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FEMALE POLITICIANS POSTPONE GAMMA DANCE

Dissatisfied, Ex-Leaders Air Views In Frank, Open Letter

Dear Mr. Editor:

We might be overstepping our rights in attempting to use your Gazette to express our sentiments, Mr. Editor. For we are two of thirty forgotten men at Dalhousie, and find ourselves in that indescribable position where we do not know whether we are or are not members of our student body. Heaven only knows we and our colleagues have qualified for that glorious privilege in a financial way. We might add that we did so without resentment, anxious still to remain active Dalhousians for at least one year more. We are pleased to state that we have been active for six years in the interests of our University but much like Jacob of the Bible, the seventh was to bring utter disappointment.

We say the situation is indescribable, for the present interne crew of the Medical School numbers among them members in remarkable proportion, who in the past years have worked hard and achieved much for a more stable Dalhousie Student Body. We asked no praise, no eulogy, sir, but only the continued good faith of our fellow students.

Naturally such an emotional outburst was precipitated by some strange circumstances, you say! Yes indeed—trivial at the beginning, things have come to an unbearable state. At the onset we at the Victoria General Hospital were astounded at the rapidity with which we received our weekly Gazette. On Monday mornings we regularly received our quota of the previous week's publication. Yes! One Gazette for twelve internes, twelve Dalhousians whose only guilt seems to be an interest in and a longing for the University of which they still are members. At a pre-Christmas Student Council meeting we registered our just complaint, were told that was incredible; yet on January 24th, 1938, our trusty postman still persists in delivering his single copy.

May we add that we have always considered the Glee Club as the one binding force in our student make-up. The number and caliber of the performances this year, we are told, have been remarkable. To our knowledge there has been one legitimate show before Christmas and of that we must confess we were aware three hours before the curtain rose, thanks to a thoughtful nurse who was fortunate enough to have a boy friend, not a Dalhousie Student, of course, who was going to the affair.

We ask you, Mr. Editor, whether you too would not feel slighted at such enforced ignorance regarding college activities. We have served this same student body in various positions in the past years, sincerely and to the best of our ability. The difficulties in satisfying all are well known to us, yet it seems that here are two instances which illustrate the frightful lethargy and meagre attempt of this year's officials to do the best possible under the circumstances. Tuesday's performance can be marked another failure, thanks to the warring executive. Were it not for the fine fifteen minutes of choral singing the hour presentation would seem many times we lay the blame of this openly and frankly upon an incompatible executive, one of whose mem-

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Critic Scores Tuesday's Play

By the Gazette Drama Critic

On Tuesday night we had the honour of witnessing probably the worst show in the history of Dalhousie's Glee Club. We have been very charitable in writing up the last two shows for they were not good, but Tuesday's night's presentation was, to use a quaint term, just so much garbage.

Of the organizations who took part, one presented an interesting feature, one a mediocre feature and the last a bad feature. They are, however, not totally to blame for the quality of the show. They were evidently doing their best, which of course is no excuse, but the fact that they were bad did not make a poor Glee Club Show. When those gentlemen in charge of the histrionic department can stage a one act play, have a chorus sing two numbers and have a band play three numbers, and call the whole mess a Glee Club Show, it shows either a lack of imagination, or taste, or perhaps even ability on their part.

The Choral Society was staged first, singing two numbers, a piece of Sibelius "Finlandia", and a Czecho-Slovakian dance. The latter was admirably done although it would have been well for the basses to remember that a conductor does not wave a baton for his own amusement. Of the former we are afraid the "Uncrowned King of Finland" would have been very much annoyed. A true poem of strong national feeling is not best interpreted with insipid listlessness.

The next number, a one act play entitled "Women at War" staged by Delta Gamma seemed quite pointless, there being very little central theme, and if so it was certainly not projected to the audience. It seemingly attempts to show women's reactions to war, and although a timely piece, it turns out quite typically, to be another example of weak, sentimental, anti-war bosh.

Perhaps the only exciting moment of the play was when Joan Blackwood entered disguised as Paul Revere. The slowness of the piece was exemplified by Marjorie MacLean and Winnie Flynn, who if anything showed a very definite dislike of their parts. If it hadn't been for their makeup they might have been children of ten, for in no way did they play their parts true to form except to make an attempt at domestication. Shirley Kirkpatrick and Mardi Schwartz were also weak, Shirley sewed for ten minutes on a piece of cotton 6 inches by 1 inch (for bandages, we believe) and Mardi gave forth a recipe as if she had just memorized it before coming on the stage. Ruth MacQuarrie was quite competent, although at times descended to burlesque, which incidentally would have improved the play one hundred per cent, if they had all followed suit. Betty Sandell added background and answered the door.

There was a very poor ending, none of the girls being very much affected by the deaths of their husbands and sons. Highly amusing was the faint smile that creased Winnie Flynn's lips when she learned of the death of her son. She was probably seeing him in Heaven.

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So The Students May Know

The Gazette is the official student weekly paper on this campus. It is owned by the students and published by students. One of its primary duties is to keep students informed of the activities on this campus. If the editors shirked this duty their resignations would soon be called for by the Students' Council and rightly so. With this in mind we bring to your attention certain facts concerning the Shirreff Hall incident which broke into the headlines last week. We shall not indulge in personalities, nor shall we express our own opinions of these facts. We print them merely to correct certain rumours prevalent on the campus.

Permission to use Shirreff Hall for the annual Delta Gamma dance was refused by the Warden of the Hall on her own decision. The Warden had NOT been ordered to refuse by University authorities.

The Warden was acting quite within her authority when she gave the refusal.

There have been three evening dances at the Hall this college year. This was the Warden's chief objection to the Delta Gamma affair.

For several years University officials have urged that student dances be held on the campus. Last year Delta Gamma staged their affair at Shirreff Hall, to the gratification of authorities.

Sodales Plans Ambitious Term

During the past two weeks, Sodales executive have been busy preparing their programme for the balance of the year, and they are pleased to report that they have been successful in lining up a most impressive series of engagements.

Let us take things as they come. On Monday next in the Moot Court Room of the Forrest Building the debaters of the Law School will try out for the team which will meet the men from U. N. B.'s Law School in a radio debate over the CBC's Maritime Network the following week. Those who heard the New Brunswickers when they were in Halifax last fall, know the excellence of their delivery and the forcefulness of their arguments, and realize that our lawyers will have a fight on their hands to convince the judges and the radio audience that "Canada's unemployment insurance laws should be enacted and administered by the Federal Authority".

Everyone has waited impatiently for the Bennett Shield debates. Next Tuesday in Room 3 of the Arts Building, the curtain goes up on the elimination series, the lone surviving team of which is proclaimed winner for its class of the coveted debating championship of the Studley Campus. To keep in the running for the shield the Seniors, John Grant and Margaret Schwartz, must overcome the eloquent Sophomores, Allan Bigelow and Prudence McKim, and persuade the learned judges that "Charlie McCarthy should be the next president of the United States". The remaining two debates of the series will take place on February 8, and February 22, the former between the Freshmen and Juniors, and the final between the winners of the first two contests.

This year as a regular feature debate of the year, Dalhousie plays host to her friends from King's. The subject will be announced within the next few days, notices will be posted for trials for the Dal team, and once more Sodales will go forth to conquer.

On March 14, one of the outstanding events of Dalhousie's debating history will take place. The University of West Virginia will send a team to Halifax to debate the resolution "That the rearmament of Great Britain and the United States is a contribution to peace". Sodales executive is proud that this year will see the inauguration of intercollegiate debating relations with West Virginia, debaters of which are known throughout the continent.

Council Meets

At a snap session, on Wednesday noon, in the Forrest building, the Council met and decided the question of the Delta Gamma Dance. With little preliminaries, Irene Pentz, President of Delta Gamma, stated that in former years \$50 had been given by the Council for a formal dance, and when the girls of their own accord dropped this, it was with the understanding that it would be given again, if so desired.

A motion was passed to the effect that the girls were allowed to transfer \$44.70 from its present allotment in the budget to be used as an expenditure in their Delta Gamma Formal. The only "nay" came from Ian MacKeigan who still thought it was contrary to the principles of the budget system.

Betty Sandell on behalf of the Girls' Hockey Team asked for \$42.50 to cover the cost of practices and games at the Forum. After a little debate the matter was deferred to the next meeting on Sunday.

Not Responsible

Certain people on this campus have taken it upon themselves to circulate an absolutely false rumour that the writer was responsible for the letter concerning Shirreff Hall which appeared in last week's issue of the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE.

That is not so.

The writer was in no way responsible for that letter and furthermore was not responsible for the article on the same subject carried by the Halifax Daily Star on Saturday, January 22, 1938.

ROLAND HURST.

Is President

Montreal, Que., Jan. 26.—C.U.P.—John Wesley Dafoe, editor-in-chief of The Winnipeg Free Press, chancellor of the University of Manitoba, and dean of Canadian journalists, announced his acceptance today of the honorary presidency of the C. U. P.

In exclusive statement from Ottawa, Dafoe said "I have been much interested in learning that university publications have gone into cooperative news gathering. That will lead to better news coverage and I have therefore been happy to accept the kind invitation to serve as honorary president. College papers pay a definite and creditable part in student activities and are necessary for acquainting the outside public with these activities."

Observers Attend Meeting On Condition Report Be Censored

Pop Contest In Moot Court

One of the most interesting social events of the current term was Tuesday's session of the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie. Court opened at 2.30 p. m. sharp (one half-hour late as usual) with Chief Justice McKeigan and Mr. Justice Sheehan presiding. Justices and counsel beamed at each other over bottles of pop.

Miss Allen, junior counsel for the appellants, arose and congratulated the judges, making her remarks short and sweet. Court was then adjourned for two minutes to allow Mr. Justice Hanway, who had just appeared a bit late, a chance to sneak onto the bench as inconspicuously as possible. When Court reopened Miss Hirsch, K. C. peered across the long row of legal lore and opened the argument for the appellants in a vivacious and forceful manner. Chief Justice McKeigan took a gulp of pop and his bottle was half-empty. Miss Hirsch contended the respondents had been negligent in caring for the appellant's letter but she became distracted when the Justices began to chuckle over something or other and she was forced to ask for order. Witness laughed and Chief Justice McKeigan guzzled another gulp of pop. The bottle was thus emptied at 2.43. Later, in order to illustrate a point, Miss Hirsch tried to take possession of Mr. Housser's pop but it had been finished at 3.01. (Mr. Housser had used three straws). Counsel finished her appeal at 3.40 and swallowed the rest of her pop.

Mr. Housser, junior counsel for the respondents, then (just as Miss Allen was finishing her pop) tried to compliment the judges in a grandiloquent manner but the Chief Justice realized he was "laying it on too thick" and held the compliments were "superfluous". Mr. Housser thumped into his seat and Miss Drummie, K. C., began the argument for her clients in a voice that was sweet and low. At 4.20 she finished her case and also her pop. Mr. Housser then appeared with three straws and another bottle which was finished instantly.

Miss Hirsch argued her rebuttal for 20 minutes and then court was adjourned to give their lordships a chance to make up their minds. Mr. Justice Sheehan had not touched his pop, probably fearing there was a snail in it, but one of the counsels was not afraid of snails and took a gulp as she passed the bench. It was then one-quarter full.

Their lordships returned and the Chief Justice congratulated counsel and gave judgment for the appellants. Mr. Justice Hanway concurred, but said he did not know why. What Mr. Justice Sheehan said was therefore of no importance. The battle of the century was finished just like the pop.

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Obviously with greater things in view, a motion to "postpone the annual Delta Gamma dance indefinitely with strong consideration to holding it in the gymnasium" was slipped through a well-attended meeting of the girls' society yesterday in the Arts' Building. To a few male observers in the back of the room it looked like the Flying Scot on a record breaking run, whizzing through a small village. Moved by Zylpha Linkletter and seconded by several well-trained voices, 48 beautiful but . . . coeds sprang to their feet in a block in answer to President Pentz' "All in favour—". There were about 60 present.

And so, long-suffering males are at last put out of their misery. There will be no Delta Gamma dance until further notice, and then no one knows where it will be held.

"One parliament is not bound by a previous one" and, after all it is a woman's privilege to change her mind. At Tuesday's Delta Gamma meeting it was decided definitely to hold the affair at one of the hotels, if the committee could make arrangements. Also, if possible, it was to be staged this Monday night. Wednesday the girls went before the Students' Council at a special meeting and received permission to transfer \$40 from their budget to meet dance expenses. What will happen to the \$40, is dubious, but it was transferred only on the condition that the dance would be held at an hotel.

Hall Incident.

The whole fiasco was an aftermath of the Shirreff Hall incident last week, when the Warden of the Hall refused the girls permission to hold the dance in that building. For years previous the co-eds of this campus had staged their formal ball at a downtown hotel, but last year, endeavouring to save money, they decided to hold the party at Shirreff Hall. Permission was obtained without difficulty, cavalier males present reported it one of the best parties of the year and university authorities applauded the action of the female students in their "back to the campus" movement.

The same plan was to be carried out this year but a stumbling block appeared. The Warden of the Hall refused permission to Delta Gamma executives, mainly on the point that there had been too many dances at the Hall last term, three to be exact—a freshman dance at the beginning of the year, a dance in aid of the Halifax Community Chest in the middle of the term and a House party. Other factors influencing the Warden's decision were the studies of the girls and allegedly the "wear and tear" on the Hall itself.

One university authority suggested the gymnasium as the logical "ballroom," but the co-eds disagreed. The Haliburton Room at King's College was also suggested as a possible locale, but no official action was taken. So the girls held a meeting, decided to

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Not Responsible

The executive of the Delta Gamma Society wish to publish the fact that Delta Gamma as a Society was in no way responsible for any article published in the Gazette of last week.

Sgd. Irene Pentz, President.

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GYMNASIUM

For the edification of those students who are unaware of the fact that there is a Squash Court on the second floor of the gymnasium. We suppose many know of it, but how many have seen it or played on it? The second floor of the gymnasium is to the public, one of the most inaccessible spots at Dalhousie, even more so than some of the sacred precincts on the Campus, and it is a very unfortunate matter.

We presume that the Gymnasium was built with the idea that it should be used by and for all Dalhousians. By Dalhousians we mean Faculty, Alumni and Students, primarily Students, because it was for their pleasure chiefly that the building was originally constructed. Why then, should a part of this edifice be removed from student use? We appreciate the fact that there is only one court and that this would tend to over-crowding, but this problem can be handled quite easily.

Another court in this city handles the problem in a very simple manner. Here, any player who wishes to use the court merely telephones the janitor and reserves it for a short period at whatever time is open. The same system could be employed here and would save people the bother and disappointment of coming and finding it occupied.

There are many people who do not play badminton, and there are no facilities at Dalhousie for indoor tennis. We feel, therefore, that the faculty could, and should, strain a point and release this room for student use. News of this would be received with great joy by those who play the game, and we feel sure that it would be no great hardship to the Faculty to relinquish a portion of their privilege. We refer the question, therefore, to the Senate Gymnasium Committee in the hope that their efforts will be met with success.

WHAT CIVIL WAR?

A certain section of the Halifax Press has seen fit to mistreat an article appearing in the *Gazette*. Last Saturday evening this daily newspaper had blazoned across its front page, a main headline stating that Dal co-eds were fighting a dance ban. Replacing news of international importance as the chief story of the day, the article goes on to say that "Civil war threatened on the Dalhousie campus . . ." and that students stand in "open protest" against college authorities for the sole reason that permission for a Delta Gamma dance to be held in Shirreff Hall was refused.

This story presented to the public an altogether erroneous impression of the true facts of the incident. It is not necessary to elaborate on the circumstances. But as all Dalhousians are aware, no group would rebel on such a trivial matter—and even if they did they would soon be brought to their senses by the scorn of the majority. It is hard to believe that a story appearing in a student publication of interest only to the students themselves, would be seized upon by a prominent newspaper, and spread across Page 1 with a lead which gives free rein to public imagination and allows a distortion of the true facts. We all know the truth. Permission to hold the dance at the Hall was refused by the Warden. Some students were indignant, others were not. But the most indignant of them all certainly did not stand in "open protest" against the University and if "civil war" were threatened it must have been nipped in the plotting stage for it definitely did not appear in the open.

We are sorry indeed to realize that a Halifax daily of good repute considers it necessary to magnify the facts concerning this incident. Petty itself in the minds of the students, to the general public the tone and treatment of the article presents a state of affairs which is non-existent at this University. Although the story may have been interesting copy in a student publication, we fail to see its benefit to the publisher of the newspaper in question—rather there may lie a detriment.

Almost Fine Year-- Poet Says.

Give ear, my friends, for I
Have made a revelation;
I've learnt a most astounding fact,
I've had an inspiration.
I've learnt that never in the history
Of the College by the Sea,
Has there been a better year,
Than this one almost proved to be.

First there came a Freshman class
That almost was a wow
They tore around the city streets,
They whooped it up, and how!
If they'd have gone to football games
Where you'd want them to appear
They would have been the swiftest
class
Dal had in many a year.

And did you ever see a football team
That had more enthusiasm?
Now, just because they graded last,
Doesn't mean that you should raz'em.
It doesn't matter who wins the game,
You know its just the spirit,
And even if they didn't win,
They say they came darn near it.

But the finest work of all the year,
What '38 is noted for,
Is the choral society's noble thought,
"H. M. S. Pinafore"
They dropped the place because of no
support,
(There really are 800 here or more)
But even if they didn't put it over,
They didn't even think of it before.

Fantasy - - Fancy and Fact

Ontario Hydro Power

The Federal House in Ottawa, opens early this month. One of the issues that will come before Parliament will be the right of Ontario to export power to the United States. The history of hydro power in Upper Canada has been an active one. Beauharnois, repudiation of contracts, denial of use of courts, election issues, the bumptious "Mitch" Hepburn—all fit into a kaleidoscope of shrewd juggling.

The story is an ever-changing one. Hepburn before an election says he has sufficient hydro powers. Quebec contracts are repudiated. Litigation ensues. The Ontario government is walled on its way to defeat in the court battle. Then from a clear sky new contracts are made. The price is lowered. No forms of guarantee are given that these contracts will not also be cast aside.

\$79,000,000

"The Quebec power barons" as the Toronto Saturday Night observes "surrender \$79,000,000." Hepburn has been quoted as saying by the Toronto "Globe and Mail" that there is "little expectation" of Ontario winning the court struggle for this large amount.

Why then do the Quebec interests suddenly turn Santa Claus and forget this fat sum which is apparently rolling their way? The Winnipeg Free Press with customary astuteness offers a solution.

The Wedge

Electric power is one of the richest products in Canada. The Federal authorities have never countenanced its exportation. The excellent reason being if Canada sends out cheap power to the United States the likelihood of United States factories moving into Canada or those at present operating here is certain to be severely curtailed. But Quebec private companies have always longed to sell surplus power. They have failed. Ontario is now seeking that right. As the "FREE PRESS" suggests, the Queber interests have kissed goodbye to \$79,000,000, in the hope that Ontario will have surplus power to export. Then "if Mr. Hepburn gets a license to export power from the Federal Government . . . it will become comparatively easy for private companies to get similar licenses and export power, too."

The Free Press says further, "A powerful lobby is being created to jam this deal through."

Local Interest

The East and West have long paid homage to Ontario and Quebec in the way of harmful tariffs. If Ontario and Quebec see fit to throw away their natural advantages for the temporary gain of the electric companies they forfeit their right to tariff protection. We in Nova Scotia will follow the debate with interest.

Love

Under the spreading mistletoe
The homely maiden stood
And stood and stood and stood and stood
And stood and stood and stood.

— "The Sheaf" —

Obiter

The late Mr. Will Rogers used to preface his remarks at times by saying that he only knew what he read in the papers. Judging by the front page of last week's *Gazette* one could get real huffy. If it's true that the boys can't play in Miss MacKeen's backyard anymore, than it's time the Dal girls, if they want the boys, should go on a strike. It would make swell advertisement for the Reunion. I have always thought that Dal students knew too little about their own college, and now it looks like they will know even less. Believe it or not, some of the males on the campus have never seen the girl's residence from the inside. One fellow tells me he has been at Dal two years and he doesn't know any more about Dal than Dal knows about him. Well, his chances are slipping away very quickly.

New Technique for War

The international situation looms. It always does. You must have noticed too that there always seems to be an international situation. It is usually in Europe, and it is hard to understand how there could be unemployment there. But to-day the situation is tense (another good word) in China. Everybody seems to blame the Japanese. This seems to me to be unjust. After all the Japs did apologize. And they are fighting a purely defensive war. All good military strategists know that the best method of defence is offence. But speaking of apologizing, I wonder that the Japs with their genius don't think up some labour saving method. One suggestion has been made, that the Japanese have a blank form printed and deposited with their ambassadors. I suggest that the omnium gatherum (some day I'm going to tell you a little joke in Latin) method would be better. At the beginning of the hostilities (I hesitate to use the word "war"), the Japanese could send a blank cheque of apology to the various nations to become effective whenever the occasion required. Of course that is only the first step in the idea. The clever Japanese could add many embellishments.

"To be or not to be--"

It looks like we will not. Have a year book I mean. It will be asked by most, have we ever had one? We want nothing new, of course. But I am told that Dalhousie was the first Eastern Canadian college to have a year book. That was over ten years ago. Eleven to be exact. Yes, the first. First to come and first to go. That is, after all, only fair is suppose. But gosh, this is Reunion year. You must have heard about the Reunion. What will the graduates of '27 think? That is, if any of them can think. Their brain-child is dying. Anyone that is the proud possessor of a first edition will realize that it is a superior piece of work. A real year book. It is very sad. I was planning on getting two copies this year too. Ah well, "This is Dalhousie's Day". The Year Book was dropped even before Shakespeare. And then, of course, there is always "H. M. S. Pinafore."

In modern war there is no victory. The Allies won the war but the regiments that marched in triumph were not those who won the war; the men who won the war were dead.



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Ex-Chiefs Rebel

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bers had the audacity to answer a request regarding prospects of future shows with the pert statement, "I don't know and I don't care." You can't very well blame this upon lack of spirit of the general student body, nor can we find fault with the girls who presented the one-act play. They obviously received little co-operation from a Glee Club executive, who should be making an effort to run their own shows and shoulder their own responsibilities. We feel sure that a little more effort on their part might well return the golden age in Dalhousie Entertainment.

The Millionaire's ball at the Gym had rekindled the cause we had thought was lost. We congratulate the Commerce boys on a truly successful Dalhousie night. Our enthusiasm was soon to be bitterly quenched, however, by the news that our august student executive had decreed "NO YEAR BOOK." Year books have been failures, they have become the bugbears in council expenditures. We just cannot afford one this year.

This, fellow students, seems to be the most unkindest cut of all—the ultimate catastrophe and final lapse into somnolence by our students' council.

Well do we remember last year's publication, a worthy, representative and fond remembrance of our little college for years to come. We too do well remember the struggle for its continuance. The editorial staff, not one of whom received any remuneration, despite a remarkably unco-operative Gazette, finally saw it through to a successful conclusion, available for student sale on April 8th of last year.

It is a sorry task to relate that even the staff must admit it was a grim failure. Mind you, not because of them, rather despite their best intentions. Why at this late date students who had willingly paid for their copies in advance should still be without them can be explained only by the Council itself. Why advertising fees due have not been paid into the student treasury must be answered by that august body. To our knowledge no attempt at its solution has yet been forthcoming. Sure! 'tis much easier to point to last year's financial failure, ignorant of its cause, and decide, because of that, Dalhousie's Centennial celebration must be without a year book. Yet we do find the resources to send a strong delegation of students to represent us at Winnipeg. We do not condemn that on its face value, but we strongly condemn it, if, because of it, Dalhousie finds that at this time it cannot afford a year book.

We note with some incredulity that the stated cause of this decision has been the fact that no managing director could be found to care for the prospective book. That too seems awkward, when one has been used to hearing for years the old cry, "As medicine goes, so goes Dalhousie", "Forrest runs the school, gets all the jobs". Where, ambitious Studleyites, could you have a better opportunity to display your true worth? Remarkable though it may seem we have found one of your holy group, capable, and we think willing, to undertake the job. If for some reason this becomes impossible, may we offer our humble efforts to the end that this, our University, shall have a chronicle of its centennial year. We hope that will not be necessary.

Honestly, fellow students, we had wished this expose would be unnecessary. Frankly we have been moved with a desire that our student body actively cooperate with the authorities and Alumni clubs in making this a gala Centennial Year. We would be failing our university had we let this state of affairs continue to exist. We want a stable, prosperous, well advertised Dalhousie, not as the home of discontented Co-Eds, but an institution which boasts of reverence and loyalty from both students and Alumni. We contend that a bigger and better Year Book is possible, immediately necessary—a Centennial gift from students to Alumni, a shining record of 100 years of glorious existence. We thank you, Mr. Editor.

I. ROY GOLD.
WALLACE M. ROY.

College Notes

A Reporter's Joke

"The Syracuse Daily Orange" recently carried an amusing story of a practical joke played by a female member of its staff. Armed with a petition and a sharp pencil, Ellen Conry set about getting signatures for her petition, and succeeded in getting 115 names, or about 96% of the names of the people she met. The next day a photostatic copy of the petition was printed in the "Daily Orange". It showed that 115 university students had promised to serve a term of five years on a Georgia chain gang, unless they were granted that for which they petitioned.

According to Miss Conry, most people merely took the paper agreeably and signed without even glancing at the petition. Others showed an interest in the contents but were satisfied to have Miss Conry explain it to them while they glanced at the typewritten material. Some were more interested in the names of the people who had already signed than in what they were signing themselves. Of the 123 "candidates" contacted, only 3 students spotted the catch and refused to sign. Like most practical jokes, this one has a moral attached to it, which probably is that you can't believe all the petitions you hear.

Wimmen

The Engineers at the University of Manitoba have at last provided us with a report on the species female, after a long and arduous investigation into the whole matter. The following is a complete verbatim account of their report:

"Element—Women.
"Occurrence—Found wherever man exists. Seldom in the free state; with few exceptions, the combined state is to be preferred.

"Physical Properties—All colors and sizes. Usually in draped condition. Face covered with a film of composite material. Boils at nothing, and may freeze at any moment. Very sweet if properly treated, and bitter if not.

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Virile Idealism

Four walls do not a college make, nor does the mortar convey the sacrifice, vision, courage and work of which it is the recipient. For, on reading the history of Dalhousie University now running in the *Dalhousie Review* by D. C. Harvey, one realizes just what Dalhousie, with its splendid buildings and beautiful campus, has cost in human sacrifice, what trials and tribulations have been borne, what thoughts and visions have been required to found the first undenominational college in the British Empire and to maintain it on this true basis of a liberal education.

Dalhousie has always pioneered. That is her tradition and like the pioneer it has been her lot, even to this day, to bear the whips and scorns of time. Conceived on a radical idea for the time—non-sectarianism—in a world filled with religious prejudice, when no man could countenance another of a different faith—her fate has been to ride the sea of dogma—ever to press forward in the cause of unbiased truth. Born in the turbulent sea of conflict and imbued by Lord Dalhousie with these words: "It is founded upon the principles of religious toleration From this college every blessing may flow over your country May it continue to dispense them to the latest ages. Let no jealousy disturb its peace; let no lukewarm indifference check its growth" it has met the swells of various religious groups and the storms of governmental interference. Dalhousie, this history shows has, time and again, given evidence of its virile idealism.

Letters To The Editor

The Editor,

Dear Sir:
When Junior and I arrived at the Law School last Friday afternoon, after putting in a strenuous two hour practice session at one of the local billiard emporiums, trying out the second day's procedure of the celebrated Cue-Ball Connelly's ten day home course in cushion crashing—we were duly presented with our copy of Vol. LXVIII—No. 12 of America's oldest college paper. Therein we discovered an article on swing music containing a point we thereupon decided to criticize.

The learned author of the above mentioned treatise has manifestly convinced himself that when Tommy Dorsey recorded his arrangement of 'Song of India'—he not only bit off more than he could chew—but tried to put jazz into a number that simply could not assimilate it.

Why blame Dorsey?—far away back in the murky past—1921 to be exact—one Paul Whiteman instigated the now popular practise among present day arrangers of delving into the files of the classics—and picking out tunes which they consider capable of being 'swung up'. Although we hate to rub it in—one of the first numbers so operated upon by the inimitable Mr. Whiteman was the 'Song of India'.

With regard to such organizations as conducted by Wayne King, Lombardo and others of that ilk—Junior and I secretly harbour our own opinion. However, there must be more than a few students around this campus who can recall a programme of a few seasons back, which featured Wayne King's band. It called for a commercial now and then by Lady Esther (No Junior, not the Lady Esther that owns the horse) and was announced by a particularly silken-voiced individual named Stewart. That august personage would never blurt out, for example, "Wayne King will now play 'A Kiss in the Dark'. Heavens, no! In his perfectly modulated tone, butter side up, he would announce to all and sundry that "the incomparable music of Wayne King and the composing genius of Victor Herbert will now combine to perpetuate 'A Kiss—in the Dark'".

At any rate, without attempting to analyse the cavalcade of swing, from Whiteman of 1920 (not LaRocca-Dick) down to Naugler of 1938

where it has a marked tendency to swing to the left (communistic), Junior and I will bow out of the picture with a standing invitation to all ye avid swing critics to drop around to 255 Robie Street and talk it up with

Moaner McGruffey's Maritime Correspondent.

A CO-ED SPEAKS (A letter to the Editor)

Dear Sir:

There has been some talk on the campus lately about a Student's Union building. The idea is good, but have its advocates thought about, talked about, and in general deeply considered the \$155,000 that we owe on the gymnasium. This \$155,000 is lent to us at the rate of 5%. Dalhousie, then, must pay the gym every year \$7,750 in interest, plus the cost of upkeep, plus some of the principal (if she is able).

What has been done to relieve Dalhousie of this debt? The alumni has tried, not very successfully, to raise money among Dalhousie's graduates. The students have done—nothing. I beg your pardon. The students have done something. They have made a fuss, through the Student's Council, about paying \$100 a year towards the cost of expenses caused by Glee Club shows, badminton at night, and other such activities.

Yet can you imagine Dal without the Gym? It is one of the nicest among those of other Canadian universities. Other colleges would be thrilled to have a gymnasium like ours. Yet we take it for granted and do not give it a thought. We let the University and the Alumni (most of whom left Dal before the gym was built) do the thinking. Why? Are they the ones who play badminton there every afternoon? Are they the ones who play ping-pong in the locker-rooms and who will look back with pleasure to evenings spent in the lower gym. They do not remember past Glee Clubs in this place, they can not remember their first Freshmen meeting in the gym. Why, then, should they be asked to take on the whole responsibility of paying for it?

Let's have some constructive suggestions as to how we students can help. Let's make this the one student project that everybody is behind. Let's co-operate. Yours truly,

DALHOUSIANNE

Pine Hill Story

There are two classes of Men, those who will stop a dog-fight and those who will not. The same applies to cats. The hero who stepped in to stop Tommy, the Residence cat, from killing the Black stranger was Jim McLellan. It was rumored that Tommy had a friend in the Residence, but not that kind of a friend.

A female voice from an unknown source invited Jack Sinclair, Tommy Rogers, and Harty Watts to a nice party the other night. Ask any of the above how they enjoyed it, or better still, go look for 110 Oakland Road yourself. If you find it, tell them.

Never a Hollywood beauty at his best, Jim Milner's appearance was not improved by a touch of cold weather last week. To quote one of those witty medical students, "Friends, Romans, and Milner, lend me your ears."

Since he saw Fred Astaire do his stuff in the last scene of "A Damsel in Distress" there has been no holding Wallie Sellars. He and his grandmother are both hopelessly rhythm crazy. If they would just take his g--mother away it would help.

Flash—Last Saturday night at the bewitching hour, the first issue of the Pine Hill *Pepper Box* was released for the scribes and pharisees. Attendant with the traditional ceremony, the *Pepper Box*, was placed upon the historic walls of this famous old institution. While this year's issue cannot be fairly compared with those published before Dr. J. S. Thompson's famous *Esquire* cartoon purge (accompanied with his equally famous remark, "Why is it, gentlemen, that you must always let your minds run to sex?") the 1938 edition deserves great merit.

Dental Explorer

Strange sounds and groans were heard emanating from the prothodontia lecture room, Saturday afternoon, where the Dalhousie Dental Society held its meeting. Something was dying and our would-be-doctors were trying hard to find a remedy.

"To be, or not to be" was the theme of the momentous conclave—i. e. shall our society live or die? Besides the mere formality of collecting one dollar for dues, there seemed to be three definite factions who insisted on turning our illustrious professional society into a childish play-club; and, to boot, even waxed vehement over the disposal of their collective fortune in the societies' treasury, a magnificent sum of three dollars. The terpsichorean sophomores verbally fought the erudite seniors, while the other classes just fought. The sophomores danced, the seniors lectured on educational themes, the smokers smoked, and the freshmen said nothing. The winner? Jimmy Braddock.

President Tubby Egan diagnosed the society's ailment as Infectious Mononucleosis Dentica, a disease effecting dental students which has been known to queer the mind. The prognosis—either complete recovery if the three dollars can be made to grow, or else necrosis and dissolution of the society.

So come on you financial invalids and pay up, so that our society can arise from its sick-bed, rejuvenated, buzzing with activity, and again resume its place as an integral unit for the promotion of cooperation and understanding socially and educationally between the faculty and students of the dental college.

Don't let our patient die. He can do great things and accomplish much when all his organs function harmoniously—and there really is no reason why it can't.

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Dal at New Glasgow
Friday Jan. 28th.
Basketball
Dal vs. Wanderers
Thursday Feb. 3rd.
Cubs vs. N. S. Tech.
Saturday Jan 29th.
INTERFACULTY
Dent. vs. Frosh
Law vs. Med.
Thurs. Feb. 3rd.
Eng. vs. A & S



SPORT



Example - The Band

The campus organization which deserves extra special mention this week is the Dalhousie Band. It has set an example of achievement which puts other of our worthy student groups to shame and may well show to the student body as a whole the way out of the morass of lethargy which seems to be the greatest single problem facing student leaders this year. The D. A. A. C. is worried—and with reason—the Glee Club laments over the skull of "poor Yorick." "Alas I knew him," Sodales finds the odd orator to win verbal victories but no one to listen and so on all the way down the list. Even the well-earned reputation of Dalhousie students as devotees of the dance seems to be in danger. One outstanding exception is the little thought of Dalhousie Band.

Last term, the Band was as deep, if not deeper, in the doldrums than any campus organization. They made brave attempts at two of the football games but the majority of the appearances were not unqualified successes to put it most charitably. To what is owed the sudden reversed of form so evident to-day? We do not know, but would venture to suggest, that it is nothing more complicated than each member of the band deciding to make an effort to do what they had set out to do properly and to put a little spirit into it—a treatment, by the way, which if applied by the students generally would have a rejuvenating effect which would make this campus a different place in a space of time, surprising even to the optimists. However this may be, the fact is that the Dalhousie Band to-day has improved at the very least 100% over last term.

We were present at the opening game of the hockey season a few weeks ago. The fine fighting spirit of the team and a really good performance by the band created an atmosphere that evening which would have done any real Dalhousian's heart good. We fondly hope that there are more real Dalhousians than were there, but that remains to be seen.

Since then the Band have been the star turn at a Glee Club show and on Wednesday night made another real contribution to the enjoyment of the few faithful at the hockey match. All this goes to show that the organization which had probably the poorest start of any has come out right on top. Now just why is this? You may ask. We think mainly because of interest and spirit—college spirit.

This editorial by setting before you an example is a plea for more interest and more college spirit, particularly in the domain of athletics. Organized athletics at college exist on nothing more nor less than student interest and if that interest is withdrawn they die. Now it has come pretty nearly to the point where athletics at Dalhousie are going to die or at least be seriously curtailed unless there is a change of attitude by the student body. There may be a small minority who would welcome the day when Dal's Rugby, Basketball and Hockey Teams are things of the past and our athletic traditions forgotten. But we believe that the great majority if ever faced with a definite choice on this question would unhesitatingly vote for the continuance of athletics. It is about time that this majority wakes up to the realization of the fact that they are even now being faced with this question and that it calls for action.

Critic Scores Play

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Vast Improvement

The highlight of a bad evening was the presentation of the Dalhousie Band. Considering the poor performances at the football games last fall the band receives our heartiest congratulations on its showing.

Quite obviously as much surprised as the audience, the band rose to inspired heights under the loud applause they received. Particularly pleasing to the fans were the "blats" from the trombone section, which supplied the comedy relief that the play lacked.

Realizing the fact that three band numbers do not make a Glee Club Show, it was a universal thought that as a College Theatrical Production it was good Primary School stuff. There are four more shows to be presented and if the Glee Club envisage four more such "lulus", the Executive, the props, settings and such sundry articles should be relegated to that same ash trap where the Year Book now sadly reposes.

Delta Gamma Meets

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stage the dance in an hotel, then held another meeting two days later and reversed their decision.

Meeting Fixed?

Your correspondent hesitates to suggest that yesterday's meeting was "fixed", but he does not hesitate to state that his ideals concerning innocent young womanhood were shattered to a great degree.

However, it was hinted that a story would break on this campus within the next week worthy, as one co-ed put it, of a special issue of the *Cassette*. And so the males must go their way for seven days, blissfully unaware of the dark plottings of the female mind.

Inter-faculty manager Ed Cragg announces that the Inter-faculty hockey league will get under way on February 7th. The schedule is now being drawn up and will appear in next week's *Gazette*.

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INTERFACULTY BASKETBALL

A & S 26 Frosh 20

Med 22 Dent 20

Law 44 Eng 17

Two Fine Games On Bill As Seniors Gets Under Way

Four aspirants for the City League Basketball crown will take to the Gym floor next Thursday night in the first of a series of double-headers that will stretch out until March 10th. This will mark the second occasion that Dalhousie and Wanderers have matched this season and everything points to the fact that the Tigers will repeat their win of a fortnight ago and down their ancient rivals once again.

The new system introduced by Mr. Charley Steers has shown its worth and with the added polish produced by two weeks of hard practise we shall have a hard-driving quintet to take the Redmen's measure. There is nothing like starting off a court season with a clear cut win which is exactly what Dal intends to do, but there will be plenty of tough opposition from the enemy camp, so you won't want to miss a trick by failing to be on hand to witness this hoop classic.

The first game of the evening will throw the high-flying Dal Grads against the Acadia Axemen, champions of last year. Not much has been heard concerning the Garnet and Blue, but they have a trick of turning up with a well-balanced squad that never fails to prove interesting to their opponents. The Grads, also, have shown power in pre-season exhibition and everything points to a hard struggle in the opener.

The Tigers looked like potential champs in their last practise and desire nothing more than to repeat the successes that attended Dal hoop squads of a few years ago. The more support they get, the better they will do, so let's see as many people as the Gym will hold out there next Thursday night.

Interfaculty

This week the interfaculty athletes had to limit their activities to basketball. Two games were scheduled in the Softball League for last Friday night but as the main floor of the Gym was required for other activities the teams had to stand aside. These postponed games will be played at the end of the League schedule, Interfaculty Manager Cragg announced.

The basketeers, however, had an active week with three games being run off. On Tuesday those league leading Arts and Science men took the Frosh into camp by a 26-20 score. The Freshmen had hopes of breaking the Arts and Science winning streak but finished up three baskets to the bad after a hardfought game. On Wednesday the Meds just eked out a victory over the Dents who made a surprising stand and narrowly missed topping the Medicos. Our budding doctors would not have liked that at all and fought hard to maintain their narrow margin. The final score was Meds. 22—Dent. 20 so there wasn't much to choose between the teams.

On Thursday the second place Law sextette downed the tailend Engineers in a free scoring game. 44—17. The Lawyers took charge from the opening whistle to chalk up their third league win with ease.

The league standing to date is

Team	W	L	P
A. & S.	4	0	8
Law	3	1	6
Meds.	2	1	4
Frosh	1	2	2
Dent	1	3	2
Eng.	0	4	0

Tigers Defeated

Away to a flying start, when they scored two goals in the first minutes of the game, Truro Bearcats took advantage of the many golden opportunities offered them during the rest of the game and after sixty minutes of fast bustling hockey, skated off with a 7-5 victory over the Dalhousie pucksters. The Tigers were always at least one goal down and were forced to play wide open hockey, and force the Bearcats all the way. Thanks to goalie Mumford who turned in a sensational exhibition of puck stopping, the Truro team managed to hold off the Dalhousie tide and cash in on fast breakaways to clinch the game. Both teams played very clean hockey and only three penalties were handed out by the officials, one to Dalhousie and two to Truro.

From the opening face off, Burgess went in on the Dal goal and passed to McLean who scored. A few seconds later the same pair duplicated the play with Burgess sliding the puck into the net. After these sudden scores, the Tigers pulled up their socks and went right after the Bearcats and were finally rewarded when Mont, Conn and Buckley clicked on a beautiful passing play with Mont getting the goal.

In the second period, the Bearcats again scored two quick goals by Ryan and Beswanger before the Tigers could get organized. Near the end of the period with Dal playing one man short, Don MacGregor made a very smart play when he skated slowly up centre ice and shot towards the Truro goal. The puck got stuck behind the net and MacGregor went in, brought it around Mumford and slid it into the far corner of the cage to the amazement of the whole Truro lineup. One minute later DeWolfe swung down centre and passed to MacGregor who batted in his second marker to cut the Truro margin to one goal.

The Collegians opened the final period with a furious gang attack which missed by inches on at least a dozen occasions. Halfway through the period, Taylor scored on a long shot. After this surprise goal, Dal fought right back and Jack Buckley finally scored on a gang play. Only one goal down the College boys pressed desperately but once more Taylor scored to increase Truro's margin. MacGregor brought Dal within striking distance again when he scored assisted by Buckley and DeWolfe. Finally Taylor again netted the puck to sew up the game for Truro less than two minutes before the final bell.

Ping Pong

On Friday evening, January 28th, at 7 p. m., the cream of Dalhousie's "celluloid chasers" will take on Jimmy Steele's charges at the Y. M. C. A., in what is hoped to be the first in a series of matches between the college and the association. Representing Dalhousie will be "Babe" Stewart, Syd Schlossberg, Ed Stewart, G. Lehv, Len Kitz, G. Heisler, G. Hennigar, and Hugh Little. Each of these gentlemen has proven his worth in previous competitions and should cause plenty of trouble to Messrs. Woodworth, Piers and Co.

Absolutely no admission charge—so come to the "Y" on Friday and see the strenuous game of Ping-Pong as it should be played.

Badminton

The Halifax Badminton Club administered a crushing defeat to Dalhousie's student-alumni team at the military gym on Tuesday evening. The win jumped the Badminton Club into the lead in the McCurdy Cup race and shoved the Collegians even farther into the cellar.

Dalhousie dropped 22 of the 30 matches on the evening's list of events to finish up on the short end of the 22-8 score. The male element of the student-alumni team which made last week's match with the Militia Officers Club a close thing were completely routed and it was left to the co-eds to stage a rally for a lost cause which changed the route into something more like orderly retreat.

After the Halifax Club had made a clean sweep in the men's events, the girls won 5 of the ladies' singles matches and 2 in the ladies' doubles, Dal's 8th victory was one lonely success in the mixed doubles.

The score for the evening's play was:

	H.B.C.	Dal
Men's Singles.....	6	0
Men's Doubles.....	6	0
Ladies Singles.....	1	5
Ladies Doubles.....	4	2
Mixed Doubles.....	5	1
	22	8

Cubs Upset

In a fast and exciting game on the Y. M. C. A. floor last Saturday, the Dal cubs dropped a 29-23 decision to the Y intermediates. The Tigers played a hard fought game and only lost out in the last few minutes of play. Inaccurate shooting and defects in defence work cost the fighting Dal squad a victory.

The first few minutes of play were rather ragged. The College boys could not seem to get started and it took them quite a while to shake off the strong man to man defence maintained by the Y. After a short time, the play began to get faster and the Tigers kept on the heels of the Association squad to end the half four points down.

Determined to break into the lead, the Campus quintet fought hard and at one time in the second half succeeded in knotting the score at 20-20. The Y went out in front again with a quick rally and the fighting Bengals lost out in the last six minutes of play when they failed to overcome a brand new six point lead. Both teams had the same number of shots at the basket, but the Dal team tried a good many from far out which did not find the mark and this weakness lost the game for them. By clever passing the Y hoopsters were able to make openings in the Dal defence and scored most of their points from in close.

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