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MUNRO DAY PROGRAMME

Monday, March 7:

7:00 p.m.—Presentation of Queens on Ice at Dal Rink
7:30 p.m.—Hockey Game: Dal All Stars vs. Mount Allison
10:00 p.m.—Munro Day Review—Gym

Tuesday, March 8:

a.m.—Interfact Hockey and Basketball finals
9:00 a.m.—Meds vs. Dents (hockey)
10:00 a.m.—Law "A" vs. A&S "B" (basketball)

2:30 p.m.—Royal Canadian Artillery Band Concert—Gymnasium

4:00 p.m.—Awards and Speeches

7:00 p.m.—Ice Show

Broomball—Dal Girls vs. Foreign Students
Sleigh Race (fraternities vs. faculties) also
Halifax Skating Club
Skating Solo—Marg Armstrong

8:00 p.m.—Hockey game—Dal Tigers vs. Mount A

10:00 p.m.—Dance featuring Berklee School of Music Dance Band

DALHOUSIE'S ALL-ROUND GIRLS



Gail MacLaughlin *Pharmacy*



Bonnie Murray *A & S*



Sue Starr *Engineering*



Sue Bell *King's College*



Judy Lorway *Pinehill*

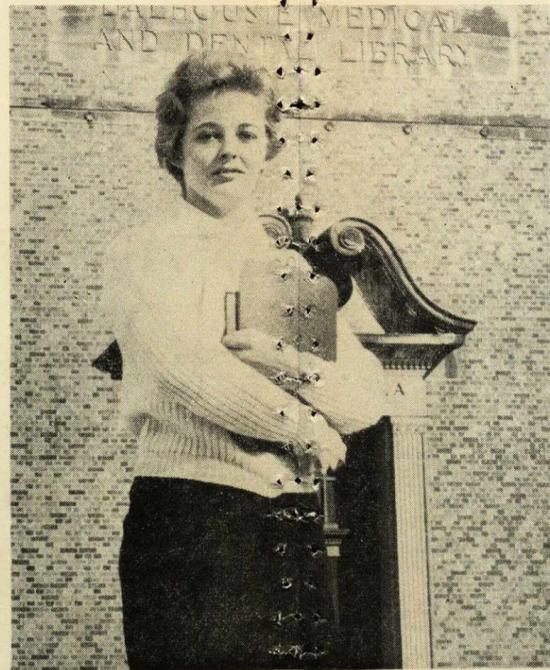
COMPETE FOR



Phoebe Redpath *Law*



Ann MacCullum *Commerce*



Elizabeth Cogswell *Medicine*



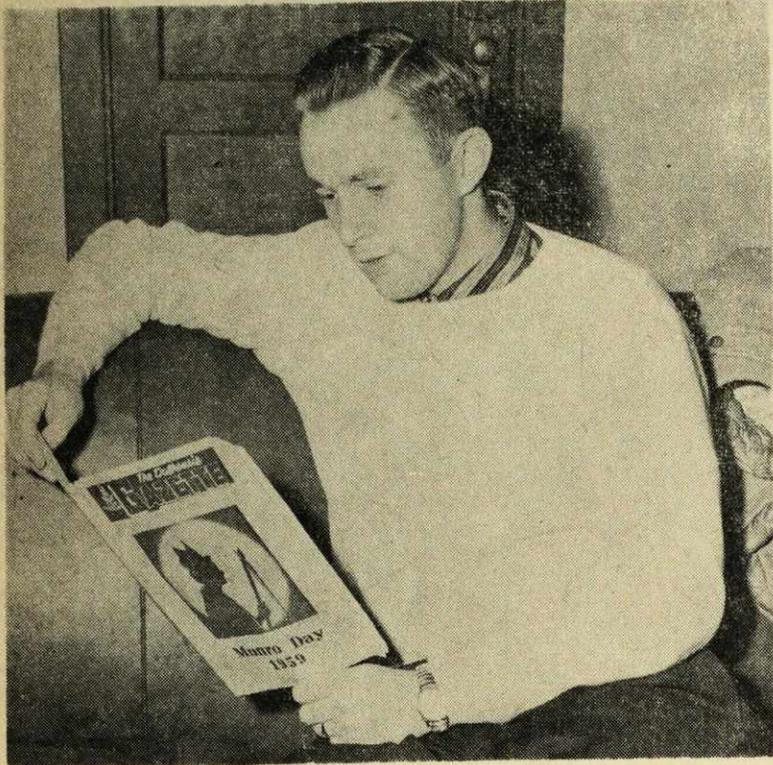
Collette Young *Dentistry*



Karen Price *Nursing Science*

CAMPUS QUEEN CROWN

Holiday Accent on "Big Band" Sound, Hockey This Year



THE PROBLEMS ARE HIS—Bill Wilson, Munro Day Committee Chairman.

BERKLEE SCHOOL OF MUSIC DANCE BAND

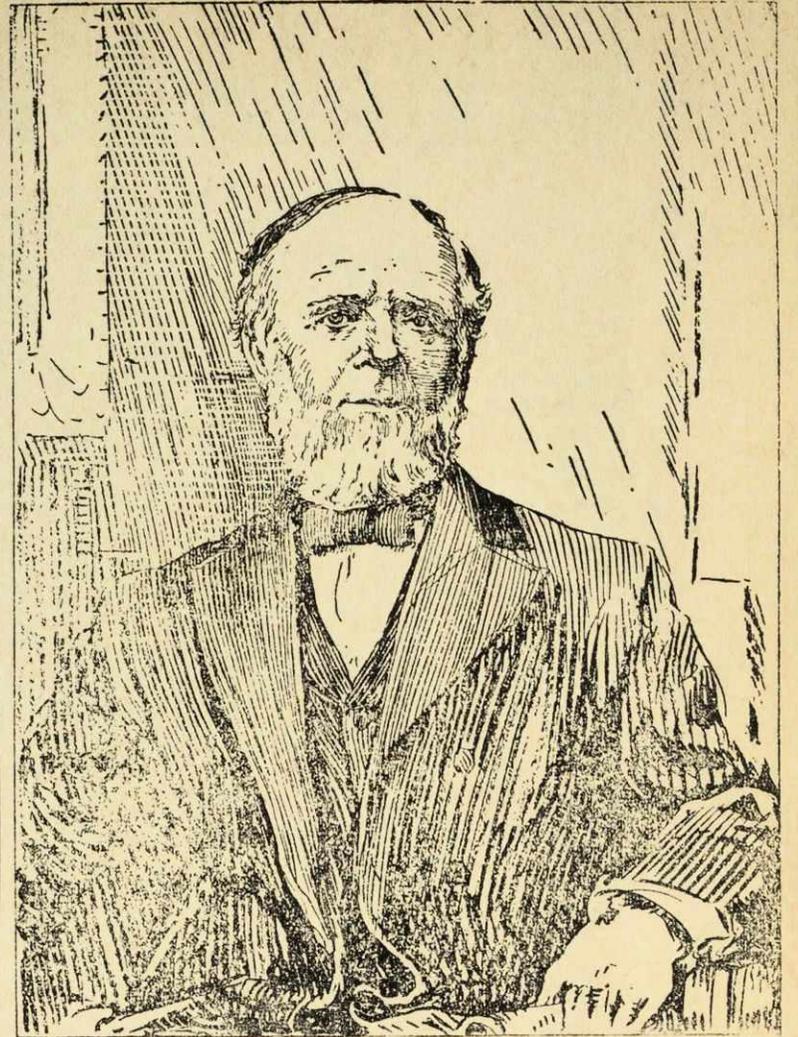
Fourteen pieces plus its own Master of Ceremonies. Berklee College of Music is one of the United States' foremost modern music schools, located in Boston, where students work toward diplomas in arranging, scoring, musicianship, special jazz courses. This band is very popular in the Boston area, has hosted as many dances as it can handle, and provides practical training for some of the future's best musicians.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLIARY BAND

One of the county's top military bands, it will play Tuesday afternoon in the gymnasium. Formed and based at Windsor Park, it is composed of veteran bandmen from across Canada, totalling about 40 members. The band plays for dances as well as parades, and has a large repertoire of Broadway show tunes.

MUNRO DAY COMMITTEE

Chairman—Bill Wilson (Pharmacy)
Elliott Sutherland (Arts)
Al Marble (Engineering)
Tom Grant (Law)
Gregor Murray (Arts)
Fraser Dewis (Arts)
Nancy Rice (Pharmacy)



FROM DIME NOVELS —BENEFACTIONS

George Munro, who, as the North American King of the Dime Novel, amassed his fortune through a New York publishing business, was born in Pictou County in 1825. Originally a teacher in the Free Church Academy here in Halifax, he benefitted the American public by making available the best of literature in low-priced paper-bound books.

\$35,000 of his personal profits in the business were contributed to Dalhousie over a period of five years, beginning in 1879. The administration was sorely pressed for funds at the time, and it is probable that, without Mr. Munro's donation, the college would, have been forced to close up shop.

The contribution was unique in that it was not to be used for the erection of buildings, but was intended rather to bolster the numbers and quality of the teaching staff. The endowment was not confined to any particular academic field: it established chairs in physics, history, political economy, law, philosophy and English literature. It also founded a series of tutorships in mathematics and classics and bursaries for qualified students.

Mr. Munro was never enrolled at Dal. It was his brother-in-law, President John Forrest, after whom the medical campus is named, who stimulated his interest in the University.

FROM HIGH FINANCE —ENDOWMENTS

Sir James Dunn, lawyer, businessman, financier, multi-millionaire, top-secret assignee for the British Government during the First World War, and Baronet, is the most recent, and perhaps best known, of Dalhousie's greatest benefactors. Born the son of a boat-builder in Bathurst, New Brunswick, Sir James contributed his every penny towards furthering his education, eventually graduating from Dal's law school in 1898.

After struggling for a time in the quag-mire of Canadian business and politics, he made a profitable switch from law to high finance. He soon rose to prominence, and by the time he was 39 was recognized as a multi-millionaire.

During the First World War, he undertook important secret assignments for the British Government, and was so successful in these efforts that he was later bestowed with the title of Baronet.

Retaining a fondness for his *alma mater*, Sir James founded a scholarship for post-graduate study in law, and with his gift of \$300,000 the University has established a Sir James Dunn chair in the same field. One and three-quarter million dollars from the Sir James Dunn Foundation has been given to Dalhousie for the construction of the new science building, now a familiar sight on the campus. It is to be occupied next fall.

Dr. Kerr's office contains more personal evidence of the benefactor's generosity; his desks and fine book-ends were thoughtfully given to the University.

It is, then, for the recognition of such men as Sir James Dunn and George Munro that Munro Day has been put aside; but while these are the best known of Dal's benefactors, it must be remembered that the holiday commemorates the generosity of all the other men who have contributed materially and otherwise to Dalhousie's growth and welfare. It is hoped that the special day will encourage others to add their names to the list of those so honoured.

- MT. A. "MOUNTIES"
- 1—L. BRYSON, Goal
 - 2—E. RIGER, Defense
 - 3—DAVE RATCHFORD
 - 4—BOB SHELDRIK
 - 5—BILL GORHAM
 - 6—RON CRAIG
 - 7—JACK LEWIS
 - 8—NED HENDERSON
 - 9—AL NORRENA
 - 10—BOB WISHART
 - 11—BRIAN COULTER
 - 12—ANDREA DESJARDINS
 - 15—CLAUDE HAFFMAN

- 16—PHIL HENDERSON
- 17—

- ALL STARS
- 1—T. BROWN, Goal
 - B. RANKIN, Sub
 - 2—B. FERGUSON, Defense
 - 3—R. PERRY, Defense
 - 4—D. GARDNER, Defense
 - 5—P. CORKUM, Defense
 - 6—L. ANDREA, Defense
 - 7—D. CUDMORE, Center
 - 8—S. PARSONS, Wing
 - 9—J. GRAHAM, Wing

- 10—W. FITZGERALD, Center
- 11—F. SIM, Wing
- 12—V. BRIGGS, Wing
- 13—D. HILL, Center
- 14—D. BAULD, Wing
- 15—R. MAXWELL, Wing

- TIGERS
- 1—W. GILLIS, Goal
 - B. RANKIN, Sub
 - 2—B. MASON
 - 3—D. CUNNINGHAM
 - 4—G. SCHEIBLE
 - 5—P. CORKUM

- 6—D. CAMERON
- 7—B. LUND
- 8—E. PARSONS
- 9—J. GRAHAM
- 10—W. FITZGERALD
- 11—F. SIM
- 12—V. BRIGGS
- 14—D. BAULD
- 15—R. KAIZER
- 16—S. McINNES

A Touch of Originality, Munro Day Has a Past — But Has It A Future?

Munro Day may truly be called Canada's most singular university holiday. While others sport winter carnivals and work breaks, Dalhousie pauses in March in a student memorial to Mr. George Munro, the man whose timely and generous benefactions pushed this university off to a successful start.

Yet how many students know who Mr. Munro was—or for what he stands in Dalhousie's crowded annual calendar?

Elsewhere on this page the story of George Munro's attachment to Dalhousie and his gift of \$350,000 in 1879, to be spread over a five-year period in Lectureships and Bursaries, is told. But has Munro Day itself come to mean anything to contemporary Dalhousie students?

The Day was officially established in 1881; it began in much the same manner as our current SUB Building campaign with a petition from the students to the Board of Governors, hard on the heels of a student vote.

The petition granted "The George Munro Memorial Day" on condition that the day be one of a quiet contemplation of the benefactions of Mr. Munro, so that similar benefactions from future well-to-do gentlemen might be thus encouraged.

The Day therefore remained, for decades, relatively noiseless, and students simply did not attend college on the holiday. However, with the Twenties—an era of swift change in the campus appearance—the Day was moved from the third Wednesday of January to the second Tuesday in March, so that the students might better enjoy it. Until

1928 the day featured a long, usually dull address by a notable graduate. Few students bothered to even attend the extra lecture.

But 1928 was a year of decision. Viscount R. B. Bennett, himself a Dalhousie benefactor, spoke on that occasion, and overnight the holiday became associated with all benefactors — past, present, and future. There was even talk of changing the title to "Founders' Day". The students themselves began to take an interest in holding their annual Half Pint Revue on that day; awards and prizes, and a mammoth dance, enjoined a festive air to proceeding.

Since 1928 the day has variously included musicals, dramas, pie-throwing contests, and a day-long radio show, among other things. It has become recognizable at least by the Administration, as the spring swan song of organized student activities at Dalhousie.

Actually, of course, individual endeavor keeps the campus alive well into April, and their organization depends entirely upon the desire of those involved.

We are happy to hear that Munro Day activities will be expanded even further in coming years, perhaps to the extent of creating a standing committee to organize and promote Munro Day events. For it seems that as goes Munro Day, so goes our university extra-curricular year.

We salute the spirit that has dared to unite the honouring of benefactors with enthusiasm for campus life. It is only through the recollection of the good times had at such holidays as Munro Day that the warmth and excitement of university is remembered by her graduates.