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McINNES NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN

Donald McInnes, Q.C., has been named Chairman of the Board of Governors. He succeeds the late Brigadier H. V. D. Laing. The announcement of the appointment was made last night by Dr. A. E. Kerr, President, following a meeting of the Board of Governors.

Dr. Kerr made the following statement:

New Chairman Regards "Appointment an Honor"

The following is the text of a statement made by Mr. McInnes last night to the Gazette:

"I regard the appointment as a distinct honor and my great regret is that it has been brought about by the untimely passing of the late Darrell Laing, who gave such wonderful guidance to the affairs of the university.

"Dalhousie is embarking on a new era. The magnificent generosity and princely gifts of the Sir James Dunn Foundation for the purpose of the new Sir James Dunn Science Building, and scholarships and other assurances to the Law School, will continue to maintain Dalhousie as a great Canadian college.

"It is hoped that Dalhousie will continue to be a happy University. The new Men's Residence, which will be under construction shortly, will assist in rounding out the scope and facilities of the university.

"While buildings and plant are important, the great thing is the

maintenance of the highest standards of education. Our professional schools enjoy a high place in education in Canada. Dalhousie has the good fortune in having a splendid staff of scholars and teachers, and the teaching given by all professors is of the highest quality.

"I believe that the student body who have come here from many parts of Canada and elsewhere assemble here with the knowledge that a degree from this university is a hallmark of scholarly attainment.

"The Alumni of this great university, scattered as they are over the world, recognize the great qualities of the university.

"I would like to express a message of good will to the teaching staff and the student body."

It should be noted that for this, his first official task, Mr. McInnes was roused from his bed and interviewed in his pyjamas, which adds the human touch to this important story.

"I have great pleasure in announcing the election of Donald McInnes, Q.C., as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University. Mr. McInnes was elected to the office by the enthusiastic and unanimous vote of the Board, which met Wednesday night. The Board's choice will be acclaimed by all Dalhousians, who will be delighted that the University was able to command the services of a man so able and so eminently qualified to fulfill the duties that the Chairman of the Board will be expected to discharge.

"Mr. McInnes has been Solicitor to the University for many years and is at present the Honorary Secretary of the Board. He is completely familiar with every aspect of its life, and that of the established procedures in Universities elsewhere."

Since the death of Brigadier Laing the duties of the Chairman of the Board have been discharged by the Vice-Chairman, the Hon. Justice John Doull.

President Kerr expressed himself as most gratified that Mr. McInnes had accepted the chairmanship, and felt that it would one day be said of him, as was said of his father more than twenty years ago, that the University had first place in his affection.

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The Board Of Governors

The unanimous election of Donald McInnes, Q.C., as Chairman, took place at the regular quarterly meeting of the Dalhousie Board of Governors. The Board is the all-powerful, supreme governing body of Dalhousie University. It is large, comprising men of education, of the professions, and of business, who through quarterly meetings manage the finances and control the appointments of our University.

The Board is composed of about forty members, including, with the Chancellor and the President, more than twenty who are appointed on the nomination of the Board by the Governor-in-Council. Also on the Board are nine members elected by the Alumni Association, his worship the Mayor of Halifax, two representatives of Kings College, and one representative of the United Church of Canada.

The representatives of Kings College are appointed in compliance with the terms of association between Kings and Dalhousie, and the United Church representative in fulfillment of certain legal obligations based upon an old endowment.

Dalhousie's Senate is composed of the full-time professors at the University. It has charge of everything pertaining to the internal life of the University, but is subject to the overriding authority of the Board of Governors.

A quiet, but powerful body which has done much within recent years to spur the expansion and improvement in University facilities, the Board looks forward to a bright future for Dalhousie.

This is a special issue of the *Gazette*. The material was compiled last night and early this morning.

With this issue we hope we have scooped some news agencies; besides, it gives us a chance to wish you a "Merry Christmas" again!

The Staff.

Message From Council Pres.

On behalf of Dalhousie students I wish to extend my congratulations to Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C., our newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Chairman McInnes' excellent background in university and business achievements is surely indicative of the future successes the students as well as the university will experience under this guidance.

Again the Council of Students is pleased with the appointment and will be proud to assist the Chairman in every possible way in his duties relating to student interests.

Sincerely,
David Matheson.

News Briefs

Friendly Relations for Overseas Students will hold their annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 20 at six o'clock in the Mens Residence. All foreign students attending Dalhousie are welcome and all other students interested are asked to contact Bonnie Murray—3-3230.

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The Dalhousie Council of Students will hold their first meeting in the second term on Monday, January 5, the first day of classes, at 7 o'clock in the West Common Room in the Arts and Administration Building.

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All student societies must hand in written reports to the Council of Students' office by noon on Monday, January 5 which will be reviewed in the first two Council meetings of the second term. Reports must contain the following: Summary of first term activities; approximate participation in and degree of success of these activities; expenses incurred; plans for second term.

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The Dent Ball is being held in the Ball Room of the Lord Nelson Hotel on Friday evening, December 5. Dancing is from 9 to 1 to the music of Reg Quinn and his orchestra. Tickets may be purchased from any Dent student and are \$3.50.

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The first issue of the *Gazette* in the second term will appear on January 14.

College Plays Large Part

Dalhousie University has played a large part in the life of the McInnes family. Mr. Donald McInnes, Q.C., graduated from this University in Arts in 1924 and Law in 1926. He has served on the Board of Governors for several years and has held the position of Honorary Secretary of the Board.

His father, the late, Hector McInnes, Q.C., graduated from Dalhousie in Law in 1888. He became Honorary Secretary of the Board in 1892, served as Honorary Treasurer from 1897 to 1932, and was elected Chairman of the Board in the latter year. It was stated in the President's report that his death in 1937 marked "the end of an age" in the history of the institution. His wife, the late Charlotte McNeill, received her BA from Dalhousie in 1897.

Mr. McInnes sister, Caroline, graduated from Dalhousie in Law. She was one of the first women to receive a degree in Law from Dalhousie.

Mr. McInnes' two sons also studied at Dalhousie. Hector McInnes, the elder son, graduated in law in 1957. Stu McInnes graduated in May this year in Arts and at present in first year Law.

Mr. McInnes is the senior partner in the Law Firm of McInnes, Cooper and Robertson. He is president of the Eastern Trust Company and a director of a large number of corporations. He has been active in many phases of business and community life.

Announce Date Of A&S Formal

The Arts and Science Society announced at a regular meeting Tuesday at noon that the annual formal will be held on February 20. Pete Power and his orchestra will provide the music.

Rick Quigley was elected chairman of the dance committee and will have ten members to help.

As there were only 20 members present, there was not the necessary quorum to conduct further business.