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Our Hearts Were Young And Gay

Gay Esdale Turns In Fine Performance And Steals Show; Joanne Murphy Again Does Outstanding Job In Her Co-starring Role

Gay Esdale's performance in "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay" last night made the audience sit up and wonder if the aspirations for acting which she portrayed in the play were actually realized. Playing the part of Cornelia Skinner, she stole the show — which wasn't exactly an easy job because the other actors and actresses were excellent, too.

Co-starring with her was Joanne Murphy who is already well known in Dalhousie dramatic circles. She disappointed none in her performance which equalled if not excelled her previous performances. She played the part of Emily Kimbrough, Cornelia's friend.

Seniors Name Life Officers

Life officers of the 1952 Graduation Class were elected at a meeting of the class Thursday noon.

Doug Brown was voted life president, Murray Fraser, secretary and Mary Chisholm, treasurer.

Ron Robertson, president of last year's Junior class was elected valedictorian of the Graduating Class and Dr. W. R. Trost was voted Honourary Life President.

The executive were asked to investigate the question of a suitable gift of the class to the university. John Smallberry was elected chairman of the Graduation Ball committee and other members appointed were John Jenkins, Judy MacKeen, Gay Esdale, Barbara McGeoch.

Three Committees Elected For Term

Members of three committees were elected at the meeting of the Students' Council Wednesday evening.

An Election Committee of Rusty MacLean and Dave Bryson were appointed to take care of arrangements for the Student elections in March.

Albro MacKeen was elected chairman of the Munro Day committee with John Nichols, Marg Grant, Dave Jannigan and Jane Clow other members of the committee.

A committee was also set up by the Council to investigate into a Pharos Checkoff system which was discontinued two years ago. Under the new system only members of the graduating class have automatically purchased their Pharos, other students buying them independently upon publication.

Accounting Firm Started At Dal

Under professorial guidance, students in Commerce at Dalhousie University have formed their own "firm" to do accounting and auditing of the Dalhousie Memorial Rink canteen. The firm is a partnership of three students, Bruce Irwin, John Parker, and R. C. Fraser, elected by their fellows, all being students who intend to enter chartered accountancy after graduation.

The partners operate the "firm" and hire other students, at nominal rates, as their employees. The canteen accounts are kept in regular account books and ledgers and the student accountants follow regular accounting practice in having the work done by senior employees assisted by juniors.

The plan is to have the partnership include one third-year Commerce student with two fourth-year men to ensure continuity from year to year.

Those engaged in the work of the "firm" learn accounting methods by handling actual accounts, as well as learning by experience how to handle problems of management, personnel and unforeseen eventualities which would not occur in purely theoretical exercises.

The play bears the story of two young girls (19) on a trip to Paris. Half the play is taken up with a boat trip — presumably across the Atlantic from America; the other half is in Paris. In the course of events, other well known actors of the Dalhousie stage appear.

Among them are Edwin Rubin who has the habit of innocently stealing various scenes (as well as a kiss from Cornelia), John Nicols, playing the dual role of Purser and window washer, Norma Messenger, Nancy Wickwire, Ron Pugsley, Natasha Coffin. Others in the play were Stirling Feero, Jack O'Neill, Jean Ross, David Peel, Joan Edwards, Gretchen Hewat, Sandra Fraser, Irwin Nudelman.

The play itself is a farce by Otis Skinner, who is also a character in the play where he assumes the role of a famous actor. His part was played by Jack O'Neill who, playing for the first time on a Dalhousie stage, put forward an impressive performance.

The theatre was full last night—student night. The audience reacted favourably.

Cornelia's aspirations were to be an actress. Monsieur de la Croix is pessimistic but she, in a swansong, reveals to those hearing her that she has ability. That's the way it ends but to get there one has to wade through laughter — laughter at measles and bed bugs, stowaways and money purses, trunks and shoes, and other things.

Congratulations are once more due to the actors and actresses for a fine performance; congratulations are due to those who took part in the production of the play — the stage crew, the DGDS executive, the publicity managers and many others.

And never to be forgotten is H. Leslie Pigot who has once again directed another fine performance. Credit and thanks are due him for his participation in this and other Glee Club performances.

Nature of Reality To Be Discussed

Six members of the Mathematics, Physics and Philosophy Departments of the university will face each other in a round table discussion on "The Nature of Reality" Saturday evening.

The 'debate' sponsored by the Dawson Geological Club will see Professor C. Walmsley, Professor I. A. MacLennan and Dr. W. J. Archibald support the scientific viewpoint and Professor W. H. Vingoe, Professor J. Doull and Dr. W. H. Grant support the philosophical aspects of the question.

The discussion will take place in the Geological Building Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All interested students are invited to attend.

Sodales Announce Debating Schedule

Sodales have announced the interfac debating schedule for the month of February. It is as follows:

- Jan. 31—Arts and Science 1 vs Delta Gamma 1.
- Feb. 4—Law 2 vs Arts and Science 2; Law 3 vs Arts and Science 4.
- Feb. 7—Law 12 vs Law 16.
- Feb. 11—Delta Gamma 3 vs Law 11; Law 8 vs Law 15.
- Feb. 14—Law 4 vs Law 10.

News Briefs

Leaves for Harvard—C. L. Lambertson, professor of English at King's, leaves tomorrow for Harvard University. Planning a four month stay, he is going to complete his Ph.D. in English at that University. After his leave of absence, Professor Lambertson will return to Dalhousie to resume his teaching with the Department of English.

Registrar Moves—In case anyone is wondering what happened to the Registrar's Office, formerly located in the Men's Residence, just look in the new Arts Building. It is now located just opposite the Women's Common Room on the first floor of the Arts Building and is now ready for appointments.

New ISS Chairman—Barbara Davison has been elected as local chairman of the ISS Committee. She will replace Don Woodside. She was elected at a recent meeting of that organization.

Sponsor Fireside—All Dalhousie students are invited to attend the Interdenominational Youth Fireside this coming Sunday evening at St. David's Hall at 8.30 p.m. This fireside is sponsored by the local committee of the Young People's Department of the Canadian Council of Churches. Representative young people will take part. Short talks will be given by Canon T. W. Isherwood and Rev. Blair Colborne.

Psychology Club—The Psychology Club began its post-Christmas activities with a meeting held last Tuesday evening. The evening's entertainment consisted of two films. The first one, on the phenomena of vision, proved very interesting. The second film gave a clear, concise account of the beginning, growth and result of the feeling of rejection. Both were enjoyed thoroughly by those present. A short discussion followed and then, after refreshment were served, the meeting ended.

Junior Class Meeting—The annual Junior Class meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, at 12 noon in Room 234 of the new Arts and Administration Building. The purpose of the meeting will be the nomination and election of Junior Class officers and to make arrangements for the annual Junior Prom. There will also be a discussion on improvements of the Junior Class system. This meeting is very important and all students who graduate in 1953 are expected to attend.

Graduate Society—A meeting of the Graduate Society was held Monday night in the Men's Common Room at eight o'clock. Following the business meeting in which the constitution of the society was revised to admit the membership of graduate nurses and Education students, a partial discussion was held on the subject 'The criteria accepted as Truth in various fields of endeavour.' Dr. W. J. Archibald was chairman. Four students gave papers on subjects in their respective fields. Refreshments were served following the discussions.



FLAPPERS.—Emily Kimbrough and Cornelia Skinner triumphantly conquered gay Paros in the first hilarious production of the comedy "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay", last night. Above Gay Esdale as Cornelia models some of the new 'ensembles' with which they braved the Old World. —Photo by Richter.

International Students' Service Sponsor Debate At Shirreff Hall Wednesday

The International Students' Service are sponsoring a debate at Shirreff Hall next Wednesday, it was announced yesterday. In addition to the debate which has a very interesting topic, movies will be shown and refreshments served.

The motion is RESOLVED that all faculty members should be psychoanalyzed every five years!

Arguing for the affirmative will be Professor Ian McLennan and Professor A. S. Mowat. On the negative are Professor W. Berman. It is not known who will be with him. The names of the judges are not yet known.

Before the judges deliver their decision, a movie will be shown. The subject of the movie will be ISS relief work which, in view of the wide geographical range of the organization's activities, should be very interesting.

Refreshments will be served at the debate. The time will be 8 p.m.

There will be no charge for this event. It is being sponsored purely for general interest and to indicate to the students the work that ISS are doing.

Every year the ISS committees on camp across Canada raise funds to provide tuition for a foreign student in Canada.

The money is raised in various ways. The Black and Gold revue was co-sponsored by this organization last term. At DGDS performances they sell chocolate ice cream bars. Later in this term they will devote a week to a fund raising campaign. This will include a tag day.

The International Students' Service is a worthy organization and deserving of the support of the entire student body. It is one of the more active groups on the campus today.

Round Table Club Hear Interesting Speakers

The new Round Table Club has got off to a good start. The first meeting discussed the roll of the CBC in Canada. The topic was introduced with a paper by one of the club members. Last Friday the Club heard Dr. Feierband speak on the present situation in Czechoslovakia. The speaker was well qualified, having been Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Justice in the Czech Government before the communists took over.

An informative discussion followed which enable the club to obtain a fairly clear view of at least one side of the Czech situation.

Saturday evening the Club was invited to hear Mr. Pearson speak

Gives Last of Five Lectures

John McEvoy, C.B.E., K.C., completed the last of five lectures at the Law School this morning. He has lectured every morning during the past week to the Law students in the Munro Room.

Topic of his lectures has been 'The Preparation and Conduct of a Law Suit.' This topic he has divided into two parts after making introductory remarks on it. The first division dealt with civil actions; the second, with criminal actions.

These lectures have been extremely interesting and informative. They have all been transcribed by Mrs. J. E. Ahern, that the students may have a permanent record of what the distinguished lecturer has said.

Mr. McEvoy for the first seven years after he graduated specialized in criminal law. After that he took more civil cases but is almost entirely a corporations lawyer.

In his lectures he has mentioned many interesting anecdotes from his own experiences before the bar. He used these anecdotes as illustrations of many helpful points which he wanted to get across to his audience.

On Wednesday afternoon, he held a question and answer session which proved as equally informative and interesting as the rest of his lectures.

Mr. McEvoy and his wife are leaving Halifax soon. They will be missed because they have made a lasting impression on all with whom they have come in contact.

on the United Nations and the North Atlantic Pact. Wednesday the Club met to discuss the Churchill-Truman talks which just took place in Washington. A. C. Hall of the United Kingdom Information Office was the guest speaker and gave some first hand information on the background of the conference.

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Their Hearts Were Young—and Gay

As this issue goes to press most of us have seen the most recent production of the Glee Club, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay". We wonder if those who saw it in the pathetic contrast of its life and times to those of our own. We further wonder if a quiet nostalgia was not stirred up upon reflecting on this production and having had a glimpse of days we have never known but have heard so much about.

Somewhere lately we read a lament by some writer for the days when a country was "really a country" and not a powder box of political war. Everywhere daily we see, read or hear of the things which make our time so different from the old days of which our parents speak and of which we are told were at least not filled to the brim with hatred, degeneracy and oppression. Those were the horse and buggy days—the days when the world was relatively somnolent and not apparently bent on self destruction, the days when mass psychology and atoms were the playthings of eccentrics, in brief, when the world and its peoples, like certain hearts, were young and gay.

This era has passed but it is not so stale as to be forgotten. We are the children of those who were the children of those times and as such we should have inherited a world not too different from theirs. Yet what a difference fifty years have made. If theirs was the dawn of sincerity ours is the twilight of the gods. Around us in our age, in our times, we see not the sweetness and light they knew but the bitterness and despair of futility, materialism and atheism.

Perhaps we are but paying the price of our parents' wrongs, of past greeds and expectations, but in that period of peace that seems so long ago there is that sense of values, that prevalence of sound ideals, that existence of Christian faith that to us, who look back from the dusk of 1952, appears like altar lights of retreat from chaos and surcrease from pain.

Apart from the external differences that mark this great deterioration there is a more serious charge, an internal one, one of the heart. As a whole the heart of today's youth is sad, not gay. Indeed can it not be said by way of paradox that the young are old before their time. The age is one of speed, of sex, of cynicism, of fatalism. These are not the ingredients of innocence and laughter. And there is much to be said in favor of the contention that too much learning too early is a bad thing. Whatever is the cause of our plight this is certain, that we have lost something fundamental, some high influence, that our parents knew.

History may well look back at us as the inhabitants of the perverted age, for we are the ones who have lost sight of things sacred, real and of value and surrounded ourselves with the shadow of glamour and tinsel and the cobwebs of complexes and misconceptions. Our journalism plays us the evil, our movies reflect the psychological jungles, our literature portrays the sordid and the undesired. And it is with pleasure that we can forget the tremendous emphasis on pessimism that surrounds us and escape for a moment into a time we only know by hearsay—a time that should be ours but is not.

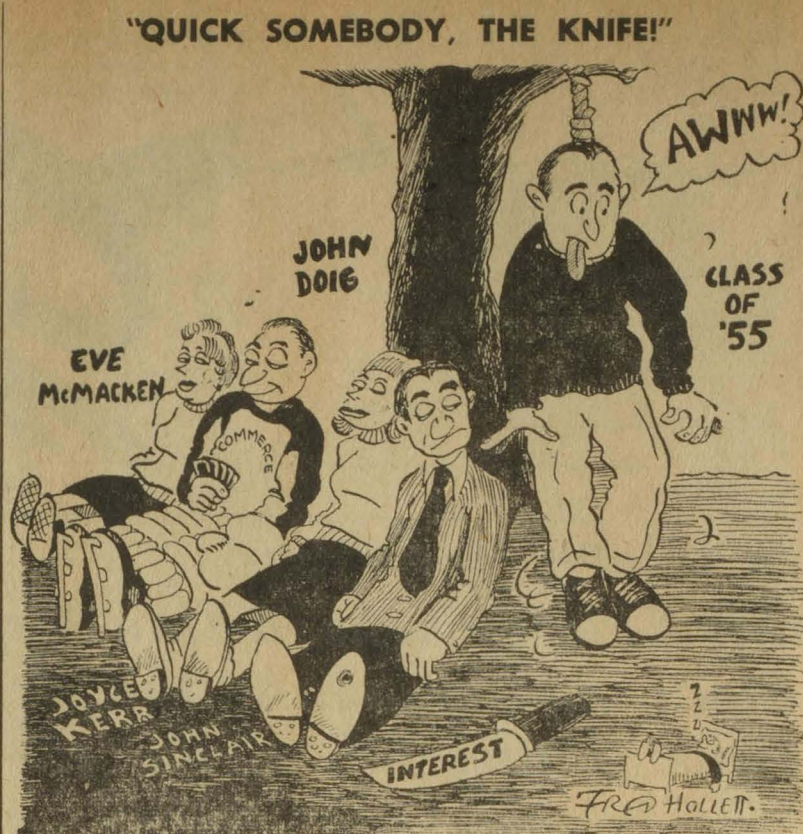
SOMETHING SACRED

The night after the police raided Frank's home and confiscated the stacks of pamphlets and literatures that were stored there, I met him on the street. He was bitter and sneered at the arbitrary power of the police, but I had long since learned to make allowances for Frank's exuberance for he was an avowed Communist. Rather, I would converse with him in order to learn what a Commie is like and why. And behind all the flowery praises of Soviet progress and achievement this is what was so obvious about him.

Frank was a typical product of this age. He was not underprivileged but uneducated. He could not evaluate or make allowances, in short he could not think straight. Frank was restless, bored and had no avocation to relieve the monotony of his life. He had no beliefs and held nothing sacred. His world was fully materialistic and he was quick to absorb the system that could give these things and in theory, elevate all to that impossible level of luxury.

But more important than this was his blindness. He could not see beyond the illustrious propaganda that they fed him. Such achievements as the Dnieper Dam, he assumed, was but a part of countless other development and that the wealth it represented was indicative of the wealth that had been created for all. Nor was he concerned with the cruelty, the slave labour, the savage poverty of millions, that had created such isolated edifices. Poor Frank was blind to the inevitable destiny of a national system that rested on evil.

Lastly, this passion was his religion and it taught him no kindness, purpose in life, goal beyond life. It gave him no rules of decency or laws of behavior. Nor did it give him a code of morals or ethics. Men must believe in the good or evil and Frank's belief was the latter. He looked on Christianity as we look at Greek Mythology with an eye of curiosity only. Well, perhaps there was no Christ, perhaps there is no God. But if there is not, His whole conception has been the most noble and commendable feat of man's imagination. Indeed, it is the only stabilizing factor in a most stabilized world. Of course none of us can afford, if we are educated at all, to accept Frank's corrupted beliefs. We have to cling to something sacred and we can't be Christians and Communists at once.

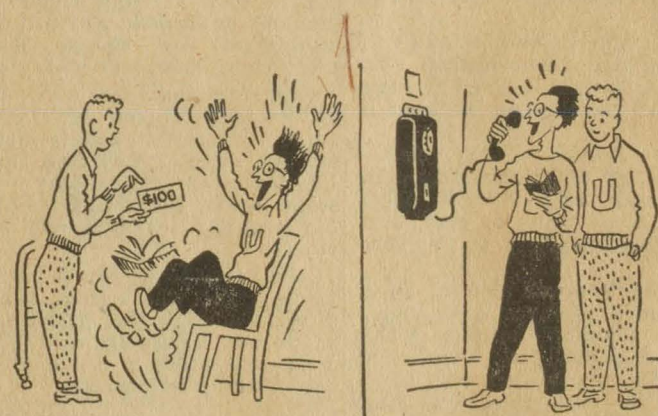


Beauty

*They are the quiet things which move me most
And bid me love my Life with fondness still
Quicksilver summer rain.
Gay dancing host
Of clouds caught on the peak of sky-kissed hill.
Bright blossoms drifting in a sea of sun,
Tall trees that stand in silent wisdom steeped.
Faint fragrance from a rose.
The eyes of one
Into whose heart Earth's tears and joys have leaped.
A deep endearing love. The promise of
Long un-lived years ahead, innumerable Springs.
All these withstand and tower far above
Time's ageless, noiseless, skilled unravelings.*

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Wilbur and Gus and the B of M



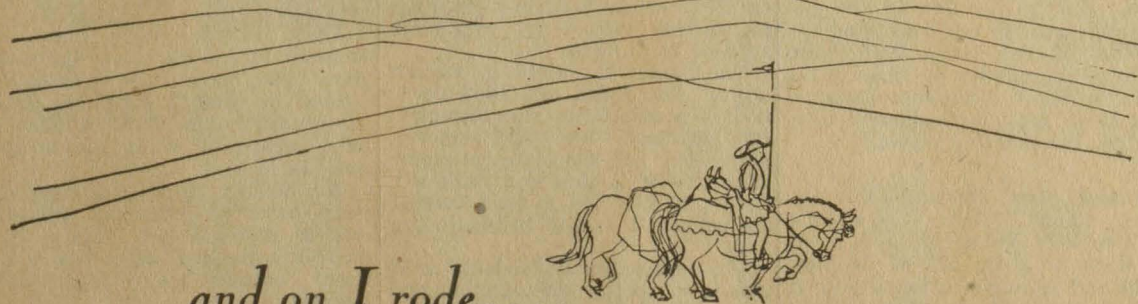
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