



## Alumni News

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### EDITORIAL

There's an undercurrent of excitement at the College these days—You can feel it in the bustling halls, the crowded classrooms and laboratories. All facilities are crowded to capacity, and the students are, for the most part, keen with a new awareness and maturity. An objective appraisal of the situation makes you realize what is taking place. And the inevitable conclusion is, "Brandon College at this moment has no choice but to build". The time is right; of that there is no doubt. The practical application of this is dealt with elsewhere in this issue, by the President's message. The phase which I wish to stress is the part which is to be played by the Alumni in this venture.

I want you to share with us the real enthusiasm that was felt at our last Executive meeting of the Alumni. It's a feeling of pride to know that we are doing something positive in helping Brandon College to grow, by the establishment of the J. R. C. Evans Student Loan Fund. To you who are far away from the scene of action, the sums loaned this year may seem relatively small. To us Brandon members, who are familiar with all the technicalities involved, publicizing the availability of the fund, preparing application forms and promissory notes, and setting up the "machinery" for interviewing candidates, the fruits of our labour for this year are highly satisfying. We have "learned to

creep" this year, and next year we hope to walk at a good pace.

We in Brandon feel that the establishment of the Loan Fund as an Alumni project is definitely a step in the right direction. For in the enlarged role envisaged for Brandon College, there will be a greater scope for such ventures on our part, and a greater need than ever before for us to present a united front, ready to make our presence felt when we are called upon. It is quite conceivable that, in the not-too-distant future, our Alumni Association must decide to employ a full-time executive secretary, if we are going to keep in step with the opportunities to serve which will be accorded us. As we look about us at Alumni organizations of other educational institutions, we realize how inadequate is our system of keeping continual record of our graduates; and we are faced with the fact that, in an effort to provide the utmost service to our membership and to serve the best interests of a College which we can see is soon to take on a greatly expanded role, we must establish a business office of a permanent nature. In this way, and in this way only, can we hope to attain efficiency and continuity in our operation. Without it, at a time when we are given a golden opportunity to prove our gratitude, we face the prospect of "letting down" the institution which has played a vital part in each of our lives.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR BOXING DAY?

We'd love to have you attend the ALUMNI "HOMECOMING" TEA  
IN CLARK HALL

Our Social Convener, Miss Louise Chapman, '58, is in charge of arrangements. With Christmas continuing into a "long weekend" this year, we are counting on a large turn-out, and we hope that this advance notice will help to increase it. It's a date!

CLARK HALL RECEPTION ROOM  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
SEE YOU THERE!

# THE STATE OF THE FUND

The following is a Statement of Operation for the first year of the Dr. J. R. C. Evans Student Loan Fund, to November 15, 1958:

## Receipts

Cash received (includes interest) .....	\$10,211.01
Post-dated cheques on hand....	4,294.96
Pledges received .....	2,356.00
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	\$16,861.97

## Expenses

<b>Bills paid:</b>	
Printing .....	\$ 234.20
Postage .....	101.16
Advertising .....	3.60
Stencilling .....	11.15
Miscellaneous (stationery, supplies, etc).....	82.46
Telegrams .....	1.75
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	\$ 434.32
*Loans .....	1,400.00
Balance on deposit.....	8,376.69
Post-dated cheques on hand....	4,294.96
Pledges received .....	2,356.00
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	\$16,861.97

\*In addition, loans totalling \$900.00 have been approved by the Student Loan Selection Committee to be paid January 15, 1959.

The loans approved for this year are as follows:

Academic Year	Faculty	Amount
I		\$500.00
II	Science	500.00
II	Arts	450.00
III	Science	400.00
IV	Science	250.00
IV	Arts	200.00
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		\$2,300.00

Loans in excess of \$300.00 are being made in two payments, one first term, and the other in second term. Other loans may become necessary as the academic year proceeds, and especially as the graduates are posed with financial problems regarding graduation expenses in the spring.

There has been some question regarding the necessity of the fund, in view of the recently announced Provincial Government scholarships and bursaries now available. However, the Executive committee feels that such question is unfounded, owing to the limited nature of the Government program and the substantial groups of students remaining in urgent need of financial assistance, if College education is to be available.

In this regard, a letter from one of the recipients (which may be considered representative of the others, with respect to the actual need for the fund), would seem to be satisfactory proof that need still exists, and that the fund is fulfilling the aims and objectives for which it was established:

"As I am one who is taking advantage of a Dr. J. R. C. Evans loan, I would like to speak in support of this project, and discuss its merits.

Firstly, and most important, is the fact that this fund enables Brandon College students to attend or continue to attend College. Many students find it very difficult to finance their first year at college, but are able to continue their following years because of the time available in the summer for employment. These students whose families are unable to assist, and because they would feel it unfair to place financial burdens on their families, would be deprived of a college education purely and simply because they could not afford one year at college. There is an alternative, of course, for these students to borrow money from a bank or other source. However, such a loan would entail large interest and frequent payments to the bank, which would possibly worry the student or perhaps urge him into seeking part-time employment which, I believe, would jeopardize the student's scholastic activities. Also, a case may arise where a student has attended college for the first term and finds that, due to arising financial difficulties, he is unable to continue. At this time, the student would be ineligible for a Government bursary, and his only alternative would be a college loan fund.

Another factor which indicates the urgency in continuing student loan funds is the fact that Government scholarships and bursaries are limited. These scholarships are sought by thousands of Manitoba students and there is not enough money available to satisfy all the applicants.

Furthermore, these bursaries are, in a good many cases, granted to students to whom money is not a factor. These students feel that winning a bursary is a glorious accomplishment and they do not see that by absorbing this money they are depriving from entering college another student who is just as worthy of a college education as they themselves. As an example, I may compare my case to that of another student in the College that I attended. We both had applied for Government bursaries. I had been out of school for two years,

but managed to secure relatively good marks. Although this other person had good marks, she was not in dire financial need. However, this girl received a government bursary and I did not. She attends a University, and has found that she is able to pay approximately one hundred dollars to join a fraternity there. Is this how the government bursaries aid our needy students?

In concluding, may I say that, in my opinion, it would be a very great loss if, for any reason, Brandon College were to be deprived of the Dr. J. R. C. Evans Student Loan Fund."

It is sincerely hoped that we may increase the scope of the Fund by bringing the principal sum over the \$20,000.00 mark this year. Your suggestions, comments, and assistance will be very much welcomed by the Brandon executive.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT, DR. J. R. EVANS

I am happy to have this opportunity to relay to you, through the pages of the Alumni News, the latest word regarding progress of the expansion program of Brandon College. In this regard, the following points will, I am sure, be of vital interest to you:

The Master Plan for a 6-year, five million dollar development on the present campus site has been drawn up by an architectural firm.

The first stage of the plan, namely a \$500,000.00 Arts building with Library, is to be commenced in the spring of 1959. It is expected that this building will be in use during the 1959-60 academic year.

As the plans become firmly accepted, the Alumni will be kept informed of the overall picture of the expansion, and of the means by which it will be put into effect.

Your interest and inquiries will be welcomed by the Administration. We are counting on the full support of our Alumni and former students in helping to bring into happy fruition plans for the more adequate and up-to-date campus which has been visualized in the minds of so many for such a number of years. At long last the goal for which we have been striving is in view as Brandon College takes her place in the current trend of progress in higher education.

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It is with deep regret that we report the death of James P. McGregor, '39. Jim was a passenger in a geological survey plane which crashed near Bathurst Inlet, N.W.T., on August 29th of this year. He is survived by his widow and one daughter at Lively, Ontario.

### RISE IN ENROLMENT CREATES NEEDS

The 1958-59 academic year opened for Brandon College with the largest enrolment in her history. For many graduates the Arts and Science Course has, and always will be the core of work at Brandon College. In Arts and Science there are 304 full and part time students enrolled and in addition to this excellent registration the Faculty of Education and Teacher-Training Courses have shown remarkable increases. The total full time enrolment for this term is 338 students. The Music Department, too, is showing a steady increase over previous years' registrations. All of the teachers in the Music Department are working to capacity because of the heavy demand in both senior and elementary music instruction. The College is faced with an overwhelming accommodation problem. The student residences, although they have been expanded to the limit, have been completely filled for the past two years and this year over sixty new students were placed in private homes for board and room. Student functions, both social and academic, are finding that the facilities in Brandon cannot accommodate the enlarged student population.

The College since 1938, has been dependent upon the surrounding area for most of its student population, although indications now are that if the facilities are available students from many parts of the country and the United States would be happy to come. There has been a large increase in the registration in the Science course and it is anticipated that this work will continue with an increasing enrolment. One graduate on returning to the College this year remarked that he did not realize how old buildings really were until he had returned. The main building is almost sixty years old, the Science building is almost forty years old and the only new facilities are provided by an "H" type building available for classroom and the College library. Alumni will be happy to read elsewhere in this issue of the plans for the next five to ten years. The College has established a reputation in the Arts and Science field, Education and Music. Plans are going forward to accommodate these courses as the basic work of the College, and incorporated into the plans are expanded facilities in order to adequately accommodate and instruct the student population which will be increasing annually for the next decade.

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## A Merry Christmas

## A Few News Items

Our news coverage is still far from complete; however, it is hoped that these brief notes may be of interest to you:

During the summer months a number of Alumni members dropped in at the College for a short visit. Mr. and Mrs. W. Affleck (**Gertrude Godley, '27**) of Fort William, Ontario, were in Brandon en route from a motor trip to the West coast. Home from England was **Craig Ferguson, '50**. Craig is teaching in a high school at Kingston, Ontario. **Rev. Riley Smalley, '13**, who is now pastoral assistant at Sydenham St. United Church in Kingston, was a summer visitor to Brandon. Former Physics professor at Brandon, **Dr. Martin Johns**, with his wife and family spent a few days in Brandon visiting with old friends. More recently, **Howard Umphrey, '25** and **Keith McKinnon, '35**, have been renewing acquaintances in the city.

A letter from **Muriel (McCamis) Hunt, '13**, tells us that her son Graham, Class '53, has received his M.Sc. from the University of Alberta and is now in attendance at the University in Edmonton where he is taking advantage of a \$6,000.00 teaching fellowship to complete the work for his Ph.D. degree.

Also at Edmonton, **Finley Campbell, '50**, having received his Doctorate from Princeton Graduate School, has accepted a post on the Geology faculty of the University of Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Brown (**Shirley Faggetter, '49**) spent a month this fall visiting the Scandinavian countries and Central Europe, as part of an architectural tour. Among the highlights of their trip was the time spent at the World's Fair in Brussels.

**Gary McMahon**, a Science Graduate of 1952, is now with the Defence Research Board in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. In the National Pistol Matches at Ottawa this summer, Gary distinguished himself by winning the Canadian Open hand-gun championship. This is the first time that a Canadian has earned this award.

**Al Burton, '52**, has recently been awarded a Ph.D. degree in Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Al is

continuing with his research work at the Canadian Cancer Society's new building at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Rev. Stanley H. Searle, '41**, has returned to Brandon as minister of Knox United Church.

**A. F. Kerr, '32**, and Mrs. Kerr (**Joyce Dennis, '32**) have returned after two years overseas, where Frank was director of schools with the armed services in Germany. He has resumed his post as a school inspector in Winnipeg.

**Rev. G. D. Wilkie, '31**, has left Saskatoon to take a United church in Vancouver.

Dr. Perdue reports that the Class '28 re-union in May was not as well attended as had been planned. However, President Harold F. Gainer, Donald E. Lowe, T. L. Brooks, Mrs. Taylor (Grace Smith) and H. S. Perdue were together. It was decided to make this an annual event from now on, and any member of '28 will be made most welcome by the group. The Perdue home will be the headquarters. Fellow classmates make your plans now!

**Don Dillistone, '56**, has returned to Brandon after a year's sojourn in England, on the Continent, and in the Near East. Don's stories are many and varied, as were his occupations abroad, and his flourishing beard adds a touch of authenticity to an intriguing travelogue.

**Marion (Epton) Lepkin**, Canadian news editor for the Winnipeg Free Press, is at present on an assignment in West Germany, writing a series of articles on Canadian army life there.

A letter from **Bill Keller, '53** and **Doris (Perkin) '43**, tells that they are happily settled in Orillia, Ontario. Bill is teaching in the high school there, and Doris is delighted to continue her housekeeping duties in a brand new home, with their two sons, Bruce and Ross.

The Citizens' Advisory Board to the Loan Fund project has lost two valuable members in the persons of Mr. Tyrus R. Smith and Rev. J. T. Horricks. Mr. Smith, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Brandon, has been transferred to Ottawa. He was particularly instrumental in helping to make the fund workable, and his positive assistance will be very much missed by our group. Mr. Horricks has left Knox United Church in Brandon to accept a call at Carmichael United Church in Regina.

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