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Dal to Co-operate in Red Cross Effort

Basketball Season Opens Thursday

Plan now to take in the basketball game next Thursday evening when the Dalhousie Tigers will tangle with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Admission by student council ticket. Excitement guaranteed. The gym, on "basketball night" is still the best place to meet your friends, both male and female. Shirreff Hall please note: now is the time for all good shirreffians to come to the gym and holler for dear old Whoosis. Don't let down the boys with the funny legs.

CAMPUS CLIPPINGS

BY DON BLACK

We had a look at the burned-out men's residence at Mount Allison during the Christmas holidays. Only the bare stone walls are left standing and workmen are knocking them down bit by bit.

The wooden inside structure of the residence is all gone; some mortar, a lot of stone, brick, and the occasional steel girder remain. Mount A. will not rebuild until after the war, according to latest information. Residence facilities for some of the men are to be established in the Brunswick Hotel, a large wooden structure near the campus, but in the main the male students will board in Sackville.

One consolation they can have is that they will not have to pay Halifax rates for room and board. Perhaps Dal male students could prepare a little booklet on "How to Treat Landladies" or "The Art of Extending Your Reach Over Any Table" and give the sister college a lift in this crisis in their affairs.

The "Varsity" from Toronto has presented a very timely and pointed edition depicting, to the minds of the editors, how an edition of their paper would look if the Nazis successfully blitzed Canada. The stories, pictures and "testimonials" are turned out in the best Goebbels style. Plainly intended to give complacency a swift kick, the Varsity staff accomplish their aim most successfully.

During December the St. F. X. C.O.T.C. has been held up in both the local and Montreal press as a fine upstanding unit and the only one that trains on Sunday. The first claim has good grounds. St. F. X. camped next to Dalhousie when we were at Aldershot in September, 1940. They were an artillery unit then and have since shifted to infantry. To our inexperienced eyes they seemed a good outfit.

This Sunday training claim, however, sticks in the throats of those members of our own unit who have spent part of Sunday each week for the past two or three years in C.O. T.C. parades and lectures. In 1939-'40 tactics lectures, and a long-remembered "scheme" at Purcell's Cove were held on Sunday. (We have yet to find to where those graduate companies disappeared.)

Last year and this parades were and are held on Sunday for those who write examinations in March.

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SPEAKING . . .



Mr. M. J. Caldwell, M.P., National Secretary of the C.C.F., and Angus MacInnis, M.P., for Vancouver East, are to be in Halifax January 14th and 15th. While here it is expected that they will be able to speak to Dalhousie students at 12 noon on Thursday the 15th. Place of the meeting will be announced later.

Both Mr. Caldwell and Mr. MacInnis are well-known to Halifax audiences. Mr. Caldwell spoke in the Gymnasium last winter and was favourably received. He is recognized as a national leader of considerable stature. Mr. MacInnis is well known as a student of labour problems.

Mt. A. Disaster Shocks Dal

Deepest Sympathy Extended

It was with a sense of shock and a feeling of deep sympathy that the news of the tragic fire which gutted the Men's residence at Mt. Allison University just before the Christmas holidays was received by the students of Dalhousie. At a time when most Dal students were immersed in their studies in preparing for exams, the word of the disaster reached Halifax. By reason of the fact that many of the post grad students at Dal in both Medicine and Law are former graduates of Mt. Allison, this University has a very close connection with that institution.

Set on a hilltop overlooking the Town of Sackville, New Brunswick, Mt. Allison has a proud and distinctive history. Founded in 1840, the college has received many setbacks but has always managed to emerge with a renewed vigor and determination. Thus it is that after this, one of her worst calamities, Mt. Allison once more turns her face grimly to the task set before her and proudly proclaims that she will carry on as usual. Many of the male students will be boarded at the Brunswick Hotel which has been purchased for that purpose while accommodations for the remainder are being provided by the townspeople. Arrangements had been made before Christmas for the Dal and Mt. A. Basketball teams to play home and home games. Dalhousie Basketball enthusiasts are inclined to the view that the recent tragedy will in no way effect this and are eagerly looking forward to the proposed matches.

Heart Palpatations Wanted

Mr. John Grant, Editor, Dalhousie Gazette, Dalhousie University, HALIFAX.

Dear Sir:

The Student Health Service would like to make a study on the effect of cigarette smoking on the heart action of young people. For this purpose we would like to do electrocardiograph tracings on one hundred students who smoke excessively (ten or more cigarettes a day) and compare the findings with the tracings of one hundred non-smokers.

We would like to start this work on the week of January 8th. Any student who wishes to volunteer will kindly either report to the office of the Student's Health Service, or telephone B-8438.

For accuracy of comparisons we would prefer to have all male students.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C. W. HOLLAND, M.D.,
Director Student's Health Service.

GLEE CLUB ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR 3-ACT PLAY

Will Present Sophie Kerr's "Big Hearted Herbert" GENEROUS GRANT TO MED SCHOOL REVEALED

During the Christmas vacations it was announced by Dr. H. G. Grant, Dean of the Dalhousie Medical School that the sum of \$5000 had been donated to the Medical School by Ray Lawson, prominent Ontario industrialist, to be used for the teaching of surgery. Mr. Lawson, a native of London, Ontario, is well known in Halifax through his association with the Royal Print and Litho Ltd. and the Maritime Paper Products Ltd. He is president of the firm of Lawson, Jones and Co. of London and is a director of the Royal Bank of Canada.

At present Mr. Lawson is devoting much of his time to war work. In the capacity of a dollar a year man for the government he is president of the Federal Aircraft Ltd. His son, a physician, is on active duty overseas.

Mr. Lawson's splendid donation was gratefully received by the Medical School and will be of great assistance in the furtherance of its work.

Arangements Under Way Interfac Basketball

A schedule for Interfaculty Basketball is being prepared to include the following teams:

Medicine, Law, Commerce, Arts and Science, Engineers, King's. It is planned to play two games each Thursday evening from 7.00 to 8.00. If, for any reason, any of the above named faculties feel unable to enter a team or are not agreeable to the hours stated, please communicate this fact to Red Payne on or before this coming Monday.

Will the manager of each team also see Red and leave his name and phone number.

The attention of the Post-Grads is called to a meeting to be held on Wednesday at 12 noon.

The Glee Club sprang immediately into action with the start of the New Year with the announcement that casting for the three-act play "Big Hearted Herbert" would commence as soon as possible. The play, which Owen D. Young described as "A comedy of laughter and inseparable tears" depicts the trials and tribulations of whimsical, hen pecked Herbert, a self made business man who insists that his family be brought up in the plain traditions. When his daughter becomes engaged to a Harvard man and his wife has not only ice cream but Harvard men to dinner, Herbert nearly goes out of his mind with rage. Herbert's home becomes safe for Harvard men only after his family has embarrassed him by embracing his plain traditions literally. The sight of his wife in an old wrapper and a supper consisting of Irish stew and apple pie destroys this curmudgeon's resistance.

There is a cast of thirteen; seven males and six females. Don Kirkpatrick, President of the Glee Club urges that all those with any histrionic ability apply to either Barbara Sieniewicz or himself as soon as is convenient. The Glee Club hopes to be able to maintain the enviable reputation which it has earned in previous years by its 3-act productions. To do so, however, it needs the full support of all those who have an interest in dramatics. The date of the production has been set for sometime about the middle of February. Also on the Glee Club's program for this term are three one-act plays which are in the process of construction.

Attention! Midlothian!

Will the members of Midlothian please arrange to get themselves at the Hall on time next Monday (even as early as 4:15 if possible)? Miss MacKeen is going to do the book, and I think it would be an act of courtesy to allow her enough time to give her review adequately. Tea will NOT be served to late-comers.

University Resources Co-Ordinated In Charity Function

DATE SET FOR JANUARY 23

TRANS-CANADA C.B.C. HOOKUP EXPECTED;

PRISONER



It came as a shock to many Dalhousie students to learn that P.O.C. Walter Murphy was reported missing shortly after Christmas in air operations overseas, and is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Only 23 years old, Walter was an M.A. graduate of Dalhousie, having received this degree in 1940. Many Dalhousians will remember him as appearing prominently in a great number of extra-curricular activities, including the Gazette, Glee Club and the Students' Council.

Before the fall of France, Walter was studying in that country, doing post-grad. work, and barely escaped with his life before the Germans took over the town in which he was living. He returned to Canada, after a perilous round-about journey and immediately joined the R. C. A. F.

At a meeting of the Students' Council held on Thursday evening the final touches were placed on the preparations for the Red Cross Dance which is to be held on January 23, in collaboration with other Universities across Canada.

According to the best available information, each of the major Universities in Canada will hold its Red Cross Dance on that night, and arrangements are nearing completion to have the CBC extend radio time for a Trans-Canada hookup, broadcasting for a few minutes from each University.

The Dance is to be handled here at Dalhousie by a capable committee consisting of Ken Jones as Chairman with Inez Smith in charge of advertising and Jack MacKenzie in charge of decorations. These will be aided by the general committee of Louise Bishop, Web MacDonald, Andy Dunn and Don Kirkpatrick. The dance is to be formal and will be held in the gymnasium. The well known and widely popular Navy Band will provide the music for the affair. Extensive decorations are being planned but their nature is being kept a closely guarded secret.

All suggestions for the improvement of the Ball will be appreciated and all those who wish to offer their services will be welcomed by the committee.

"Net proceeds of the above entertainment will be given to the Canadian Red Cross under the provisions and regulations of the War Charities Act, 1939."

? DIPO ?

Your Man of The Year. (Outside the Campus)

Winston Churchill emerged from a not too varied heap to become the Man of The Year. He had 70% of the votes. Scrambling for petty other-place honours were personalities that included a general, a president, a dictator, and a journalist (or something). Stalin with 15% came in second, and last place saw General Wavell, Bob McCleave, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt tied together.

Should Smaller Countries Be Forced To Join the Allies?

55% of those queried said a definite "No" for various reasons. Sticking up for principles, wouldn't be Allies, and so on were negative reasons. 33% said "Yes", and the rest were doubtful. Among the affirmations to the question was one that it should be done if expedient, another that they should join the side they are on, and in several cases even negative answers were partially nullified by excepting Ireland. Choicest quotation—"Shut the door as you go out."

The Double-Barrelled Noneities of the Week

Were You Glad To Get Back? 52.3% weren't happy at all about the whole thing, 9.5% were doubtful (the next question will partially explain this), and 38.2% shone with happiness or something (again see the last question). One had tears in his eyes and looked at Shirreff Hall, another said "When I saw my marks I wasn't", and another a daring "No". A few seconds lapsing after he breathed it into the stilly silences of the night air, he said, "I hope I'm not quoted on that".

Did You Celebrate During the Holidays?

20% did (er . . .) oh well, they did it anyway. 80% did not . . . darn it, there's those words again). One Eddy Allened, "Hello, Mom" explaining that she worked in a college library that got this paper.

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WALTER MURPHY—AN APPRECIATION

The word that Walter Murphy is missing in aircraft operations overseas came as a shock to his many friends at Dalhousie. It was impossible to attend Dalhousie within the last few years without knowing Walter, impossible to know him without holding him in high regard and liking him genuinely.

In common with many others, I have been proud to count Walter Murphy as a personal friend. It is not this alone, however, which leads me to bring his name into these columns. I write because I feel Walter would have something to say to his fellow-students at Dalhousie, and while it is sheer presumption on my part to attempt to say it, I do not wish to leave it unsaid.

Walter Murphy always had a deep detestation for war, for the sinister forces which give rise to it, for the autocracies which thrive on it, for the intolerances to which it almost inevitably gives rise. He was an individualist in the highest sense, with a deep-rooted hatred for regimentation and for interference with honest thought and free enquiry. A friend of mine even said upon the outbreak of war that one of the aspects of it which distressed him most was the knowledge of the pain it must give to Walter.

The thought which comes uppermost to my mind now is that a war which could enlist the aid of Walter Murphy must be a very big cause, too big for our petty profit-seeking and calculations, far too big certainly for hatred. Walter was not the sort of man who would enjoy a war. We must respect all the more, therefore, the strong convictions which took him into a job than which few could be more distasteful. There is no need to think of avenging Walter's misfortune. He is the last person in the world who would want to see vengeance taken. But when we think of the amount of the contribution most of us students are making to the defeat of tyranny and obscurantism in the world we are put to shame by Walter Murphy. Surely this freedom for which he was willing to sacrifice so much deserves better than the complacent attitude of most of us.

Walter is, fortunately, reported only as missing, and we hope it will not be long before he is with us again, taking up life where he left off—an inspiration to others.

A SISTER COLLEGE SUFFERS

On this, our first opportunity, Dalhousie students extend to Mount Allison its heartfelt sympathy for the recent destruction of the Men's Residence by fire. In the past there has been keen rivalry between the two universities in sport and debating, and students of neither college have been slow in pointing out what was lacking in the other. But, underneath this rivalry there has always been a realization that Mount Allison and Dalhousie are fighting the same battle, that of providing higher education in a world in which it is still hard to get. Dalhousie students will not be slow in acknowledging that the disaster at Mount Allison is a direct blow to university education in the Maritimes.

Unfortunately the Mount Allison fire meant more than the loss of a building. Four students lost their lives, all of them with personal friends at Dalhousie. We extend our sympathy to their parents. We also extend sympathy to the rest of the students who have lost all their possessions, for we know what difficulty it will give them in continuing their studies. We hope that it will be made possible for books and equipment to be provided to those who cannot afford to replace what they have lost. No more deplorable outcome would be possible than for a number of students to be forced to discontinue their college careers. The world needs university-trained men, and war and fire should not be permitted to disrupt that training.

TO YOU—A PROFITABLE NEW YEAR

The days in which we could wish "A Happy New Year" are unfortunately past. They are always rather inappropriate after the Christmas exams. Even in a university, however, it is possible to hope that some of you will find profit in the year which is to come.

The examinations just past have inevitably brought a number of "plucks" with them. This, as "The Mentor" would say, is one way by which the professors make their living. In many cases these "plucks" represent the failure of really good workers to make the grade. The time after examinations and the beginning of a new term is, nevertheless, a good time for all of us to take stock of what university education has meant to us. The college student is traditionally carefree, taken up with a round of social activity, cut off from the world in which he lives by a wall of his own making. This sort of "Joe College" could be tolerated in peace time, but just now he cannot be afforded.

Weary C.O.T.C.ers marching on frozen football fields may disagree with the statement that college students are a favored minority. The fact remains that the world is faced with one of its greatest crises in centuries. It is not our favoured treatment that we have to justify, but our very existence. If our college education does not make us wiser, saner, and more able to cope with life as it is today then something is wrong, and the verdict of many years of college education is likely to be that the fault is in ourselves.

LITERARY

"TWILIGHT OF LIBERTY"

by WATSON KIRKCONNELL

Twilight of Liberty" is frankly propagandist, an attempt, the author declares, to meet the lies of Hitler with a clear statement of the cause of the opponents of Fascism. Mr. Kirkconnell believes that the war will be won not by a mere emotional hatred of Hitler, but by a mobilization of all of our resources; economic, intellectual, spiritual.

The chapters of Mr. Kirkconnell's book are, it must be said, of very unequal merit. Some of them, notably one which consists of a pageant on Canadian unity suitable for mission bands, could have been dropped with profit. The entire first section is, indeed, taken up with reprints from the author's radio talks and newspaper articles.

Mr. Kirkconnell's gifts as a linguist are evident on almost every page of the book. The author is a well-travelled man, and gifted with the ability to express very lucidly what he has seen and experienced. His account of experiences in various parts of Europe might be better propaganda if the same story had not been heard so often before, but it is interesting reading nonetheless, and rates well above the average even as propaganda.

In the second part of the book Mr. Kirkconnell deals more particularly with the Canadian scene. He is convinced of the existence of a well-organized fifth column in Canada, both Communist and Fascist.

In the third part of the book Mr. Kirkconnell reaches his real thesis, that to win the war, even to deserve to win it, we must show a real spiritual vitality, a Christianity which is not merely static. Fatalistic pacifism is not enough, but neither is hatred of the enemy. Intellectual vitality, he says, is also necessary. We must have a culture capable of dealing with modern situations. That will come from no superior modern intelligence, for, states the author, human brain capacity is probably less today than three thousand years ago. It must come from acquaintance with the knowledge of the past. Objectivity in knowledge is especially necessary. This can be gained preeminently from the classics, for we do not readily identify our own situations with those of another race and age. It may, however, be found in the study of any

foreign language, or in any field in which we have no special interest or prejudice to defend. Finally, we are to develop a new literature of our own, defeating the enemy on the only ground on which he can be met.

Mr. Kirkconnell is representative of a certain type of Canadian sentimentalism which is distinctly idealistic, while reaching no very specific conclusions. He deplores inequalities of wealth but seems to avoid any reference to socialism, although apparently favourably inclined to social democracy of the Scandinavian countries (he mentions Norway rather than Sweden). He is clearly opposed to Fascism but devotes almost as much space to attacks on Communism. He knows what he is against better than what he is for. For this perhaps, he is not to be blamed. It is this lack of a positive inspiration on the part of the democracies which has permitted the swift rise of Fascism. It is to the credit of Mr. Kirkconnell that he has applied himself to this difficulty, even if he has not given the final answer. His heart is in the right place, and his book is worth reading.

THE GUNS ARE STILL TONIGHT

M. HYLAND

"The guns are still tonight," he said, The white faced soldier laughed aloud.

He touched the bandage on his head—

"They gave me this on such a night, Who knows, come dawn, I may be dead."

Just then he heard a warning cry. The wailing siren struck its note, A plane was zooming in the sky, And gliding through the darkening clouds

It seemed to pivot there on high. Its motor gave a deafening roar, But wait!—another plane appeared Perhaps ill fate has closed her door—

Thank God! It was a British plane It merged victorious once more.

"My lad, the guns are still tonight" The white faced soldier turned and said,

"I will not fear again their might Because my heart will always know—

The British Lion knows how to fight."

"BAROMETER RISING"

By HUGH MACLENNAN

"Barometer Rising" is a novel of Halifax during her most exciting week in World War I, culminating in the Halifax Explosion on Thursday, December 6th, 1917. Eight days are involved in the story. Sunday, December 2nd to Monday, December 10th. The spirit of Halifax and Haligonians at war is admirably portrayed.

We are introduced to Halifax through the eyes of Neil Macrae, who has lived there most of his life. He has "joined the army and gone to France." His friends and relatives believe that he has been dead for months, but he returns to Halifax still suffering from shellshock. Here he finds his uncle, Colonel Geoffrey Wain, his commanding officer in France, who has had Neil arrested as a scapegoat for his own mistakes, and also Alec MacKenzie, the only man who can save him in a courtmartial. The other important characters are the heroine, Penelope Wain, Neil's cousin and a ship-designer at the shipyards, and Angus Murray, a wise and cynical army surgeon who is in love with Penny. The minor characters are extremely well drawn in a few words and are very life-like. The story moves skillfully and with gathering suspense until the climax is reached in the Explosion. Geoffrey Wain

and Alec MacKenzie are killed, but not before Neil is cleared.

Even those Haligonians who are familiar with the Halifax Explosion will enjoy Mr. MacLennan's vivid and dramatic re-telling of the incident. Others who consider it in detail for the first time will realize with shock what horror has been known in Halifax.

"Barometer Rising" is a welcome and enjoyable addition to our all too small Canadian contribution to literature. It is unique in that it is the first novel to use Halifax as its sole background. This novel could only have been written by a person who is thoroughly familiar with Halifax—both with its geography and its people.

The author, Hugh MacLennan is a Dalhousie graduate. He was born in the colliery district of Cape Breton where his father was a company doctor. His family moved to Halifax in 1914 and so he was in Halifax during the Explosion. Mr. MacLennan graduated from Dalhousie with a Rhodes Scholarship, representing Canada at large. He attended Oxford University, and later Princeton, where he obtained his Ph.D. Since leaving Princeton he has been teaching at Laver Canada College, in Montreal.

We as Dalhousie students congratulate Mr. MacLennan on his first novel, and wish him every success with his next.

P. R. B.

The New Year will be profitable only as we apply ourselves without too much waste effort to our job here, that of getting an education. That does not mean that we should give up our interminable "bull-sessions" and our hour-long discussions at Roy's. These may be an integral part of this education, a long with football games and reading the Gazette. The danger is that we may spend four or more years here without thinking and without meeting the world. But I trust that we shall not. To you, then, a profitable New Year.



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The MENTOR

To this point we have treated directly with the various Technical Aspects of the Complete College Education, and of the many considerations which bear on this. We have touched lightly on the development of Technique, the cultivation of Professors, the care and selection of Roommates, and many other Phases of University Training affecting the wellbeing of the Student. We should now glance briefly into the Educational Advantages offered by the University, and give a short exposé of the various Intriguing Courses set forth in the Official Calendar. This will be a source of enlightenment for those taking the course, and consideration for those who contemplate taking it in the future.

Of the many Intriguing Courses offered by the University, one of most highly Entertaining and Educational is Biology I. Here, for the price of a single course, you have the advantage of two Instructors. This cannot be overlooked in choosing any course, for this eliminates any danger of getting thoroughly fed-up with the Instructor before the year is out, since the switch is made at Mid-term. This is the only full University course which does this, with the exception of Philosophy I, which we shall discuss later. Due to this shift of Instructors, this course is highly recommended to Co-Eds, for obvious reasons.

The many advantages to be derived from this course should not be overlooked. One of the first studies taken up in Biology 1 is Osmosis, which makes water rise in a tube. The reasons for this have never been fully determined by Scientists, but its applications are of Utmost Significance, since plants thrive on it, making possible the effect of Plasmolysis, Sub-cutaneous Dialysis, etc. and producing the ever-present Perspiration Stream, which accounts for the fact that Plants are always cooler than the surrounding countryside.

But while all this is of great interest, and all contributes to the Complete College Education; of much greater importance to the future conduct of the Student is the Invaluable Advantage of knowing how to Dissect things. In the second half of this course, you are presented with various types of the Lower Forms of life, i.e., the Frog, the Crayfish, and the Worm; which you are expected to open, and examine thoroughly.

The Frog is composed of a Skelton on the inside, a Heart, and all the other apparatus which promote health in the Frog. It is of interest to observe that, while the veins in a Frog are always Red (or Blue) in diagrams, and the arteries are always Blue (or Red); such is not the case in the actual Frog. Students are warned to be careful in this matter, as it always leads to certain Confusion. Frogs also possess a Stommac, and other digestive apparatus.

The Crayfish consists of a Skeleton, on the outside, a sort of a heart, a Stommac, and is completely surrounded by Appendages. These appendages are all a development, due to some primitive error, which prevents the Crayfish from being a Worm. You can always identify a Crayfish in this manner.

The Worm has absolutely no Skeleton, being mainly Stommac. It also possess innumerable Hearts, and other apparatus which are all conveniently located in what the Biologists refer to as Segments. In this way, the Worm resembles an Orange, except that it is long, thin, and brown, while the Orange is short, round, and red. (Note: If you ever find yourself peeling something long and thin, be careful.)

During various intervals in the latter part of the course you will be interrupted repeatedly by a new form of Quiz, known as "Orals". Here you are separated from your fellows, and exposed to various unidentified and unintroducted portions of Frogs, Worms, etc, which you are expected to know. To acquit yourself favorably before the Instructor, you will be advised to pick a partner who knows less than you do, and let him have the first guess. This will aid you in the second guess, eliminating one possibility, and eventually one of you will guess the right answer. Since, however, your partner guessed first, you are generally one guess up on him.

It is sometimes possible to divert the attention of the Instructor by asking questions, such as, "Oh, is that the Sinus Venosus, I thought it was somewhere else"; or apologize by saying, "That piece of Mesentry got in my way". This will shorten the number of questions the Instructor can ask you in the limited time of the Quiz, and will be to your advantage. (Note: If in doubt about anything, always say it is Mesentry, and you will probably be right.)

Here, then, for the guidance of those taking the course, and for the consolation of those who wish to take it, is Biology 1. All students will be advised to give this course their grave consideration in picking future classes, for it will prove invaluable in many other ways than described. It is especially recommended for Pre Meds, and others possessing such Insatiable Curiosity.

» Rufus Rayne From Rangoon «

As soon as the disappearance of the Prexy was known, a frantic search was begun. Four coeds were dispatched to distant parts of the library to locate all the red flags that were available, and hoisting these to the top of long staves, Miss Henny placed herself at the head of the searchers. The lobster fishermen joined in, headed by Lester de Pester, who was clad in a neat sailor suit with Admiral's buttons. De Pester claimed that Rufus had undoubtedly instigated the kidnapping and was in league with "PROKOV".

"Not so", proclaimed a stormy figure who appeared with a pack on his back, "it is the forces of international gangsterism, chiefly the ministerial association and Wubber MacTunnelled". The lobster fisherman immediately joined themselves to his party pursued by the relentless Devil-Eye.

The most practical scheme for outwitting "PROKOV" was, how-

ever that of John Gaunt, who had methodically taken up his position at the Polar Pie counter at Roy's, where he hoped to maintain a successful blockade, having stationed Sammy Skunk and John Windebag at the rear entrance to repel intruders by such methods as were available.



"PROKOV" had, in the meantime, not been idle, but had been slowly evolving a sort of sticky ooze. This ooze was spreading from the Prexy's office and was gradually creeping up the library steps, where it threatened to engulf Merry MacDeacon, who had reentered the building after a successful escape to rescue her

THE MARCH OF CRIME

The Christmas Holidays generally cause a dirth of Grime, due to the parting of the ways, but we are happy to announce that our reporters kept us informed as to the most interesting happenings over the holidays, and that Misbehaviour has not gone unnoticed.

We note that the most popular Winter Sport so far has been Meeting Trains, and that many, like the Toonerville Trolley, were quite busy. Ask Betty Bird.

Moncton seems to be the Grime Center this winter. We understand that Dunsmore spent some few days in that metropolis, but that Ottawa will be the port of call this summer.

Norrie also appeared on the visitors list, flashing Christmas presents. "Fido" Doyle was right in there, but Mike seems to have the option. Give us a ring sometime, Mike.

Things must have been pretty dull in Sydney, since Tasman could hardly wait to get back, even though the attraction was out of town. "Penny" seemed excited, however, and the show was a good one.

To Whom it May Concern. Moose wasn't Lonely over the Vacation.

We were wondering if Hagen was responsible for the Grave countenance on our Bob. Sue seemed to be enjoying herself, however, in spite of it all.

Just after the exams, we were gratified to see Musset and Quigley doing their Christmas Shopping, or should that read Slopping. They practically disrupted Birks with their attentions.

The Millionaires Ball brought many out from their Christmas retirement. We wonder if its Doug's scholastic weakness, or has Johnny really got something there.

"Dooley" must have found the Holidays dull in Sydney, though he

dawg. The defence, meanwhile, made a thrilling discovery. Blurbie Stewpot venturing in the vicinity of the library, some of the ooze nearest to him could be seen slowly turning into mental fog. He was rushed up to the scene by General Hard Hearts, but as this didn't seem a complete success John Fastman and D. Birdlegs Black were brought up as reinforcements.

Just then a startling discovery was made. Rufus Rayne came rushing to G. H. Q. to announce that Wilbur P. Fizzleque could not be found anywhere. Major Hokun barked out a command, which sent several of his lackeys climbing up the gym wall, then another one got them running around in circles. Just then a calm figure walked into the gathering. "I will take charge" said the calm figure, who proved to be none other than David Foldwell. As Hokum and his lackeys gaped, Foldwell produced from his pocket a set of topographical maps, done according to the British grid system. Carefully examining these, he declared it to be his opinion that the Prexy was missing and that Wilbur P. Fizzleque was the eternal freshman.

"Produce someone intelligent for me", demanded Foldwell, upon which demand the very walls of the gym seemed to tremble and the circular lackeys started doing reverse circles. After much fussing, the general Major produced Tank Farsight with a chuckle. "Will he do?", asked the Major. "No", replied the imperturbable Foldwell, and strode from the room.

Where will this all end? Will the Prexy be recovered or must the University continue under the sway of "PROKOV"? How much longer will people speak to me?

was hardly there long enough to find out. Old School Tie still seems to be the thing.

These Millionaires sure stick together. Who should win the ticket to the Sawmakers Sniffle but on of the number. Such Co-operation.

We were wondering what Inez was trying to sell the Airforce outside Fader's the other night?

Young Jean Cameron (never to be confused with Kissy) seems to have made an New Year's Revolution. These Freshettes just can't seem to make up their minds.

The pallid expression on Ted Retty's face this time can be attributed to no other cause than he relieved himself of excess gore, to the Red Cross. How can anyone spare it in these perilous times?

SpooF . . .

He—Which do you like best; the sentimental type of college boys who want to neck, or the other kind?
She—What other kind?

What kind of dress did Betty wear to the party last night?
I don't remember. I think it was checked.

That must have been a real party.

Officer: "So you complain of finding sand in your soup."
Private: "Yes, sir."

Officer: "Did you join the army to serve your country or complain about the soup?"
Private: "To serve my country, not to eat it."

—Ubysey

Jake—When are you going to let me kiss you, dearie?

Babe — Come around Thursday night, Passion Flower, that's Amateur night. —The Brunswickan

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At the time of going to press the hockey situation seems to be in somewhat of a muddle, perhaps purposely, perhaps accidentally—who knows? Anyway, it is in a muddle.

Some claim that no ice is available at the Arena for Dal hockey, that there are no teams to form a league, that the Dal players are not interested in playing.

That is one side of the picture as painted by a few who are definitely against the operation of a Tiger hockey team.

The true lay-out seems to be that our hockey manager, foreseeing the congestion that has arisen due to the closing of the Forum as rink, booked the usual number of practices per week at the Arena. These periods are still available.

According to the president of the league, there are three teams ready and willing to form a league, namely, Dal, St. Mary's and a Navy sextet.

As to Dal players not wanting to play hockey, an interview with those gentlemen, if a hockey player might be termed as such, would undoubtedly prove discouraging to the antagonists of the ice game.

Granted it is impossible perhaps to obtain time during the evening to hold regular league games, but this is no sound reason for abandoning hockey altogether.

If the budgets have been miscalculated, why pick on hockey to be thrown by the wayside? Why not curtail all sports proportionately?

Canada's favorite winter sport has always been a major sport at Dal and should, if at all possible continue as such.

A league meeting is to be held tomorrow to iron out all problems and it is hoped a solution will be evolved.

Nine members of last year's hockey team are still on the campus: Sandy MacDonald, goal; Russ Webber, "Web" MacDonald and Dooley MacIntosh, defense; "Bob" Blois, Daine Daig, "Gordie" Wilson, Blanchard Wiswell, Marty MacDonald, forwards.

Newcomers include Arky Vaughan, St. Mary's; Fraser of Mt. A.; MacKinno n of St. F. X., and undoubtedly there are others whose prowess is as yet an unknown quality.

With capable coaching this squad should definitely result in a team that could uphold its own in a league such as contemplated.

The hockey problem is one that can be solved if the necessary push is in evidence.

Let us be constructive just for once. The results might amaze one. Napoleon once said, "Nothing is impossible." Or did he? Or is it?

CO-EDS ONLY

By Marjorie Parkes

When College started this week, the snow and cold weather also appeared, which means that skiing and skating will have the upper hand for awhile.

However, Monday evening claimed the badminton enthusiasts, which gives promise for a coming season in that line. Several swung their rackets into action for a much needed practice, which is such a necessity after the month of—inactivity?

Start choosing a partner for the student tournament! It will be starting any day now! Watch for the forms to be posted in the gym, and enter your name along with your partner's.

With the first Tuesday night that the girls get the Gym, we hope things start as previously reported, therefore watch, and listen for developments. You'll be accosted any day now, so we can find out just what you'd like to do in the "world of sports". Come on, start now! For the earlier you begin the better!

There are still rumours that the basketball team is going on a trip this winter, so we'll see a future in this game—for certain—or are we optimistic again? Just ask Chris Arklie if you want to know anything about basketball!

Have you been thinking about

SPORT Spice

by AL. MacLEOD

In the event that anyone has spent the yuletide interim in melancholy moping about the Dalhousie sport situation, we hasten to advise them that if they are basketball enthusiasts they have fretted needlessly, but if they are hockey fans, they have moped advisedly. For the best sources have indicated that basketball is well under way for the season, and there's not a cloud on the horizon. But hockey seems to be the enfant terrible of this old and respected sphere of learning. There seems to be a doubt with respect to the question of whether or not the gay blade will be donned for a few skirmishes of shinney in this coming semester. People are whispering behind their hands that certain other people don't want any hockey this year. Some others are beginning to think they won't get a chance to get their athletic distinctions this term. But by far the greater proportion of the student body, with characteristic lack of interest, don't care a toot of the five o'clock whistle whether there is hockey, basketball, badminton, or any other sport. Perhaps, however, if the clamps were put on every sport, there would soon be such an outcry from all corners of the campus that would indicate college spirit at Dalhousie is not dead, but only dying.

Perhaps, however, the people who have shown the greatest concern over the fate of the Tiger hockey team have been making much ado about nothing. Responsible persons, high in collegiate affairs, have indicated that the only hold-up at this time is the lack of ice, and that when playing time is secured, the Service League (Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Navy intermediates) will be started immediately. But these responsible persons are far from optimistic when one asks them to hold the scheduled contests.

But a chap has scarcely settled himself into a state of watchful and hopeful waiting, when, behold a hand clutches the arm, and a serious voice haltingly states that the people who tie and untie the money-bags want to abolish hockey altogether and make up the deficit that other sports are incurring and that by heck they won't get away with it—no they won't.

Frankly, this double-column blurb doesn't know what to think, actually, but it's certainly lots of fun passing on a bit of gossip now and then. It seems to be clear, however, that hockey shouldn't suffer while badminton, basketball, ping-pong and what-have-you flourish. No doubt the solons of the Students' Council, in their glorious magnanimity, will see that justice is done right and left, until we shall have so much justice being done that we shall cry out for the old oppressions and a return of the Filthy Fifteen to their old and accustomed pursuits.

Table Tennis Tournament Held

Dalhousie defeated the Waegwoltic Club 22-6 in a table tennis tournament held at the Waegwoltic club-house Wednesday evening. The tournament is the first of a series arranged by Prof. C. H. Mercer for the large number of club members who have become interested in the game. A winter tournament featuring matches with a number of local clubs is in the process of formation. Junior members have become most enthusiastic table tennis players.

The Waegwoltic Club will meet a Dartmouth-Imperial group on Jan. 14, a team from the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. on Jan. 21, and one composed of members of the Dalhousie Alumni Badminton Club on the 28th.

In the game played with Dalhousie Wednesday, the collegians won every division by a wide margin, with the exception of the mixed doubles event, which was split between the two teams.

Men's Singles: Bill Pope (D) d. Eville Gorham 21-10, 21-15; James Stevens (D) d. Stanley Smith 21-13, 21-16; John Devins (D), d. Robert Jeffrey 21-6, 21-15; James Stevens (D) d. Gordon Hart 19-21, 21-15, 21-18; James McLeod (W) d. Bill Harris 21-18, 21-15; Bill Harris (D) d. Ken Jeffrey 21-18, 21-17; John Devins (D) d. Robert Jeffrey 21-16, 14-21, 21-14.

Men's Doubles: Colin Smith and Bill Harris (D) d. J. H. Trapnell and W. Outhit 21-18, 19-21, 21-16; W. Pope and J. Devins (D) d. Jamie MacLeod and Ken Jeffrey 21-15, 21-6; W. Pope and J. Devins (D) d. Stanley Smith and E. Gorham 21-16, 21-13; J. Devins and J. Stevens (D) d. K. Jeffrey and R. Jeffrey 21-16, 21-10; W. Pope and C. Smith (D) d. K. Jeffrey and S. Smith 21-19, 21-18; J. Stevens and J. Devins (D) d. G. Hart and E. Gorham 21-11, 16-21, 21-12; W. Harris and J. Devins (D) d. K. Jeffrey and R. Jeffrey 21-17, 21-16.

Ladies' Doubles: Pat Hollis and Marjorie Parkes (D) d. Ann Saunderson and Kay MacKay 18-21, 21-13, 21-10; Daisy Zwicker and Margaret Pope (W) d. Mary MacKeigan and Margaret Morrison 21-10, 21-17; Pat Hollis and M. Parkes (D)

Badminton Carries On

Badminton competition at Dalhousie will re-open Monday evening when the collegians meet the Y. M. C. A.—Y.W.C.A. squad in the first game of the new year. League play will be carried on if separate squads can be assembled to make up the Y and City teams. The fall league featured competition between these squads and Dalhousie.

Prof. C. H. Mercer reports that there is a great shortage of male players for the city squads and as a result the available players have to be shared to keep the league going. It is hoped that service men or new players can be found to fill in the gaps and keep the teams distinct in senior play for the Studley Shield during the winter months.

Dalhousie will meet the City team on the 19th.

d. D. Zwicker and M. Pope 21-11, 21-12.

Summary:

	Dal	Waeg.
Men's singles ...	6	1
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