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### A MESSAGE FROM DR. ROBBINS

Among the alumni coming to Brandon for the Thanksgiving weekend were a couple of freshmen—more accurately a freshman and a freshette. These were the Robbins, and happily we were allowed to take part in the celebration, in spite of our junior status.

It was a real pleasure to see so many of the students of yesteryear on the campus. It was not a surprise, for I had heard from some of them at the time my appointment was announced, as well as from former professors at the College, and the latter bespoke their continuing interest and loyalty. Stanley Knowles, I imagine, used words that many of you might have used, when he wrote of the "institution that has meant much to a great many of us".

Senior among the former professors from whom I heard was Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, retired president of the University of Western Ontario, who taught Classics here, 1900-09. Next was Dr. D. A. MacGibbon, former head of the Department of Economics, University of Alberta, later member of the Board of Grain Commissioners, now retired and living in Hamilton. He taught Economics at Brandon, 1908-17, and was followed by Dr. W. A. Mackintosh, 1917-19, who wrote from Kingston where he is principal and vice-chancellor of Queen's University: "I have had a long-standing interest in Brandon College and have always had the belief that it had a distinct position in the educational work of the West and a very useful role to fill."

Professor W. C. D. Pacey (English, 1940-44), now head of the Department of English, University of New Brunswick, had a generous word to say of the students of his years in Brandon: "The College was a pleasant place to teach. Most of the students came from small towns or farms, and were genuinely eager to learn. I have never received such an enthusiastic response to my lectures as I had there."

There were messages, too, from Dr. J. H. Aitchison, now professor of Political Science at Dalhousie University, from Dr. L. H. Cragg, vice-president of the University of Alberta, from the Hon. Walter G. Dinsdale, from Heath N. Macquarrie, M.P., and from many others, wishing me well and saying a good word

for the College and the students of their day at Brandon.

Clearly you are members of a respected body—graduates of an institution that holds a place of affection and esteem among those who know it well. It must be my resolve and yours to see that this sound basis of prestige is maintained in the years that lie before us.

### ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The first Alumni Homecoming ever organized at Brandon College was attended by more than one hundred graduates and former students. Taking time off from their Thanksgiving week-end, the Alumni spent October 8 touring the new Arts and Library building, watching the traditional College Caps - Notre Dame Hounds football game, and meeting old friends at the Homecoming Dance.



MISS ANNE LANE  
Homecoming Queen

Football honours went to the visitors from Saskatchewan, who seem to have a habit of winning the Fall classic. The host Caps scored the first touchdown, however, and despite the fact that most of the players were getting their first taste of college competition, played better than the 31-14 score would indicate.

The only Brandon victory in the seven meetings between the two clubs was an 8-7 verdict in 1959.

Of special interest to Alumni was the opening kick-off, performed by Homecoming Queen, Anne Lane, a fourth year Arts student. Miss Lane had arrived on the field in an open convertible, heading the parade which included the other three queen candidates, the cheerleaders, the Legion majorettes, and the Sea Cadets' Marching Band.

The dance in the Earl Oxford School auditorium was the evening attraction. Two skits, one presented by the Students' Association and the other by the Alumni, featured festivities at intermission. Class yells, some of them rusty but all of them loud, provided a traditional conclusion to the dance and gave friends a chance to congregate for the house-parties to follow.

Sunday morning saw a final gathering of the week-end guests and hosts at the Alumni church service in Knox United Church.

### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS FOR 1960-61

Among the members who have joined the Brandon College faculty this year are two alumni. Harvey Young '55, a Master of Science graduate of the University of Alberta, is Instructor in Geology at the College. Barry McLennan '60, is instructor in Junior Physics and Chemistry.

Other new members include: Mr. W. L. Zwerman, a graduate of Cornell University, Instructor in Sociology; Mrs. Lois A. Harvey, instructor in Latin and Junior French, who is a graduate of Manitoba College and the University of Chicago; and Dr. R. Hoare, Provincial Biochemist for Manitoba, who is Honorary Lecturer in Biochemistry at Brandon College.

In the Education Faculty, Dr. Bernadette Gadzella, a graduate of the University of Ottawa, teaches Arithmetic, Science and History of Education.