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## Vergil Discussion At Classics Club

An enthusiastic turnout of members marked last Friday's meeting of the Dalhousie Classics Club held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Henry Street.

The evening consisted mainly of a discussion on the life and works of the poet Vergil and was highlighted by a paper on the Fall of Troy (Aeneas II) read by Miss Iris Martell, an M.A. student in Classics at Dalhousie. Flight-Lieutenant Cattley, Associate Professor of Classics at Dal "on leave for the duration" greatly contributed to the meeting's success by reading portions of the latest translation of Vergil's "Georgics". The translation was then criticized by various members of the Club. A well-informed panel of experts consisting of Dr. A. K. Griffin, Dr. Roebuck and Flt. Lieut. Cattley presented a clear picture of the poet's life and times, and was besieged by a steady flow of questions from all sides.

The President expressed his hope that an equally enthusiastic gathering would come to next month's meeting when the discussion will centre on the life and works of Cicero. One of the members had volunteered to read a paper on the "Catilinian Conspiracy", he said.

A light supper brought the highly profitable and entertaining evening to a close.

## Alumni Smoker Is Acclaimed

Members of the Class '97 mixed freely with Class '47 at an informal smoker held in the Gym last Friday by the Alumni Association. The purpose of the event was to re-establish contacts between Dalhousians past and present, and the almost unanimous opinion of those who attended was that the meeting had done much to attaining that end.

Entertainment for the evening was extremely varied. All joined in singing the traditional college and faculty songs, some of which present students had never heard before. Other songs rendered during the evening ranged from "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" to "Pistol Packin' Mama".

Lengthy speeches were conspicuous by their absence at the affair, while the few talks that were heard were very short, informal and entertaining. Those who attended were offered a wealth of cigars and cigarettes, and refreshments were also served.

### Tall Story Contest

Highlight of the evening was a tall story contest in which Chief Justice Doull, Dr. Corston and J. A. Hanway, K.C., participated. The quality of the stories was judged by a sensational new discovery presented before the public for the first time which automatically indicated the merits of the story. The contest which was marked by extremely keen competition resulted in a victory for Dr. Corston, who was thereupon presented with the first prize of two cigars. The other participants received consolation prizes of a cigar and a cigarette respectively.

### SKATING

Skating every Monday and Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Arena for members of the university. Admission on presentation of Students' Council ticket.

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ON OUR 75th ANNIVERSARY

The news that the Dalhousie Gazette is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary has caused me to look at the early files of the publication.

The early Gazette was a serious paper. It was obviously written by readers of books and for readers of books. (One notices, in the advertisements of the 70's and 80's, that there were in that period at least eight book shops in the small city of Halifax. As early as 1869, three book shops were advertising their wares.)

The Editors also had very serious views about schools and colleges, and about reforms in education. They denounced the establishing of sectarian schools in the Canadian Northwest.

There is a long editorial, in the issue of February 5, 1876, which describes the shape education was taking in the Province of Nova Scotia, and deploras it:

"The total number of students in Arts in this Province is about two hundred and fifty, of whom nearly one hundred attend Dalhousie. The rest are divided among five denominational colleges, giving an average of about thirty to each college, or eight to each class. Very little competition can exist among so small a number."

On January 11, 1877, an editorial suggests that the College Library be catalogued, and speaks of the dual purpose of library books;

they should be serviceable to the student, "either in some of his particular studies, or to satisfy his literary appetite."

One may say in general that the Gazette regarded itself as a part of the serious press of the community. It frequently addressed itself to the Legislature and always to the public conscience.

The present Editors of the Gazette are to be congratulated on celebrating this seventy-fifth anniversary. They look back on a very proud tradition.

CARLETON STANLEY,  
President.

## THE DALHOUSIE COLLEGE GAZETTE.

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#### SALUTATORY.

The first issue of our paper has appeared, and is now before you. Previous to introducing you to its contents, we crave your attention for a little, while we endeavour to state the aim of our paper, and the manner in which it will be conducted. Its aim is two-fold, viz: the cultivation of a literary taste among ourselves, and the establishment of an organ in which free expression can be given not only to our own sentiments, but to those of others who may interest themselves in our progress and prosperity. The prosperity of a University is the prosperity of a Nation. The training and mental tastes formed there extend their influence to succeeding generations, and give to the national character tone and direction.

The Dalhousie College Gazette is to be conducted mainly by students, under graduates, and graduates of the College. Several gentlemen of known ability, have kindly promised to contribute to its pages, among whom are PROFESSORS LYALL and DEMILL, SIR WM. YOUNG and HON. MR. HOWE. Our first issue, we must plead, labours under some disadvantages, owing to our not having received in time, several interesting articles from among the ablest of our contributors. They will appear, however, in our next issue. Commencing under such favourable auspices we trust our readers and subscribers will find our columns interesting as well as instructive.

Our annual subscription has been fixed at the low price of FIFTY CENTS. The paper will only contain four pages at present, should however, a good circulation be realized, it will be a strong inducement to add other four pages.

#### THE DIVER.

A BALLAD.

(Translated from the German.)

BY A STUDENT.

1. "Who shall venture, squire or knight  
Into the deep abyss to dive?  
A goblet gold shall be his right;  
E'en now 't has sunk beneath the wave;  
Who e'er shall bring 't to me again  
He shall the golden goblet win."

2. The king speaks thus, and from the cliff  
That steep, o'erhangs the boundless main,  
He throws into the boiling gulf  
The goblet for the brave to gain.  
"I ask again, who is so brave  
To dive into this raging wave?"

3. The squires and gallant knights around  
Are mute and silent, all remain  
And view the storm-tossed sea, astound,  
And no one shall the goblet gain.  
The third time now speaks out the king,  
"Will none the golden goblet bring?"

4. Still all remain, 'mute as before,  
Until a youth, as brave as gentle,  
Steps forth from out the trem'ulous train,  
Unbuckles then his belt and mantle,  
While all the knights and ladies gaze,  
And eye the youth with wondrous praise.

5. And as he stepped upon the brink  
And looked into the dark profound,  
The billows which in whirlings sink  
Come gurgling back with roaring sound;  
Like thunder's rumbling roar they come  
All foaming from th' abyss of gloom:

6. And bubbling up it seethes and roars  
As water thrown on raging fire;  
And up to heaven the white-spray soars,  
As floods on floods press higher.  
And it will never cease to rave,  
As wave gives birth to sequent wave.

7. But now, at last, its dark rage spent—  
Dark-seeming, through the foaming wave,  
The yawning chasm shows its vent  
As if it led to hell's deep cave.  
The waves roll down the dark abyss,  
Descending, roar and foam and hiss.

8. Quickly, before the waves return  
The youth to God confides his way,  
Amazement holds the breathless crowd,—  
Already he's beneath the spray,  
While strongly o'er the swimmer brave,  
Now seen no more, the billows rave.

9. And silence reigns above the deep,  
Its hidden depths groan loud and fell,  
And one can hear from lip to lip,  
"Brave-hearted youth, farewell, farewell!  
It hoarse and hoarse foams aloud  
While dread suspense congeals the crowd.

(To be continued.)

## "THROUGH THE YEARS" -- THE GAZETTE ODYSSEY

The year 1869 saw three great strides in world communications: the completion of the first transcontinental railway, the opening of the Suez Canal, and the founding of the Dalhousie Gazette! Only six years after the reorganization of the University in 1863, three enterprising students, one graduate and two undergraduates, decided Dalhousie needed a periodical

wherein members of the college could express themselves in writing. After a pre-publication "Prospectus" proclaiming the coming of the "Dalhousie College Gazette", the first issue appeared on January 25, 1869.

Editors, publishers and staff were John J. Cameron, B.A., (continued on page three)

## To Be Presented On Munroe Day

The Dalhousie Glee Club collaborating with the Dalhousie Music Club under the leadership of Harry Zappler is presenting a musical comedy on Munroe Day. This is the first time in ten years that a musical production has been attempted at Dalhousie. We must have co-operation.

A meeting for all those interested in acting, singing, dancing, prompting, writing, making costumes, etc will be held Sunday at 2.30 in Mr. Bedford's Studio, Halifax Conservatory of Music, Spring Garden Road.

### Mixed Chorus Featured

One of the main features of this comedy is the chorus, comprised of both male and female voices. Here's a chance for "The Med Harmonizers" to come out in the open. If your room-mate is driving you crazy with his vocal antics, send him to us. We guarantee to put him through his paces one night a week.

The choral work is in charge of Mr. Bedford, the very talented Director of the Halifax Conservatory of Music. Mlle. LaFeuille, Harry Zappler, Don Corringham and Ted Shields are compiling the script. The dancing is being directed by Miss Leonard, Physical Instructress at Dalhousie.

Great interest is being shown in this undertaking and our available talent so far includes, D. Hamilton, Kay Archibald, June Grant and Peter Donkin, all well-known entertainers.

## Class Of 44 Putting Out Year Book

The long questionable fate of the Dal Year Book was finally cleared up Tuesday morning in Room 3 of the Arts Building when the Class of '44 decided to undertake the publishing of the perennial "Pharos". Editors have not yet been appointed but Laura McKenzie was chosen to head the all-important photographic department. Appointments have been arranged with a local photographer.

The suggestion that the class present a gift to the University upon graduation resulted in the appointment of "presentation of a committee" consisting of Inez Sunderland, Joan Archibald and Tom Rogers. Following are the results of the elections for life officers of the Class of '44:

Hon. President—Dr. Dixie  
Hon. Pres.—Dr. Dixie Pelluet  
Life Pres.—Larry Sunderland  
Vice-Pres.—Jean MacDonald  
Secty.-Treas.—Sue Morse

Further on the agenda was the discussion of plans for a Convocation Ball and the election of a committee comprising Anne Mackley, George Hawkins, Ewart Burke, Ruth MacInnes, Clarey Fraser and Bill Hagen.

### PLEASE NOTE

The Dal S.C.M. invites you to a sing-song at Shirreff Hall this Sunday, January 30, at 8.30 p.m.

### Faculty Quiz

Next week will inaugurate the first in a series of interviews with members of the Dalhousie faculty on questions of wide interest. First to be quizzed will be Prof. A. K. Griffin, Department of Classics, who will declaim on a matter pertaining to his own field and to the university.



# Dalhousie Through The Years

It is not our intention in this article to tell the complete story of the Dalhousie Gazette. That has been done elsewhere in this issue. Rather we shall go back to the early years of our paper and then advance toward the present day, tarrying here and there to pick up threads of the past.

Dalhousie University was founded officially as institution of higher learning in 1818. However vigorous, and continued activity did not occur until 1863. During the college term of 1866-67 a college paper was begun and circulated among the students without the cognizance of the college. A few years later the college formally adopted the paper as the college organ. Early in 1869, six years after the renaissance of the college, the Dalhousie Gazette was published officially, and continued without a break as the collegiate organ. In Copy I, Volume I of 1869 one may read the following under the title "Salutatory"—"Its aim is twofold, viz: the cultivation of a literary taste among ourselves, and the establishment of an organ in which free expression can be given, not only to our own sentiments, but to those of others who may interest themselves in our progress and prosperity." Among those who early interested themselves in the prosperity of the Gazette, were Sir Wm. Young, Professor Lyall, and Mr. Joseph Howe.

The pages of those early Gazettes were graced by much work of merit. Nowhere was there the dregs of humour and insipid work which tend to creep into the pages of the university papers of today. Nor was there a limit to the variety of subject matter. Titles picked at random include the following:—"Ancient Speculation, The Art of Calling, On Learning, Our Autumn Manoeuvres, My Hiccough, In A Whaleboat, Stewiacke, The Study of Anglo-Saxon, Is A Belief In Darwinism Consistent With A Teleological View of The Natural World?, Nova Scotian Poets.

The study of Latin brought to the professor amusement mixed with irritation, and grief to the young undergraduate. One aspiring lad translated "Poeta naseitur non fit", as "A poet is nasty and not fit."

Collegiate ragging 'per The "Gazette", gave birth to the following. "One of our Sophs has been lately in love, with the following result:

Her brow is white as the driven snow,  
That from the Nor-Nor-West doth blow.  
Her eyes they are large and blue and dreamy,  
Her hair it is black as the back of the chimney,  
Her voice it is like to the sound of the brook  
When we go out in summer to fish with a hook.'

In the same zestful spirit some sprites published the following obituary notice in the December 26 edition of the Gazette of 1885:

"To the Sacred Memory of the Singing in Dalhousie's Halls. The deceased, while strong and vigorous, was cut off in the prime of life by a murderous blow delivered with all too fatal effect by the Hymnal Committee of 1885."

Among early editors and co-editors of the Gazette, may be noted D. Stiles Fraser, 1873 (deceased), Hector McInnes, 1883 (deceased), J. W. Logan, 1890 (now a Classics Professor at Dalhousie).

Then, as today, editors were forced to fill up a corner here and there with scraps from the outside world. A scrap of "plaster-wall poetry", which makes one think of Housman, helped an early editor:

"Through the life road, rough and dirty,  
I have walked to three and thirty.  
What have these years left to me?  
Nothing, only thirty-three."

Dalhousie's fame had spread as early as 1883. In the January 26 copy of the Gazette of that year, a notice from the Montreal Witness was reproduced, which reads in part:

"Dalhousie College has long been one of the chief fountain-heads of a liberal education in Nova Scotia, that perhaps has more academic and collegiate institutions in an efficient state than any country of its population."

The events at the turn of the century were discussed in the pages of the Gazette. Among these might be noted the Behring Sea Dispute, and the Transvaal. In the Christmas issue of 1899 there are pictures of five Dalhousie volunteers for the Transvaal. These are the first photographs printed in the Gazette. The five men were H. B. Stairs, B.A. '91, LL.B. '93; J. C. Oland, 2nd year Law; R. T. Keefer, B.A. '92, LL.B. '95; N. G. Murray, B.A. '93, 2nd year Law; C. MacDonald, 2nd year Arts.

In 1901 occurred the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. In 1903 the Alaskan Boundary caused discussion, so did the will of Cecil Rhodes. As a sign of the time the Gazette had, on March 31, 1900, carried an article entitled "This Materialistic World".

Collegiate ragging was very much alive on December 16, 1908, when the Gazette carried a poem, two stanzas of which follow:

Work at Dalhousie reminds up  
Life is not an empty dream,  
Eben<sup>1</sup> plucks us, Howard<sup>2</sup> fines us,  
Archie<sup>3</sup> hits us with a theme.

Magill<sup>4</sup> rattles us with mystery,  
Stanley<sup>5</sup> buries us in Duff,  
Lord John<sup>6</sup> soaks us with his history,  
Holy Moses, ain't it tough!

In 1911 Dalhousie College acquired the Studley property. Views of this property were printed in the February issue of 1911. The vigorous campaign to pay off the mortgage on the property filled many pages of the Gazette of that year.

The graduation number of the Gazette of 1911 contained the names of such well-known Dalhousians as Hugh Philip Bell (now a professor at Dalhousie), and John Hamilton Lane Johnstone (also a professor at Dalhousie). Both were graduates in Science.

Among the graduating students in Arts was Kenneth Leslie, now a well-known Canadian poet. Among those graduating in Law was Ivan R. Ralston, brother of the present Minister of National Defence, and one who made the supreme sacrifice in the First Great War. Among the Medicals were three men now well known—Harold Beige Atlee (Professor at Dalhousie), Frank Roy Davis (Minister for Public Health in Nova Scotia), and Hugh William Schwartz (Halifax physician).

In 1912 the Canadian Department of Militia and Defence laid plans for a Canadian Officers' Training Corps to be established in Canadian universities. Then, as today, the C.O.T.C. came in for discussion in the Gazette. However, it was not until November of 1914, that the Dalhousie C.O.T.C. came into being.

In October of 1912, the corner-stone for a Dalhousie University building was laid by the Duke of Connaught, then Governor-General of Canada. In 1913 the Gazette printed architects' sketches of the Dalhousie-to-be.

In the summer of 1914, Europe, after having experienced many tremours, erupted into the bloody ghastliness of war. Soon the sons of

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## MANY HAPPY RETURNS

For three-quarters of a century, longer than any other college paper in the Dominion, the Dalhousie Gazette has appeared regularly during the college term. Seventy-five classes, in Arts, in Science, in Medicine and Law as these schools were added, have read the Gazette, and contributed to it, and have remembered it as one of the symbols of unforgettable, irreplaceable college years.

The Gazette of January 25, 1869, bears little resemblance in appearance or contents to the Gazette of January 28, 1944. "Tempora et mores" have brought about many changes in the college journal. It has appeared fortnightly, monthly, and weekly, in a variety of sizes and shapes. Freshmen have entered Dalhousie and worked their way from contributors and reporters to the editorial chair and gone their way to a wider citizenship, and the Gazette has passed into other willing hands. The Franco-Prussian War was swinging into its fury as the first Gazettes went to press; the guns of a dozen wars, small and great, have thundered their volleys of death and been silenced since then. Now the most stupendous of all time is nearing a climax, as the Gazette enters its seventy-sixth year. And when the dawn of victory has warmed the world, Dalhousie will grow stronger and greater, and the Gazette will flourish with it.

The world has altered immensely since that first pioneer Gazette, just as the paper itself has changed. Few of the material things of 1869 have survived. Yet the things of the spirit do not change, and it is in this that the Gazette of today is directly linked with the Gazette of seventy-five years ago. The Gazette was founded to give Dalhousie students a place where they could give their opinions full utterance, where they could gain experience in expressing themselves without the disheartening criticism of the mature world outside the campus. Its one aim was to further the interests of the student body, to provide it with a weapon of defense against whosoever might attack it. These ideals have come down unchanged to this day; they will remain the same as long as the Gazette itself exists, which will be as long as there is a student body. No editor can change them; no editor is ever greater than the paper itself, for it stems directly from the heart of the University, that wonderful composite of students and faculties and traditions and customs and everything that goes to make up Dalhousie.

Seventy-five years is a long time in the history of any institution. Our beloved Dominion itself is only two years older. Few men reach the age of seventy-five, still fewer publications survive that long. But for the Gazette, may it be only the beginning! May future generations of Dalhousie students, generations yet unborn, edit the Gazette, and shape it, and improve it, and receive in return the knowledge of having been of service to their University and their fellow Dalhousians—the knowledge which has been the bounteous gift of the Gazette for seventy-five years, and will be for many, many years more.

The Gazette takes this opportunity to express its sincere thanks to Professor D. C. Harvey, of the Nova Scotia Archives, for his invaluable aid in helping us prepare this special Anniversary Issue.

Dalhousie put away the book and gown and went away to war. Those four long, grim years brought death and everlasting glory to many, many sons of old Dalhousie. Faithfully, as of old, the Gazette recorded the changes in college life, told the tales of Dalhousie's sons at war, and proclaimed the grief of those who at home mourned the fallen.

Following the war a new type of Gazette appeared. The old Gazette, a magazine-like paper of some seventy-five pages, had been published bi-monthly. The new Gazette, published weekly, took its format from the daily papers. Gone was the old-world atmosphere, the scholarly, well-turned essays, the puns on Latin. In their place was published "hot" collegiate news, twentieth-century "youth poetry", raw humour and "gags". One may well note the famous "post-war cynicism", the short-hair and shorter-skirts era, the aggressive policy growing in the world after 1930, the false lull before 1939, and then, once more, the record of old Dalhousie during a second world catastrophe.

The Gazette since the early twenties has poured its copy in very much the same mould. Men and times have changed, yet the Gazette has not changed very much.

In spite of the modern taste in boredom, the old spirit keeps the Gazette alive. Officers of the Gazette in the years which lie ahead must realize that they have a great tradition to maintain. Their work must be a labour of love. If they are to be worthy of the Gazette editors of those early years, they must love their Alma Mater, must not be afraid of work, take pride in it, and always bear in mind the aim expressed in the first copy of the Gazette—to "to cultivate a literary taste" among themselves, and to establish "an organ in which free expression can be given" both to their own sentiments, and those of others who interest themselves in the success and prosperity of the Gazette.

One cannot wish more for the Gazette on this, its seventy-fifth anniversary, than that its success should be continuous, and its prosperity assured.

- 1 Prof. Ebenezer MacKay, Professor of Chemistry.
- 2 Prof. Howard Murray, Professor of Classics.
- 3 Prof. Archibald MacMechan, Professor English.
- 4 Prof. Magill, Professor of Philosophy.
- 5 Prof. A. Stanley MacKenzie, Professor of Physics.
- 6 Rev. Pres. John Forrest, President of Dalhousie and Professor of History.



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# THE ODYSSEY

Continued from page one

A. P. Seeton, and W. E. Roscoe. The front page of the premiere edition of Canada's first college paper is reproduced in full size above. The complete edition had four pages, cost five cents a copy, 50 per year, and could be "obtained at Miss Katzman's Book Store, Granville Street, and from the janitor of the College." An editorial set forth its policy: "We are striving to make the Gazette distinguished for its high and intellectual tone, and for its general as well as its academic usefulness." Contributions were anonymous, and included a translation of a German poem by "A Student" and "Notes on Cape Breton" by "A Graduate". Both of these writings were "to be continued".

The infant Gazette was nothing if not ambitious. A circulation over the entire province was set as its aim, and it was soon achieved. Letters and contributions were received from many parts of Nova Scotia, including a letter from the President of King's College, then at Windsor. The fourth issue reported a somewhat left-handed tribute to the growing influence of the paper, revealing the attempt of a provincial political party to bribe the paper with "gold that perisheth" to air that party's views.

A letter in the March 5th issue, 1869, from Fred W. Kelly, of McGill, acknowledged the Gazette stating it had been placed in the University Reading Room, and congratulating Dalhousie as "the first, among the educational institutions of the Dominion to extend an influence in this form beyond its walls."

At the first meeting of the new term of the student body of the University held on Nov. 10, 1869, the original editors of the Gazette offered to let the paper become the property of the students, to be administered by them. By a motion passed almost unanimously, the students enthusiastically took over the Gazette. Advertisements, "a limited number . . . at reasonable rates", appeared for the first time. Editorials branched off the campus to such subjects as Post Office Management. A vigorous editorial policy, which has recurred again and again in the columns of the Gazette, was sown that year, in articles calling for union of the "thirty or forty students of Acadia, with the twenty or thirty of King's, the thirty of Sackville, and the forty of St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's with our own sixty-three. What fun, what speeches, what debates, what glorious merriment! . . . United we could oppose anything that could oppose us."

An advertisement for the Medical course gave rates of "\$6.00 for each course of lectures", and the editors requested, in block capitals, "we wish our delinquent subscribers would pay up." In the first issue of Nov. 24, 1870, prospective students were assured "a young man of modest pretensions with little inclination for high living, including cigars, punch, hair oil etc., can pass a comfortable winter in the city, attending undergraduate classes, for the modest sum of \$130.00".

The first radical change in the paper was made in Vol. VIII, of November, 1875, when a "New Series" was started, a little smaller, with better type, and at a doubled price of 10c per copy, printed on "fine paper especially imported from Montreal at high rates."

The first Canadian college papers to be mentioned in the Gazette's Exchange column were McGill Gazette, and Acadia Athenaeum, both in 1875. In 1876, the Argosy was also heralded.

The contents of the paper grew to include literary contributions of all kinds, poems, stories and articles, correspondence, editorials, campus news, and personal columns.

In 1881 the first woman was admitted to the staff, Miss L. B. Calkin, of the class of 1885. In 1885 three editors from the Law School were added to the staff for a special "Law Section", followed in 1890 by a Medical Column. In 1888 the Gazette blossomed forth with 16 pages enclosed within a "neat but not gaudy" cover of gold and black, later chang-

ed to blue because of the staff's artistic sensibilities. The first issue of 1889 extended a welcome to Dr. Archibald MacMechan, destined to be one of the University's best beloved and most famous professors.

In the masthead of the October 15 issue, 1891, appeared the name of one of Dalhousie's best known alumni. Now Vicount of Calgary, he was listed then simply as "R. B. Bennett, Law." This same issue saw the Gazette made a monthly magazine, containing usually about 40 pages, and reduced in size to approximately 6" x 9". It continued in this form for twenty-three years, maintaining a high standard of literary excellence. Then in October, 1914, it reverted a fortnightly tabloid, 10" x 13", of eight three column pages.

The leading article of the first edition for this year reported plans for a Dalhousie Canadian Officers Training Corps and the next issue headlined "Dalhousie Will Do Her Duty". The paper was carried on through the four years of conflict without missing an issue, and in its pages are recorded the gallant deeds of Dalhousie fighting men on every war front. The first Dalhousian killed overseas was Capt. George W. Stairs, and the Gazette of Nov. 17, 1915, carries a memorial to him by Dr. McMechan. Capt. Stairs was the first of a roll of heroes from the University whose names filled the pages of the paper as the battle raged on. Another interesting story of Dalhousie in World War I is told in the January 29, 1918, issue, where an account is given of the fine work done by many of the students at the time of the disastrous Explosion. Medical students worked day and night without rest in the hectic weeks that followed the catastrophe; coeds worked in emergency hospitals and in relief work. Numbers of the students stayed in the city over the usual Christmas holiday to lend a hand in the city's need. Only two Dal students were injured in the Explosion, and none was killed.

This first issue of 1918 also hailed the appearance of the Gazette as a weekly paper. In Nov. 17, 1918, an account was given of Dalhousians taking part in the great Armistice celebration when "Halifax threw aside every shred of her traditional reserve for 48 hours."

In 1925 the Gazette was enlarged to 12" x 18", with five columns of type, and two years later it attained its present size.

The Gazette has come a long way since that first modest issue of January 25, 1869; the developments

## Dalhousie, 75 Years of Reporting

(The following are excerpts from various Gazettes of former years.)

January 22, 1937—

"As high school girls we were looking forward to the time when we should become members of Delta Gamma. But what a letdown. Perhaps we expected too much. In the first place the attendance at the meetings is terrible. Few city girls go, but there are fewer Hall girls. We suppose that the latter who manage to drag themselves downstairs feel that they might just as well knit before a fire as in cold rooms. The Council is extremely stingy in granting money for our organization, but how foolishly it is spent—buying food for meetings. This appears to be the only inducement for attendance. We suggest that this money could be spent, to show the boys that we are capable of giving something worthwhile, or we could at least provide something useful for the University. How about some support. After all what we really need is spirit and action if we want any kind of an organization at all."

March 16, 1934—

Presenting a continuous string of snappy demonstrations from 3 till 12.30 Wednesday's Annual Munro Day celebration proved to be one of most successful ever staged. A larger and appreciative crowd attended the afternoon sports and tea dance.

From letters to the editor: The fact that the Student Council is not an interested body has again been confirmed by the abolition of the Year Book. Previously their actions have largely been negative in nature. —But the abolition of the Year Book was a glaring and flagrant dismissal of the wishes of the students.

March 8, 1934—

Council Vote to Abolish Year Book. Council members arose to speak against it on the grounds of the lack of money, lack of support by the majority and as an unsure expenditure. After a brief and one-sided discussion, the question was put and Pharos was gently, but firmly ushered out of existence.

February 1, 1929—

Glee Club Broadcast Popular. The Dal Glee Club Broadcast is becoming quite a popular hour over CHNS. Sunday evening, according to Major Borrett, there was in the ante-rooms one of the largest crowds ever present.

November 16, 1899—

Last month Old Dalhousie welcomed to her halls a hundred freshmen or more—all sorts and conditions of aspirants to academic honors. Everyone of the hundred has come with preconceived ideas of a university and a university student, and no doubt during the past month these ideas have been modified. If a matriculation had been made at some English University, perhaps the thought that an ancient building clad in creeping ivy and black-robed seniors stalking through corridors musty with traditions had a necessary connection with a university might be expected; but very fortunately such a connection is not likely to becloud any young Dalhousian's idea. For the college building has often been admired as a type of the chaste collegiate style "deplorably modern", and since the abolition of the "Toga"—a step much to be regretted. The freshman has been saved from confusing the man and the gown.

February, 1888—

Munro Day was celebrated last Tuesday in the usual jolly style known only to students and the few initiated into the mysteries of a "good time". The day was glorious and the sleighing excellent. The funeral aspect that the crowd had assumed at the College while waiting for the start very quickly disappeared under the magical influence of such songs as "Rock Me Julia" and "Clementine".

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of the next seventy-five years should prove equally interesting in the saga of Canada's oldest college newspaper.

## Discussion Group Consider Housing

The new listening discussion group complementary among hundreds of other groups across Canada to CBC's "Of Things To Come", decided at the Tuesday night program that we cannot have an effective housing scheme for poor slum-ridden Canadians because nobody will pay for them. The Municipality can't, the Province can't, and the Dominion won't; faced with this situation, one of the group suggested Socialism to overcome the barrier.

It was further decided in the discussion that followed the program, that it is not politically expedient for the Dominion to give subsidies to the Provinces, so Canadians are faced with needing half a million new houses in Canada for those in slums. These people cannot, the Government won't, pay for them.

Tuesday, February 1, this question will be continued. The group will try to decide if anything can be done for the slums. Dalhousians may develop more public spirit and sense of responsibility hearing and arguing one of Canada's basic social problems.

## Chiefly Depressive

Second year students are showing some concern about the coming summer, and in consequence this writer has been asked to define their attitude. Herein is the intention to reflect the opinions of the class taken as a unit.

From the students' view, it is at least opportune, though perhaps no more than opportune, that studies should continue throughout the summer. Second year students might then enlist in the R.C.A.M.C., and draw army pay. They would be rid of the ridiculous O.T.C. training. They would graduate a year and a half sooner, and be commissioned in the Canadian Army as medical officers.

These matters are surely matters of opportunity. Some students must work through the summer and borrow in order to have enough money for the next year's expenses. To them, army pay would be a great boon. Other students do not feel that it is at all incongruous for a country desiring medical officers in its armed forces to pay medical students for their work. Mr. Ilsley takes the same view.

As for the O.T.C., what needs to be said? It seems merely a waste of valuable time, the result of a serious lack of vision or incredible naivety regarding university training, taking origin in governmental ignorance, and perpetuated in the same medium.

Obviously, the second year students want to graduate as soon as possible. Their goal is the practise

of medicine, and if they may reach it sooner than is usual, they will do so.

It is said that a medical officer is not essentially different from the civilian doctor except in that he has less to do. Similarly a medical student is not actually less useful than a medical officer, since the one produces the other. Now is the civilian medical student less useful than the medical student in the army, since both are to become doctors, persons who are essential both in army and civil life. Nevertheless, in the eyes of the foolish, the sight of the uniformed students from all the other Canadian Medical Schools will reflect against Dalhousie if the accelerated course should be dropped at Dalhousie Medical School, and against the students here because they would then not be uniformed. Clothes do not make man or school; but the foolish are very many.

The reasons put forward for summer term seem reasonable and strong, the more so because forty students are directly concerned. There are reasons equally as strong against summer term. There is no clear basis for deciding between one or the other alternative. But second

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year students would like to have a decision made, and know the reasons for it, since they ought to have some grounds for defying those who say, "And you, my good fellow, what are you doing to win the . . ."

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### Swimmers Prepare For Acadia Meet

Monday last, January 24, a swimming practice was held for the purpose of selecting a team to represent Dal in a meet to be held sometime in the near future. It was learned from Mr. Art Hartling, manager, coach, etc. of the team that a letter had been sent to Acadia in order to decide upon a date, and other necessary particulars. As yet no reply has been received.

About a dozen swimmers turned out for Monday's practise and made an excellent showing.

Among those that showed up for the practise on Wednesday night included Jim Bell, Feanney, Samuels, Matheson, MacDonald and Smith.

### DAL-R.C.A.F. GAME

The Dal basketball squad dropped their first game of the season to R.C.A.F. 51-29 Saturday night. The collegians showed lack of practise but are expected to improve as the season goes on. Coach Burnie Ralston led the team with 8 points while Votour came in from his guard position to score six points.

#### Lineups: Dalhousie

Pope (2), White (0), Farquhar (4), Dunlop (5), Votour (6), Giffen (0), Hart (4), Ralston (8), MacKenzie (0). Total (29).

#### R.C.A.F.

Referee: E. Ruben.

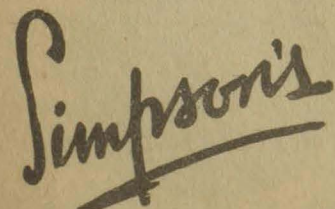
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### PRESENTING . . .



Marj Leonard, our very popular gym instructress of the girls here at Dal who came to our campus in October 1943. Marj hails originally from Rothesay, New Brunswick. She attended school in Saint John where she first became interested in sports. Continuing to Edgehill, Marj was keenly active in games, there being on both the hockey and the basketball teams as well as playing badminton. During her summers Miss Leonard did much sailing in her own boat and was a member of the R.N. Y.C. Marj also began golfing while in Saint John and soon showed her prowess in this game by winning the shield for the club championship at the Westfield Country Club.

After leaving Edgehill Marj went to Margaret Eaton School, Toronto. During her summers there she was head Councillor for sailing at Camp Tanamakoon, a private camp for girls in Northern Ontario. She was also councillor for canoe-tripping there. While studying at M. E. S. Marj went in for the usual outdoor sports such as swimming, skiing and skating. Although she took figure-skating, Marj prefers straight skating.

After graduation from Margaret Eaton, she took the position as Physical Director at a Social Settlement in Toronto, for two years. Those two summers she spent at the Settlement School's Camp, north of Toronto.

It was not long before the call of the sea and home reached Marj Leonard and back she came to the good old Maritimes, for although Marj has had many good times and has enjoyed immensely her years in Upper Canada, nevertheless she is a true and faithful Maritimer.

It was back to Edgehill that Marj went but this time as one of the staff. There she did much for the sports and general physical activities of the girls. Though it was not such a spectacular period, yet there was much hard, solid work to be done and Edgehill may feel justly thankful.

From Edgehill Marj Leonard has come on to Dalhousie where we hope she will be very happy. We think Dal should be very proud to have someone who has had such an interesting life, so much experience in so short a period.

We give you Marj Leonard, graduate of Margaret Eaton School, a true friend, a great sport and an all round good fellow.

### Interfaculty Hockey Notice

It is requested that all interfaculty hockey managers desirous to enter Interfaculty Hockey League contact Doug Clarke in order to arrange schedule for the later part of next week. All games will be played on the King's rink and everyone should support their faculty while the league is in operation. Applications of the faculty hockey managers for admittance into the league may also be left at the Office of the Physical Director.

### Girl Basketballers Lose To Wrens

Tuesday, January 25, Dal girls played the Wrens team from Stadacona. Great consternation ensued when it was realized that the visiting team was accustomed to boy's rules in fact one Wren expressed great surprise and almost wonderment at the expression 'Girls' sports! However, they were great sports and

### BRAIN WORK-OUT

Grid for brain work-out puzzle with numbers 1-52 placed in various cells.

#### HORIZONTAL

- 1. First name of "Red" Payne, Dal equipment manager.
5. A lazy athlete.
10. Latent.
12. An oration in praise of a winning athlete.
14. Author of 35 important books, and has been knighted in his own country.
15. Coach Burnie Ralston has an- personality.
17. Royal Engineers (abbr.)
18. Nickname of a skilled athlete.
20. Infuse.
21. A vegetable that healthy athletes eat.
22. Part of the verb "to be".
24. Even an athlete must—although the Students' Council have made this more difficult for basketball players.
25. Lacking caution and prudence.
26. A real athlete is never this.
28. He who scores consistently — carefully.
29. To plunge forward and down.
30. What to do if you like this puzzle (abbr.)
31. Only the—can afford to engage in polo, yachting, etc.
34. Retains.
37. Grub (coll.)
38. The army had plenty of—(abbr) when they met Dal in their first encounter last fall.
40. Pedigree.
41. Lamentation.
42. An object that helps romance bloom in the summertime.
44. Discern.
45. A unit of germ plasm.
46. These—are intended to be used in the best interests of Dalhousie sport.
40. Afternoon.
49. An indoor game in which the term "kiss" is often used.
51. An exclamation of disgust (coll)
52. Requisites.

#### VERTICAL

- 1. One skilled in the art of thrusting and parrying with foil or sword.
2. The initials of a Dal football

star whose chief characteristic is his coolness.

- 3. The—when Colin Smith and Henry Reardon were at Dal was a great period for ping-pong.
4. Moiety.
5. Bob Wade made his—in senior football company last fall.
6. A referee should never be biased in interpreting a—
7. Cavity (first letter missing).
8. A negative reply.
9. Departure.
10. Guard on intermediate basketball team last year.
11. The measure of duration.
13. An affirmative reply (coll.)
16. What a baseball player carries when he goes to the plate (two words).
19. An athlete that possesses a great store of knowledge could be called—
21. Treats with excessive indulgence
23. Ted Shields—the Gazette each week.
25. An object several Dal athletes hammered at the Shipyards last summer.
27. Dal football players went to bed early on the—of their game with Acadia.
28. Inquire.
31. The ground hockey match between the girls and the boys was —spectacle.
32. Acclaim
33. Lassitude.
35. A—at the records would show that Dal had won 3 and lost 3 football games last term.
36. Apparent.
38. When playing golf a careful—is kept.
39. A Persian gold coin worth about 7/2.
42. Winner of Munro-Evans trophy for second straight year.
46. Committee for industrial organization (abbr.)
47. Studies deaden excitement (3 initials).
49. Take Lever brothers advise on this.
50. When teams play one game to decide a championship it is called a—(initials) match.
(Answer next week.)

conceded to play our method, although the Wrens had great reserves on which to call. The score was 28-21 in favor of the Wrens, who, we hope, enjoyed the game as much as did our team.

### Time Table Wanted For P.T. Classes

A large number of students intimated that they were interested in a varied program of physical activities which the Physical Department of the University was sponsoring.

The hold-up at present is that I have not received individual time tables and to avoid disappointment to those who would like to take part I am marking time for another week which should allow plenty of time for all to sign up.

Every male student in the University will be warmly welcomed to each and every class that they have the time to attend whether it be a large muscle building activity or a leisure recreational activity for post college use.

A number have signed for the classes listed below and I should like to have an early start so come along and sign the time table forms:

- Basketball Fundamentals plus game play
Fencing
Ju-Jitsu, Close combat fighting and Commando Tactics

- Boxing
Wrestling
Swimming (Beginner's and Life Saving with awards given
Softball

Dancing Social (Beginner's)
Golf and Tennis Fundamentals plus practise.

If enough students are interested I should be only too glad to give instruction in the following:

Gymnastics (Horse, Horizontal bar, Rings and Parallel bars).
Games (Indoor Soccer, Floor hockey, Volley-Ball, European Handball and Touch Rugby).

Badminton Fundamentals (Beginners).

Track and Field Class.

This is the last call for those who wish to join the above physical activities to fill in time table forms for the arrangement of suitable hours for classes. Avail yourself of the opportunity for better Physical Fitness now.

B. A. RALSTON, Director, Physical Education.

### NOTICES

Hockey at Arena, Dalhousie vs. N. S. Tech, Sunday, January 30th, at 4 p.m.

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