Adviser, Dalhousie University, January 4, 1949.



The Diary of Sam Speeps

Saturday, Jan. 1 — Blessed be God, though I am still in fear of my life as a result of the latest murdger in the old town, I am still able to write in the Spectator (early edition), which is free, I think. Freedom of speech is still upheld by the authentic tradition of western universities I am told, so the Spectator (early edition) will carry on as it hath in the past, despite the loss of a dearly-beloved relation. Although chronically ill the relation had been expected to live on for several years, but died unexpectedly last week as the result of a great blood-letting.

Although the festivities of last night were somewhat marred by the news of the death in the family, never-the-less a great ball was held and it is said that many were in their cups before the witching hour. Did hear of one Cant Swallow, who spent the early hours of this day asleep in his coach, athwart the main route of the highway which passes Quinn's Pool. As for myself, did spend a disturbing night on the stage from Paris to the old town. Great singing of a Scotch song took place, and I did find my fine voice in great demand.

All this day I have been disturbed by an aching head which is due to some rich food that I ate, I believe, I having indulged in scallops, a mighty fine shell fish, and boiled Spanish onions. Some did remark I had a hang-over, which is a ridiculous statement as I never have hang-overs, being a most moderate drinker.

To bed early, my head aching fiercely, that I smote my ugly wife a great blow in the mouth and slept alone, again.

Sunday, Jan. 2 (Lord's Day) — Home early after church where a dull sermon was preached by a new preacher, and made breakfast of an old herring which I found on the floor. Grumbled, as I ate, at the slothful habits of my ugly wife, with whom I have no patience lately, she being as the French say an "chienne vieille". While eating, one did come to me with news that a little man with a cigar was freshly come to the Spectator (early edition) seeking employment. He did claim he had great knowledge of athletic performances and did write about them for many, many years while employed by our late relation. Thought this most unlikely, and expect to hear no more of him, although he is a good man withal.

Out onto the highroad, and on the way to the Gym Inn did meet my old friend Buzzy Bender, who seemed most pleased with herself for some strange reason, and I did remark she was looking much better, which same was a fool's remark, methinks. However, I passed on to the Gym Inn where all were talking of the examinations, and great curses rent the air, aimed at professors and examination markers, who are a scurrilous collection of Knaves. Although the examinations have all been marked according to their merits, the results are not to be revealed until after the next tea party at which the university parliament will gather and receive the blessings of Dr. Otto for undoing the usual fifteen per cent of the scholars. I am told that I am to be a fifteen percenter, but I did but laugh at this, for it is impossible, I think. After a long day in the Inn, I lurched home and to bed in my suit, my wife being not at home, and I did resolve to search out this dancing master friend of hers and challenge him.

Monday, Jan. 3—Up early, hearing a newsboy on the road below, and purchased from him a sheet called the Free Press, which is new to me and appears to be against

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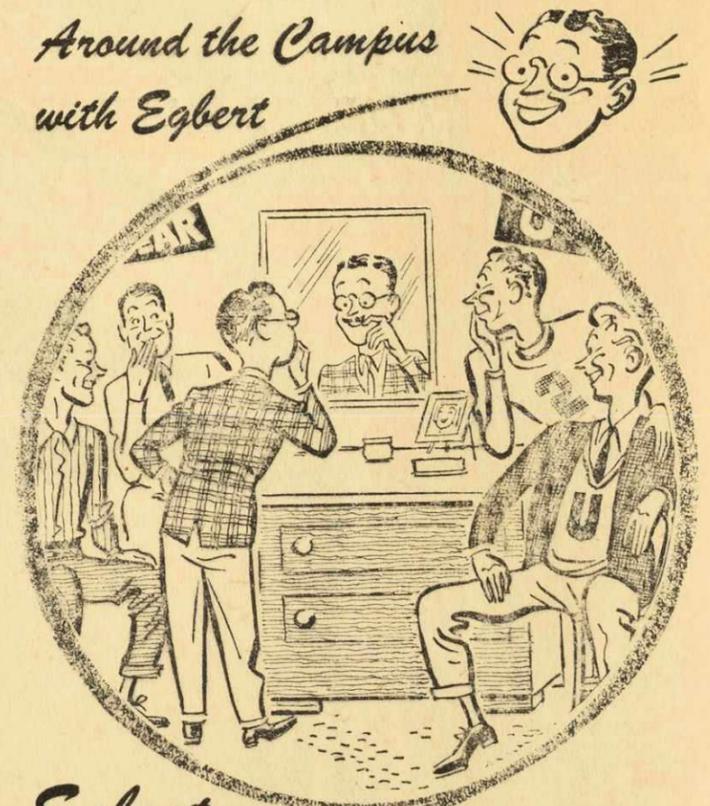
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Clippings...

To confer on our readers the doubtful privilege of reading the most unmitigated piece of drivel we have seen in ages, we reprint in its entirety the following editorial from the Mount Allison Argosy Weekly.

TO GUARD OUR FUTURE

Last week we had the privilege of meeting one of Canada's most distinguished politicians, the Hon. George Drew, National leader of the Progressive Conservative party. Mr. Drew, in the short time that he was with us in Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall, delivered a speech which was, we can safely say, one of the most interesting and informative addresses that we of Mount Allison have ever heard on the campus. At the time perhaps, many of us did not sense the serious undercurrent which lay beneath the seemingly placid atmosphere accompanying his remarks, yet as we thought about what he had said we realized that he was doing more than merely speaking to a group of students—he was appealing to us as future citizens to come to the rescue of a nation whose very democratic destiny was hanging in the balance.

To lay bare the skeleton on which he built his address would reveal several facts which would and should shock freedom-loving Canadians out of the complacent stupor which seems to have overcome many of us. Colonel Drew stated that if young Canadians did not open their eyes to politics and the necessity of having an unbiased understanding of the government, the country was in grave danger of falling prey to a way of life that can mean only ultimate destruction of all things worthwhile.

The Conservative Leader warned against the folly of falling prey to the Socialist spider. Using Europe as an example he showed us how quickly the ominous shadow of the Hammer and Sickle fall over countries which have first blundered into Socialism. If every Canadian realized the truth about these two types of governments they would not be so ready to throw away the precious heritage that they have inherited. It has come to us from generations of men and women who created this country so that they and their descendants might live in the sunlight with the pure winds of freedom blowing in their faces. In contrast, how false is the front which disguises so perfectly the animal-like existence of people within the borders of Communist and Socialistic countries! Can veritable serfdom to a band of power-hungry individuals be compared with the freedom which we as Canadians enjoy? Anyone who questions the point is indeed of questionable intelligence.

Strangely enough, however, this unsavory form of life is being fostered right here in Canada, the nation we so proudly acclaim as the very emblem of democracy. If we do not educate ourselves politically now when the world is in such a precarious state how can we be prepared later on to combat the invading forces which are at this very moment threatening the future security of our Dominion? Mr. Drew's remarks in connection with this phase of our nation's affairs should stir us to action. We cannot be lookers-on and expect to solve the problem, we must prepare ourselves for the protection of our country. Of course, we know that it is not a Utopia but it is much closer to this than any other country of the world with the exception of the United States. With time and much hard work on the part of every citizen we can help our nation attain the ultimate in all round perfection. It may seem like a hazy ideal, this dream of ours, yet cannot things worthwhile be achieved if the workers are willing.

In order to see through the artificiality so typically representative of Socialism and Communism we must develop what Mr. Drew so ably called a politically cultured mind. Ignorance is the breeding ground of these two governmental mechanisms, misleading propaganda flowing from the mouths of their figureheads, lures the unsuspecting into the ranks already filled with unthinking people who were once free. Yet time and time again the same people keep on making the same mistakes, over and over. It seems so strange to us who can still think clearly that nations as a whole could be guilty of such political blunders. Deceit and treachery form the foundations of their so-called governments, brute force is their bulwark. May God grant us the foresight and comprehension to always keep our government free of such a dangerous element. If we act now and open our minds to the light of understanding we will never have to worry about the future because we will always have the common sense to make the right decisions.

Regardless of our political affiliations we should all consider seriously the words of Mr. Drew. The light of democracy cannot be quenched if we bind ourselves together in a common crusade for liberty, decency and personal happiness. With this in mind our path is clear and we can go forward undaunted.

SEEK INCREASED GOVT. GRANTS



Earle Urquhart and Bill Cox, returned from the Veterans' Conference at Kingston, will report on the conference tomorrow night to a meeting of the Association. The meeting will be held in Room 8 of the Arts Building at seven o'clock.

VETS MEETING TOMORROW

Cox, Urquhart To Report On Xmas Conference Resolutions

The Dal King's Student Veterans' Association meets tomorrow night in Room 3 of the Arts Building at seven o'clock to review the progress made at the fourth annual Conference of Student Veterans, which was held at Queen's University, Kingston, over the holidays. All members are urged to be present.

Important resolutions which will receive most of the meeting's attention are those dealing with increased grants to student veterans, and affiliation with the Legion, which have already been forwarded to the Parliamentary Committee on Veteran Rehabilitation.

Delegates to the conference were Earl Urquhart and Bill Cox, second and third year Law students respectfully, who returned to Halifax a week ago from the conference. The conference itself, they said, had been most satisfactory.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETS TONIGHT

The Executive of the Students' Council meets tonight in the Murray Homestead for its annual review of society budgets. There will probably be a re-allocation of unspent funds budgeted for last term to organizations which require a further expenditure.

The Executive will also prepare an agenda for the first meeting of the Council, which will be held some time this week.

KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS

Dean Of Dentistry

JOHN STANLEY BAGNALL, D.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Eng.), F.I.C.D.

Dean Bagnall was born and had his primary education in Charlottetown, P.E.I. After graduation from primary school he entered Prince of Wales College, from which he graduated in 1904.

Dean Bagnall spent two years at Dalhousie University prior to entering the Heavy Artillery in the First Great War, from which he was retired as a Captain after sustaining gas wounds in France.

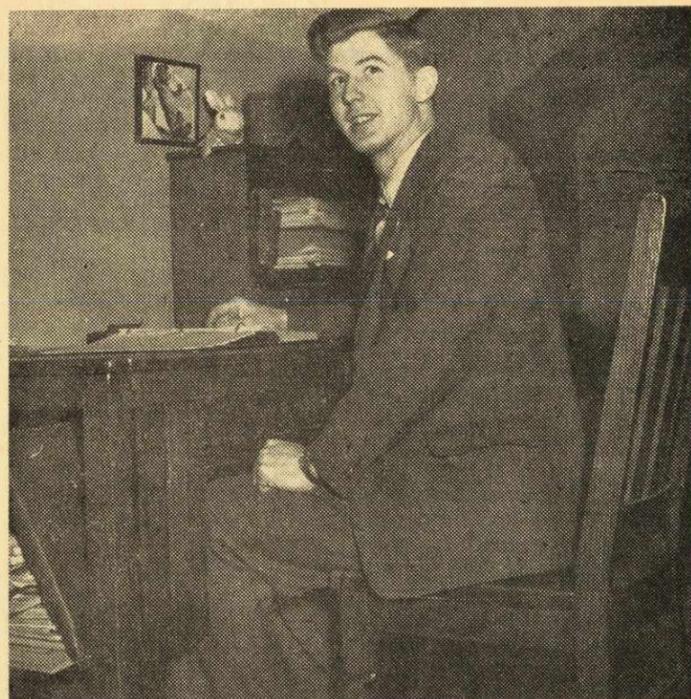
Upon graduation he first worked in the Halifax Health Commission in the summer of 1921, and in the fall of 1921 he came to the University as a full time assistant professor in the faculty of Dentistry.

Dean Bagnall was appointed as Dean of the Faculty in 1947. He held the post of Secretary of the Canadian Dental Association from 1924 until 1942.

Dean Bagnall has two children, a son and a daughter. His son Jeff, is now serving in the Dental Corps and at present is on the Aircraft Carrier "Magnificent."



N. S. Rhodes Scholar...



Pete Hanington, second year Law student, has been appointed Nova Scotia Rhodes Scholar for 1949. Pete first came to Dal in 1945 after a stint in the Navy, where he had gone after graduating from Rothesay Collegiate. In each of his four years here he has won a prize or scholarship for academic standing. He has been on the King's rugby team for four years, and its basketball team for three, and found time for dramatics as well. Pete will be proceeding to Oxford next fall.

SAM PEEPS—

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the big newspaper. It did say, and truthfully, I think;

"If one man snuffs out the candle of freedom, it shall be given to another to light it again."

I do hear considerable praise of the efforts of this newspaper, and am resolved that the Spectator (early edition) shall continue free, or not at all. As the Free Press did say;

"No man can create, by sale or purchase, a monopoly of the press—while the spirit of freedom lives in the breasts of working journalists."

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The Campus Roundup

by Windy O'Neill

The Maritimes are blessed with many oddities. We have Magnetic Hill, The Reversible Falls, and fifteen degree granting universities—all building like mad—if you have a program, count them: you can't tell a high school from a university without a program.

On account of the small population of the Maritimes, there is a very limited number of students of university calibre and means available for these institutions to devour. The result is a struggle to obtain students by any means and by all means! As usual, Dalhousie, content with professional schools has been sleeping soundly while the other "universities" having been making hay at her expense.

The other "universities" have been using what they call field secretaries—who have been having a field day at our expense. Each summer these scholastic instruments put new batteries in their hearing aids, clamp on hard, black hats and wander these provinces interviewing all potential university candidates. Dalhousie, the biggest institution, is the chief object of their attack and they excoriate Dal with a long string of falsies manufactured over a long cold winter on bread and water. When they meet the parents of some blushing, potential B.A., it goes something like this—

Do not send your child to Dal, as its hands are black as soot,
Into that institution, no child of mine, I'd put,
There is tipping rampant there that no edict can entrammel,
If you send your boy to Dal, he'll become a ruddy camel.

At this the parent should be on his feet, red-faced, and waving his arms in rage, but if not, they have others. With their faces painfully creased in smile they proceed to the next one which generally depicts our city in all its VE Day glory.

Do not send your child to Halifax, it's a port of much evil,
Do not put your little infant in the clutches of the deevil,
They stimulate concupiscence, make imagination finah,
If you send your boy to Dal, he may take a boat to Chinah.

And if this doesn't work, everyone knows that Dal is poorly equipped athletically without a rink or a football field for the past two years; and also, the fact that through the efforts of the vaunted My A.U. and their many rulings, we are well hindered in competitive sports—they then come up with this one.

Do send your boy to our (ugh!) place, the My A.U. crowns us in sports,

Do send your boy to our school, we play football there in shorts,
Put your boy beneath our thumb, he'll receive our nice B.A.,
Please send your son to our école, we'll while his youth away.

At this point, our friends the field secretaries have now become grim and determined and, fondling ominous looking bulges under their left armpits, come through with the "clincher".

Matins every morning, vespers at six,
We'll cleanse the little beggar of all his dirty tricks,
We'll fill him full of knowledge, so he'll never have to think,
And though no education, he'll never take a drink.

The moral of all this is that, in the near future, Dal will be forced into the fight for students and our university will have to wake up. The students, who seem to be aware of the situation have appointed a committee to study the question. Under discussion will be stands for the gym, a fence around the revamped athletic field, a rink, and adequate snack bar and book store, a students' union building, and most important—a men's residence. Many people of perspicacity think that a men's residence is far more important than the embryo arts building.

On Friday last, the Commerce boys sponsored Battle of the Bulges III and it was a hard fought struggle, indeed. Every year, at this time, the Dalhousie Co-eds' beauty comes to the fore and, truly, their beauty should make our chests swell out with pride. We are pleased to report that there was no cheating but it was remarked by many how the styles in sweaters change from year to year. The dance was a great success with the music being supplied by Les Single's much improved ggregation. The dance tempo of the Dal orchestra is as good as ever but we all miss that Warner touch. The only trouble is, that after every two numbers, Rigor Petrillo sets in and one must come to the dances supplied with a long list of topics, to discuss with the other half, in the many intervening lulls. However, its educational.

Philadelphia Colored Giants To Play Here

Philadelphia Colored Giants will be the attraction in the gym tomorrow night when they meet the highly-rated Dalhousie Grads in an exhibition contest slated for 8.30 p.m.

The Giants have chalked up an impressive record to date with only five losses in some 80 games played throughout the United States and Canada.

In their line-up the Colored Boys feature some of the outstanding professional hoopsters in North America; Zack Clayton, 5'11", of the Lumberjacks; Lionel Robinson, 6'6", Chicago Brown Bombers; Sugar Odrisk, 6'4", Kansas City Monarchs; Speed Lowe, 5'11", New York Colored Stars; Lee Dixon, 6'3", Kansas City Stars John Yance, 6'2", Harlem Globe Trotters; George Boggs, 5'9", Washington Bears; Bruce Wright, 5'7", Harlem Globe Trotters.

To add to the evening's entertainment, Peaches Ruven has been requested to act as referee, and Tommy Sweet, manager of the Grads, says Peaches will be on hand.

A record crowd were on hand

when the Grads succumbed to the House of David early in the season, and another large turnout is expected for tomorrow night's game.

BASKETBALL

The final meeting for the drawing up of the Interfaculty Basketball schedule will be held at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, January 13, in the Physical Directors Office, according to an announcement made by John MacCormick. All managers of their respective faculty teams are obliged to attend, and must be able to give a definite statement on the time that their teams can play. The league will probably commence sometime in the following week.

HOCKEY

The final arrangements for the Interfaculty Hockey League will be completed at a meeting that will be held in the Physical Director's office on Friday, January 14th, at 12 o'clock, according to an announcement made by John MacCormick.

NEW VARSITY COACH

Price of Gym Stands Lower

The committee entrusted with advancing the matter of stands for the gym have received figures from the companies concerned which indicate that for stands which would seat four hundred and ninety people the cost would be about \$5,600.00.

Any decision on the matter is likely to come from the next meeting of the Council. Whether it is more profitable to seat this number properly or to forgo the cost and retain the out-of-date and totally inadequate system of chairs is the question that rests before them.

It seems entirely unlikely that the students will undergo the full costs themselves if the support of the University is withheld.

Vince Ferguson Takes Over Job Of Rebuilding Hockey Club



VINCE FERGUSON

For the second time in four years Vince Ferguson will take over the coaching duties of the Varsity Hockey team, the hot spot on Dalhousie's coaching staff.

In the '30's, Vince was one of the most outstanding hockey players in the Maritimes and was a member of the famous Halifax Wolverines of '35 who captured the Allen Cup. Perhaps better known in his later years for his ability on the baseball diamond, he is often considered as one of the finest players ever to be developed from the local ranks. It was only in '47 that he ended his active baseball career and that was with the Nova Scotia champion Halifax Shipyard team.

Now he comes to Dalhousie with an undisputed reputation in the hope of producing a creditable if not a championship Variety hockey team despite the generally known handicaps that any Dal team must operate under.

LARGE TURNOUT

The support of the students wanting to play hockey was shown in the large number who turned out for last Saturday's practice. Approximately forty were there. The support of the seventeen hundred is requested in the stands.

FIRST GAME

The first game of the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Hockey League to be played by Dal will be on February 5th at St. Francis Xavier. This will be the acid test for the Variety boys, because it is understood from recent reports that the Irish have a stronger team this year than in any of the past ten. Acadia too, has practically the same team that won them the Maritime title last year.

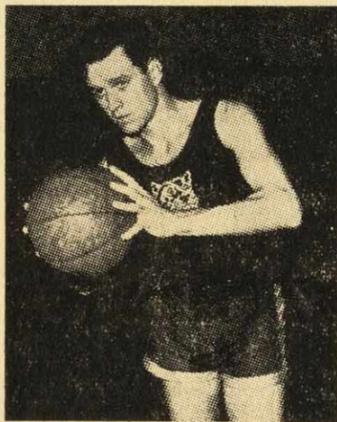
NEW TEAM

Last year Dal had a picture team on paper, but because they lacked sufficient practice, they lacked team work. This year they have none of the big name players of last year, in fact only seven of that lineup are back this season

Three Letter Man Don Woodward Leaves Dal

Don 'Woody' Woodward, outstanding athlete at Dalhousie for the past two years, was bidden farewell by the sporting element at Dalhousie after his decision to return to his home town of Newton, Mass., just before Christmas.

Don came to Dal in the fall of '47 and immediately carved a niche for himself in Dalhousie's Hall of Fame through his active participation in three major sports at the University.



DON WOODWARD

Present day students will perhaps remember him best for his skill on the football field this past season. In his first year at Dal he sparked Dalhousie first introduction to the Canadian game of football, masterminding the team from the quarterback slot. However this past year he really found himself when he became one of the outstanding ends of the League, sparking Dal to a first place play-off with Navy.

His speed and agility were well put to use as a forward with the Dal Grads basketball teams, and until leaving he was manager of the Varsity team.

"Woody's" third major sport was swimming and there again he excelled.

Dal Volleyball Team Captures League Opener

The Dal volleyball team opened the newly formed City Volleyball League last Saturday afternoon by defeating a Navy team in two out of the three games played at Stadacona Gym. After losing the first game 15-8 to the sailor boys, they came back smartly in the last two to win 15-4 and 15-11.

Sparked by the inspired play of Pawley, Ogilvie and Morrison the team showed much promise. While the standard of play was not high the enthusiasm was there and manager Olin Gardner—expects the game to grow in popularity as the Saturdays roll by.

The City Volleyball League was formed this year under the sponsorship of the Halifax Y.M.C.A. It is divided into two sections, each having six teams.

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