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CANDIDATES PRESENT PLATFORMS

Faculties Line Up Candidates For Campus And Council Posts

The following are the nominations for the different faculties for the various positions on the campus which will be voted on Tuesday, March 2nd, by the student body.

- President, Students' Council—Vic Burstall, David Peel.
 Vice-President—Sally Roper, Helen Scammell.
 NFCUS—Dennis Madden, Malcolm Smith
 DGDS, President—Graham Day, Graeme Nicholson
 Vice-President—Pat Norman, Carol Vincent
 Secretary-Treasurer—Stu MacKinnon, Roland Thornhill
 DAAC, President—Vice-President—
 Secretary-Treasurer—DAGC, President—Barbara Clancy, Eileen Kelly
 Vice-President—Elise Lane, Jans Wilson
 Secretary - Treasurer—Jean Anthony, Carolyn Flemming
 Delta Gamma, President—Elise Lane, Jeannette LeBrun
 Secretary-Treasurer—Janet Christie, Tinker Pullen
 Arts and Science—
 Senior Girl—Elise Lane, Jeannette LeBrun
 Senior Boy—Dave Fraser, Stu MacKinnon
 Junior Girl—Anne Thompson, Carol Vincent
 Junior Boy—Alex Campbell, Al Sinclair
 Sophomore—Roland Thornhill, Jill Wickwire
 Commerce—Larry Doane, Bill McCurdy, Fred Ogilvie
 Dentistry—Sam Bowden, Rod Fraser, Norm Layton
 Law—Finton Alward, Howie Crosbie

Await Vote on CUP Hon. Pres

The Atlantic Region of the Canadian University Press expects to be able to announce early next week the result of a mail vote among the Atlantic Region Universities naming the first Honorary Executive President of the Atlantic Region CUP.

Nominations for the position took place at the Atlantic Region CUP conference held in Halifax Feb. 5 and 6. Nominated were Mr. R. J. Rankin, President of the Canadian Press and Dr. George Boyle, professor of English and a member of the Extension Department of the St. Francis Xavier University.

At the present time four of the member papers of CUP, the Brunswickian, the Xaverian, The Athenaeum, the Argosy and the Gazette have submitted their votes to the executive paper, the Gazette. The votes from the Muse is expected at any minute.

- Medicine—Mike McCulloch, Jim Wickwire, John Williston
 Pharmacy—Bill Glenwright, George Slipp
 Engineering representative for Council—Jack Dawson and Terry Goodyear.

Here Are the Candidates



Shown above are the candidates for president and vice-president of the Students' Council. They are left to right—Dave Peel, Helen Scammell, Arts & Science; Gordie MacConnell, this year's president; Sally Roper and Vic Burstall, Law.

(Photo by Fred Cowan)

Senior Class Names Life Officers For 1954 Graduates

A Senior Class meeting was held on Thursday, February 18th in Room 218 in the Arts Building for the purpose of electing the Life Officers of the class of '54. Those elected are as follows:

- President—Garry Watson
 Vice-Pres.—Elaine Woodside
 Secretary—Duncan Fraser
 Treasurer—Sally Forbes
 Historian—Arthur Foote

- Hon. President—Dr. H. P. Bell
 Jack O'Neil, Gordie MacConnell and Nancy Wickwire were elected to take charge of Graduation Week activities.

Year's Largest Crowd Attends; Hear Reps. At Student Forum

A Students' Forum was held in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 23 and in spite of the rainy weather it was the best attended meeting of the year. Reason for the great interest shown was the forthcoming election for the Council of Students. The candidates for President and Vice-President were introduced, and they acquainted their platforms with the students.

Law's candidate for president, Victor Burstall, was presented by Ralph Medjuck and David Peel, the candidate for the Arts & Science Faculty was introduced by John Nichols. They were both present-

ed as experienced and qualified leaders, and campus opinion is that whichever one is elected will make an excellent president. Both speeches were applauded warmly by the students.

The members of the "weaker sex" were not to be outdone. The candidates for vice-president, both girls this year, gave their speeches with equal confidence and were received with as much ovation as their co-workers. Sally Roper, of the Law School and Helen Scammell of the Arts & Science Faculty are the two girls running for the vice-presidency. George Hallett introduced Miss Roper and Miss Scammell was presented by David MacDonald.

The platforms of the candidates have been distributed about the campus for your consideration before you cast your ballots.

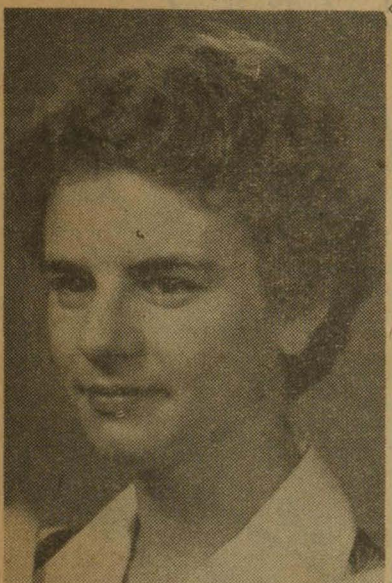
"D" Corrections

The following corrections have been made to the Award's List for Gold and Silver "D's".

- Engraved Gold D
 Woodside, Elaine
 Gold D
 Lane, Elise
 Silver D
 Day, Graham
 Flemming, Carolyn
 Ritcey, Eleanor
 Sinclair, Alasdair
 David S. Fraser, Chairman, Awards Committee.

Rilda Harris Dal Representative For WUSC Summer Study Tour

It was announced Saturday that Rilda Harris has been chosen from an entrance of nine candidates as Dalhousie's World University Service of Canada (WUSC) representative



Rilda hails from Pictou, Nova Scotia, where she attended high school and on graduation from grade 12 received the Governor General's medal. She entered Dal three years ago on scholarship and plans to graduate this year with her Bachelor of Arts degree. This, however, will not end her life on the Dal campus as she plans to return next year and major in Physiology.

During her three years at Dal, Rilda has been active in practically every student activity. She has received her silver "D" and is now chalking up points for her gold "D." WUSC, is of course, one of the main activities of Rilda's campus life, and in it she plays an active part. Delta Gamma debating, ice hockey, and glee club are also on her list of favourites.

Having done no extensive travelling this will be a wonderful experience for Rilda. Tours are being conducted in five countries and as yet she does not know on which one she will be going. The groups leave in early June and tour throughout July, returning to England for a seminar in August.

Med School Censures Editorial Content

At a meeting of the Dalhousie Medical Society on Monday, the editorial in the Gazette edition of February 19 with regard to the recent fee-referendum was discussed. As a result, certain recommendations were adopted for furtherance to the Students' Council for action with regard to the editorial content.

The meeting also named the following candidates for society positions:

- President—Ed. Kinley
 Brian O'Brien
 Vice-President—Bob Parkin
 Bill Janes
 John Jenkins
 Secretary—Dot Saffron
 Mary Chisholm
 Treasurer—Larry Travis
 Jim Mallett

Council Elections To Be Held Tuesday March 2nd

The annual Student Council elections will be held on Tuesday, March 2, and polls will be open from 9 to 5:30 p.m. These polls will be located in the Men's Residence for the Studley Faculties, and in the Forrest Building for the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy.

All students wishing to vote must be identified by a Student Council card presented to the returning officer at the polling booth. In order to prevent confusion students should check their names on the Faculty lists which are now posted. Returning officers for the election are Chris MacKichan and Joel Matheson, with senior Council members in charge.

Pick Up Exhibits

The Student Faculty Art Exhibit will conclude on Saturday, Feb. 27. All exhibitors are requested to remove their pictures from the Art March 1 and 2.

VOTE

Tuesday, March 2nd
 Hours — 9:00-5:30



Voting Booths in
 Men's Residence-Studley — Forrest Building

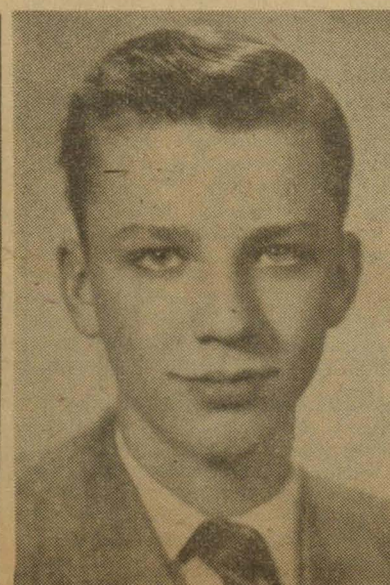
"The Campus Choice" DRC Show No. 3

Pine Hill's candidate for this year's Campus Queen was the female choice of campus radio and press for the DRC's third program. Now in first year medicine, Paddy McLeod distinguished herself in both extra-curricular activities and studies throughout her pre-med years.

Shown below is Mr. John Brown, male choice of the campus press and radio for the Dalhousie Radio Committee's third program. John's many extra-curricular activities include Engineering representative on the Student Council, campus Publicity Director, President of the Junior Class, WUSC and UNTD.



PATTY MACLEOD



JOHN BROWN

Eight Nominations For Munro Campus Queen

Eight candidates have been named for the Campus Queen Contest which will take place on March 9, Munro Day. Miss Margaret (Foo) Grant, last year's Campus Queen, will preside over the campus coronation.

It is apparent that the judges will have some difficulty in making a choice when one considers the princesses which the various faculties have elected for the Campus Queen Contest. Those representing the various faculties are:

- Arts & Science—Betty Morse
 Commerce—Elise Lane
 Engineering—Elaine Woodside
 Law—Janet Conrad
 Medicine—Mary Chisholm
 Pharmacy—Sally Forbes
 Pine Hill—Patty MacLeod
 King's—Sheila Piercy

These are the candidates. The question is "Who will be Queen?"

Bennet Shield Debates Nearing Final Goal

Sodales are now very near their goal, the Bennet Shield. During the past week the two debates held were won by Law 12 and Delta Gamma. Two debates were held this week. The first was held on Monday between Arts & Science 14 and Law 8, the second will be held today between Law 6 and Arts and Science 4. On Monday of next week the last of the debates will be held between Delta Gamma and Law 12. The winners of these last debates will then compete for the Bennet Shield on the day before Munro Day.

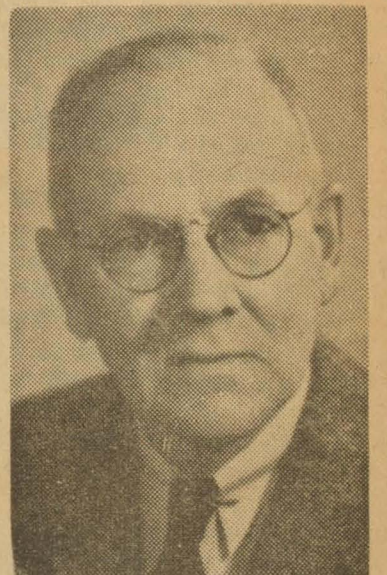
Competition is also in line for the MacDonald Oratorical Award. Those taking part in the inter-collegiate debating are eligible for this award.

To Address Canterbury

Professor Page will address the Canterbury Club on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Cathedral Barracks, and the subject of Professor Page's address will be "Faith".

Dalhousie Mourns Passing Of Language Professor C. H. Mercer

Dalhousie University suffered a great loss in the death of Professor C. H. Mercer. After a short illness, Professor Mercer died last Thursday night in the Victoria General Hospital. He was 68. Known and loved by his students, he was an active and familiar figure around the campus. Originator of the Pan-American Club, he always took a great interest in acquainting his students not only with the rudiments of the Spanish language, but also with the Spanish people and their songs and customs. He put stress on the conversational aspect of the Spanish language.



Professor Mercer received his early education at the Manchester Grammar School, and later at Manchester University. After further study at the Universities of Heidelberg, Berlin, and Madrid, he came to Dalhousie in 1921 as Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, and in September, 1923, he became Associate Professor. He retired in September, 1951, but was reappointed in September of that year as Professor of Modern Languages. For two successive years he was reappointed to this position.

Prof. Mercer was well-known in Maritime tennis circles and badminton circles. He won several provincial and maritime titles. Because of the great strategy he used, he was able to take on players younger than himself. He was also most interested in penal reform and he visited most of the prisons in the province. He was a strong advocate of the League of Nations and later the United Nations. For many years, Professor Mercer was chairman of "Round Table", a radio programme that dealt with current affairs. A man much interested in the affairs of the Church, Professor Mercer was an elder of Saint Andrew's United Church.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow and his two sons, Eric and Arthur.

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The W. H. Dennis English Prizes

Joseph Howe Prizes for Poetry
James DeMille Prizes for Prose

Details of various English prizes are listed below for poems, prose and essay competitions. The Howe and Demille prizes each have values of \$200 and \$100 for first and second place respectively while the Muskat and Overseas League Essay Prizes constitute the interest from \$1,000 provided for each of these competitions.

The attention of candidates for these prizes is drawn to the following regulations adopted by the Senate to govern the awards

1. Candidates for these prizes must be registered in at least three classes in Dalhousie University.
2. Candidates may submit not more than four poems for the Joseph Howe Prize. The poems may be epic, lyric or dramatic, and they may be of any length.
3. Candidates for the DeMille Prize may submit more than one manuscript. The term "essay" is to be liberally construed to include short stories and descriptive sketches as well as essays proper upon any literary, historic or philosophic subject. Essays proper should be about the length of an ordinary review article, i.e., of between 4,000 and 6,000 words; but originality of thought, freshness of treatment, style, etc., will be chiefly considered by the Jury of Award
4. Candidates are recommended to choose Canadian themes.
5. Three typewritten copies of each composition must be sent in by the competitor. These compositions must be typewritten, upon one side of the sheet only. They must not be signed by the candidate, but a pseudonym is to be typed at the end of each manuscript and after the pseudonym a statement as to whether or not a first or second or no prize has been previously awarded to the writer. They are to be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing in one corner, in typewriting, the same pseudonym and addressed in typewriting to the "Jury of Award, Joseph Howe English Poem Prize," or "James DeMille English Essay Prize," as the case may be. The envelope shall contain in typewriting the pseudonym, the titles of the poems or essays, as the case may be, and the candidate's name.
6. No prize will be awarded for any composition unless it attains to a high standard of merit.
7. Successful compositions shall become the property of the University, and shall be available for publication in the *Dalhousie Review* without remuneration.
8. In the poetry contest no winner of a first prize is eligible to compete again, and no winner of a second prize is eligible for a second prize in a subsequent year.
9. In the prose contest no winner of a first prize is eligible to compete again, and no winner of a second prize is eligible for a second prize in a subsequent year.
10. The winner of a prize in the poetry contest is not debarred from competing in the prize contest, and vice-versa.
11. Compositions must be handed in to the Registrar's Office on or before March 31, 1954.

N.B.—Attention is called to the fact that only Dalhousie students are eligible for these prizes.

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Mushkat Memorial Essay Prize

From the interest on a bequest of \$1,000 provided by the will of the late Mr. William Mushkat of Halifax a prize will be awarded annually to students registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science. The subject of the essay and the conditions of award is announced on Campus bulletin boards.

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The Overseas League Essay Prize

This prize, being the interest of a fund of \$1,000 given by the Halifax Branch of the Overseas League, will be awarded annually. It will be offered for the best essay on some question, historical or critical, relating to the place of the Overseas Dominions in the British Commonwealth.

Newman Club Holds Annual Celebrations



Shown above is Mayor Donahoe addressing the Dal-Tech Newman Club. Left to right they are His Grace Archbishop Berry, Jim Lewis, Tech and the Mayor.

(Photo by Fred Cowan)

Letters To The Editor

Sir:

In your recent issue of the gazette your foul and pernicious slander of that glorious old institution, the Medical School, and its dedicated students, has shocked even the stately maples on the Forrest campus to their very roots. How an organism of your obviously inadequate intelligence became editor of Canadas oldest and worst college newspaper surely reflects on the sinking standards of this university; and also explains why this is the worst college newspaper in Canada.

It degrades me to the utmost to further consider the putrefactive material in your editorial but I feel that you should be straightened out on a few points and given another chance by the ever forgiving medical student, who is willing even to benefit your type of mankind out of the vast store of his superior knowledge.

The question of raising the Student Council fee by \$3 certainly is a trivial question as you say. It is so trivial as to render this whole referendum asinine. Does Doug Abbott have a national referendum for every tax boost he makes? We have representatives on the Council in whom we have every faith, else why are they there? If we can't entrust in them the determination of such minor issues why bother with a Students' Council at all?

The medical student is a much more mature individual than the average student (?) in the Studley Nursery. It is only natural that he does not participate in the Rah! Rah! type of university life which is part of the growing up process, and which should be cast off with adolescence. Furthermore it would be unfair to allege that the medical student is an uncultured technician because he refuses to witness the murder of assorted classics by that Greenwich Village Gang who call themselves the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society.

The noble medical student likes to feel that he has completed high school, and aspires now to enrich himself in the ancient and mysterious arts of healing. To see a man who was about to go the way of all flesh returned to the bloom of health, and to realize that this miracle is the result of his long years of study and sacrifice is recompense enough for the medical man. He would pay from his own pocket for the privilege of healing the sick, the weak, and the weary were it not for the fact that people out of their abundant gratitude force pecuniary rewards upon him, which he accepts with extreme reluctance.

From the abysmal depths of your black malignant soul comes the statement that the meds, "sit in their isolation and block and hinder every Council proposal," for it has no basis in fact. In any other sphere of life your slanderous remarks would occasion a law suit. Such a collection of untruths have only been paralleled in the tales of Baron Munchausen or the Russian and American propaganda machines.

It is indeed munificent of you whose total expenses for the university year are barely one half of those of the medical student, to squat in your ignoranc and encourage the increase of these expenses to even more astronomical heights.

To finish—we of the medical school demand an apology for the undue insults which have been heaped upon us in the next issue of this abortive publication.
—B. Z. Aylward.

13 Greenwood Avenue,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 20, 1954.

The Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir,

Having just read your editorial in the February 19 issue of the Gazette, an editorial from what appears to be a frustrated bitter politician, I would like to make a few personal comments.

A referendum was just held on a point of dispute. In any dispute there are usually two opposing points of view, each of which in the eyes of its supporters is the most valid. Apparently the point of view of the editor was defeated in the referendum. Then with the typical reaction of a child, he lashed out at anything in the vicinity, calling down one group because they didn't vote, and calling down the Medical Faculty because they voted the wrong way. He apparently reasoned that they voted this way because they are inhumane and only interested in the dollar. I think the editor is guilty of "twisting the issue" to influence his readers.

I agree that it is perfectly right for an editor to be critical, but constructively critical. Nothing but ill-feeling has been achieved by this editorial, especially when the man has the audacity to suggest that we be denied the franchise and be excluded from the main student body. I would not press such an issue if I were the editor. The \$4000.00 paid in student council fees by the Med-Dent Faculties would provide us with facilities undreamed of on this campus. This is deviating from the issue, however, and being an ex-Studley man would never have entertained the idea until the editor originated it.

Possibly you have some justification in your basic premise that we do not participate enough in Studley activities, but one must remember that there are two sides to every story.

It is regrettable that your editorial had to include slander of the Medical Profession at large. I have never met the editor, but I suppose that he is very reasonable person, possibly fed up with his heavy position. This is no excuse for slander, however, and I hope he will agree with me when I say that NOTHING, except harm and ill-feeling has been accomplished by his work.

Yours truly,
M. Aronoff,
Medicine, Class '56.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Sir,
Re-Editorial of the 19th day of February, A.D. 1954.

The editorial section of a college paper is supposed to be used to present the current trends of thought on the campus and not as a section to disseminate the disgruntled views of the editor.

Therefore I ask: where does the editor of the Gazette get the authority to condemn the Med School for the opinions they expressed in the recent referendum, which opinions represented a majority of those interested enough to turn out and vote?

Sincerely,
Ross Eddy — Law '55
Pat Nowlan — Law '55

U.N.B. NFCUS Chairman Elected Maritime Veep

Ottawa.—At a NFCUS Regional Meeting held at Mount Allison University, February 6th and 7th, Jim Kennedy, NFCUS Chairman at University of New Brunswick, was elected Vice-President for the Maritimes. He succeeds Bill Troope

of Acadia, who resigned before Christmas.

The Conference, which discussed problems common to students in the Atlantic provinces, was attended by three potential affiliates to the 21-member Federation: Memorial University of Newfoundland, Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Mary's Universities in Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie University was represented at the Maritime Convention by N F C U S president Duncan Fraser.

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On Wednesday, 17, the gunroom of HMCS Stadacona echoed to four different languages as the Scotian Cadets staged an International Ball in honor of the visiting midshipmen aboard the training ship, "Duque de Caxias."

Besides Canada, seven other nations were represented at the affair: Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Columbia, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The gunroom was masterfully decorated with streamers and flags, and around the walls tables were arranged restaurant style. The lighting was supplied by candles which gave the floor a pleasing atmosphere. The music was provided by a noval orchestra which played an especially large number of Latin American pieces. The language barrier did not prevent the guests from enjoying a buffet supper and the naval punch, skillfully prepared by the catering staff of the Admiralty House.

Though conversation was difficult, it was far from impossible, as the Brazilians surprised all with their knowledge of English, and many diverse topics were discussed. The dance was a complete success. Our guests exclaimed that it was by far one of the social highlights of their cruise, and the fact that some midshipmen were already engaged did not prevent them from enjoying the charming company of various Dal co-eds and vice versa.

Finally at 1 o'clock the couples left to face the dreary Halifax weather, which was the only drawback to any otherwise interesting evening.

Kings-Dal COTC



This is the last call for COTC, ROTP, ex-members of the COTO still attending University, and subsidized officers, to remind them of the Annual COTC Ball which is being held in the Eastern Command

West Indian Student News

Perhaps one of the oldest organizations on the Dalhousie Campus is the West Indian Society. And yet it is perhaps the least heard of. This lack of publicity has not been accidental but deliberate.

However, recent expressed interest in the society on the part of students (other than West Indian students) has made it desirable that some information as to the nature and objects of this society be made public knowledge.

The main objects of the Society may be said to be the bringing together of West Indian students for social purposes and the providing of opportunities for the exchange of ideas and opinions with respect to West Indian issues as they relate to the West Indies and as seen in relation to other countries, in particular, Canada.

The students are quite alert to the matter of West Indian Federation — which naturally is of vital concern to them — and are quite conscious of the new or increased relationships, economically, commercially, or otherwise which must arise (as Federation becomes a reality) between the West Indies and the other countries of the Western World.

The Society holds its official meeting once monthly, and arranges social functions a few times during each month. All West Indian students of Dalhousie are regular members while any other student so desirous may become associate members.

The present executive comprises: Pres.—Ben Douglas, Law Vice-Pres.—Henry Grey, Comm. Secty.—Miss D. Marshall, Dent. Treas.—Fred King, Medicine

Such a society exists on University Campi across Canada and has been highly valuable as a medium of furnishing to Canadian University students a more accurate understanding of the West Indies, its people and its affairs; and of cementing better personal relationships — relationships which may well be of incalculable value in the future both to the West Indies and to Canada.

Officers' Mess at 2100 hours 26 Feb 54. Let's make this a most successful affair.

The week ending 6 Mar will be the last week of lectures as far as COTC is concerned. Examinations will be held as required, and then the theoretical portion of the year's training ends. At the end of the academic year, most of the men will be going to their respective Corps Schools for the summer practical phase training. They will see the army actually at work, and will, no doubt, benefit greatly. The best of luck to those fortunate individuals.

Recruiting for the COTC in the Fall will start as soon as registration commences. Lectures for first, second and third year will begin soon thereafter. The best recruiting agent fellows, is a member of the COTC. When the Fall Term begins, do your stuff.

With The Air Force



By "Nardy"

In his first summer, following the usual course at Royal Military College, a cadet in the medical branch is sent to an Air Force station where he works in the unit hospital under the Senior Medical Officer. Here he becomes acquainted with the administrative procedures learns how a service hospital is operated, and is given the opportunity of spending some of his time in each of the sections in the hospital.

His subsequent summers are spent in the same manner, but his responsibilities and opportunities are commensurate to his studies at Medical School. He might, therefore, find himself doing any or all of the following — assist and assume the duties of medical officer at Sick Parade; do minor surgery and assist at major surgery; do admission histories and physical examinations; answer crash and distress calls with the ambulance; assist in research projects at the Institute of Aviation Medicine in Toronto. Wherever possible, experience is gained in the air.

For practical experience in the field of medicine, the Air Force offers tremendous opportunities.

These, in brief, were some of the duties performed by Bernie Kanter who has recently been awarded his commission as Pilot Officer after having successfully completed two summers in the RCAF University Reserve Squadron.

D.G.D.S. Launches Biggest Production Of Year With "The Gondoliers"

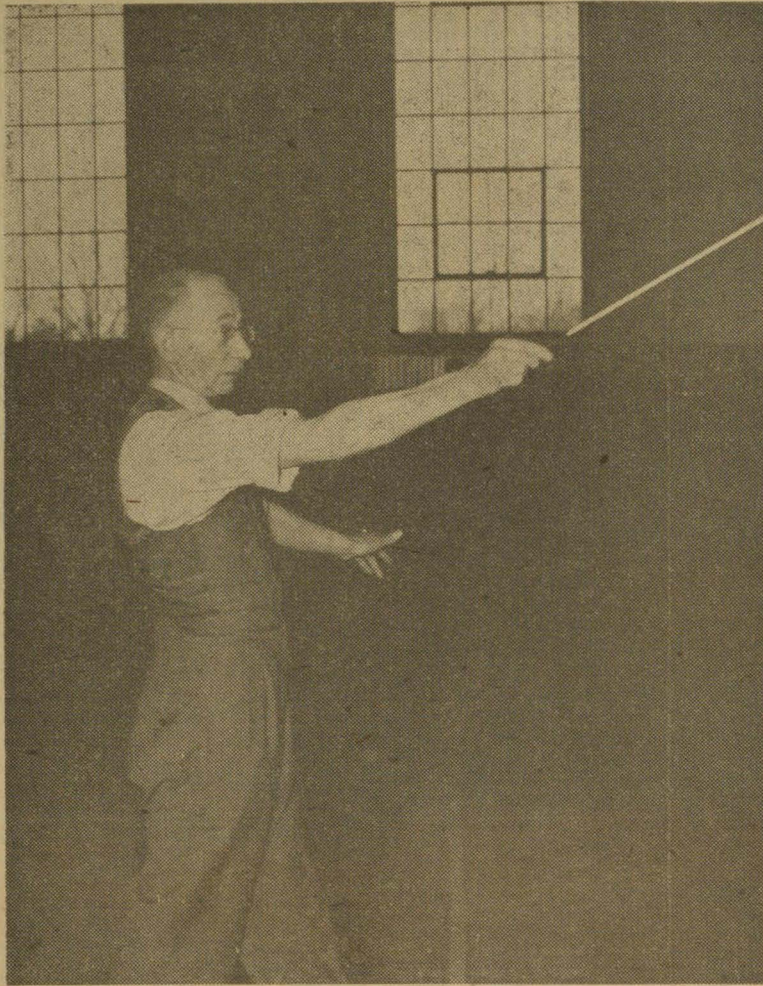
Two nights remain for Dalhousie students and the public to see, hear and enjoy the comic operetta "The Gondoliers" which is being presented by the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society this week.

"The Gondoliers", a Gilbert and Sullivan production, opened to the general public on Thursday, Feb. 25, under the capable direction of Professor Harold Hamer. One of the biggest productions that the DGDS has ever staged, "The Gondoliers" proved that Dalhousie students are capable of presenting major as well as minor Gilbert and Sullivan operettas successfully.

Those with leading roles in the opera are: Sheila Piercey, Hugh Latimer, John Campbell, Joyce Moore, Joyce Latimer, John Phillips, Stuart Watson, Carmel Romo, Graham Day, Stuart MacKinnon, Doug Morrison, Neva Eisner, Laura Wiles, Eleanor Richardson and Sally Roper.

The large chorus of forty-eight voices show that long hours of practise are worthwhile. The members of the orchestra are also to be congratulated for their fine performance. Wally Bergman, stage manager and the stage crew are to be congratulated for the excellent sets they produced.

The Man Behind It All



Shown above is Professor Harold Hamer who has directed Glee Club shows on the campus for the past few years, and this year is directing the "Gondoliers".

(Photo by Fred Cowan)

N.F.C.U.S. Regional Conference Held At Mount Allison University

What was accomplished at Sackville? The Maritime Regional Conference of the NFCUS met there to discuss problems relating to Maritime universities. Close questioning by the chairman of the conference, Tony Enriquez, NFCUS National President, seemed to elicit the initial response that there was in reality nothing in the nature of a problem peculiar to universities in the Maritimes.

In the course of the discussions, however, it developed that each university had local situations of difficulty which could be solved by joint action. A typical example was the provincial tax on text books in New Brunswick. The conference resolved that local committees should press for its removal with the backing of the meeting.

Another matter was the Question of transportation rates. The conference resolved that local committees approach inter-provincial transportation companies with a view to securing concessions for students on a year round basis. It was further decided that the conference lend its support to the campaign of the National Executive to acquire a 25% reduction for all students all year round on the railways. It was pointed out that such a move was in the typical interest of the students, and that it was in the

realm of things that a national organization should feel called upon to do.

The main problem the conference tackled was the matter of the Massey Commission recommendations for a program of federal scholarships. It was decided that during Education Week, the local committees would explore every avenue at their disposal to publicize the need for such a scheme, by letters, discussion panels, radio programs and the press.

The general feeling of the conference was that all of these activities represented part of a general approach. Any plan that involved a saving of money to students at present at university or that would enable students of the future to attend university, was one in which students in the Maritimes, as members of the NFCUS should develop a keen interest.

Tribute To Late Prof Mercer By President A. E. Kerr

The Dalhousie community sustained a genuine loss last week in the death of Professor Charles Henry Mercer who had been an active and devoted teacher in the University for the past thirty-two years. He commanded the respect and cordial regard of a very wide circle of friends, which included the members of the academic and administrative staff and the students who came into direct contact with him. I wish to pay my sincere tribute to him as a man and as a colleague, and to express the sympathy of the University to Mrs. Mercer and her two sons in their bereavement.

Professor Mercer was sincerely devoted to his work as a teacher. This resulted in part from his love of his subject, and in part from his almost paternal interest in his students. Whenever the Dean and I

Matthew Ram To Address Dal Hillel Foundation

Matthew Ram, Maritime Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress will address a breakfast meeting of the Hillel Foundation of Dalhousie this Sunday morning at the Baron de Hirsch Synagogue. Mr. Ram is a well-known lecturer whose services are in great demand and his talk on the Canadian Jewish Council is expected to prove highly informative.

On Sunday, February 20, Rabbi I. Mayevsky spoke at the bi-weekly meeting of the Hillel Foundation at the Y.M.H.A. Community Centre. Rabbi Mayevsky spoke on "Hillel Activities at Dalhousie" and his remarks were followed by a brief question period.

A panel discussion under the chairmanship of Mort Aronoff is being arranged for the closing Hillel meeting scheduled for March 7th. At this time the panel group will discuss "The Jew in Canadian Life."

Engineers Ball Proves Success Of Year

The Engineers' Ball has come and gone for another year! As everyone expected it was a delightful evening and will long be remembered by those who attended it.

Dancing was to the music of Don Warner's orchestra in the ballroom of the Nova Scotian Hotel which the engineers had gaily decorated with balloons and streamers. A multi-colored spotlight shone on an ornament of mirrors revolving beneath the chandelier in the center of the room. Leave it to the engineers to think of something which runs by a motor!

Chaperones for the evening were Prof. and Mrs. R. H. Theakston, Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Bowes, Prof. and Mrs. A. F. Chisholm and Prof. and Mrs. K. I. Marginson Dr. and Mrs. Kerr were guests.

Elaine Woodside was chosen as the "Engineer's Sweetheart", and as their choice for Campus Queen.

Thanks to the worthwhile effort of the engineers, the Engineers' Ball of '54 was an outstanding success.

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ON THE AIR

by John Mercer

The current radio series entitled "DALHOUSIE THROUGH THE DECADES" comes to an end this Monday evening when the fourth and final program will be aired over CBH commencing at 7 o'clock. The feature portion of the curtain-dropper was penned by Malcolm Smith; research work on the script was done by Tinker Pullen. The story this week deals with Dal from 1920 onward and centres around Professor Maxwell who plays himself in the drama.

Besides Professor Maxwell, the cast includes: Peggy Preston, Joan Oberholtzer, John McCurdy, Graham Nicholson, Ken Lund, Art Stone, Len Clarke, Ken Stubington, Roland Thornhill, author Malcolm Smith, Jim Faulds, Bill Hodgson and John Mercer. Russ Hatton will play the part of young Professor Maxwell. Music for the program was selected by the DRC's musical director, Ken Stubington.

And so, our programs over the Halifax station of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are about to be brought to a close. This has been the second consecutive year in which Dalhousie Radio Committee shows have originated from CBH. It has certainly been a successful radio season here at Dalhousie. There has been lots of fun, and everyone connected with these programs has gained much experience. At this time we would like to thank all those wonderful people at CBC who have so willingly tolerated us, and who have given much of their time and efforts for our sake.

But the activities of the DRC are not yet over with by a long shot. There's still D-DAY to think about. In next week's column we'll let you know all about this event.

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