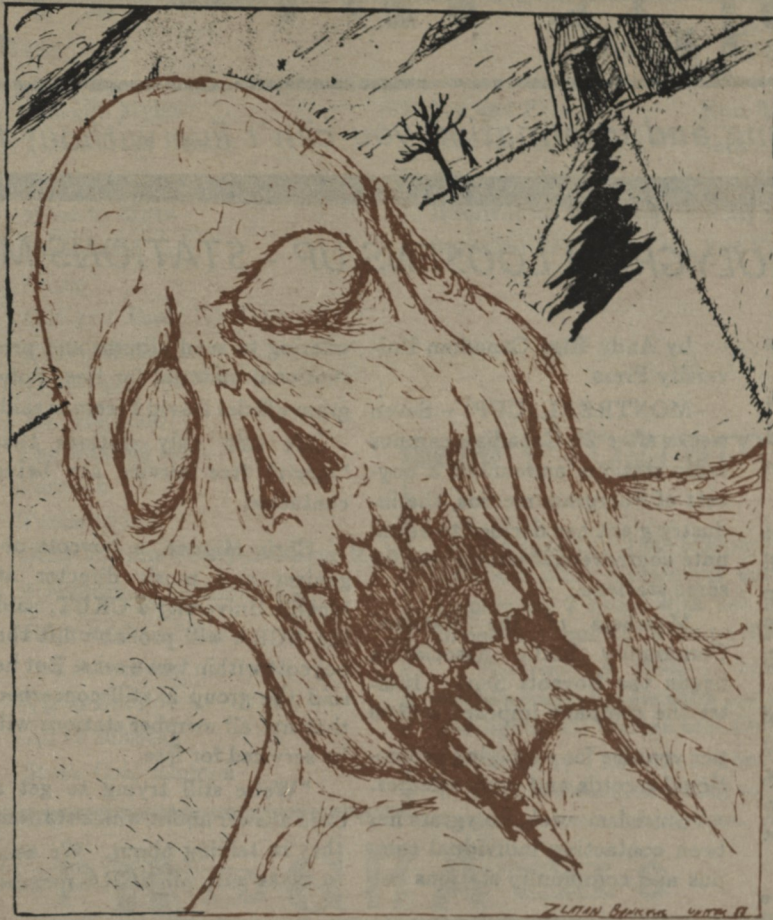


The Ghost of Dalton Hall

by Sean MacIntosh



the drifts and made it safely to the tracks.

It was here that they agreed to walk in single file, taking turns to plow forward; the first making a path for the second - Gagnon ahead, Arseneault behind. This arrangement went on for about a quarter of a mile and then Gagnon stumbled. It was then Arseneault's turn to take the lead and Gagnon was to follow. They continued on for several minutes and upon reaching Blake's, Arseneault glanced back to check Gagnon's progress. He wasn't there. Hurrying back along the path, Arseneault called out but there was no reply. Then the decision had to be made - Stay and look or go to get help? He could not do much on his own so he went to Dalton Hall for help.

The frozen body of Gagnon was found the next morning. He had died from exposure. As the cause of death was obvious, the authorities did not see the need for an inquest and released the body to the Rector of the University. Rev. D.P. Croken accompanied the body to the boy's home in Quebec and the funeral was held a few days later. The incident was over. . .

A week later in Dalton Hall, things were just beginning to get back to normal. Arseneault had just begun to deal with the grief of his friend's loss, when late one night, while studying the Book of Job for his test in the morning,

there was a knock at his door. Marking his place in the text, he got up to open the door and found no one on the other side.

Looking out into the dim corridor, he saw his friend's snow-covered image near the stair. Not daring to trust his senses, he rushed forward but upon reaching the stair, he found the place empty. A cruel illusion of a tired and grief stricken mind. Turning to go back to his room, he trod upon the spot where his friend's image had stood. A bone-numbing cold lanced through his body and he grasped the wall for support. Quickly crossing himself, he ran to the prefect's room to arouse him.

Dragging the still sleepy prefect to the top of the stair, Arseneault conveyed a jumbled sequence of events to an increasingly angered cleric. The stern priest attempted to quiet the young man but Arseneault's adamant refusal to back down drew an ever increasing group of residents. Using his authority, the prefect sent the young men to their rooms with orders to forget the ramblings of a student with an over-active imagination.

This would have been the end of it had not the apparition again appeared one year later - the anniversary of Gagnon's death. The young man occupying the room - Arseneault having graduated - was startled awake by a loud banging on his door. Getting up

to see if it was some prank, he found no one there. Looking for the prankster, he spied a snow-covered man standing near the stair. Thinking nothing of it, he returned to his bed.

Grilling his friends at breakfast the next morning, he soon discovered it was no Earthly form he has seen the night before. Word quickly spread of Gagnon's reappearance.

Every year since, Gagnon has returned to his room in Dalton Hall. After the renovations to the building, it was not used as a residence and therefore no reappearance was recorded. This, however, changed when a student working late one night on the third floor of Dalton was surprised by a knock at his classroom door. Upon opening the door he noticed a snow-covered man standing in the hall. He called out to the figure but there was no response. After several seconds and the blink of an eye, the man was no longer there. Walking over to the spot where the man had stood, the student crossed a patch of floor that sent a cold wave through him.

It seems Mr. Gagnon's attachment to Dalton Hall is great indeed.

The above story is an author's reconstruction of the facts. The incidents described did actually occur, although the author has taken liberties and altered certain details for dramatic effect. Blake's as mentioned in the third paragraph, is the present-day location of the R.C.M.P. Barracks on University Avenue. Mr. Gagnon was a student at Saint Dunstan's University between 1923 and 1926.

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Fall Fest Schedule

Tuesday: David Wilcox
(Wet/Dry)

Thursday October 26:
Comedy Night

See Corky and the Juice Pigs, Canada's Number One campus comedy trio, with their special guests, Barenaked Ladies.
(Wet/Dry)

Admission \$3.00 at the door. Comedy at its best.

Saturday October 28:
7:00

UPEI Panthers VS. Mt. Allison Mounties Hockey game.

Pre-Game party at the Panther lounge.

Specials and Munchies.
6:30

Vans leave for the Forum from the Barn and the residences. Free admission to the Pub for those who use vans.

9PM - 1AM
Wet/Dry Halloween Pub
Music by Curfew
Costume prizes.

Admission \$4.00, \$3.00 with costume.

Advance \$3.00 Wednesday/Thursday at the Minicenter.



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