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Dedication



Honour has come back, as a king, to earth,
And paid his subjects with a royal wage;
And Nobleness walks in our ways again;
And we have come into our heritage.



“Nobler Things in Peace”



Administrative Building; University of Manitoba

We are proud to boast of Manitoba U,
To her teaching we shall never prove untrue.
Stand up then and cheer her,
We hold nothing dearer,
To the world proclaim our faith in her we now renew.
Years ago she struggled through adversity,
Now she lives in peace and liberty.
We are proud to honor and defend her all the while,
So on to victory

CHORUS

On, Manitoba, glory now unfold;
On, Manitoba, shine forth Brown and Gold,
Onward toward success,
Wisdom, happiness.
We line up behind her, 'tis a picture to behold,
Cheer for Manitoba U.

CODA

Iji, ittiki, ki yi yip,
Rip, rip, rip.
Kana ki wawa, kana ki taw,
Rah, rah, rah,
M-A-N-I-T-O-B-A-!

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PROF. J. A. MARTIN

“MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES”

Upon entering second year, Class '46 had to choose an Honorary Class President. It took but a few scintillating lectures from the new Chem. Prof., J. A. Martin, and we were of one mind. His engaging smile and ready quip soon commanded our avid attention at lectures. We jokingly used the term 'Martin's Vitalized English', 'More Precious than Rubies', and 'Casting Pearls Before Swine', etc. We gained an insight into how truly entertaining a purely academic lecture could be.

As we knew him then, his most outstanding trait we perceived to be a rare sense of humour and subtle wit which never failed to captivate. However in the two and a half years that have ensued, we came to appreciate more fully that genuine personality who was at once educator, friend and counsellor.

The institution in general and especially Class '46 and those of us who were privileged to know him outside the institution are bereft of a true friend with his passing. His memory shall not perish.

HAIL OUR COLLEGE.

Be our Alma Mater, now and forever blessed, Hail! Hail! Brandon forever Hail!
Round thy fair prospects, fondly our memories twine Hail! Hail! Brandon forever Hail!



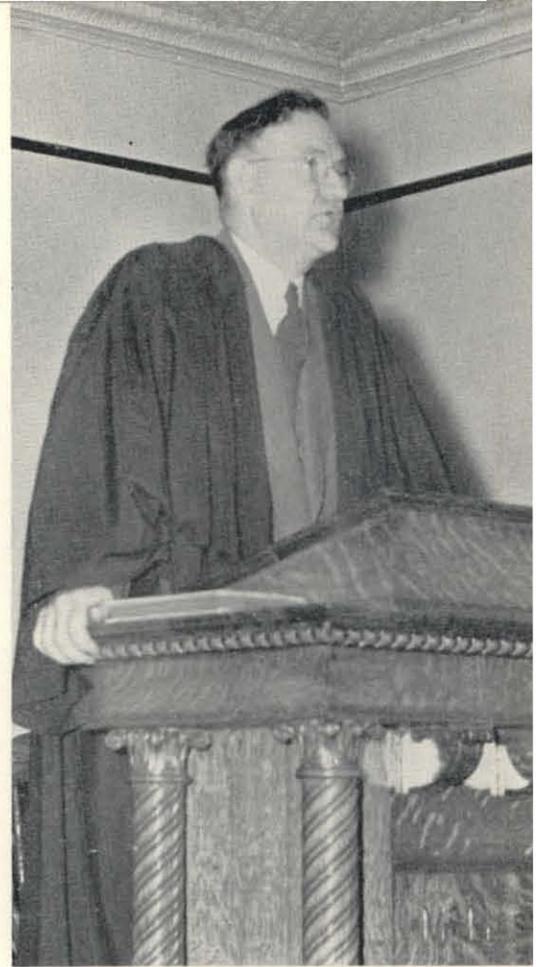
A Message from Dr. A. W. Trueman

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity of greeting the students of Brandon College through the kind agency of "The Sickle". I recall with satisfaction the visit I made to your campus shortly before the New Year. At that time I had the privilege of speaking to both students and staff at a Chapel Service. Perhaps I may now reiterate one or two of the things I said then.

As soon as an educational institution begins to make a useful contribution to the community it serves, it begins to acquire traditions. These traditions give successive generations of students and teachers a valuable link with the past. By means of tradition men come to an understanding of their own strength; they learn that the beliefs and customs of their forbears, fashioned not without struggle and sacrifice, are a sustaining and enriching influence, a source of strength for the conflicts which each generation must wage in its day. They learn through tradition that humility is a becoming virtue, because the successes of any given time and place are but slight achievements in a long and never-ending historical process. They may learn, in short, a sense of proportion.

May I wish to all Brandon College students a career which will be in keeping with your traditions, and which will have the effect of elevating still higher the traditions which Brandon now possesses.

• • and from Our President



Gladly do I express appreciation of the privilege extended to me in being asked to write a brief word for the Sickle.

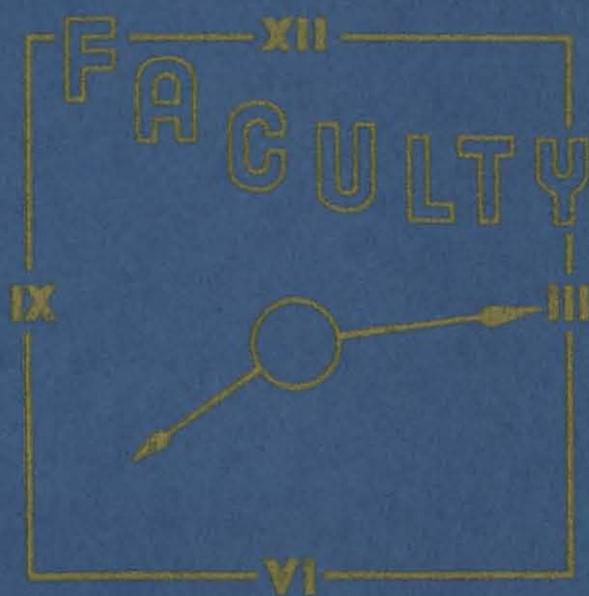
1945-46 will ever stand out as an important year in Brandon College and indeed in all institutions of higher learning, not merely because of increased enrolment after what might be termed in this regard a number of lean years, but primarily because in this academic year we have been and we still are in a period of adjustment. During the past five or six years our minds have been focussed upon war aims and our efforts voluntarily and gladly, yet nevertheless necessarily, have been geared to a war programme in which the great objective was the defeat of our common foe. In meeting the requirements of that programme our thoughts and purposes naturally centred in destructive processes and procedures. To such an extent did this develop within us that the news of the sinking of enemy warships, the destruction of enemy aircraft, or the bombing of enemy forces was cause for rejoicing.

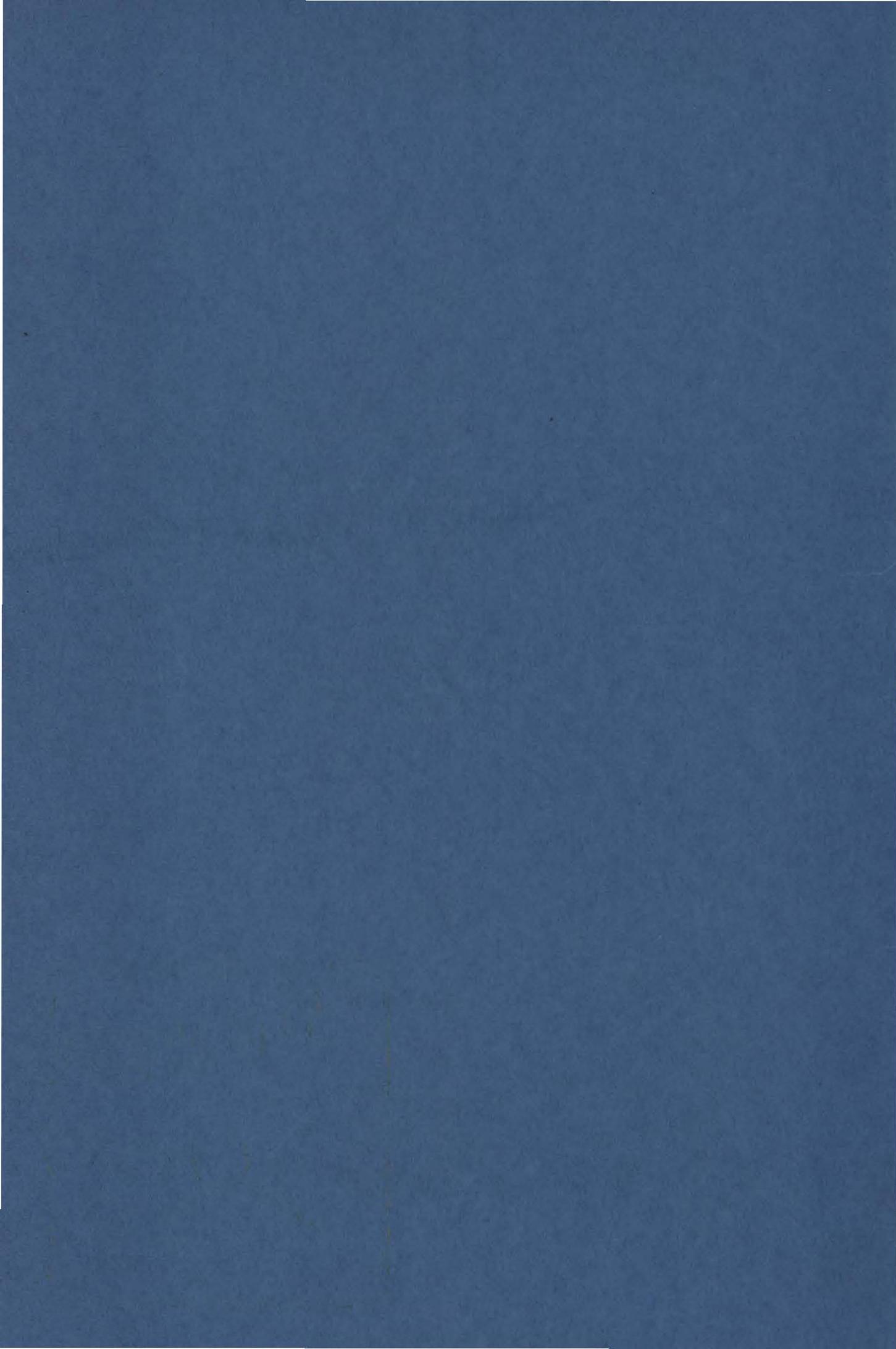
With the destructive phase of the struggle won, we now have entered upon the constructive phase in which we find an entirely new emphasis. Different objectives are being placed before us, new attitudes are being required of us, and extremely difficult demands are being made upon us.

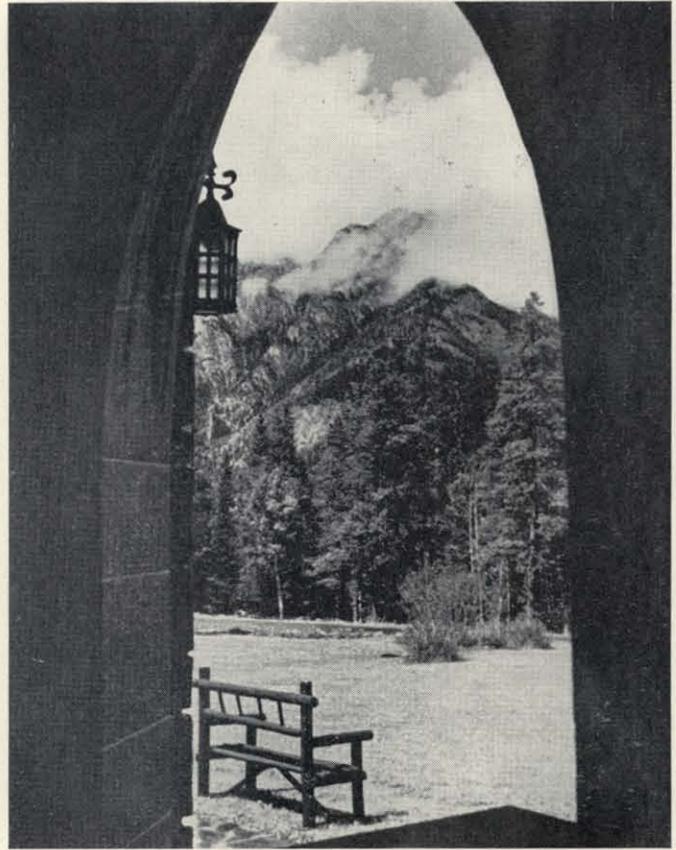
The adjustment is not easy, and mainly because we individually have to make it, that is, no one else can make it for us. To fall in line with wartime legislation or to carry out instructions given to us is one thing, but it is something quite different to measure up to the responsibility of personal decision and individual choice which are fundamental in educational development.

In this regard may I congratulate you, the students of Brandon College, on the progress you have made. Particularly do I want to commend those who have recently returned to civilian life from the armed forces for the wholesome attitude assumed toward what might seem strangely new objectives and for the evidence of goodwill in meeting the requirements involved.

You, who are graduating this year, have had a difficult task during your college days in carrying a heavy burden of extra-curricular activities in addition to the regular academic programme. Your work in college has been well done and now that you turn your faces to the world beyond campus gates, as it were, we sincerely trust that the field of endeavour before you will be such as to give you ample opportunity to prove your worth and to enable you to make a worthy contribution to your day and generation in keeping with the needs of society, the demands of justice, and the urge of the highest ideals of life. More clearly than ever have we come to see that the hope of civilization lies with youth as it rises to the responsibilities of maturity. May success attend your efforts and may happiness crown your day.







"The price of Wisdom is above Rubies"



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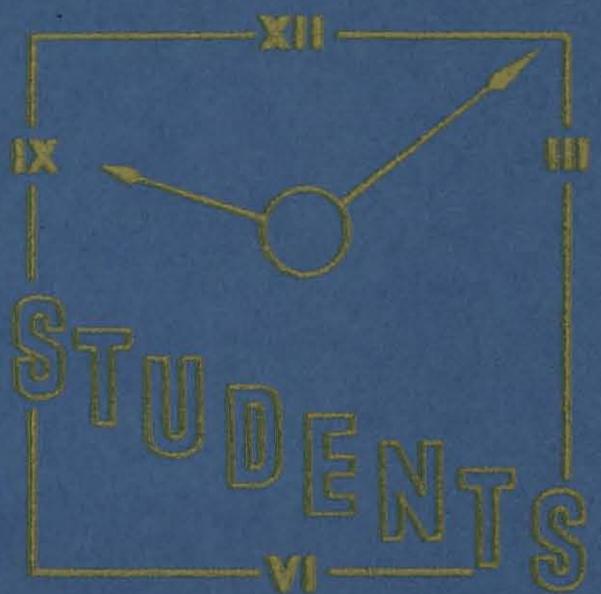
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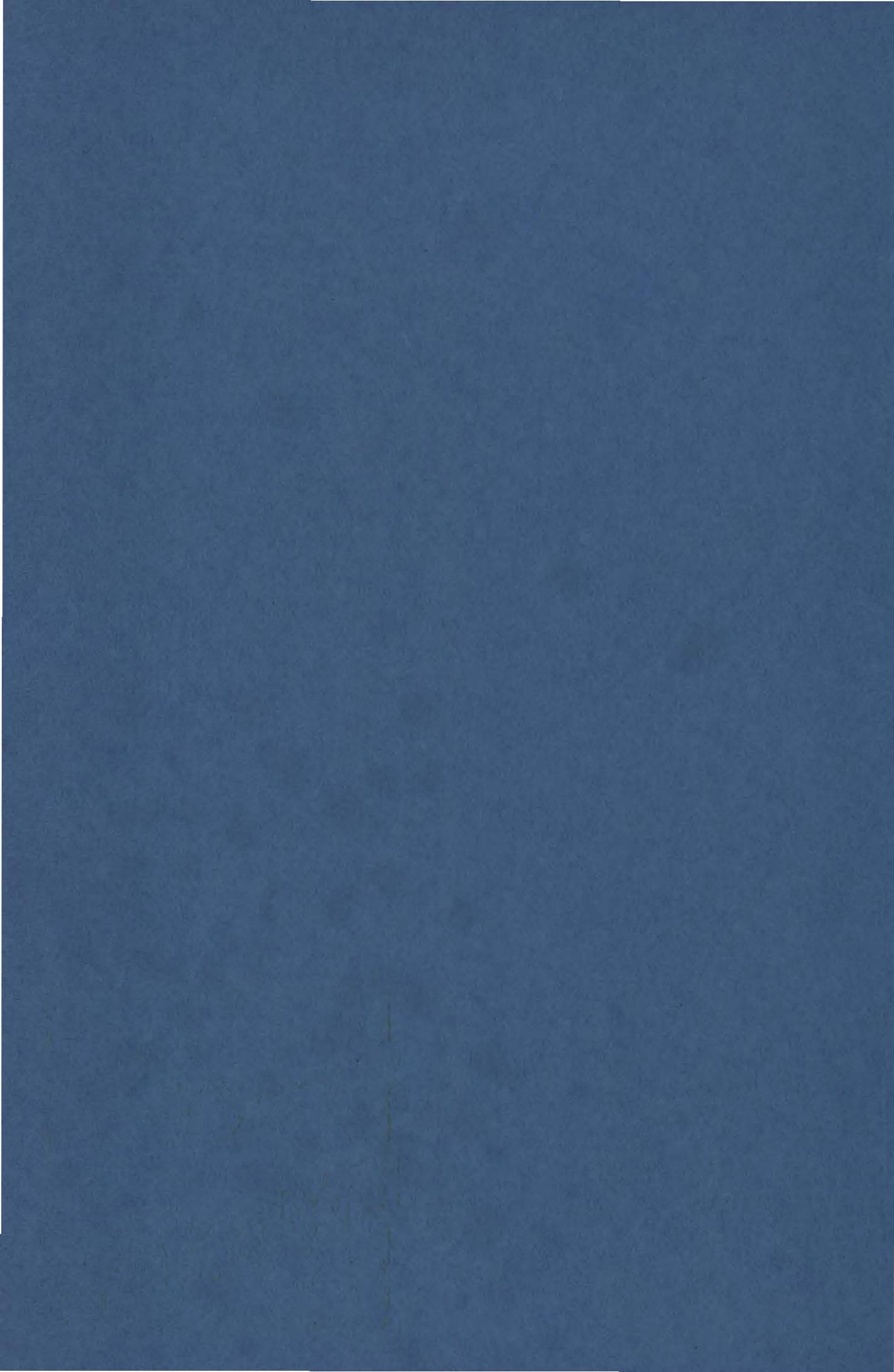


KATHRYN M. CAMPBELL, B.A.
Secretary to the President



W. DINSDALE, B.A.
Public Relations







"Knowledge is Power"

Seniors . . .

NOBILIORA PACE

The waters of the Nile o'erwash
The winter-dried Egyptian fields,
And from that muddy overflow
Grow, later, golden-crested yields.
And so, in times as ours we view
The tides of trouble as they silt
The scars that war-drought cut anew
Upon our fields of strength and soul.
But if the ploughman's day be long,
And if his summer's sun shine strong,
And He, the Master of all fields,
Bless these,
Our eyes may see
There may some harvest even of a flood be gained.

—H. D. Potter

CLASS '46

Class '46 of Brandon College first came into being in 1942. Since that time our ranks have been somewhat depleted but on our way new friends were added so that now we number eighteen strong. Because of the extremely large number in the beginning of our history we were perhaps less united than we are now.

The close unity in '46 is all to the good. It fostered that feeling of kinship and co-operation which revealed itself in all of the class activities. This year the Literary Board, Finance Board, Sigma Mu and S.C.M. were all headed by members of '46. In addition organizations too numerous to enumerate here were all influenced and supported by '46. The debating team that competed against St. Paul's representation had a member from '46 on it and in the large cast of "Trial by Jury" '46 was well in the fore in addition to having one of the property men working hard in erecting stage settings, etc.

Our class has shown leadership on the various executives and has introduced new improvements for the advancement of student activities. Academically we have been in the forefront. As an indication of our all-round ability five members of our class have been elected to the Honor Society of Brandon College.

On the eve of our departure from the student life of Brandon College we say farewell with mingled feelings of pride, gratitude and regret. With our class motto "Nobler things in Peace" at our head we march forward into the future with confidence. Our only hope is that we will prove ourselves worthy of our Alma Mater and at least in part repay at some future date, the many benefits we have received from her.

THE CLASS OF 1946

Professor J. A. Martin Honorary President
Bill Chefurka President
Elsie Hamilton Secretary-Treasurer
Dorreene Fleming Social Convenor

CLASS HYMN

We hail the majesty of thee
Our Alma Mater fair,
Throughout the night of darkest doubt,
Thy guidance still was there.
Now nobler things in peace we seek—
All honor to thy name;
'Twas thou who taught us how to work
For men and not for fame.

Oh lamp that never fails to burn
Cast out thy glorious light!
The corridors of time are lit
They feel thy awful might.
We stand therein with heads bowed down
In true humility,
And offer up, of one accord,
A song of praise to thee.

This pledge we make on bended knee,
In sight of God above
That ours will be a life of faith
Of fellowship and love.
Thy blessing in our cause we ask
As this we promise thee
What thou hast shared, we now will share
With all humanity.

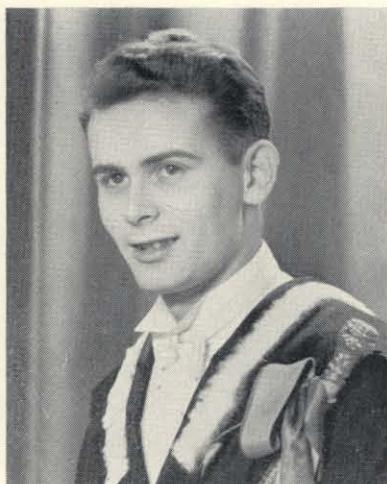
Class Yell

Books, bags, scruffs, scraggs!
We're the ones with corny gags
'83 might have its kicks
But for the best try '46.

Class Colors

Scarlet and Gold.

OUR SENIOR AND LADY STICK



Gordon Lindsay, Brandon, Man.

Science: Honor Society, Senior Stick, Man. Board of Pub. '45, Co-Editor the Quill '44, Assistant Editor Spectrum '44.

A capable and genial leader who has successfully guided our past year of student activities. Ever ready with a witty quip or a timely suggestion. His interest and participation in all activities have been noteworthy to say the least. Has many and varied interests including admiration for nature's beauties which he captures in photographic record. His influence has been great and will be missed.



F. E. Northcott, Minnedosa, Man.

Lady Stick '45, '46, Honor Society, Secretary B.C.S.A. '44, '45, Convener War Services Committee and I.S.S. '44, '45, Treasurer of Contemporary Club '44, '45, Arts Banquet Committee '44, '45, Secretary Class '46, '43, '44, Co-Ed At Home Committee '43, '44, Clark Hall Council '42, '43, '44, '45, interested in all sports, S.C.M.

Lovely, gracious hostess of all College functions. Calm, serene, practical and at all times aware of her responsibility, she knew how to pour 'oil on troubled waters' at committee meetings.



DORREENE FLEMING

Minnedosa, Man.

Arts: Honor Society, Chairman of Lit. Board '46, Chairman Common Room Committee '46, Head of Freshman Reception Committee '46, Class Social Convenor '46, Class Secretary '45, Vice-President Social Science Club '45, Glee Club Repr. of Lit. Board '44.

"Yussel" is an all-round sport, known for her friendly nature. Not the studious type, but manages to fill her spare time with S.C.M., sports and other college activities and is one of the most dependable you could hope to meet.



WILF McLEOD

Kitchener, Ont.

Arts: S.C.M. Executive '46, Debating, Head of Residence Council '46.

A real Scotsman complete with red hair. A ready and sharp wit that was revealed in the debate against St. Paul's. A nature that seeks to know all makes Mac a natural for the ministry. Fluent and capable conversationalist—a musician of ability although not generally known. A genuine friend at all times.



ELSIE HAMILTON

Gilbert Plains, Man.

Science: Arts Banquet Committee '45, Co-Ed Executive '45, '46, Common Room Committee '44, Student Relations '46, Class Secretary '46.

Genuine qualities that make her the best sort of pal—cheerful, friendly disposition, enthusiastic, dependable, earnest thinker, good-natured, efficient student.



BOB CRAWFORD

Brandon, Man.

Science: Junior Men's Athletic Repr. '43, Common Room Committee '43, '45, '46, Advertising Manager of Pub. Board '43, '44, Initiations Committee '44, '45, Senior Men's Athletic Repr. '45.

Always has a joke—good natured and humorous. Takes an avid interest in Psychology—likes the practical aspects of things. Supports all activities with keen interest and does not allow outside interests to deter him from study.

BILL CHEFURKA

Brandon, Man.

Science: Class President '46, '45, President of Sigma Mu '46, President of Science Club '46, Advisory Science Club '45.

Familiarly known as "Chief". A violinist of note as well as a basso profundo aiding in Glee Club presentations. A true scientist and student. Enters into activity with a gusto—is aiming high and we hope he succeeds.

RODNEY WRIGHT

Souris, Man.

Arts: Honor Society, Social Science Club, Chapel Committee '45, Second Year Lit '43, Quill Contributor.

Cheerful, friendly—a counsellor to many. Sincerely interested in the welfare of others. His ready wit, never-flagging courageous spirit are an inspiration to all. A noble soul exemplifying faith and purpose.

CLIFF KITSON

Arts:

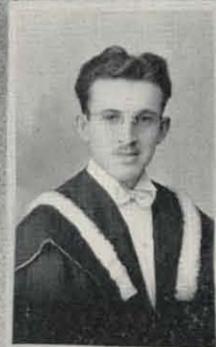
An inspiring contribution which was interrupted by service in the army. As well as attending College "Kit" holds down a full time job on the railroad but this does not prevent him from taking an active part in literary and musical presentations. A real friend ready to aid at all times.

JOE BUTCHER

Viriden, Man.

Arts:

A newcomer whose helpful experience added much to the past year. A serious student who finds time to help others and to support most functions.





I. D. CLYDE

Dauphin, Man.

Arts: Pres. S.C.M. '45, '46, Head of Clark Hall Council '45, '46, Dramatic Rep. on Lit. Board '45, '46, Public Relations Manager on Lit. Board '44, '45, Sec.-Treas. French Club '44, '45, Contemporary Club '44, '45, Debating '44, '45, Choir and Glee Club.

Cheerful and ever willing to be of assistance, she has left her mark on B.C.S.A. activities. Those who know her best have found her eager for noise and laughter, although "it's got to be more quiet!" was her rule in C.H.



JIM TROTTER

Brandon, Man.

Arts: Student Relations Committee '46, Quill Editor '45, Secretary-Treasurer Sigma Mu '45.

Dependable and ever helpful friend. A keen student of politics and a writer of ability. The joke master with a fund of ready humor. Friendly and co-operative, a sense of responsibility which make him a very able gentleman.



CHRISTINE COLTART

Melbourne, Man.

Arts: Secretary I.S.S. '46, Treasurer Social Science Club '46, Chapel Committee '46.

Much gold beneath the surface—kind, generous, co-operative, quiet and reserved, agreeable disposition, sincere. A conscientious student and attends strictly to it.



BOB MILLS

Brandon, Man.

Science: Honor Society, President of Finance Board '46, President of Debating Club '45, Sickle Editor '45, Co-Editor Handbook '44, Science Club Advisory Committee '45, Literary Board '44, Residence Council '45.

Energy and drive—reflected in all activities—a willing worker—dependable and efficient. A diligent student—scholarship winner and a steadfast friend. His contribution to Alma Mater has been of the highest order.

ELAINE CAMPBELL

Chater, Man.

Science: Junior Women's Athletic Repr. '44, Activities Committee '46, Student Chapel Committee.

Noted especially for her infectious laughter—a scientist at heart—frequently seen with a test tube in one hand and a calculus in the other. Truly a "good sport"—not impartial to serious study—has her serious moments especially after 11:00 p.m.



E. J. TYLER

Brandon, Man.

Arts: Dramatics, Curling, Basketball.

"Curly"—General Secretary Y.M.C.A., Brandon. Ever ready to lend a hand—contributor to "Quill" and "Sickle". An actor of note—has held major roles each year. A student of ability and resourcefulness.



MRS. G. R. ROWE

Brandon, Man.

Arts:

Literary and Dramatics are her fields. Her assistance in "Trial By Jury" was very able and aided in its success. Genuinely interested in Psychology and a capable student.



HARLEY POTTER

Melville, Sask.

Arts: President of Social Science Club '46, Secretary of Residence Council '46, French Club, Debating Club.

A true scholar—linguistic ability plus, reserved and thoughtful. If no one else knows, see Potter. Exceptional literary ability—an eager, skilled conversationalist.



A STUDENT LOOKS AT POLITICS

Government is becoming the focal point of all human relations. Such a social revolution demands a thorough reassessment of a democratic society's understanding of the body politic. Whether we like it or not the march of events will demand that we cast off many modes of thought to which we have become accustomed but which have become heavy with the rust of antiquity. The world is in a state of transition and the success or failure of preserving our singularly unique western democratic freedom will depend much upon the calibre of our political leaders and upon the attitude that we as individuals take toward politics and politicians.

In the past politics has often been considered a haven for knaves and scoundrels or the proper calling for the idle son of a wealthy family. The name "politician" has come to convey an ugly significance. The "mud-slinging" and "backstairs" politics of political campaigns has deterred many outstanding citizens from seeking public office. We, the people, cannot expect good democratic government until we, as individuals, learn to study public issues and urge individuals of a better calibre than we have had in the past to become candidates for public office. The art of government is the world's most vital science. The very survival of society depends upon courageous and clear-sighted solutions to world problems.

The university student knows that only patient and persistent study will solve a scientific problem. The same holds for a problem concerning human relations. Modern problems call for statesmen who can sift out procedures of the past that have become archaic and substitute in their stead new methods that will be the agencies for the greater development of human welfare. Today, we are inclined to tear down unthinkingly the whole of a social structure that has taken ages to develop and to replace it with some paper panacea. The people and the politicians alike must remember that it takes time and thoughtful consideration to effect permanent and progressive reform.

Tolerance is the great need among politicians today. Each political party is positive it has the antidote for all the world's maladies. Party lines have a tendency to become hard and fast. Social reformers do not seem to realize that a difference in opinion is not a difference in principle and that the champions of one class have often appeared from the ranks of another. The political party that will bring order out of chaos will not be a party of big business, or of the trade unions, or of this or that section of the country, but it will be a party that has room within its folds for all men and women who believe in the sanctity of human personality and who have the common aim to further its development.

Democracy has suffered because of the short-comings of those who have practiced it. If these short-comings are to be eradicated the individual citizen must assume more obligations than he has in former times. He must learn to study and to apply his social heritage to ever-changing conditions. The quality of democratic leadership and the attitude of the people will be the great test of democracy in the next decade.

J. Trotter.



"Learning by study must be won; t'was never entailed from son to son"

Juniors, Sophomores
and Freshmen . . .

THE CLASS OF 1947

Dr. M. W. Johns	Honorary President
Walter Fahrig	President
Lois Hunter	Secretary-Treasurer
Doreen Rowse	Social Convenor

In this our third year of college life, class of '47 has, we hope at last taken on its final mould.

The remnants of our original class number is but five. Each year has meant the dropping out of some and the enlistment of newcomers. This year our ranks have been refilled by the return of veterans—many formerly of the class of '46 and one who was overseas for a number of years. They have been particularly welcome and have added greatly to the contribution made by '47 in every field.

In the forthcoming election our class will offer its best as the new leaders of the student body. Next year the influence of the class will be greater than ever before. We live with the post-war world before us—may we as a class take the best that was the old Brandon College and fashion it into the institution that will be the new and better Brandon College. With a full knowledge of the importance of the coming year we pledge our loyalty not for one more year but for all our lives to you our alma mater.

Class Yell

Viva laka! Viva laka- Viva laka lay!
Brown and Gold are here to stay,
One, five sevens and eleven
We're the class of Forty-seven.

Class Colors

Brown and Gold.



THE CLASS OF 1948

Professor W. H. Bexton	Honorary President
Lois Dickey	President
Beverlee Myers	Secretary-Treasurer
Marg. Hyndman	Social Convenor

Class '48 has completed its task in the final year of its membership of Junior Division. It has plenty of which to be proud. The new faces which it welcomed at the beginning of first term have long since become familiar and by their associations lasting friendships have been made.

We cannot think of such student organizations as the Main Executive, the Board of Publications and the Board of Finance, without appreciating the efforts which worthy members of our class have contributed to them.

While not disregarding their academic capabilities, the gay '48ers must also take into account their talents displayed through social activities. Can't we readily recall those black faces at first term Lit. and the perfecting of "Ring Out Wild Bells" presented in the excellent play in which second year students starred? One of the highlights of the year was the Junior Division Party, held in the form of a tally-ho.

Second year was once again on deck, when for the first time in many years, Brandon College took to the stage. Helen Cory was the lovely heroine of "Trial by Jury" and Beverlee Myers, Gay Ralston, and Lois Lamton, members of '48, participating in "The Happy Journey."

We were also represented in the Debating Society, and in the Athletic field of hockey, curling, basketball and bowling.

Class '48 feels that it will be rewarded for the experiences gained during this great year of world peace, for a foundation has been laid upon which it can build hopes and make plans for even greater success in the years ahead.

Class Yell

Rick, Rack, we're gay,
'48 everyday.
Brick Brack, we'll stay,
'48 all the way!

Class Colors

Maroon and Silver-gray.





THE CLASS OF 1949 (GRADE TWELVE)

Grade XII

Prof. B. Thordarson Honorary President
Bill Bell President
Patricia Hill Secretary-Treasurer
Jim Watt Social Convenor

First Year

Prof. B. Thordarson Honorary President
Tim Ryles President
Graham Judson Secretary-Treasurer
Dugald Blake Social Convenor
Jim Tennant President '49 "J"

Although the class of '49 is the junior class we can proudly say that we are the largest class in the College. For most of us this is our first year at College and we have all valued the experience which has prepared us for a future College life. Throughout the term we have had an enjoyable time both in school and out and our year boasts the largest percentage attendance at various functions throughout the year.

In sports we were right up in front and over half of the hockey team came from our ranks. The co-operation has been remarkable and together with our Dean of Grade XII studies, Mr. Thordarson, we have had a truly successful year and as we go through our College career our only hope is that every year will prove to be as successful as this one has been.

Class Yell

Crasher! dasher! with a scream!
Men of mould, we're on the beam.
Swinging, singing, that's a sign
We're the class of '49.

Class Colors

Dark Green and Gold.

The
class
of
'49

D. LEE
C. POOLE
J. THORDARSON
K. PETAPIECE
D. RATSDEN
D. YOUNG
F. STEWART
J. WATT
K. SCARTH
D. WILLIAMS
S. SCRASE
W. STADE
J. SUTHERLAND
M. SMALL
G. SHAVERS
G. SAUNDERS
D. WILKINSON
ART NICOL
G. MEADOWS
G. OLIVER
E. OLIVER



CLASS '49 FIRST YEAR "S"

With the cessation of war it was inevitable that Brandon College should receive its quota of veterans. While many vets went to carry on their interrupted education in other years, the greater number settled down to civilian life in the surroundings of Class '49 "S".

We feel that we've had a successful year here at Brandon College, both academically and socially. In athletics we've been represented on the hockey team, taken an active part in bowling and curling and united with Grade XII we were able to take second in the College Sports Day.

Two of our members convened the invitation formal and yet another assisted with the dance held at the Esquire. Those functions were a decided success. Literary circles felt our influence too for we were well represented in the First Term Lit and in "Trial by Jury", and First Year ably assisted in the selling of tickets for the Major Production.

We have supported I.S.S. and S.C.M. and one of our class was a delegate to the Edmonton Conference of the S.C.M. Thus we have in some measure contributed to the success of the year for Brandon College. We hope that Brandon College has benefited from our efforts.

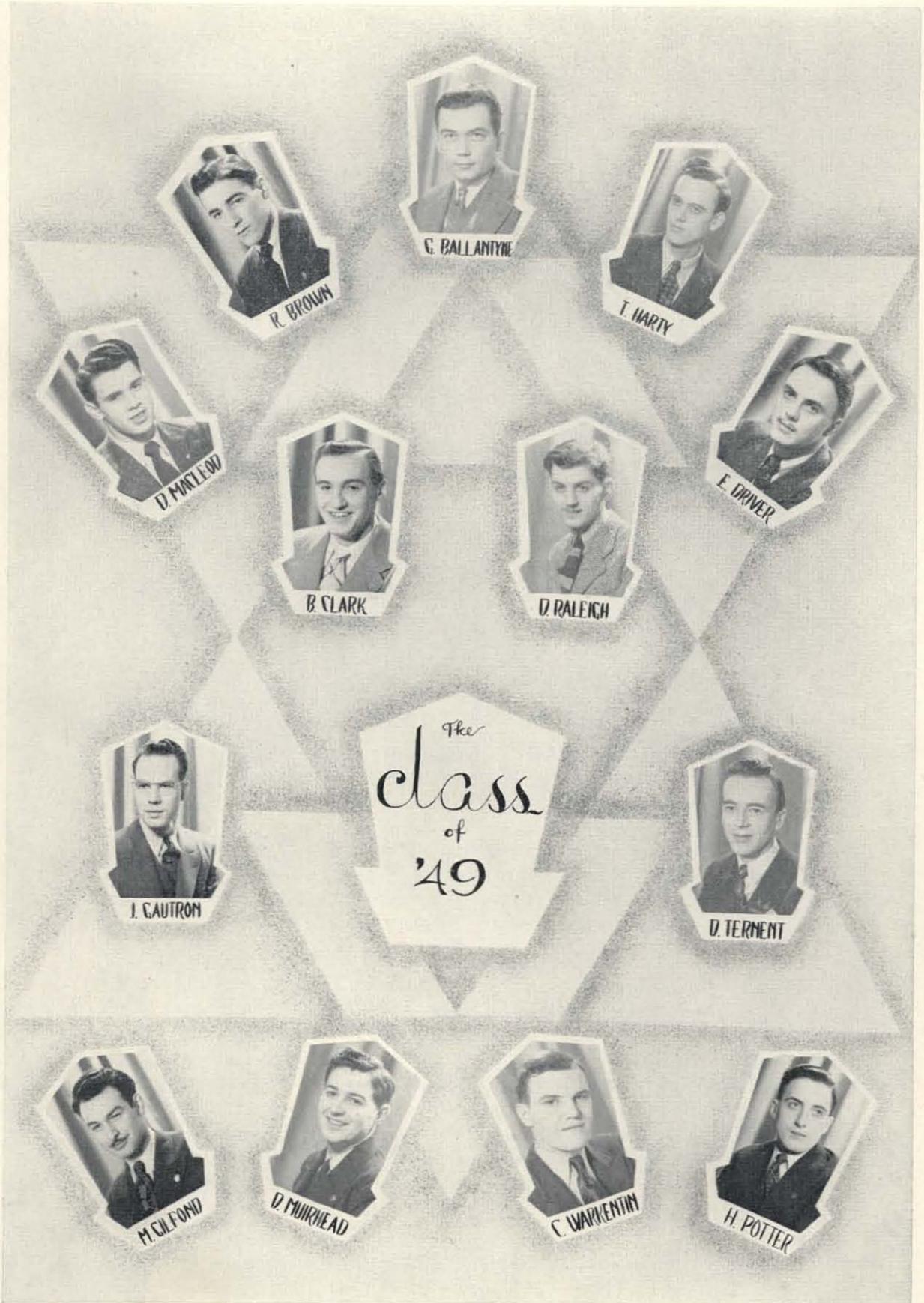


FIRST YEAR "J"

Ours has been the unique class in that we are the first group to begin the year with the opening of the second term. We arrived with trepidation at the prospect of starting to study all over again but the moments of necessary nervousness quickly passed away although our determination to achieve has not lessened with the passage of time.

Since our arrival we have managed to join in the various functions and activities and we hope that we have contributed in some measure to this year of College life. We have enjoyed our associations with students and with professors and we appreciate the help of any who might have helped us to gain our feet as we began anew.

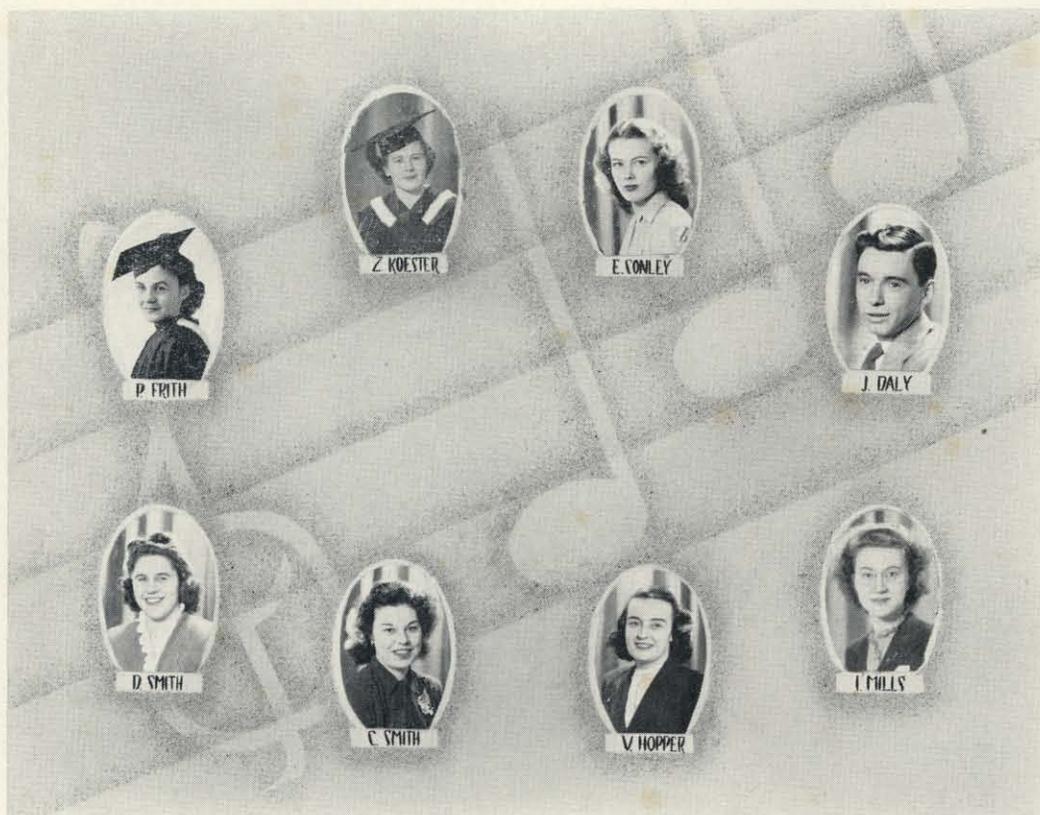
We have endeavoured to support the various activities and through our representative on Main Executive, Doug Ternent, have been able to keep abreast of the various activities. We sincerely wish Brandon College well as we go our various ways.



The
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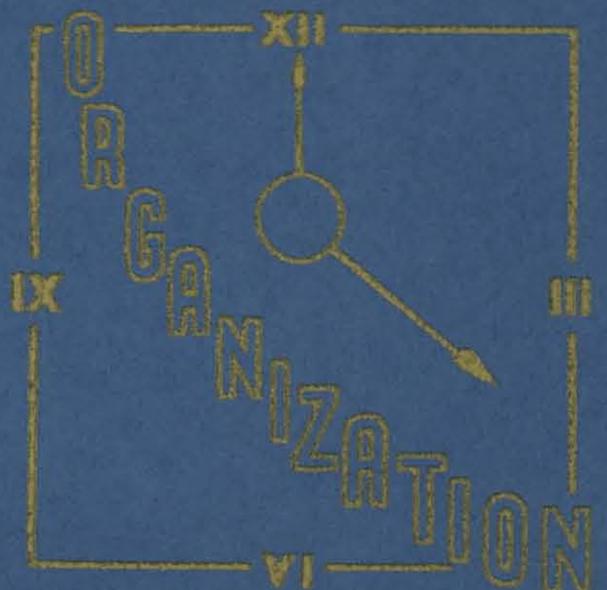


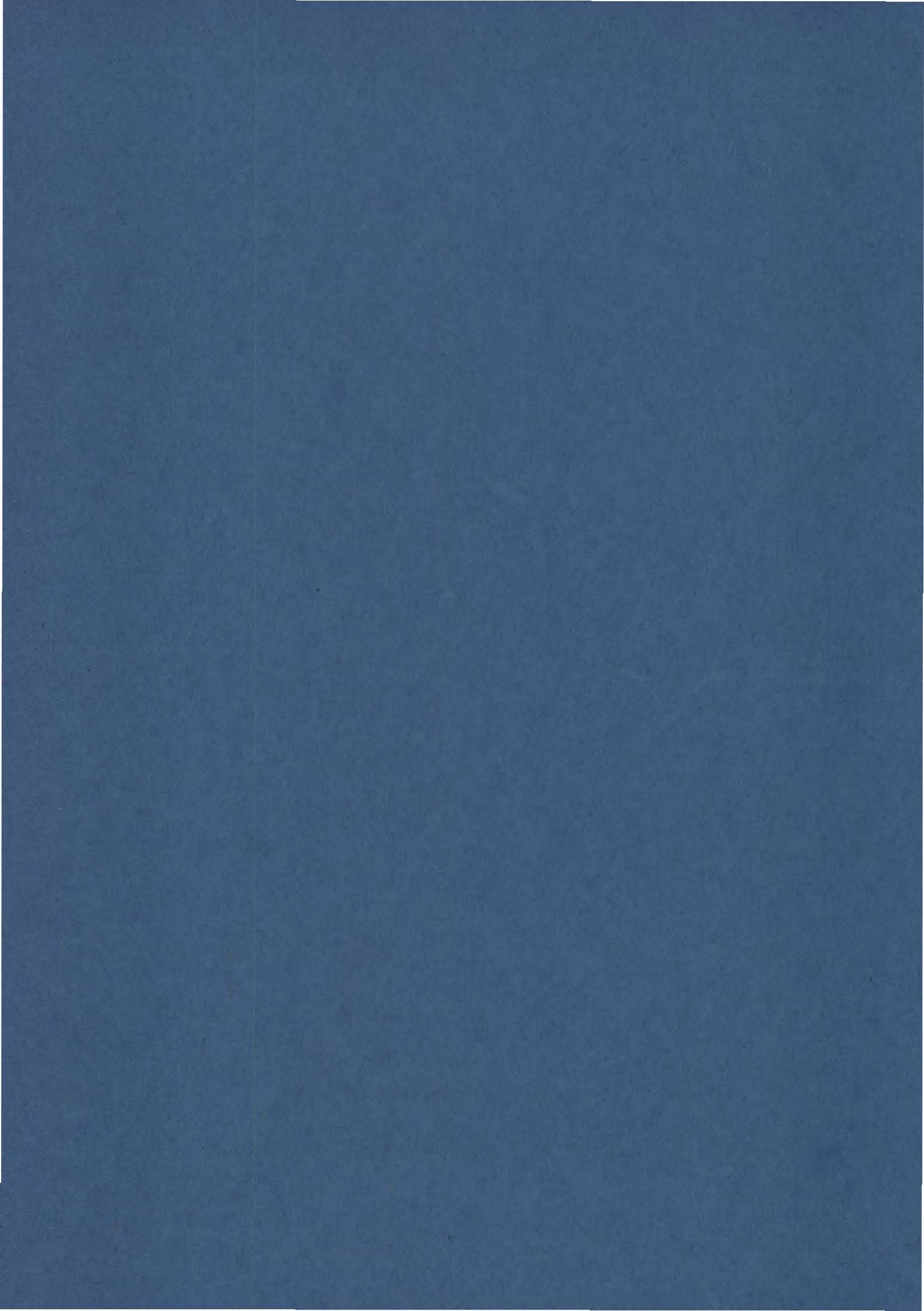
MUSIC STUDENTS



The Music Department, under the directorship of Professor W. L. Wright, is endeavouring to bring to the College as a whole an added degree of culture, appreciation and inspiration that is sadly missed in colleges not privileged in having a department of music.

Sad to relate, to many of our collegians the music department is merely a source of annoyance, the cause of weird and penetrating sounds which are ever present. However, good work is being done, and much accomplished in spreading a love of good music and a deep appreciation of it, first of all in the members of the department itself, and then in the student body and citizens of Brandon. Through its students and their friends, through the series of programs presented each year, the music department is interesting people in Brandon College and providing students for future years who might otherwise have no contact with us.







“Law is King of All”

Major Executives . . .



MAIN EXECUTIVE

As its name implies the Main Executive is the main administrative body in student affairs. All other executive heads comprise the membership of the Main Executive. It directly supervises all student activities except athletics and publications and serves as a focal point and correlating committee for student opinion.

Interest of all students should be placed on this their student government for as all truly democratic governments it cannot act with complete efficiency unless the sincere interest of the governed is ever-present.

The year 1945-46 has been a year of transition within the College and in the world in general. Into heavy seas and troubled times the Main Executive entered not without trepidation but in their co-ordination and leadership they have been sound in judgment, decisive in action and sincere in their efforts.

The work of the Main Executive is due in great part to our Lady Stick, Betty Northcott, and our Senior Stick, Gordon Lindsay, whose capable guidance was an inspiration to all. So to the Main Executive the student body expresses their sincere thanks for a job well done.

Members: Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick and Chairman; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick and Vice-President; Dr. Johns, Honorary President; Evelyn Hunter Secretary; Doreen Kite, Treasurer; Dorreene Fleming, President of Lit. Board; Bob Mills, President of Finance Board; Ken Knight, Manager of Board of Publications; Erle Stinson, Senior Men's Athletic Rep.; Doreen Clyde, President of S.C.M.; Bill Chefurka, President of Class '46; Walter Fahrig, President of Class '47; Lois Dickey, President of Class '48; Tom Ryles, President of First Year; Bill Bell, President of Grade XII.



FINANCE BOARD

Handling one of the largest if not the largest budget in its history, the Finance Board has come through the year with flying colours. Its primary function, that of co-ordinating the management of student funds in order that student finances might be more efficiently handled, was carried out with a high degree of executive ability.

Finance Board: Bob Mills, President; Doreen Kite, Vice-President; Walter Fahrig, Secretary; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick; Garth Thomas, Treasurer of Literary Board; Ruth Clark, Treasurer Board of Publications; Frank Humphries, Treasurer Athletic Board; Professor J. R. Mallory, Faculty Advisor.



ATHLETIC BOARD

One of the busiest and most energetic of all the College boards. To the lot of the Athletic Board, headed this past year by Erle Stinson, fell the task of reviving the semi-dormant sports life of Brandon College. That this was done in a capable and satisfactory manner was shown by the number of students who enthusiastically entered into all phases of athletic activity. Basketball, hockey, bowling, curling, sports day, all came back to nearer their prewar level and the foundation for better teams and finer calibre athletics was well laid. Consequently Brandon College is becoming sports-minded and a high standard of academic prowess coupled with fine athletics creates a balanced education of which we are justifiably proud.

Professor Birkinshaw, Chairman; Erle Stinson, Senior Men's Athletic Rep.; Ruth Clark, Senior Women's Athletic Rep.; Bill Mummery, Junior Men's Athletic Rep.; Pat Lane, Junior Women's Athletic Rep.; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick; Frank Humphries, Secretary-Treasurer; Gordon Forbes, Alumni; R. B. Alexander, Board Member; Dr. J. R. C. Evans, Pres. of Brandon College; Dr. Perdue, Faculty Member.



BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Publications provides the medium through which the student body may express opinions and develop a liking for literary work by working on the Quill, the bi-monthly newspaper. The Handbook published by the Board serves as a source of information regarding the different organizations, members of classes, timetable of student activity and many other useful bits of needed information. The Sickie, in honour of the Graduating classes, records in pictorial and literary form the events, occasions and never-to-be-forgotten experiences of college life. This year the Board of Publications is proud indeed of the effort that has been put forth in the production of this, your Sickie.

The Board of Publications looks back on a year of success and hopes that it has served the best interests of the student body. All in all the work of the Board has been the result of unselfish co-operation between the various departments of the board and the student body in general. Such results are to be commended.

Ken Knight, Manager; Lois Dickey, Secretary; Ruth Clark, Treasurer; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick; Mr. Thordarson, Faculty Advisor; Mr. Forrester, Faculty Advisor; Margaret Hyndman, Co-Editor, Quill; Bob Byron, Co-Editor, Quill; Doreen Rowse, Advertising Manager; Gordon McLeod, Circulation Manager; Doreen Kite, Co-Editor, Handbook; Doug. Williams, Co-Editor, Handbook.



LITERARY BOARD

1945-46 saw the Literary Board once again in operation. It has tried this year to expand its functions to more than just those within the College walls. Although only one Lit. was produced, energy, time and effort were expended in presenting to the public the talents of Brandon College in a Major Production.

In the field of dramatics two plays were produced—one at our first term Lit. and the other in the Major Production. Congratulations go to casts of both plays and to their efficient director, Mrs. D. Kitchen. A minstrel show added a new note in dramatics and gave many enjoyable moments.

Under debating besides an inter-class competition a debate with a team from St. Paul's College was sponsored.

The Glee Club, with Dr. Johns, its able leader, became the most active organization under the Literary Board. It contributed a great deal to the College as a whole in its production of the operetta, "Trial by Jury." The Glee Club also presented two programs, from the operetta, over CKX, the local radio station.

The Literary Board has tried to further literary and cultural interests in the College by buying paintings of Canadian artists for the Common room and by making a start towards a record library.

It is hoped that next year bigger and better operettas and plays will be seen and to this end books of plays and operetta scores have been purchased.

To the students of '45-'46 the Literary Board extends grateful thanks for their time, talent, help and co-operation. May the succeeding Literary Board be successful in their undertakings of the coming year.

Prof. Bexton, Faculty Representative; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick; Dorreene Fleming, President; Frances Bellas, Secretary; Garth Thomas, Treasurer; Waltr Fahrig, Public Relations Manager; Doreen Clyde, Dramatics Repr.; Arthur McMurdo, Debating Repr.; Lois Hunter, Choir Repr.



THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Until the end of the first world war, the Y.M.C.A. was responsible for all Christian work done in the Universities. In 1920, with the initiative coming from the returned men, the Student Christian Movement in Canada was formed, relieving the Y.M.C.A. of these duties on the campus.

There are units of the S.C.M. on every campus across Canada, and in the Universities of almost all the countries of the world. One great achievement is that feeling of solidarity among the units.

The following is the basis and aim upon which the movement is founded. "The Student Christian Movement of Canada is a fellowship of students based on the conviction that in Jesus Christ are found the supreme revelation of God and the means to the full realization of life.

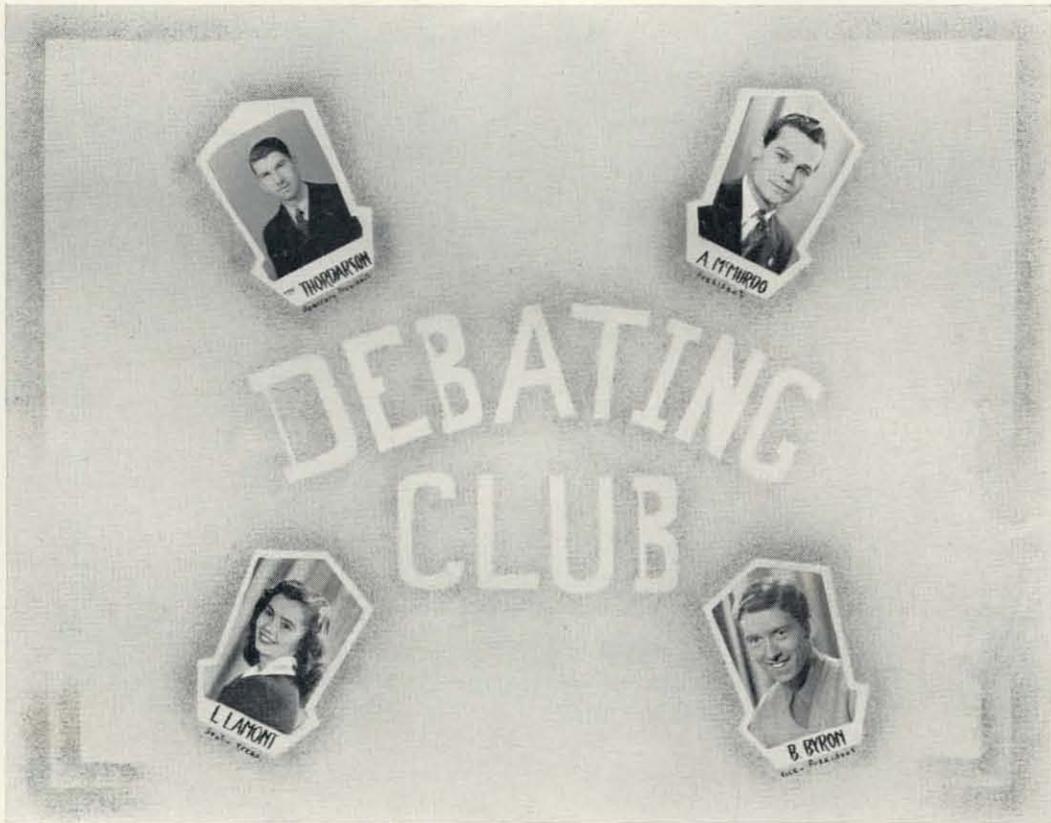
"The movement seeks through study, prayer and practice to know and follow Jesus Christ and to unite in its fellowship all students in the colleges of Canada who show the above conviction, together with all students who are willing to test the truth of the conviction upon which the Movement is founded.

The Movement desires to share with others the values discovered in Jesus Christ, and to join with those of like mind in all lands and of every race and rank in the creation of a world-wide order of society in harmony with the mind and purpose of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."

The S.C.M. in Brandon College is far from its goal. It is trying to make students realize that Christian principles must be put into action in all areas of life if they are to be at all effective. This is the reason why discussions on world problems take place, so that we will really think about these problems and act according to our Christian principles.

This past year much interest in the S.C.M. has been shown. The eight delegates who attended the Western Regional Conference at Edmonton from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1, put Brandon College "on the map" in that sphere.

Greater things are hoped for in the coming year. There is a real desire that the S.C.M. may get deeper into student life and be a vital force in Brandon College.

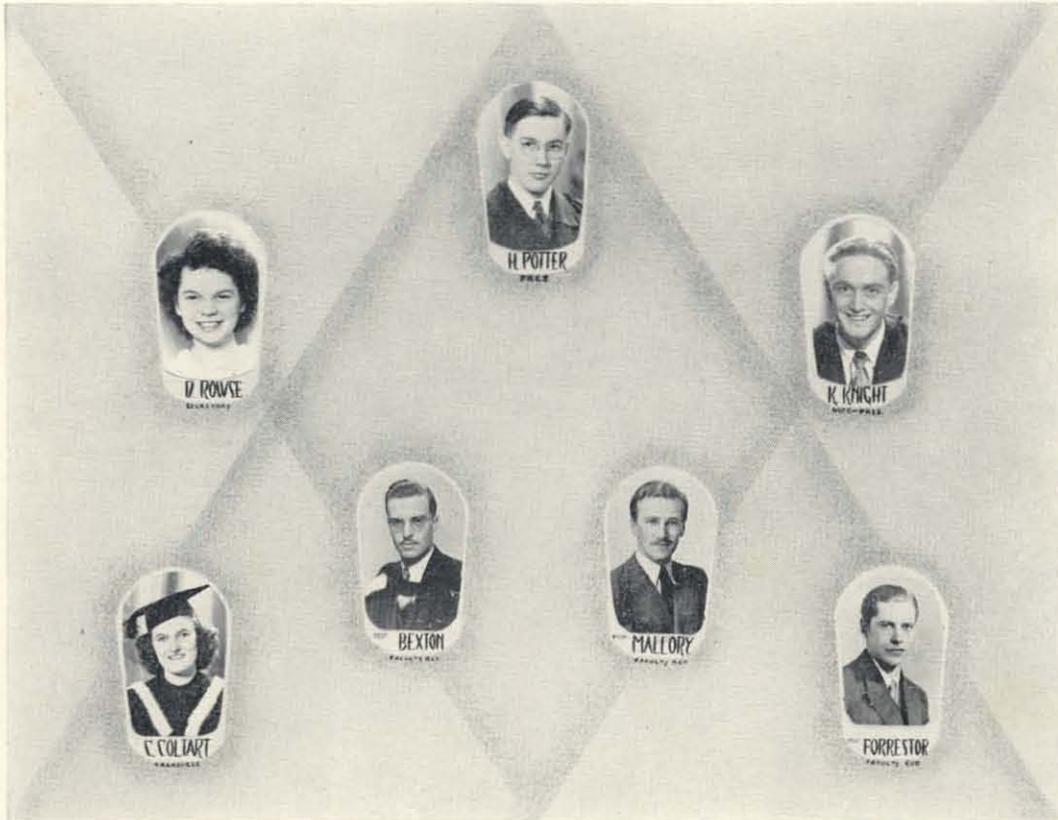


As other college activities which had been curtailed by the war came to life, so debating once again became a college activity.

The great event of the debating year took place in the Chapel on Friday, February 22nd, when a St. Paul's College team of Winnipeg, composed of Joseph O'Sullivan and Marcel Bonneau, debated the Brandon College team of Wilf McLeod and Gordon MacLeod on the subject: "Resolved that compulsory military training is both desirable and necessary for Canadian youth." St. Paul's upheld the affirmative, Brandon College taking the negative. The judges decided the issue on a 2-1 count in favor of Brandon College.

Next year, the Debating Club looks forward to extending its activities and to making a further effort to develop the debating material on the campus.

Professor Thordarson, Honorary President; Art McMurdo, President; Robert Byron, Vice-President; Lois Lamont, Secretary-Treasurer.



SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB

The Brandon College Social Science Club was founded in 1944. The purpose of the Club as stated in the constitution is "the study and discussion of problems in the Social Sciences." The fields chosen for consideration have been Psychology, Philosophy, Economics and Sociology. The usual method has been to secure, if possible, an outside speaker who will give a talk on some practical aspect of one of the fields, and to allow the students to question him afterwards on his subject. In this way it is hoped that some idea may be gained of the various sides of modern society.

Harley Potter, President; Ken Knight, Vice-President; Doreen Rowse, Secretary; Christine Coltart, Treasurer; Professor Bexton, Faculty Representative; Professor Mallory, Faculty Representative; Professor Forrester, Faculty Representative.



SIGMA MU

This organization is known as the Mystic Order of the Jilted Knights, the word Mystic being used advisedly. However all the men of the College find in the Sigma Mu the means by which they may exercise their varied talents and bring forth a co-ordinated effort. The Sigma Mu offers the chance of correlating all the efforts and the energies of the male student body. It may, if organized and publicized adequately, function as a means of uniting all the male student body and thus from such unity much may be done. This being the first of the postwar years saw the more or less emergence and elevation of this organization to its proper and rightful place in student life. Such gives hope of greater things to come and next year should see Sigma Mu highlighting much of the student life of the College.

To the lot of Sigma Mu fell the task of organizing and presenting the Hallowe'en party. This event was handled with a gusto and a flourish typical of the male human. Weird atmosphere—costumes—spooks, an operation performed with accompanying groans, blood curdling screams, etc., made this a unique party of the first term. Second term saw Sigma Mu handling Installations and this they did up in an efficient and a polished manner. Without a doubt the presence and the effect of Sigma Mu was felt on the year's activities and from this year's success finer things may come.

Professor Mallory, Honorary President; Bill Chefurka, President; Bob Byron, Vice-President; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick; Art McMurdo, Secretary-Treasurer; Gordon Daly, Social Convenor.



THE CO-ED ASSOCIATION

Opportunities for the utilization of talents, and for good hard work generally, presented themselves in many spheres of activities at the college this year, and the girls responded enthusiastically. The cessation of the war has meant an acceleration in activities over previous years. It is with a feeling of satisfaction that the Co-ed Association looks back upon its accomplishments during the college year. Along with the activities of the student body as a whole its success has been impressive.

The social event of the year sponsored by the co-eds is the Co-ed At Home. This year it took the form of a "kid party" on Nov. 3, "Sadie Hawkin's Day"—a novelty floor show, lunch served at ringside tables and dancing were on the program for the evening's entertainment.

To Dr. Turnbull, honorary president, and to the Lady Stick, a vote of thanks is extended for a satisfactory year, and to the new executive, the very best of luck.

Dr. Turnbull, Honorary President; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick, President; Anne Fedaruk, Vice-President; Eunice Hunter, Secretary; Margaret Hyndman, Treasurer; Doreen Rowse, Social Convenor; Elsie Hamilton, Quill Reporter.

AND THEY RETURN

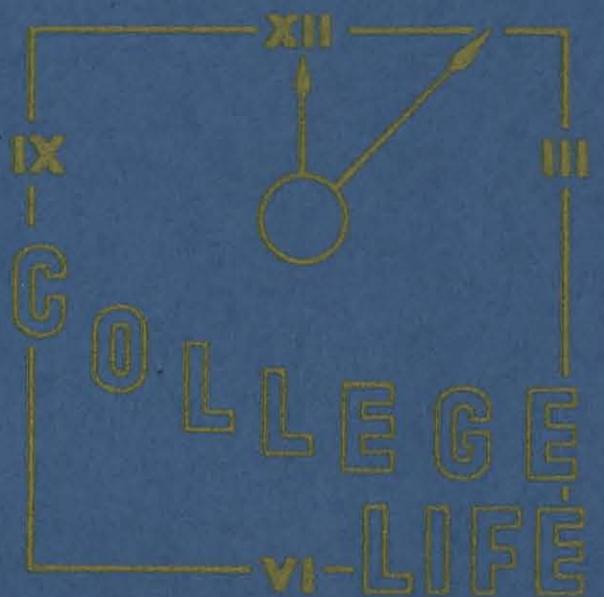
We are all, no doubt, familiar with the old tale about the proud mother, who watching a parade cried out "They are all out of step but my Johnny!" It warms the heart, because a mother's devotion, while perhaps not so often obviously blind, is something near to all of us. I remember with something akin to pain, my parent's proud faces when I brought home the first report card, and their carefully hidden distress when I brought home the first black eye and bleeding lip. Through all my young life they were there, guiding the faltering footsteps toward a goal they so fondly hoped I would one day achieve; a course at university and a career in one of the professions; a chance to get away from the rust and dust they hated so well in the trying days of the early thirties; a chance to do some of the things they had always wanted to do. They were proud, so very proud, when I finally started at Brandon College.

Then came the war, seemingly unreal at first, but bringing soon the stern reality of Dunkirk, and the aerial assault upon England. The proud eyes glistened now with unshed tears of mingled sorrow and fear. England followed—with parcels from home packed with loving hands. Life for me became more fundamental, and stern, yet warmed by a true comradeship. Death stalked the night skies, while love, laughter and song; sorrow, pain and vice; played the symphony of life in the country lanes, the stately homes, the tenements and streets of England. The youth became a man, and then a tired man. The parcels from home tugged at the heart strings the more one knew that what was could never be again. I graduated from a school which left its mark deep. It knew no platitudes, no pedantry, no rationalization nor any of the veneer with which this civilization of ours cloaks its weakness.

Finally, I came back to the land I love; love so much because it is my homeland, that I who had never lost a tear at the loss of my dearest friends, felt an unfamiliar lump in the throat and wiped the eyes that watched the familiar fields of wheat roll past. I came back to my family and old friends. I came back to Brandon College.

Gradually, the strength of those old bonds, the sense that someone cares so much for my success, along with my own personal aim, is overcoming that sense of restraint, a necessary restraint no doubt, which choked me at first. It does us all a world of good to stop once in a while to think what our College course means to us. It is an avenue to a better way of life. Some day someone is going to be proud to see us graduate. I'm going to like that.

Don Lamont







ATHLETICS



HOCKEY

Hockey came back with a satisfying record this year. The speedy sport involved many players who put forth their best on all occasions. Effort was demanded not only in the three contests in which the team engaged but in practice and in working on the college rink. Much of the credit for this year's success goes to Bill Jones and Professor Thordarson who gave of their time and talents as liberally as they could. To them the students say "Thank you".

Saturday, February 2nd, saw the Blue and Gold engage in their first contest at Neepawa where they skated to a 10-7 win over the Neepawa Collegiate team. One of the highlights of the year, the Hockey Excursion to Virden which saw four bus loads of cheering college students in attendance for the game and a dance, ended with Virden's classy Intermediates snatching a thrilling game from the College in the dying moments of the third period. The score was 12-11 but the play was nip and tuck throughout and thrill after thrill kept a capacity crowd on its toes for sixty minutes of good hockey. The third game of the year took place in the Brandon Arena where the College and the Brandon Hills team fought to a 4-4 draw.

All in all hockey came back well and anyone who enjoys playing or supporting found the hockey of the college satisfactory to him in every way.

BASKETBALL

Basketball long dormant due to the war was started on the road to recovery this year. Starting from scratch Dr. Evans and Gord. Kirk molded two teams into something to be proud of, the girls winning the city championship and the boys only losing it by a mere four points.

The girls and boys each had a team in the Y.M.C.A. city league which also included two teams from the "Y" and two from the Collegiate. The regular league games were played every Tuesday and gave some real thrills to the spectators who turned out to see them. In the play-offs the girls defeated the Collegiate to take top honors. The boys eliminated the Collegiate in the semi-final and were defeated by the "Y" in the final.

1945-46 has started basketball and it will have a bright future. Most of this year's players will be returning next year and along with the new stars Brandon College should get back to its old pre-war level in basketball as well as other things.





Stinson as he goes once over the bar to win the men's high jump.



A tense action shot of the girls' baseball game. Rowse makes first!



What a shambles this was—the chair race. That's Stinson and Gajerski on the far side, first over the line agan.



A real action shot of men's baseball. Mr. Thordarson wheels into first.

FIELD DAY

On October 12 the Athletic Board sponsored its annual Field Day. This year evidenced a much wider range of events than there has been for the past several years. The events were extended to take in the full day instead of the afternoon only, as in former years. Early that memorable Friday morning, almost before sunrise, the students and faculty assembled at the Athletic Grounds for the morning program. Contrary to most Field Days the ball tournament was run off in the morning, leaving only the men's final to be played later in the day. The girls' entries found a team from '49, '48 and a combine team from Senior Division. Dr. Perdue, in his traditional headgear, officiated. Forty-eight won first place by defeating the Seniors in the final. There were four entries in the boys' softball event—one team from each year with fourth year strengthened by some of the faculty. Second and Third years battled the final with second year having a one run advantage when the dust finally cleared. Remember Byron's home-run in that game?

In the afternoon the athletes and spectators again met at the college for the track and field events. The men's final ball game was played after everyone had been thoroughly worn out by the other events. The day was topped off by a bonfire, lunch and a sing-song.

When the results were finally totalled, Third year emerged on top with First year a very close second. Betty Northcott copped the ladies' individual championship and Erle Stinson took the men's.

A dance was held at the Masonic Hall in the evening. Even after a weary day there was still energy left for the dance—believe it or not.

The Field Day was an overwhelming success this year and we hope that in the near future it will be even bigger and better.

Results of the events:

Morning:

Boys' Ball—1st Year 1, 2nd Year 6; 3rd Year 12, 4th Year 11.

Girls' Ball—'48 defeated '49; '49 14, Seniors 8.

Novelty Chair Race—1, A. Fedoruk, A. McMurdo, K. Knight; 2, B. Northcott, W. Chefurka, G. Lindsay.

Afternoon Events: Men's:

100 Yard Dash—1, E. Stinson (time 10 secs); 2, A. McMurdo; 3, J. Anderson.

Shot Put—1, A. McMurdo (36' 4"); 2, A. Kristianson; 3, L. Sulymka.

Standing Broad Jump—1, R. Byron (8' 2"); 2, E. Stinson; 3, A. McMurdo.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, A. McMurdo (39' 9½"); 2, W. Bell; 3, E. Stinson.

High Jump—1, E. Stinson (5' 4"); 2, W. Bell; 3, D. Moffat.

Running Broad—1, E. Stinson; 2, A. McMurdo; 3, W. Bell.

Afternoon Events: Ladies:

75 Yard Dash—1, B. Northcott; 2, K. Scarth; 3, Ev. Hunter.

50 Yard Dash—1, B. Northcott; 2, J. Fleming; 3, B. Johnson.

Ball Throw—1, B. Northcott; 2, J. Fleming; 3, K. Scarth.

High Jump—1, M. Clark; 2, R. Clark; 3, B. Johnson.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, B. Johnson; 2, M. Clark; 3, P. Hill.

Standing Broad Jump—1, B. Johnson; 2, B. Northcott; 3, Y. Jacks.

Running Broad—1, B. Johnson; 2, B. Northcott; 3, P. Hill.

Men's Final Softball—2nd Year 11, 3rd Year 10.

Individual Points—Men's: 1, E. Stinson 12; 2, A. McMurdo 11; 3, W. Bell 5.

Individual Points—Ladies: 1, B. Northcott 13; 2, B. Johnson 12; 3, M. Clark 5.

Class Standings—1, Third Year 35; 2, First Year 34; 3, Second Year 24; 4, Fourth Year 17.

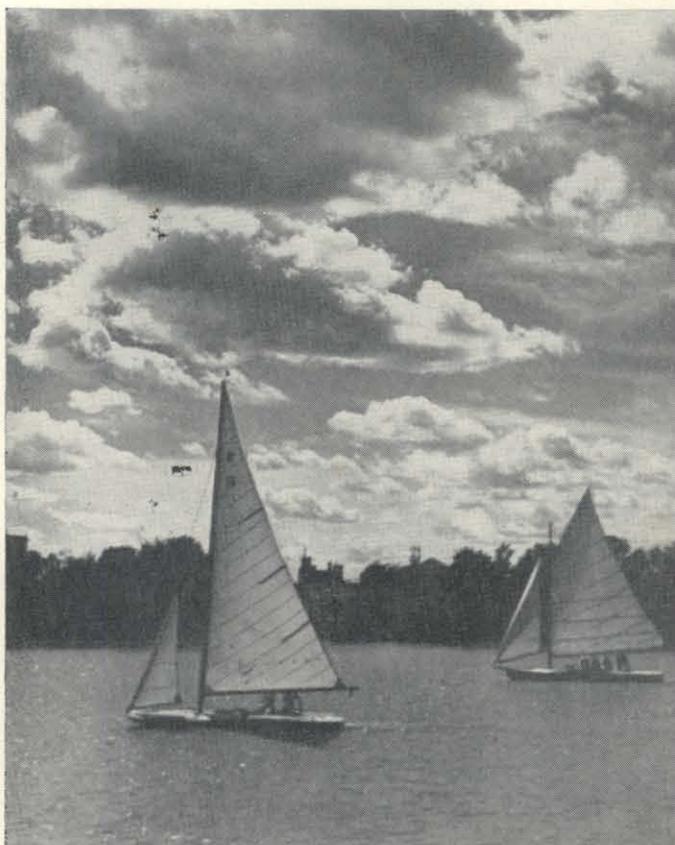


BOWLING AND CURLING

The Brandon College Bowling League commenced its activities in October with eight teams bowling in each Friday and Monday league. The schedule was divided into two halves, pre- and post- Christmas, with the victors of each competition meeting at the end of the season to determine the winners. The teams of Gord. Macleod, Bob Byron, Al. Thompson and Norm. Macleod from "A" Division, those of Bill Bell and Bill Mummery, Erle Stinson and Ted Driver from "B" Division rolled off. Bell's team of Bill Pachal, Gladys Shavers, Eunice Hunter, and Doug Moffat captured top place edging out Driver's team while Thompson's squad took third place.

Bowling was probably the best supported of all College functions of the past year and maintained the continued interest of the student body throughout both terms.

The B.C. Curling Club was organized early in the second term. The use of the Brandon Curling Club's ice was arranged for on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The club was fairly well supported by the student body though other student functions interfered somewhat with the smooth functioning of the weekly draws. Curling however, was another successful College activity.



"Every Dog Must Have His Day"

Functions . . .



INITIATIONS '45

Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 1945, between the hours of 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. will be an event to remember for a then young wide-eyed crop of Brandon College Freshmen and Freshettes. At that time they were officially initiated into membership in the B.C.S.A.

The Freshman Initiation Committee under Bill Chefurka were faced with the task of drawing up an initiation program which would be both memorable and progressive. The role of initiations in College life had fallen during the war and it was felt that a rigorous, controlled program needed to be adopted. Last year a beginning was made in combining harmless "horseplay" with a formal initiation ceremony.

The Freshmen assembled on the campus complete with red noses and aprons to carry out their appointed tasks. Make up was very suitably applied to the men by a couple of senior girls, apt at the art. "Boobs", "Bags", "Drips" and "Droops" were again in evidence together with such other pleasing pseudonyms as "Grass", Hopper and "Cow" Bell. Citizens passing the campus were pseudonyms as "Grass" Hopper and "Cow" students cutting out paper dolls, calling hogs and selling real estate on the moon. A clean-up campaign was waged on the flagpole, steps, brass of Clark Hall door and front street.

A court of appeal next sat with "Hanging Judge Mills" presiding. It was only through the skilled oratory of counsel for the defence Tom Ryles that such hardened criminals as Doug Williams, who broke several rules of initiations, were pardoned.

A lunch followed sponsored by the seniors for the Freshmen. The menu was suckers.

On the following day during a ceremony in an atmosphere of solemnity the oath of allegiance was taken by the freshman, together with the inauguration of a system of student sponsors.

THE QUEST IN MERRIE ENGLAND

I awake with the morning sun and lie back in the beauty of half awareness that comes with the rousing from a calm night's sleep. This state, the dreamer's paradise, is at once rudely shattered. I suddenly realize that today is the day. Hesitantly I test the morning air with a peeping foot, which, reassured by its warmth, drags out its mate and the body attached to it, and I am up.

Thrusting my razor into the abysmal cold of the warmest hot water tap I could find I silently breathe forth imprecations, for how am I to succeed in my quest if my face looks like a peeled pomegranate.

It is true I have a roof over my head, and a cozy one at that. For in my flat in the town of "Much-Binding-on-the-Marsh" I reign in bachelor splendor, combining the offices of cook, butler and entrepreneur in myself.

Successful as I am, there is one thing that continually haunts me, cigarettes; their shortage is always critical. It was only last night that I heard confidentially from Mr. Boom, the genial host of the "Green Dragon", that the long awaited and overdue quota of the smoking tubes were in town, and so my determination of this morning.

I sally forth—my regular tobacconist is far down town and I realize it would be fatal to spend too much time, after the eight a.m. opening hour, in travel. So I therefore try the first tobacconist I come to and hope he is unlike all other tobacconists.

I do and am sure that he is, for never have I seen a man whose face bears unmistakably the imprint of honesty. Here indeed is a guileless man and my spirits rise.

But his stock is not encouraging. On the shelves are two or three packets of the sort of tobacco which it is impossible to smoke and some bottles of lighter fluid. That is all.

I am determined to be bold, for experience has taught me that at a moment such as this it is unwise to cringe.

I courageously say, "Have you any cigarettes?"

He shakes his head. He sighs. He shrugs his shoulders. He says, "No." He adds, "These are hard times for tobacconists." He says, "It cuts me to the quick to refuse a customer." He says that this is not the sort of trade to which he was brought up.

I am sorry for him. I say, "I wonder why you do not shut your shop and take a holiday until things get better, there can be little point of wasting your day here when you have nothing to sell."

He points to the packet or two of tobacco which it is impossible to smoke and the bottle or two of lighter fluid and says, "As long as I have these I must keep my shop open."

But, I ask, "Could you not place them under the counter so that the shop would appear to be empty and you could then close it and go home?"

He sighs again. He says, "I would if I could, but alas, there is no more room under the counter."

He is indeed, as I had realized from the start, a man incapable of guile.

So it is I am both fortunate and successful in my quest. The shop keeper, confronted with my pity and intelligence, sells me two hundred precious weeds, with the caution, "Don't ever tell your mother."

I return home quickly, engage in a few conventional struggles, and I am soon again esconced in my bed, with my mind, pervaded by the feeling of a job well done, drifting back into a state of happy unconsciousness. The time is only eight-thirty a.m., only half an hour and my momentous quest fulfilled easily, and I with a month's holiday stretching before me.

H. J. Tennant.

"TRIAL BY JURY"

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

(In Order of Appearance)

Court Page Jacqueline Fleming
Usher William Chefurka
Defendant Thomas Ryles
Judge Gordon Daly
Council for the Plaintiff John Muirhead
Plaintiff Helen Cory
Foreman of the Jury Lorne Cook
And other too numerous herein to mention

"THE HAPPY JOURNEY"

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

(In Order of Appearance)

The Stage Manager Ruth Clark
Ma (Kate) Kirby Beverlee Myers
Arthur Kirby Jack Daly
Caroline Kirby Gay Ralston
Pa (Elmer) Kirby Curly Tyler
Beulah Lois Lamont
Director Dorothy Kitchen



“TRIAL BY JURY”

The year 1945-46 has been a year of activity. Much of the activities that lay dormant during the war years were revived. One of these was the presentation of a Major Production by the students of Brandon College to the public of Brandon and also of surrounding points. The presentation this year took the form of a comic operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan in which the producers, participants and directors joined with wholehearted co-operation.

The costumes were gay and colourful—the singing of the leads and by the supporting cast was inspired with the freshness of youth and absolute delight and joy at being able to take part radiated from the faces of the bridesmaids, jurymen, spectators and major players. The music added much to the presentation and for the work of the orchestra in playing and in arranging of the music the college is deeply indebted.

The presentation was a success playing to packed houses both evenings of the performance but the Major Production was a success in another very vital way. The preparation and the presentation involved at least eighty-five students and the sale of tickets involved the entire student body. To the demands set upon them the students rallied with a spirit that gives promise of better things to come and the results were encouraging to even the most skeptical. Indeed Brandon College was bridging the gulf of the war years and was exemplifying her rich tradition. Let us hope that the future will see bigger Major Productions permeated with the wholesome spirit that pervaded this year's undertaking.



INSTALLATIONS

March 2nd witnessed the annual installation ceremonies at which the Main Executive of the year past retired in favour of the new Main Executive which will guide the Brandon College Student Association throughout the coming year 1946-47.

The program for the evening was the result of talented and strenuous effort by the members of Siga Mu. Bill Chefurka conducted the duties of Master of Ceremonies and his able introductions shed much light on the proceedings that followed. Dr. Johns fittingly presented the Honor Society awards.

Music on the keyboard by Bill Pachal who tickled the ivories to our great enjoyment—gags that gagged and also entertained—a graceful ballet by the more artistic of our male students—a plot against Brandon College harking back to the days of Louis Riel and his cohorts and a wise seer unfolding the future as he gazed deep into his crystal ball, constituted the main part of the program. Those participating with zeal and enthusiasm were Gordon McLeod, Dave Rabinovitch, Hugh Seton, Jim Tennant, Bob Wankling, Don Lamont, Pete Gajerski, Bob Franklin, Jack Daly, Ken Mummery, Don Simpson, Ken Knight, Ivan Forsythe, Dick Hartry, Jim Sutherland and Gordon Lindsay.

The program ended with Don Lister, the ever ready man with the camera, showing some films that he had taken of the Field Day, Trial by Jury and the intercollege debate. These were enjoyed to the utmost by everyone.

The following are the old and the new executive, first named in each office being the 1945-46 executive and the second, 1946-47 executive:

Dr. M. W. Johns, Honorary President, Prof. B. Thordarson; Gordon Lindsay, Senior Stick, Jack Neelin; Betty Northcott, Lady Stick, Doreen Rowse; Doreene Fleming, President of the Lit. Board, Lois Hunter; Doreen Clyde, President of Student Christian Movement, Tom Ryles; Ken Knight, Manager of the Board of Publications, Bob Byron; Evelyn Hunter, Secretary of the B.C.S.A., Helen Cory; Erle Stinson, Senior Men's Athletic Representative, Erle Stinson.

THE ENEMY WITHIN

Awake ye sleepers!
 Guard e'en to ghastly gore the rights you have,
 The tyrant's at the door.
 Lulled into lethargy
 By freedom's softening lot
 You think that all is well
 When all is not.
 With eye obscured by prejudice and sloth
 You look afar and fill with righteous wrath
 At mankind's rights descended into dust,
 Initiative is stymied,
 One does just what he must.
 You see unfair reprisals—
 All punished for the sake of one
 Who didn't do the thing he ought
 Or left undone the thing he should have done.
 With zeal to ease your brother's woeful lot
 You spring to arms to give him all you've got.
 You leave the joys of home, the children sweet,
 The friends and all the sunshine
 Of the village street.
 Yes! Look again! The tyrant though afar
 Stands gazing coldly through the door ajar.
 'Tis true we have the form of freedom
 Gained at bloody cost;
 But where's the surging spirit?
 When this is gone, then all is lost!
 Ye who were richly blest
 Stood restfully at ease;
 Yours was the favoured country,
 Let others fare as they please.
 Begone! These vain delusions,
 The world today must be
 No longer part in slavery—
 The favoured few set free.
 Ours is the challenge,
 Ambassadors of right,
 'Tis for the people, People,
 We sally forth to fight.
 And while we smite the tyrant
 With fire and with sword,
 We'll win the last great battle
 'By My Spirit', saith the Lord.
 Let Prussian wield the tyrant's rod,
 The mailed fist, the sceptre's ban.
 We serve the Cause of God and king:
 DELIVERANCE OF MAN!

—W. Dinsdale.



THE GRADUATION BANQUET

The annual banquet to the graduating classes climaxed a year of enthusiastic activity. Twenty Graduates representing Arts, Science and Music were the honoured guests of the evening. To them the assembled undergraduates, parents and friends paid deserving tribute.

Witty, sparkling toasts underlined with a proper seriousness lent gaiety, solemnity and purpose to the event. Art McMurdo ably conducted the duties of Toastmaster and co-ordinated a well balanced program.

Mrs. Cliff Kitson delighted us with two appealing piano solos and John Daly rendered two vocal solos which captured our thoughts and won our admiration.

Following the banquet program the Graduating Class favoured us with their song and yell. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, which was enjoyed by all.

TOASTS

Toastmaster—Art McMurdo '47

	King and Country	
Art McMurdo		God Save the King
	Graduating Class	
Jack Neelin '47		Bill Chefurka '46
	Alma Mater	
Doris Perkin '43		Dr. M. W. Johns
	Our Ladies	
Don Lister '48		Lois Lamont '48



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IN WAR'S WAKE

The question is asked, "Now that the war is over, are the the young men going to be sad young men?" In answer we might say, "No, we do not think so for a most excellent reason. They are sad young men already; if they are sad young men, then there is a fair chance that life will begin at thirty instead of ending at thirty and we think more or less that is what is going to happen to this generation." The years of depression did not make young men and women fear that life would end; rather it made them fear that life would not have a beginning. War is ghastly and horrible but through the war many young people, by their own achievements, found hope that life would begin for them.

We are now in the post-war era that would bring great things, or so we were led to believe. The fact remains, good hard work is necessary for the attaining of objectives and the achieving of ambitions. The winning of the war is a tribute to the men who gave everything they had, who had a unity of purpose and who were willing to make sacrifices, undreamed of by many. Unity is still vital if the peace is to be won. Dire necessity promotes unity; we still have dire necessity but we need more unity. Such unity is not bred by selfishness or by intellectual snobbery or by attempts at fabrication for actions which are undoubtedly wrong, opinion to the contrary.

Frankness, honesty with one's self and sincerity must be exercised if any measure of co-operation is to be arrived at. Co-operation implies surrender by individuals of the motive of self for the motive of the many. An attitude of "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost" is not compatible with the search for peace. So it is with college. Here individuals have the opportunity to learn co-operation but the process involves surrender for the individual. If co-operation cannot be learned at college, how then is it to be learned later? Co-operation must have a solid basis. What will provide that basis? General MacArthur said, 'the problem is theological'. If we are honest we must agree. Brandon College offers the opportunity to gain such a basis for co-operation. The chance to gain a firm grasp of fundamental principles awaits any one with the courage to take hold and make something of such a foundation. Christian principles are the firm foundation despite criticism of the so-called "worldly"—despite the backbiting of the cynics. No institution is perfect, the Christian church being no exception but the person and the personality of Christ are flawless. If we are to take advantage of the opportunity presented to us by Christ we must remember that in gaining the rights thereby we must also accept the responsibility.

Young men may begin to live at thirty but they must remember to build life on a solid rock foundation and not on the shifting sands of intellectualism. The human race can explain many things but it cannot explain itself; likewise it has improved many things except itself. What better time to start than now. Enemies in war do not wait nor do the dark forces that lurk in peace. The shadow lurkers of peace are the bold storm troopers of war. Shall we wait and let our sons and daughters begin to live at thirty or perhaps never live at all or shall we accept truth and begin to build today.

K. Knight.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

QUOTATIONS FROM THE CLARK HALL RECORDS

About the first week of March, 1907-8—"A general lassitude seemed to spread throughout the school."

1908—"Next fall things will be sufficiently in shape for the girls to have their own territory (on the campus) and keep within it."

Feb., 1912—"Bill for shaker flannel for punishment sewing."

Fall of 1912—"Note to the effect that the boys need social training." "Brooms to be presented to the best kept rooms after the first six weeks of the fall term."

RULES

1. Talking or lingering on the way to or from classes not allowed.
2. Girls are not allowed to use the telephone, or receive messages by it. In case of long distance calls a teacher must be present.
3. Some arrangement should be made for hoisting trunks upstairs.
4. Biscuits may be kept in the room in a closed tin box. Fruit also may be purchased on Saturdays.
5. White blouses may not be worn on a school day except at tea.
6. Teachers should be present in the reception room when callers are received on all occasions.
7. Darning is to be a strong point in the punishment class.
8. Every girl must be in bed by 10.00 p.m.
9. An honor girl is allowed to accept occasional evening invitations and to remain up to 11.00.
10. Warm underclothing must be worn during the winter and must not be removed without permission.
11. Those not wishing to attend church service may stay at home providing they memorize a psalm.

Thus do the attitudes and customs of thirty years ago appear strange to the students of another generation. And may we not say then, as our elders do now, "Oh, that we might have the good old days back again!"

Candid

"Oh fireman, save our child"

"Waiting at the church"

"Quiet please"

Antiques

Down at the Pub—
Sat. afternoon

Detour—Wheatstone
Bridge out

Stinson and Co.

Chapel scene

Our boy Frank

The face on the
barroom floor



TANTALIZING YOUTH

Often I lie awake late at night and think. I do not mindfully choose any topic, but I infallibly fall into a very dreamy mood and ponder about the purpose of creation. Although I will admit that I would rather let my mind off at union hours, I still keep thinking. Sometimes it is almost a mental torture.

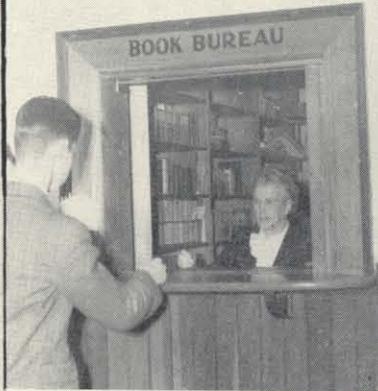
Being a youth I lack the logic of a mature mind. I experience doubts and fears when I realize how much insignificant man knows in comparison to what he could know. Also how deep the philosophers must delve into the depths of their limited knowledge to secure even a theoretical answer to many problems. I often wonder if we actually realize yet why we were put upon this earth. If I could find the answer to this one problem my entire future would be as clear as the North Star on a frosty December night.

When one nears the end of his teens, he is at the most decisive time in life. Every decision he makes at that time will have a telling effect upon his whole future. At the same time a youth will frankly admit that he feels incapable of deciding with certainty which path to take. The main reason for this is that the ideals set forth in one's personal philosophy are the primary factors governing all decisions of this nature, and the youth of today does not spend enough time "just thinking", to really develop a personal philosophy. His life is expended in trying to attain knowledge, while very little time is left to allow him to develop his natural wisdom. God gave every human being a rational mind, with potentialities that often lie in a latent state throughout an entire lifetime. I am of the firm belief that knowledge cannot be inserted into the mind, but it may be brought out of the hidden state and precipitated into clear-cut crystals by means of reading and learning from those who have gone on before.

If it were only possible to be confident within one's self that he knows exactly what he is capable of doing, and what he should do to better following generations, I am quite certain that each one of us would not hesitate to put his shoulder to the wheel and do his share. However, until such a time as we are quite certain, the only alternative left for us is to seek out knowledge, in whichever phase of life we choose, in order that we might hand down that much more knowledge to posterity.

Finlay Campbell

"Any bars Dunc.?"



In 11 more months
and 10 more days.



Comprenez-vous?



Now in ohms that is . . .



Whooooooooooooo!



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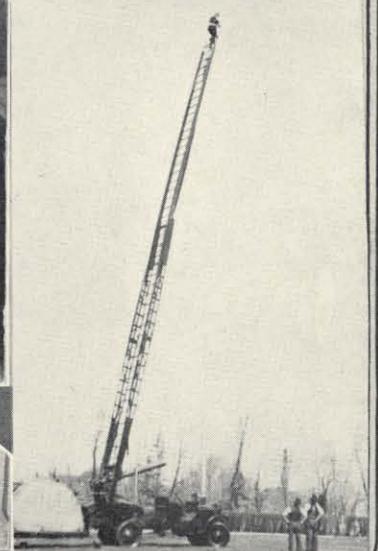


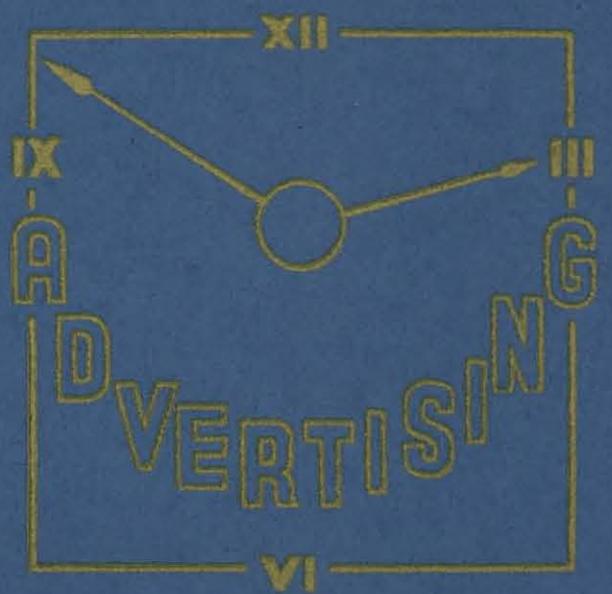
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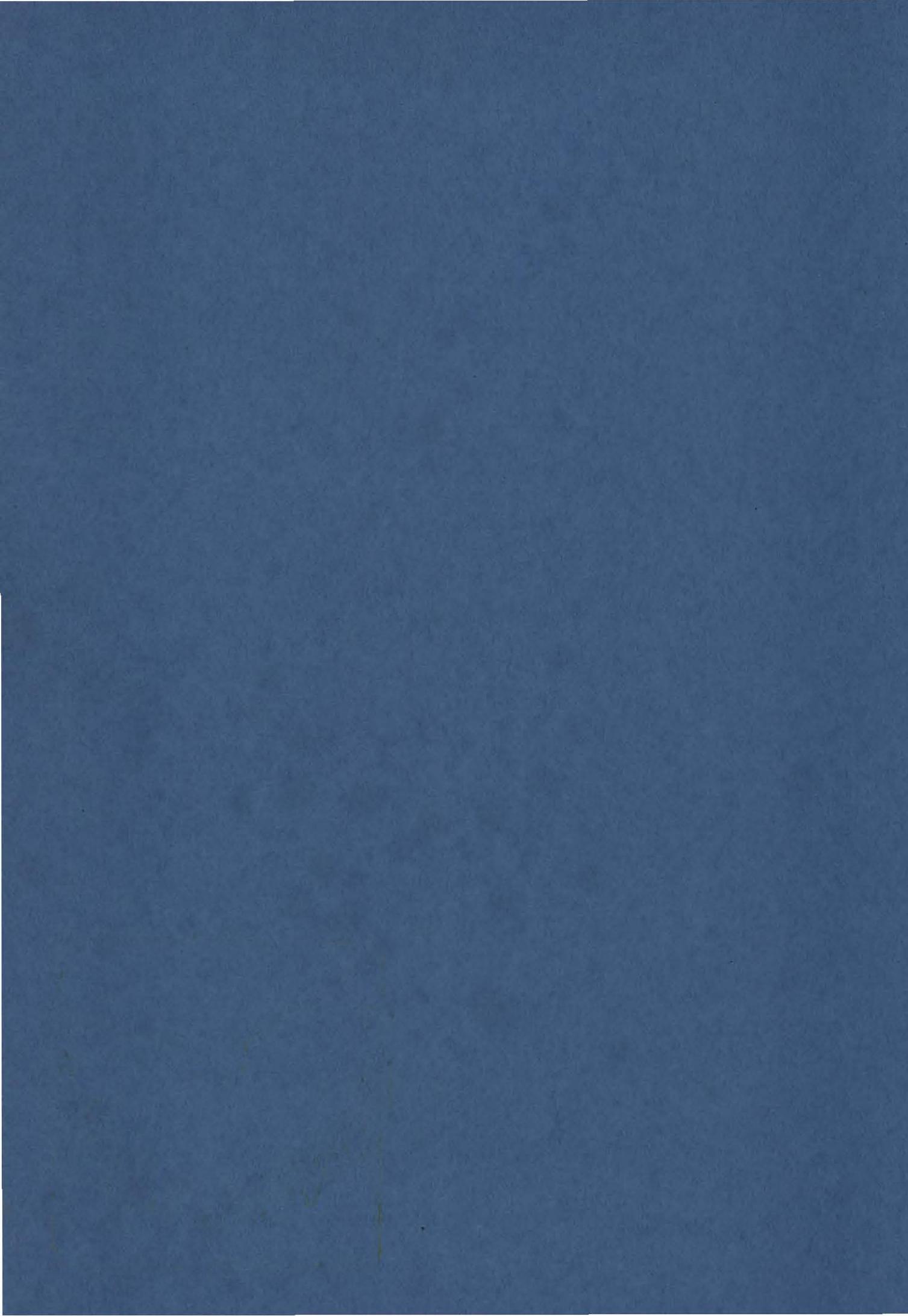


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The "Doc."







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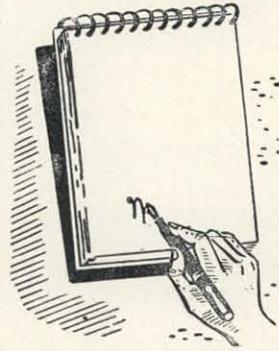
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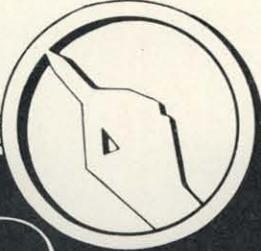
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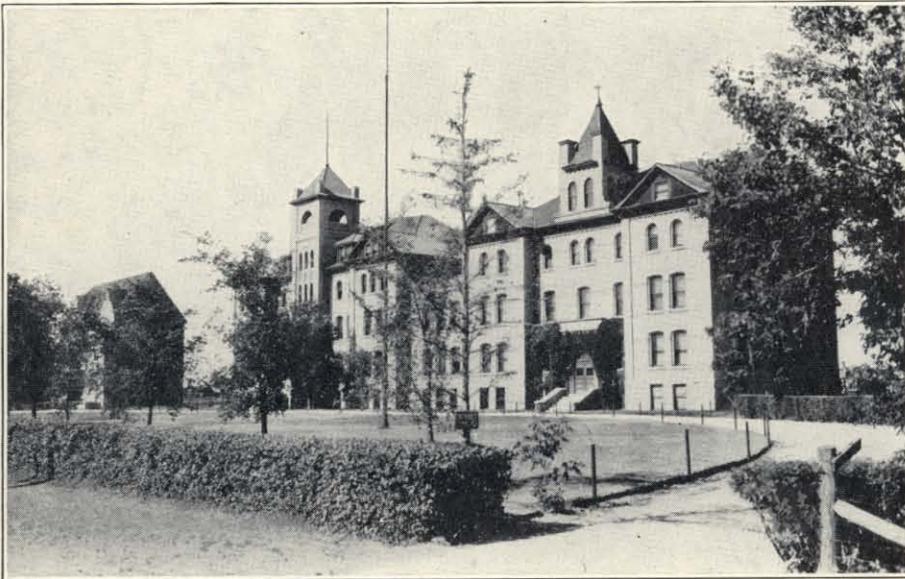
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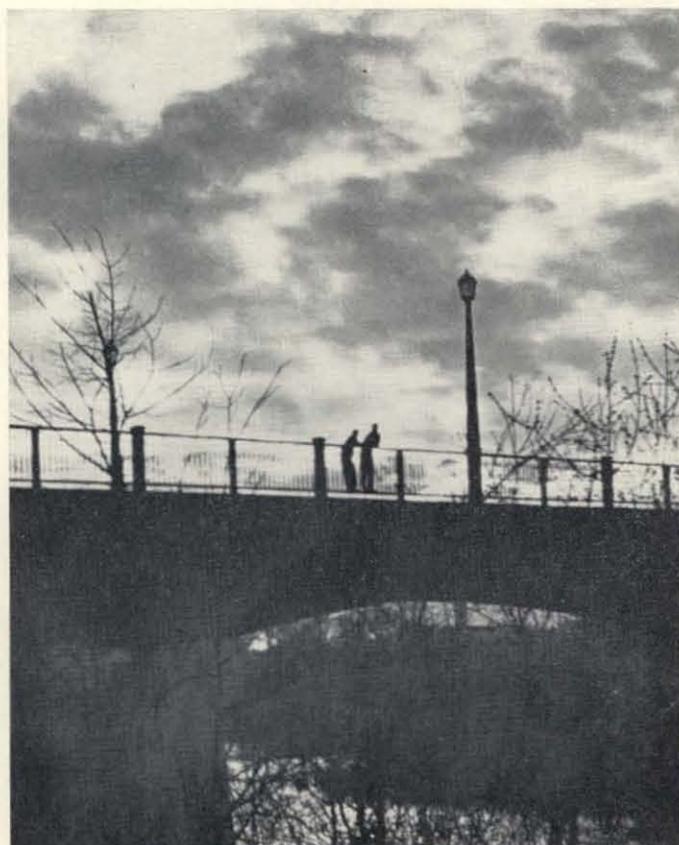
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