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## DAL DEBATERS WIN OVER U.S.A. TEAM

### TIGERS WIN CITY LEAGUE TITLE

### Condition of British Empire is Upheld by Halifax Debaters

#### Favourite



W. C. MacKENZIE who heads the lists in today's all star dance programme

### American Visitors Are Entertained By Sodales

Opening their debating tour of Eastern Canada here in Halifax, Messrs Milton H. Williams and William C. Erskine, who met Dal last Monday evening, arrived in the city late Sunday night, and were met by representatives of the Council, Sodales, and their opponents.

Sodales wishes to acknowledge publicly the very great generosity of Fine Hill Residence which kindly consented to billet the visitors during their stay in the city.

Monday at 12.45 Radio, Station C. H. N. S. was turned over to Sodales for publicity purposes, and each of the visitors addressed their unseen audience for a few minutes, while Ernest Howse told of the debate that evening. Both proved most pleasing speakers and a large number of students report having heard them.

An informal luncheon was held at the Green Lantern at 1 when Williams and Erskine were guests of the Students' Council. Others present included the Intercollegiate Committee of professors, Editor of Pharos, Officers of Sodales, and the two teams.

During the afternoon the visitors were shown through various parts of the University, Medical School, Studley, Library, etc., and were greatly pleased with the buildings. They also viewed the scene of the evening's conflict.

The Executive of Sodales were especially pleased with the large turnout for the debate. With roads almost impassable everywhere, and with none too much publicity among Halifax citizens, the turnout was almost feared, but excelled far above all combined hopes and over 300 attended the debate.

The U. S. Team were guests of Sodales at 10.30 at a banquet held in the Lord Nelson Hotel, following the debate. Those invited to be present were: Pres. MacKenzie, Chairman; Hon. O. P. and Mrs. Goucher, Dr. Clarence and Mrs. MacKinnon, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Mellish; Ernest Howse, Helen Williams, Gordon Harris, officers of Sodales; Messrs Milton Williams, William Erskine, John A. Y. MacDonald, Cyril Greene, star performers of the evening; Gordon Cooper, Arthur Pattillo, Tom MacDonald, the Intercollegiate Team; Fred Jennings and Tom Goudge, Students' Council; George Macintosh, Gazette Editor; Bernie Miller, Pharos Editor; and their guests:—Miss Gladys Farquarson, Mr. Tom Coffin, Misses Polly Burris, Margaret Cowperthwaite, Frances Elkin, Mary Crocker, Elizabeth Murray, Mary Carroll, Syd Wallace, Margaret Kent, Molly Fulton and Mary Currie.

Although in Halifax only slightly over a day, the visiting team made a profound impression upon all those who met them. They spoke at every opportunity of the fine treatment (Continued on Page Four)

### Overtime Victory Over "Y" Quintette Gives Championship to Dalhousie

MacRae scores lone basket in five minute overtime period. Guards especially effective.

The Dalhousie Tigers annexed the Halifax City Senior Basketball League championship when they defeated the Y.M.C.A. 18 to 16, in the most exciting and hard fought game played this year. At the end of the second period the score was 16 to 16 and it took five minutes of overtime to decide the winner. The Dalhousie Cubs were also victorious, defeating the Y.M.C.A. 14 to 10, while St. John's defeated St. Joseph's 19 to 10. The Dalhousie-Y.M.C.A. tussle was fast and exciting with Dalhousie leading the entire game. The first period ended with Dalhousie in the lead, nine to eight. The two teams started at a fast pace from the opening whistle, and Y.M.C.A. secured their first count when Beazley scored on a nice basket, Fairstein opened the scoring for Dalhousie when he tipped the ball in from under the net. A few minutes later he put his team in the lead when he netted a brilliant basket from centre of the floor. Hill tied the score when he intercepted a pass. Beazley, who was playing a great game for his team, put the "Y" in the lead when he netted a basket from centre floor. The middle of the period saw Dalhousie putting on their reserve forwards in the game. McLellan dropped in two baskets for Dalhousie, one right after another. With about two minutes to go, Beazley took the ball and shot from centre floor, and the ball rolled in for a beautiful score. Handler ended the scoring when

he was awarded a personal foul on Archibald. The period ended with Dalhousie leading by one point. The same men started the second half for both teams. Dalhousie got away to a whale of a start when she scored two baskets and a foul without a return. Fairstein and MacRae got the baskets and Davison got the foul. Play now became very fast with the "Y" starting a rally, Archibald and Stan Young scoring. Y.M.C.A. missed a wonderful chance to tie the score when Beazley was awarded two free shots. Failing to get either one.

Davidson increased Dal's lead to four points when he scored on a nice pass from Fairstein. In the last minute of play Y tied the score Parker and Young getting nice baskets. In the five minutes overtime Dalhousie gained the lead when MacRae made a beautiful basket from past centre. Fairstein was the pick of the winners. He scored six points for Dal. McLellan played a nice game for Dal, his shooting being deadly accurate and he was a constant worry to the Y.M.C.A. guards, Beazley and Young were the pick of the losers.

**Dalhousie**—Forwards, R. McLellan (4), S. Fairstein (6), Nickerson, Davidson (3), MacRae (4), J. McLeod, Guards, Anderson, Fraser, Handler (1). **Y.M.C.A.**—Forwards, B. Lloy, A. Mitchell, B. Beazley (5), Archibald (2), S. Young (4), J. Hill (2), Guards Fordham, Winchcombe, Parker, Hamilton (2).

### Fee Question to be Debated Before Sodales Tomorrow

Misses Page and Miller to represent Co-eds in verbal combat

The big debate on the Ten Dollar Fee Question has come at last. Tomorrow (Wed.) night at 8 p. m. the Munro room will resound with the verbosity of those who are so openly in favor of the proposal, and will echo and re-echo the loud determined clamorings of those against the raise and unafraid to say so in public. This will probably be the only occasion before the plebiscite when a meeting open to the whole college will be held. The floor is yours just as much as the other fellows'. And the girls must speak too—for their vote and opinion is just as valuable as that of the male element.

George Macintosh, Editor of the Gazette, will lead the forces who are supporting the raise. George hails from Sydney, received his B. Sc. in '28, and is in Dentistry '31. Last year was Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, and has gained much first-hand knowledge of financial conditions under which that body works. Prominent in many activities—member of Phi Kappa Pi, twice Basketball Manager, in cast of "The Show-Off," 1928 Convocation Play, and other activities. As basketball manager and Gazette editor has been compelled time and time again to submit to having budgets cut for lack of funds.

Miss Madeleine Page, B. A., is supporting Macintosh. Graduated in '29 and this year will get her M. A. degree in Philosophy. Member of Gazette Staff, Critique Editor of Pharos 1930, and last year was leader of the Girls' Intercollegiate Debating Team. An able speaker.

In the person of Gerald Stewart, B. A., the loud opposition in the Faculty of Law will have a worthy representative. Graduated last year from Mt. A., and was Valetorian. Son of member of N. B. Government, and speaker of fine platform ability. Attended school at Campbellton before entering Mt. A. Last year was President of the Students' Council, rink manager, founder of the finance committee, Secty. of A. A. A., and President of Eurhetorian Society. Has debated

for Mt. Allison against Truro Agricultural College. Ardent worker for N. F.C.U.S.; attended 1928 Conference at Kingston, Ont. Tomorrow night Sodales will hear him for the first time, expounding forth theory as viewed from the viewpoint of the first year law student.

Miss Pauline Miller, Sc. '30, supports Stewart. Former Basketball Manager and track star, and present Second Vice-Pres. of Delta Gamma, whose duties include management of girls' athletics. An able speaker who will also make her first appearance. Tomorrow night, 8 p. m. MUNRO ROOM, FOKREST BUILDING. THE \$10 FEE OR THE \$7?

### All Star Dance Programme

As announced in the Gazette some time ago we are printing herewith the male all star dancing programme. The following list of male dancers was compiled from a list of twenty-five all-star programmes submitted by twenty-five of Dalhousie's most popular co-eds. The names occur in order of merit. "Fat" (Walter) MacKenzie our Glee Club President heads the list having obtained the largest number of votes.

Watch next week's Gazette for the female programme.

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| 1. "Fat" MacKenzie. | 9. Chas. Underwood.   |
| 2. Laurie Hart.     | 10. "Bob" Brown.      |
| 3. Chas. Stanfield. | 11. Fred McLellan.    |
| 4. Fred Jennings.   | 12. Russell McLellan. |
| 5. John Budd.       | 13. "Hardy" Parker.   |
| 6. "Dippy" Donahoe. | 14. "Algy" Brittain.  |
| 7. Rolph Grant.     | 15. "Bob" Donahoe.    |
| 8. "Hum" Harris.    | 16. Murray Rankin.    |
- 1st Extra Harvey Sutherland.  
2nd " Manning Archibald.  
3rd " Charlie Clark.  
4th " "Drum" Eaton.  
5th " "Bill" MacIsaac.

Those obtaining an equal number of votes have been placed in the programme alphabetically.



MacRAE whose timely basket won Thursday's night's game

### Dalhousie Girls to Play Dartmouth

Come on Dalhousians all, to the Arena tonight, and see the girls' first game of the season. They are going to play Dartmouth at 8 o'clock, and they expect to clean up everything. Frankie is goal tender, she just won't let the puck pass her. Then there is little Tilly, Peg, and oh just lots of others. And after this game comes an hour's skating. Let us support our team. We want everyone to turn out and cheer for the Dalhousie girls. The admission is only 25c. Let us see them on to victory!

### Dalhousie to have Univ Residence?

The Students' Council decided at the last meeting that a letter should be sent to the president of the University asking if it would be possible to have Birchdale as a residence for Dal men students next year. This suggestion seems to be a very good one, because the accommodations in the past year have been very poor.

### To Discuss Birds

The members and friends of the club are assured of an interesting evening's entertainment on Wednesday, February 19th, when E. Chesley Allen will address the club on "Birds of Nova Scotia." Mr. Allen is an acknowledged authority on bird-lore and has previously spoken to the club on several occasions. The short course students of the Atlantic Fisheries Experimental Station are to be the guests of the society at this meeting. A good attendance is requested as important business is to be discussed. Be on hand at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Feb. 19th in the Dental Theatre. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Visiting speakers impress large audience. President A. S. MacKenzie occupies chair.

On Monday evening, February 8th, the Dalhousie International Intercollegiate Debating team emerged victorious over their American opponents in an oratorical contest held in the Gymnasium. The debate was of great interest and was very well supported by the students as was shown by the large audience which turned out for the occasion.

President MacKenzie, the chairman for the evening, welcomed the American debaters and endorsed the feeling of goodwill towards the United States.

The resolution was:—"Resolved that the British Empire is in grave danger of disintegration."

The American team to whom the choice of sides had fallen, selected the affirmative of the resolution, leaving our own debaters to uphold the negative.

The personell of the teams was:—**Dalhousie**—Cyril J. Greene, John A. Y. MacDonald.

**Americans**—Milton H. Williams, William C. Erskine.

Mr. Milton Williams expressed his appreciation for the cordial welcome which had been extended by Dalhousie to Mr. Erskine and himself.

Addressing himself to the resolution Mr. Williams contended that technically the British Empire isn't an Empire at all, because it is made up of sovereign states. The word "empire" presupposes a real supreme head and while this may have been the case with the

British Empire at one time, it is no longer the case at present. It is rather a great federation. Further, disintegration doesn't mean destruction, it merely denotes a breaking away. This being the case, the British possessions will carry on by themselves. Mr. Williams in speaking of colonial commercial treaties and Imperial Conferences stated that these were indications of autonomy by the colonies. Many other activities show the same thing, such as the signing of the Treaty of Versailles by Canada, and the sending of ambassadors to the United States. In reality Canada is a nation. For over a hundred years the trend has been towards independence and it is logical that this move will continue.

The British Dominions are really sovereign and independent; only the bond of loyalty to the King in person holds us together.

Mr. John MacDonald supporting Dalhousie, and the negative of the resolution joined issue with Mr. Williams on his interpretation of "disintegration." Mr. MacDonald cited definitions from dictionaries showing that it means "crumble." The keynote of the unity of the British Empire is sentiment, which requires some crisis to bring it out. This was well shown in the war of 1812 with the United States when Canada elected to fight for the cause of Great Britain and the unity of the British Empire rather than break away and side in with the Americans. A similar occurrence was the Boer War. Again, in the Great World War, Germany discounted the great bond of sentiment holding the Dominions together.

The growth of nationalism and empire unity are not inconsistent. We are relieving England of our burden but the feeling of unity still remains. The general tendency is towards co-operation, not only within the empire but also outside of it, witness the naval conferences. Therefore when unity is the watchword why should we want to separate, and finally the key to the situation is found in the maxim, "Unity is strength."

Mr. William Erskine then attacked the unity of the British Empire by showing that there was a slow division into component parts. The Empire would be destroyed because England has been intelligent enough to delegate independence to the colonies. In two hundred states there cannot be complete unity (especially in view of their diversified interests. England hasn't an empire, she has dominions, and while we have not been destroyed, yet we have disintegrated into autonomous states.

Mr. Cyril Greene. As the dominions grow up they will unite as equals and the growth of independence does not mean secession. There is universal agitation all over the world for unification, and should a dominion see fit to withdraw from the British Empire it must of necessity be subordinate to another nation. All through the British Empire there is a spirit of co-operation along economic lines as evidenced in trade agreements. To support the affirmative of the resolution it must be shown that a majority of people desire secession from the Empire.

Finally, concluded Mr. Greene, the great flexibility of our constitution can meet any crisis which may arise. The most enlightened nations of the world are found within the British Empire, and they see that to exist they must stay within it.

Each side was then accorded the privilege of a rebuttal in which, wit and humor such as is seldom heard, abounded.

The judges: Hon. Humphrey Mellish J. S. C., Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, D. D., and Hon. Obed. P. Goucher, M. P. rendered a two to one decision in favour of the Dalhousie team.

With the playing of "God Save the King," the debate ended leaving Dalhousie victorious.

K. S. S.

### Coming Events

- Weds. Feb. 19th.—C. O. T. C. Parade. Sodales Debate on \$10.00 fee. Broadcast of College Kapers.
- Thurs. Feb. 20th.—Glee Club Show.
- Sat. Feb. 22nd.—Interfaculty Basketball.
- Tues. Feb. 25th.—Glee Club Show Newman Club.
- Wed. Feb. 26th.—C. O. T. C. Parade.
- Fri. Feb. 28th.—Millionaires Ball, Lord Nelson Hotel.
- Sat. Mar. 1st.—Interfaculty Basketball.
- Mon. Mar. 3rd.—Delta Gamma Dance.
- Tues. Mar. 6th.—Student Council Elections.
- Mar. 7th to 8th.—Model League of Nations Assembly.
- Mar. 8th.—Interfaculty Basketball.
- APRIL 1st.—1930 Year Book on Sale.

We speak of people being in deadly earnest, and there is a seriousness which is indeed deadly.—Rev. W. H. Hamilton, D. D.

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## "AND ONE MAN IN HIS TIME PLAYS MANY PARTS"

The members, coach and management of our hockey team are to be congratulated for their splendid showing in the return game with the Mount Allison representatives. Local fans will recall the first game between these two teams, which was played here, when our team was literally "trounced" by the Sackville collegians. Their showing up there was remarkable. In the first period they scored two goals while their opponents were unable to register. Owing to lack of practice and the proper conditioning necessary for a winning team the players were unable to duplicate their performance of the first twenty minutes of play in the second and third sessions and were more or less outplayed for the remainder of the game.

The above contains a lesson which is especially practical at this particular time. We have hockey material in our college which if properly trained and coached would be able to defeat any University team in the Maritimes. During the present season our players have been unable to practice often than twice a week as the money allotted to them for this purpose is necessarily limited. Their opponents have practiced at least daily under the supervision of a capable coach which accounts for their comparatively splendid condition, while our men are at the present time merely approaching the form which should be theirs at the beginning of the season. Our hockey team needs the \$10.00 fee more at the present time than ever before. In the so called "bunny" days of 1921-24 it is true that we maintained a team on the now inadequate fee of \$7.00, but, unfortunately, the old city league was flourishing and Dalhousie had a practice hour at the Arena allotted to them, daily, free of charge.

It is more or less amusing these days to hear those who are not quite sure whether our hockey team performs at the Forum or at the Dal gymnasium trying to tell the various managers and council members how much money should be necessary for this or that particular phase of the activity. One ardent advocate of the present levy, whom it is to be hoped is atypical, was quite indignant when told that the hockey team could not possibly go through an average season with only six hockey sticks.

It was equally amusing, for us at least, to hear three members of the Medical Society, at a recent meeting of their faculty denounce our publication, in no uncertain terms. Possibly we should resent having our efforts labelled as "tripe" or "piffle" by those who are justly adverse to a proposed change and who automatically become prejudiced against any party or person who chooses to differ with them.

The fact that the Medical Society (composed of over 125 members) has contributed through three students, three columns of the four hundred and thirty-two which we have edited to date, may have tended to alleviate our expected resentment to the charges of the above mentioned non-contributing critics. Do not infer that the Gazette is adverse to constructive criticism from non-contributors. We are decidedly not. We realize that many have not time for writing, others wrongly believe they cannot write but these particular offenders have established a precedent by labelling our efforts as "tripe" and "piffle" which leads all to believe that our columns do not even tend to produce an environment suitable for the reception of their writings.

It is difficult at times to see where those (Editor excluded) who give so unselfishly of their time and efforts in order that we may have a publication, receive incentive to carry on their work from week to week.

The recent rumpus over Church Union and the present agitation over the \$10.00 fee are analogous in that they have been both indicative of a manifestation of the greatest interest on the part of all in incidents and activities which had been previously conducted by those who voluntarily interested themselves merely because they were primarily concerned with the advancement of those activities.

"All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women merely players  
They have their exits and their entrances  
And one man in his time plays many parts."

### OUR AMERICAN VISITORS

It was our privilege last week to hear and entertain two visiting American college students.

In the by-gone days of the silent movie the all-talking American collegian was practically unknown to the average Canadian undergraduate but since the advent of the sound pictures we have become more and more familiar and impressed with our students to the south.

Those of our number who were so fortunate as to meet the visiting debaters during their short stay at our University were markedly impressed with their deep interest in our University affairs. Although they lost the debate to us by a narrow margin they accomplished a great deal by impressing their many hearers with the friendly conditions existing between Canada and their homeland.

## What College Did To Me

By "Mirzah."

I am Mirzah

Of the Mountain

Who from Bagdat

Came to college,

From the city

Of the ages,

Of the dancers,

Of the wonders

Came to college,

To Dalhousie

Turned my footsteps

Long ago.

-2-

What I learnt there

Is surprising,

Most extremely

Confounding,

For when now I

Think it over

Is more precious

Than the Golden

Shiny Money

That is wrought in

Ancient Bagdat,

And in all of

The Creation

Can you realize

It, Men-

-3-

You who learn to

Skip your classes,

Go to dances

And to Glee Club

See theatres

Never study,

To play Football

Or Ice-hockey

Learn to love

And to be loved,

Do you know that

You are getting

Such a background

For the future

As can never

Be surpassed

By any other

Such a life.

-4-

There's a damn sight

More to College

Than the average

Undergraduate

Or Sophisti-

Cated Co-ed

Ever sees.

Till he's put it

All behind him

Not a soul in

All the college

Ever knows that

That is more than

Just "Degrees."

## Law, a Splendid Training for Modern Business and Public Life, says Writer

ARTICLE THREE.

A Legal Training as an Aid in Business Life.

By Darrell Lang.

The value of a study of the law consists not only in the actual substantive knowledge acquired, but also in the training of the mind to think logically, to refuse, pending further investigation, the solution which appears so sound at first sight and not to rest content until the problem has been thoroughly explored in all its ramifications. It therefore follows that a legal education must be of very considerable service to a person, whether or not that person engages in the actual practice of law, or devotes his attention to some other form of business. A legally trained mind is not necessarily better fitted than other mind to sift the chaff of a problem from the wheat, but at least it may be fairly said that it is trained to do this, whereas the other mind must rely on native shrewdness. Therefore, assuming that the practical experience and native ability of each mind are more or less equal, then the person possessing a legal training will have the better chance of success. The problems that confront the business man are not so very different from those with which a practising lawyer has to deal. In both cases there is a mass of matter which must be studied in order that the real crux of the problem may be ascertained, and this process of elimination is not simple. It is very easy to get a wrong view of the situation and it is here that a legal training is of real value to a business man.

In addition to this training of the mind, there is the actual knowledge that a legal education furnishes. Business men are very much concerned with the sale of goods, with fire and marine insurance and with property. They are also concerned with company law and interpretation of statutes relating to various matters. Very often contracts involving considerable sums of money are negotiated by letter or by telegram, and the phrasing of such letters or telegrams is naturally of great importance. Commercial Law and Corporation Law undoubtedly constitute the widest fields of legal activity and as the subject matter of these two branches of the law is the same subject matter with which the business executive is daily concerned, it is apparent that a knowledge of that which is required and of the interpretation placed upon certain sets of facts by the Courts is definitely helpful. A knowledge of the law will inform the business executive of the danger points in commercial transactions and thus enable him to avoid certain unfortunate situations, which a person not possessing a knowledge of the law would be very apt to encounter. Finally, most business executives are called upon at one time or another to appear before the public. This appearance may take the form of addresses,

or presiding at public or semi-public meetings, or the writing of articles in the columns of the press. In each case, it is desirable that the executive concerned should fulfill his duties in an able, sound and pleasing manner, and thus secure for the corporation he represents the respect of the community at large. A legal education is perhaps the best training that can be obtained for this purpose. It teaches quick and accurate thinking and is conducive to clear and concise writing. It tends to create a feeling of self-reliance, which is very necessary in public life and which is most essential when the unpopular aspect of any controversy has to be presented to the public.

It is fair to say that a person possessing a university training, and more especially a person whose university work has led them along the paths of the law, has a better chance of success in business than a person without such a training, provided in every case that the native abilities of the two people are more or less equal.

A legal education is not, by any means, a royal road to success in business, but it is a very real assistance along the way and anyone possessing it will find the rough spots smoother than they otherwise would have been.

## Skit Supposed To Be Funny Says J. F. C.

34 Larch St., Halifax, N. S.,  
February 12th., 1930.

The Editor,  
The Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir:-

I reply to a letter that you published in the Gazette of Friday last I would say that Mr. W. H. J. is perfectly right in everything that he says, except that I made a "scathing denunciation of statistics." That skit "On Statistics" was supposed to be funny; but the very atmosphere of deep study in which Mr. W. H. J. lives seems to have obscured this fact from him. I sincerely deplore this condition and it was in the hope of doing to lighten the gloom that I wrote the above-mentioned bit of satire. I am very sorry if I have offended Mr. W. H. J.'s feelings; but I hope that he will now realize why it was written.

Yours truly,  
J. F. CAHAN.

## On The Futility Of All Degrees

Dear Mr. Editor:-

The "Gazette" of late has featured a number of Articles on the subject of Degrees. One advocates a degree written in such a vernacular so as to shed no blemishes on a name like Mulloney. Another upholds the Latin Degree. And still another ponders over a "Half-Way" degree such as the Arts Degree is supposed to signify. His ideal is the Science Degree where he knows that the atomic weight of Hydrogen is one.

The present writer takes issue with the other writers in that he is totally opposed to the system of conferring Degrees at all.

The real student attends a University for the main purpose of acquiring knowledge in the particular field he is interested. Knowledge, and not a parchment sheet is the goal he strives to achieve. As for the others who have ulterior motives than that of knowledge, ought they to be ganted degrees? Surely not. The writer of course does not intend to convey the impression that pleasure ought to be abandoned, but he does most emphatically deny the justice of granting an Educational Degree to those who believe that Education ought to be subordinated to good times while attending the University.

Under our present system, a student who has acquired a vast amount of knowledge in other fields than those specifically required for the degree is given the same award as the one who has crammed just hard enough to get a bare pass in the examinations. While one may have acquired the ability to reason, to write, to speak intelligently on diversified subjects; the other has learnt how to dodge examination questions, to have good times and be rewarded with the same degree as the student who works hard. Of course in reality they are not on the same plane. The futility of the Degree lies in the fact that he who has not worked hard for his Degree will be handicapped later on, but for the time being, they are equal in the eyes of the world, by virtue of the fact that they possess identical paper medals.

Another reason for the Futility of Degrees today is that a degree really meant something years ago. It was indeed a feat twenty years ago to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Today they are commonplace. A diamond has no value in itself, but its value lies in the scarcity of the gem. Similarly with the College Degree. Today most Modern Universities are nothing more or less than factories with the underlying principle that MASS PRODUCTION affords it the greatest efficiency. Is it not a common observation that at our Universities, the students are given a certain majority of compulsory classes so that the ultimate result is that they are turned out pretty much the same. Individualism is lacking. The principle of Mass Production dominates, and the value of each Degree diminishes directly as the production increases.

The thing to do is to abandon these "paper medals" and to let Merit, Individualism, Ability, and Achievements be the criteria for judging the successful student.

Sincerely,

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## College Briefs

The Phi Kappa Pi Fraternity held their annual dance and banquet at the Lord Nelson and Halifax hotels respectively on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7th and 8th. Robert Baird was in charge of the banquet while Messrs. Hank Hebb, Dick Humphrey and George Whiteley made arrangements for the dance. Music was supplied by the Haggarty orchestra.

Dr. Chas Baxter, Dr. Ron Forbes, David Matheson, and Fat Irving, prominent members of the Dalhousie Alumni spent the week end of Feb. 7 in the city.

Miss Betty Condon, who has accepted a position in the public library at Moncton spent several days last week in the city the guest of Miss Virginia Irwin, South Park St.

The Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity held their annual banquet at the Queen Hotel on Tuesday evening of last week. Tabby Bethune and Art Ross were in charge of the arrangements.

Gerald Keefe, Dent 31, recently entered the Victoria General Hospital for treatment. His many friends are hoping for a speedy recovery.

Hugh Kennedy, Class 32, returned to the city on Tuesday morning after spending the week end in Montreal.

Dr. Max MacOdrum recently returned from Cape Breton. During his stay on the Island he addressed several gatherings in connection with the Dalhousie Extension course.

## \$10 Fee will Greatly Help Badminton

Strange as it may seem, the game of Badminton has attracted more interest this year, among the average student, than has any other game. One may visit the Dal gym any day and see a few courts in action and the "feathery pill" floating in mid-air. Perhaps the reason for its popularity is the rapidity with which one may acquire the technique of the game. One may enjoy, merely dallying at the game for a couple of sets, or else indulge in a vigorous match to loosen up some of the stiff joints.

## A Snowfall in February

I watch the snowflakes idly falling  
Soothingly they drift to earth  
And, while I watch, each tiny snowflake  
Gives imagination birth.

Dreamily I start to wonder,  
Whence these fluffy nymphs come  
Has it been a long, long, journey?  
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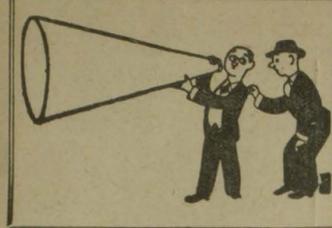
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### "I'd Die for Old Corona"

By George J. Greene.

#### CHAPTER TWO.—"THE PLAYER'S CLUB TRAGEDY."

The characters in this story are purely fictitious. If you think you recognize any living persons, certainly none are intended. The characters are solely from the author's imagination.

John Clark was beginning to like Corona. It was a little college—but large enough to be interesting to an energetic, young freshman, away from home for the first time. At Corona there is no male residence, unless you could call the nearby theologian college hall a residence. John had preferred to remain outside St. George's Hall—because he preferred to board in the city and enjoy the privileges of the free citizens of our country. His roommate was Carl Daniels, a second year Law student with a clever brain and a rich father, two ideal assets for a law student and a roommate.

John was more than fortunate in having such a worth while friend to guide him during his first year as a Rah-Rah boy—for hadn't Carl already given him pointers on how to get away with the least amount of foul play at initiation, and hadn't Carl explained carefully how to rush through registration without filling out too many forms, and hadn't John received explicit instructions on how to fool the profs?

Carl was good-looking, an idol of the college women and a keen debater. He had a knack of sizing up people and to-night as the two sat chatting with pipes stuck in collegiate fashion in their respective mouths, Carl was telling the newcomer something about the personnel of Corona University, as one who had gone through the ropes and knew what he was talking about.

"An Arts degree is a damn waste of time, when you come down to the Law School—then you'll realize what college is. Oh—you'll get a kick out of it for a while—we all do. For instance you'll like second year English. Freddy Baker is giving it still isn't he? You know, he spouts all that stuff about Cambridge, because he's an old Cambridge man. Freddy is the typical absent minded college professor—and knows it—he believes in the old English customs of drinking beer and going to lectures for the sole purpose of amusing his classes. He uses College Humour as his text book—and believe me you can learn more of Shakespeare from that little fellow in his own comical way than through all Ozy Moran's lectures put together."

"Say Carl what's that Philosophy prof like—what's his name—Scott isn't it?"

"Oh you mean, Pattie Scott. Oh he's just a Scotchman with an Irish name and say does he hate the Irish? All he does is spend his spare time digging up old jokes on them. He always begins his classes with, 'No

doubt you have heard the one about Pat and Mike,' and then the whole crowd have to listen for the tenth time to the musty old joke on the Irish. Quite a politician Pattie is too—goes out on the stump during every election, but the funny side is—his side always loses, I mean his side always is the funny side."

"Gee, I really thought he was funny. I mean you always see him in the hall with a lot of giggling girls around him and he's always roaring with laughter—and the girls are too."

"They have to—if they want to get through. Oh Pattie is funny alright—he's worth laughing at—but his jokes aren't."

"Well tell me Carl, what's this Player's Club like everybody is talking about? There's a show tomorrow night isn't there?"

"Yeah, I believe there is. Aw some of the shows are good. But most of them are lousy. What's the one tomorrow night?"

"Why, I think the poster in the Science Hall said it was for some prize competition, 'The Lyon's Mail' I think."

"Gee is that coming off, tomorrow? Well that ought to be worth seeing. Albert Graham told me he was going to attempt something big this year, but I never thought he'd wish 'The Lyons Mail' on us. That's a Martin Harvey job—who's he got in the lead?"

"A fellow by the name of Sedgmore?"

"Wallie Sedgmore?—oh he's good! He's been playing heavy roles for a number of years here and he's turned in some mighty fine work. Son we've got to take in that show. You know Albie Graham is an old friend of mine, and he's a good little director even if he does wear a mustache and if this show is in the Player's Club Shield Competition it'll be worth the half dollar levy."

"I know darn well I'm going. I have a particular interest in that show—I played the lead in it myself at Brookton High last Spring—and say did I have them laying out in the aisles, well ask me—and besides they roped me in to helping 'em with the scenery, such as they have."

"You soft egg—sweating over scenery for that dumb crowd. Why you won't get a decent chance to see the show."

But John was destined to see more of the show than he bargained for. That night when Carl was lying in bed reading "Selected Cases on Equity" and La Vie Parisienne, John had rumaged around in his trunk and come across a play script which he became

interested in and read until an early hour in the morning. In fact so engrossed had he become in the adventures of one Dubosque and the pleasant memories the lines of his play recalled that he was awakened from his reverie to find that he was in a very cold room and his roommate was in none too good a humour.

"Put that damn light out Freshman and get to bed, it's three o'clock."

And John slowly undressed repeating line after line of his old school play.

The next morning dawned dull and foggy. It usually did in Dartmore, and nothing could be done about it, in spite of the many complaints of the Corona students who came from the sunny south.

At the college the halls were a-twitter with excitement—everyone was talking about the play. John finished his classes and instead of going to the library with one or two of the other students—he went straight for the gymnasium where the evening's entertainment was to take place. Here he found the genial president of the Players Club, "Pumpy" MacDonald whom Carl Daniels termed "Stout fellow." "Pumpy" who is not a delicate little chap as you might have surmised, was sweating some pieces of scenery.

"Something tells me this show isn't going to be so hot, to-night," Pumpy spat out.

"Why I think The Lyons Mail is a swell show—" John volunteered, "I played the lead in it myself last Spring."

"Is that so?" came back the president, "well it would be a great help if you'd cut the gab and play the lead with this scenery—I need a rest."

"Telephone, Pumpy."

Pumpy pulled himself together and made for the nearby telephone booth. He returned with the sweat pouring down his forehead.

"Where's Clark?" he yelled.

"Look here Clark, that was Albie Graham the director of this show, he says that Wallie Sedgmore the principal and our only decent actor in the college is feeling low with a cold. Now I think that Sedgmore will be able to pull through and take his place tonight but in case he can't—stand by with your lines."

"You don't mean to say you'll give me a chance in the lead?" queried the surprised Freshman.

"I didn't say a thing. It isn't my idea. But Wallie Graham is bound to have this show go on tonight, the tickets are sold and all the profs are coming. Personally I'd rather call the whole thing off than put a ham in the part."

"I'll be ready to go on at eight if you need me." John said as he made his way home for his lines.

At 7.45 that evening Pumpy MacDonald and Albie Graham were pacing up and down the dressing room.

"I don't understand this thing at all," Graham was complaining, "I saw Wallie early this afternoon and he said he had a bit of a cold. I left him in his room at the fraternity and the poor fellow seemed worried to death. He said he'd been playing too much with that stock company down town and was tired out. I left him telling him to get a good rest. And now the boys from the fraternity say he told them he couldn't possibly go through with the show, he has locked his door and left a sign that, under no circumstances is he to be awakened till morning."

"Well, we'll have to make the best of it, have you got that Freshman all ready? What about those old pistols, Sedgmore was going to borrow from the Palace Theatre?" Pumpy asked in showman fashion.

"Are these what you mean, Pumpy?" John appeared in the doorway with two old fashioned pistols in his hand.

"Yeah, I'll put the blanks in for you. Say where did you find these? Sedgmore was going to bring them over himself."

"They were in my dressing room," replied John.

Pumpy began to fix the pistols for the play.

"Huh this is funny, darn funny in fact. This pistol is smookey. It's been fired out of recently."

"These actors just will have their fun," put in Graham. "Are you all set for the part Clark? Stage ready. Hey, put that table around straight—those lights—there, that's better. Now everything O. K. out front? Hey! you ape get off that stage. Orchestra stand by. All right. Orchestration."

The orchestra, under the direction of Owen O. Starr were given specific instructions to watch the leader's baton and after a few coarse vie oaths they struck into a sweet overture that cast a spell over the capacity audience, the Corona Record said the next day.

"House lights," Graham snapped. "Stand by on the stage. Good luck Clark old boy—give it to 'em til it hurts. Wish I were young myself. Go in and win—do it for Old Corona. Ready. CURTAIN."

But John was too bewildered to reply. He stumbled on the stage, and was greeted with tremendous applause—for it had been whispered around that a young freshman was going to take Sedgmore's place after only a few hour's notice.

The first act went off rather slowly but the audience were most sympathetic. John put his heart and soul into the part in the second act—and won the audience. The curtain rang down after the act with John, the hero of the hour. Even world wise Carl Daniels remarked to some of his lawyer friends, "The kid's clever, I didn't think he had it in him."

As the curtain fell for the last time a tremendous ovation was given to John—he was presented with a gift by the President of the Player's Club. It was the happiest and most triumphant moment of his young life. The great audience of a thousand or more including the most influential professors were pleased with his performance and thundered their appreciation. Then there was a moment's silence as the orchestra rose to play the National Anthem. The silence was broken by a stir and a cry at the back, "The President!"

And in walked R. Waldo Graham, head master of Corona University, with Dean MacKeen at his side accompanied by three or four Phi Phi Phi Fraternity men. All wore very grave countenances. The two professors marched solemnly up the aisle and kept on going, mounting the stage. The audience were as still as death. John, MacDonald and Albie Graham the director with the other players crept back on to the stage.

The President's deep sonorous voice broke the silence.

"Corona University has a reputation and a tradition we are all proud of," he began. There was not the customary applause that usually greeted the president when he announced this old familiar quotation—the audience was chilled by his words—they were afraid. The president hadn't left his comfortable home at this hour of the night to expound before the Player's Club on Corona traditions.

"At Corona we believe in Truth, Freedom, Equality, Fraternity." Any other time there would have been

several wise cracks whispered around on the finish of this statement. But not tonight. The college wits were shivering—there was a cold silence.

"We do not suppress truth—we revel in it. At other colleges this sort of thing would be hushed up, but I believe it is my duty to tell you—so that we might all join together in

clearing the good name of Corona—at present we are all under suspicion." Hugh Edwards a Senior in Arts sat in the front row with Eileen McMann—"Something awful has happened Do you think Wallie has got into trouble and skipped out?" The girl screamed.

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### Locals score two goals in opening session. Lack of condition responsible for defeat.

Dal's 1930 hockey team proved it has all the fight and "never say die" spirit necessary to take its place with this year's rugby and basketball teams, when it forced Mount A. to the limit before they were able to literally "pull the game out of the fire." Lining up in the Mt. A. rink before a crowd of several hundred Mountie supporters and facing a team confident to the point of "nothing to it" attitude, the Tigers tore into the game from the opening whistle with everything they could give—were bumped hard—missed several chances to score, kept on fighting, marked Miller in deadly earnest, and succeeded in piling up two goals while at the same time kept their rivals scoreless during the first twenty minutes of play.

Without "straining a point" it may be said that Dal were all over their opponents in this period, playing better hockey and missing more opportunities to score than Mount A. Max Brennan scored both goals for Dal. For five minutes Dal's team sat in the dressing room gasping for breath. Condition was the missing item, and condition only comes through practise. Dal had one practice between their 6-1 Mt. A. defeat and the present game!

However, it was a case of "On with the show," and the second period started away fast and, as was expected, Mt. A. pressed their advantage and Miller, shooting outside defense, beat Purtil on a long hard shot. The rink fairly rocked with enthusiastic cheering. Five minutes later Sharpe duplicated and deadlocked the score. Play zig-zagged up and down the ice and again Miller, taking advantage of a penalty handed out to one of the Dal forwards, scored again, and the teams skated off for another breathing spell with the score standing 3-2 for Mt. A. Not disheartened, Dal skated on the ice in the third period with determination to do or die. To say this was a hard luck period for Dal is putting it lightly—it would perhaps be better to point out that three times during this period the Tigers found themselves with only the Mount A. goal to beat, and again, hit the goal post on a rebound. Mount A. scored on another long shot, while they broke through only once in this period.

It was a hard game to lose and it is difficult to realize the improvement in the Dal team due only to dogged determination which undoubtedly would have carried them through to a win except for lack of condition through lack of practise.

Dal lined up—Goal, Purtil; Defence, Stanfield, Brennan; Forwards, Eaton, Oyer, Thompson, O. Taylor, Brown, J. Taylor.

## Council to Hold A Plebiscite

The plebiscite on the \$10 fee will be held, along with the Student's Council elections on March 6th.

During the discussion on the \$10 fee at the last council meeting, it was mentioned that there might be danger of students considering candidates for election in connection with the \$7 or \$10 fee. Members felt it would be to greater fairness of the candidates, to add that the proposed change in students' fee was brought forward by the present Students' Council.

## Council Stresses Need of Med Examinations

There are many students going through Dal who are not really physically strong enough to do so. This important subject was brought before the Council on Thursday last, by one of its members. He suggested that all students, and not only Freshmen, should be examined every year. At present only Freshmen are examined, and naturally they are apt to receive good results, but what about the person who has been at Dal for several years, and has entered into the various activities of college life, and with it all, managed to pass his exams? Should he not be examined to see if his body is strong enough to stand the strain? The question was left in charge of the medical students of the Council to consider with members of the Medical Society.

## Personals

Dr. Kirk MacLellan entertained the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity at a dance on Monday last, Feb. 10th.

The Zeta Kappa Phi Fraternity had their annual dance on Thursday last at the Waegwoltic.

Charlie Clark, Gordon Harris, Ross Morrison and Alan Cook were hosts at a delightful dance on Friday evening, Feb. 14th, at the Green Lantern.

# THE MOUTHPIECE

NOTE—All letters for publication must be signed by writers. We take no responsibility for the opinions expressed in this department.

St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio, February 10th.

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:—

For the past three weeks I have followed with much interest the articles published in the "Gazette" regarding the increase in the students' fee.

Though no longer a student, may I add my support in favour of the proposed increase? During my college days I was connected, among other things, with the Football Team. We found our selves continually hampered in our efforts to secure home games by lack of funds. This was detrimental, not only to the team, but I believe, also to the University, because lack of publicity obtained by the various athletic teams is most undesirable for the University.

To those who doubt the wisdom of the proposed increase, may I point out the benefit received by every Society in the University when the fee was raised to \$7.00. Also the number of activities that were able to start and receive some small measure of support, thus giving to more and more students the opportunity to indulge in that activity in which they were particularly interested. In my Freshman days there was no badminton, fencing or boxing.

This letter was prompted by that published in your issue of Feb. 7th, signed by C. G. MacKinnon. Therein he states "Dalhousie was able to send a Rugby Team to Victoria on the \$7.00 fee." As manager of that team, allow me to explain to the Student Body how that trip was made possible. It was not through the University or Students Council, but rather by the generous support of the Alumni and friends of the College, who felt, as we did, that such a trip would be of real benefit to the University, that we were able to go. Also by a generous guarantee (\$3000) made by the Vancouver Rugby Union. The total cost to the University was exactly \$150 to be used as incidental expenses. Our earnings for that year were in the vicinity of \$600. Inspection of the books will prove this.

Dalhousie is growing fast, and becoming well known. The activities of the Student Body are increasing, not only in size but in number. In order to support them more money is needed. I do not believe that an increase of \$3 a year would injure the poorest of students. As for "Getting your moneys worth," when such students graduate they will realize that old Dalhousie gave them, and will continue to give them infinitely more than their moneys worth.

## American Visitors

Continued from page 1. being accorded them, and regretted that their stay was cut so short. As "finished" speakers they were easily on a level with any who have ever visited Dalhousie, and both contained an endless supply of stories for every occasion. Life at Dalhousie was somewhat of a novelty for them inasmuch as both are representatives of non-educational colleges. Sodales wishes them the best of luck during the rest of their tour, and hopes someday again to meet such fine representatives of American Colleges. Mr. Williams told us upon his arrival that his father (Pres. of Ohio Univ.) was a Yorkshireman, and Mr. Erskine's was of Scotch extraction, so that even these of our neighbouring nation are not so far distant from us.

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## I'll Die For Old Corona

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As if in answer to Edward's question the President continued. "You had the pleasure of listening tonight to a play in which a murder was committed. Unfortunately such things do not only occur in plays. Tonight you thought that Wallace Sedgmore was unable to play the lead in a great murder and mystery drama. You are mistaken. Wallie Sedgmore has stayed in a greater mystery. But this mystery I speak of is vivid and real and effects all Corona. I was called from my home tonight at 10.30 to the Phi Phi Phi Fraternity. It is almost unbelievable but I found Wallace Sedgmore lying in his bed lifeless. He was killed this afternoon."

The audience was stunned. This was far worse than the most fearful had expected. A murder at Corona. No! IT COULDN'T BE TRUE.

John staggered. "Wallie Sedgmore dead!" Unbelievable. Then he had not played the principal part in that great drama of life after all. "Wallie Sedgmore dead—" One of Corona's own men murdered—"No! No! No! The lad was completely exhausted after his strenuous work. He became dizzy, reeled and Pumpy MacDonald caught him just in time to save him from a bad fall.

"Wallie Sedgmore murdered!" The great audience whispered it a thousand times and still it seemed unreal.

## Dalhousie to Meet Acadia in B.B.Semi-Finals

By virtue of their win over the Y on Thursday night the Dal hoopsters earned for themselves the right to meet Acadia in the semi-finals for the Nova Scotia basketball championship. Home and home games are to be played with total score to decide the winner. Dates for the games have not as yet been decided upon.

While not underestimating Acadia's snappy team, Dalhousians feel confident their boys will spring a surprise and earn the right to play off for the championship. Acadia has such stars as Matthews, Eville, Ryan etc., but we won from them in football, why not repeat in basketball?

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