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The murmurs present some time ago have now changed to definite palpitations and the air is charged with a feeling of recrimination. The medical students feel that they are being treated unjustly and, it seems, they want some action. The writer, here, is trying to portray the case of the students in an attempt to let the college know why they want action.

It should first be made clear that the students do not object to anything which will help the cause for which the empire is fighting, rather they are anxious to do their utmost to play their part in this war against the barbarism of ruthless dictatorships. Many of the students belong to units of the Canadian army and are on leave to attend class but they resent the interference with their work. They have been told, as have all medical students, that they can best serve their country by continuing their studies without interruption. As our inspiring leader, Winston Churchill, puts it "the civilian can best play his part by going about his business with as little interruption and delay as is possible; in other words 'Business as usual'!"

Up to this point, the students co-operated with the University and have faithfully attended parades and put their best into their training but now, three weeks before examinations, they feel that they should be left free to continue their medical studies. Success in their medical studies means a great deal to most students as it represents the realization of an ambition which they have had with them for many years, it also means a great deal to their families, who are making great personal sacrifices to raise the money to educate their children. If any student should fail this session it represents the loss of a good many man-hours which the country is so anxious to avoid in time of war and it also represents the loss of money which could have been invested otherwise.

It is evident from the utterings of most of the students that they wish to serve their country. They say "If the country needs doctors then let us continue our work without interruption, but if they want soldiers then let us join the army and get into the battle. Let's, however, do one or the other".

To cite a specific example; in third year medicine at Dalhousie, the student spends seven (7) hours a week studying surgery, the gentleman cadet spends eight (8) hours a week training, and the trainee spends six (6) hours a week learning rifle drill and marching. Surely the army needs doctors who are capable surgeons and yet these students spend more hours a week in military training than they do training as surgeons. A peculiar set-up, to say the least.

It also appears on investigation that the military set-up is not, as we were led to believe, the same in all Canadian Medical schools. At McGill, for instance, third and fourth year students, at this stage definitely potential doctors, are exempted from training but may train in the O.T.C. if they so desire. Instead of six or eight hours a week on parade they have lectures two hours a week on medical subjects of military significance. This is certainly a more far-sighted policy than exists at Dalhousie.

When the original Compulsory Military Service Act was passed it was emphasized that the training of professional men would not suffer, but this is certainly not the case at this university. The average medical student did not in the past take an average of eight hours a week for recreation and it is certain that, regardless of official statements, the standard of the college must drop as a result of this time lost. If the college is willing to see this happen the students are not and, if memories are correct, they are definitely in a mood to make the college authorities take some action on the matter.

To sum up, every student approached by the writer has signified his willingness to give one month or even three months next summer for training, but they resent the interference with their work at the present time. Let us follow an old saying, "do one thing at a time and do it well!"

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Dal Debaters Downed at Mt. A.

Two Big Hops for January Budget Specialists and Engineers

Commerce Informal

The first big dance after the Christmas holidays will be provided by the Commerce Society in the Gym. The date, January 7th. The price—\$1.00 per couple.

All that includes refreshments, Jerry Naugler's Orchestra and a time—It is in the form of an extension to your Christmas holidays. No one can deny that the Commerce students have juggled their figures in an effort to give you such a great dance without exploiting the contents of your ragged Xmas shopping trouser pockets.

Boilermakers Ball

The Engineering Society announce that a committee has been chosen and that preparations are under way for the second big dance of the new year.

Their meeting was held on Tuesday at noon and the date set for the ball is the 3rd Friday in January.

C. O. T. C. Briefs

During the past week the boys of the contingent continued their training with the same "esprit de corps" that was characteristic of them during their route march several weeks ago. Although still without greatcoats they carry on during these biting fall days and find their pleasure warming-up by doubling once or twice around the track during parades.

In general, the training of the unit seems to be progressing satisfactorily in the eyes of Major Hogan and his fellow officers. Congratulations are extended to Kenneth Jones, who recently received his promotion from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant. It is, indeed, a pleasure to all to see two old Dalhousians return to aid in the instruction and training of the unit. These two old Dalhousians are Lieut. Bill Wickwire and 2nd Lieut. Rolly Ritchey—both fine men with strong characters and pleasing personalities.

It is learned that a number of the boys are going to have a chance at their first paper for a Lieutenant's Commission this coming December. The best of luck is extended to them and may they all have the good fortune of soon becoming officers.

After Christmas the boys will be back in harness and going to it again, so until then—compliments of the season.

W. J. MacINNES.

One Moment « « Please

Effective Speaking Club will meet Monday, Dec. 2nd, in the Arts Bldg. Time, 7.15 p.m. The topics are: "Resolved that Canadian Universities can make their greatest contribution to Canada's war effort by concentrated instruction in Science"; "Resolved that fine feathers make fine birds".

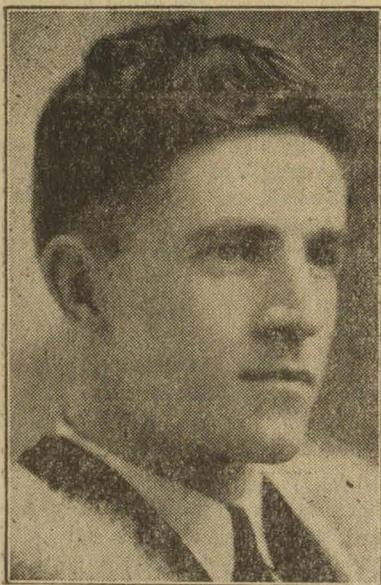
How do you know that you can't speak? Turn out and make a startling discovery.

The Newfoundland Club will meet

Jerry Naugler's band will provide the music and the price will be \$3.50 per couple.

The committee in charge includes: Bert Perrot, Trois Rivières; Johnny Moore, Liverpool; Bert Vail, Sydney; Jack MacKenzie, Halifax; Bill Messervey, Halifax; Ian James, Halifax.

A Sportsman . . .



WEBSTER MACDONALD

Students' Council In Long Session

At a meeting of the council of the students which broke up just before midnight Tuesday a motion presented by Henry Reardon involving a ruling on exemptions from military training intended to preclude Dal Executive appointments as grounds for exemptions, was turned down by a vote of 7-6, the majority preferring not to take the suggested action at this time.

Other business (handled) included:

1. The budget to support Dalhousie's entry in the College-Services league was passed.

2. The all-important Malcolm Honor Award Committee was chosen.

3. The annual Dalhousie-Kings agreement was passed. The King's College athletes, through such an arrangement, are provided with the facilities for training in the Dal Gym and on the campus football field.

4. Henry Reardon reported on the possibility of a Dalhousie Band being incorporated into the C.O.T.C. unit. He said there is an army musician in Halifax, a very capable one at that, who stresses the necessity of having new instruments before such a project can be launched. It is possible, however, and Major Hogan is making every effort possible to get the new equipment from military authorities. Let's hope for the best.

on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1st, at 2.30, in the Arts Building.

All members of the Senior Class of '41 are requested to have their photographs taken at the Climo studios (next to Henry Birks & Sons). Special prices have been arranged. Watch for further notices.

Commerce Society: Short meeting Tuesday noon. Room 3. Dance plans.

A Successful Scholar . . .



JOAN BLACKWOOD

Malcolm Award

The captions above happen appropriately to fit the three student members of the Malcolm Honor Award Committee, selected Tuesday by the Council, but they are really the description applied to Jimmy Malcolm in whose honor the highest Dal award is given. Students who emulate his record are potential recipients. Dr. Bell and Dr. Wilson were the faculty members of the committee chosen. Joan Blackwood won the award on graduating last year.

Moot Court Stern As Kapak Censored One Dollar Fine Imposed

During the last session of the Moot Court, Willie Kapak was fined for contempt of Court. He refused to pay the fine and escaped the custody of the Sheriff. A special session of the Court was called Friday, Nov. 22, to try Kapak on a charge of gross contempt.

The case was a serious one, due to the nature of the offence. This was one of a very few cases in the history of the Law School, where a person fined refused to comply with the ruling of the Court.

The prisoner elected to try his own case, but being unlearned in procedure his questions were incompetent and immaterial. He gave up in despair on being rebuked by the Judges for his improper conducting of the case.

Frank Corcoran, L. C. J., in his

Arts and Science Pass Amendments

Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Arts & Science Society were passed and put on record at the meeting held on Thursday, in the Chemistry Theatre.

Henceforth the financial situation will be:

1. That the fees handed in to the society by the classes of '43 and '44 be turned back to those classes.

2. Beginning September 1941, all new Arts & Science students coming into the society must pay a membership fee of \$1.00.

3. That all students at present taking Arts & Science pay a fee of 50 cents to cover their membership—this ticket makes one a member from January 1941 to the date of one's graduation.

Other more outstanding issues making up the new constitution are that:

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Decision Close In First Foray Individualism Gaudet's Stand King Shows Up Well

Dalhousie debaters lost a two-one decision to Mount Allison in their first debate of the season, which took place at Mount Allison on November 22nd. The Resolution was, "Resolved that higher citizenship can be produced by government legislation." Ross Robertson and Nathan Cohn represented the affirmative side for Mount Allison, while Walter Gaudet and Ted King took the negative. Edgar MacWilliam, chairman of the M.I.C.D.L., presided.

. . . and a Gentleman



G. M. (Mike) SMITH

judgment outlined the various methods by which a culprit may be punished, emphasizing the fact that crime is not personal in its nature but affects society. He warned the prisoner that such conduct warranted graver measures but in leniency imposed a nominal fine of one dollar.

Crown Prosecutor George C. Corston called Frèd Thurgood, Harold MacAdam and Fred Forbes as witnesses for the prosecution. No witnesses were called by the prisoner in his own defense.

Mr. Robertson began the debate by defining the various terms, and then discussing the nature of law and the conditions under which higher citizenship could be produced. He pointed out that Law was not the only factor involved, but that it was a paramount necessity for an active and useful civilization. He illustrated this point by examples chosen from the great civilizations of the past. Mr. Cohn concluded the affirmative by discussing the necessity for law in our own time. He emphasized that by government law was meant that kind of legislation which the judgment of the community approved and was willing to see enforced.

Mr. Gaudet, in opening the negative, stated that government legislation only hampered man's individualism and that all great events had been inspired by individuals. He continued to say that the natural dignity of man would be destroyed by such excessive use of the law as we now find in the totalitarian states. Mr. King considered the need of moral and religious organization today. He also made the rebuttal for Dalhousie, and was followed by Robertson, who ended the debate.

In an interview Mr. Gaudet stated that the trip had been a very enjoyable one and that the Mt. A. boys (and coeds) had been very considerate. Himself, a debating veteran, Gaudet had high praise for his partner, Ted King, who was making his first appearance as a debater for Dal.

? D I P O ? Dalhousie Institute of Public Opinion

DO YOU STUDY IN LIBRARY?

Most Dalhousie students apparently study in the Library at least part of the time. 78% of students quizzed had actually spent at least 12 hours in one or other of the Campus Libraries this fall (or said they had). The other 22% hadn't. One student candidly admitted that he never studied in the Library, but added that he wrote all his themes there.

DO YOU APPROVE OF DUTCH DATES?

Sentiment among students on this question is hopelessly divided, but 47%, or very nearly half, think that Dutch dates are definitely a bad thing and should be discouraged. This includes about 65% of the girls and 90% of the lawyers quizzed. 31% like them, mostly males at Studley and in medicine. 8% say it all depends on who the date is, 5% more suggest that it depends on other circumstances. 7% are still in the primeval ooze of subconscious invertebracy and have no opinion on this world-making subject. Orchids go to one tolerant individual who doesn't care what nationality his dates belong to, and one seemingly inexperienced coed who "wouldn't know what to do with one if she had one."

ARE YOU FIGHTING DIPHTHERIA?

DIPO is becoming public-minded and so decided to find out how many Dal students really have been taking advantage of the services of the Health Clinic in preventing the spread of diphtheria in the city and college. 68% of students quizzed have either had a toxoid injection or been tested and found immune, but the fairly high proportion of 32% had done nothing whatever about the epidemic. Law has the lowest record of all faculties, reporting only 27% toxoided or immune. Medicine, appropriately enough, has the greatest proportion alive to the perils of disease.

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BAYONETS AND BRAINS

When students and professors returned to their classes this fall they faced a new situation. The war, which last year was little more than a good news story, had begun seriously to threaten the Empire, even the western hemisphere. Public opinion impressed upon government authorities the impatience of the people with the slow rate at which volunteers for the armed forces were being accommodated and a systematic compulsory plan of training was introduced during the summer; a plan whereby the fullest use was to be made of Canada's manpower.

During the summer, too, Canadian university presidents met with some cabinet ministers and devised a scheme, presumably a compromise, by which university males could proceed with their studies without being called up during the term. It called for campus training corps during the academic year and a two weeks camp in the spring. The plan was hailed as a concession to students and a move in keeping with the Government's professed desire to let higher education proceed unhampered.

When the training program was published one aspect of it caused surprise, for it appeared that despite the government's difficulty in providing equipment and personnel for the training of the twenty-one-year-olds called up the universities were able to train males of all ages who registered and that no exemptions would be made on grounds either of age or weight of studies. Young medics, training for a skilled profession vitally needed in the war effort, needed to fill ranks seriously depleted by the overseas demand, were to take as many hours on the drill grounds as Arts students with a minimum course of studies and in training for no specific profession. These individuals particularly were amazed when it was announced that there was to be no slackening off of drill hours towards examination time. They felt that more consideration could have been paid to their physiques and their grades as well.

It is suggested that the university presidents in their meeting this summer were conscious of an element in public opinion, perhaps encouraged by the press, which considered the university student as occupying a privileged position and considered advanced learning as a luxury in which a nation at war could not indulge. And so they were quick to proclaim that every man at university would be trained as a soldier. The university would surpass the government scheme in drilling men of all ages, married or single, exempting only the physically unfit. The Government did nothing to assist the college chiefs in their situation with regard to public opinion, making public no official satisfaction with the plan, leaving the universities to announce it themselves.

While recognizing the need of a systematic and equalitarian plan of compulsory military training, we believe that it is up to the students to support determinedly those of their professors who do not wish to see the academic standards of their institution forced down by an unbalanced public opinion or by over-officious officials. If invasion were expected this winter it would be foolish to talk of studies in anything but military strategy, but sane people will admit that Canada's task at present is to organize her whole economy and her whole social structure into a military machine which utilizes every science and every skill her manpower is capable of providing.

Canada needs men and women with a trained intelligence. Canada needs doctors, she needs scientists and engineers and administrators. She needs all the able-minded men the universities are capable of turning out. A military plan that will make no concessions to heavy and important study-courses, that is so inflexible and incognisant of the importance of non-military education that it can do nothing to ease the strain imposed on students near examination time is a menace to the country's efficiency and, therefore, security. Students have cooperated commendably throughout all the universities in facilitating the training plan. They have done so at Dalhousie. Just now, however, some of them are wondering if there is not some way of preventing the university from becoming an ill-preserved backyard to the army. Surely they are not to be considered disloyal because they wish to serve with brains as well as bayonets.

LITERARY

"The middle-class tradition—a picture of decay, of pathetic impotency, tragic illusion."

Stephen Spender, in a recent address to the Association of Writers for Intellectual Liberty, has described the relation of the artist to society in the following terms. It is, firstly, "the understanding that the artist is trying to interpret a reality which, even if it presses on him with a certain extra intensity, nevertheless exists, with all its problems, for everyone;" and secondly, "that there is a demand by the most educated and fully conscious members of society to have reality interpreted by the artist."

If we assume that this relationship exists between the artist and society, we will find that the factors which are involved underwent gradual and far-reaching changes with the coming of the machine and the rise of modern industrial civilization. Previously those who demanded the work of the artist were men of wealth and leisure with an age-old tradition "of spending their ducats upon collecting lovely paintings or hiring bands of musicians or endowing beautiful churches." These were the day of the patrons of the arts; the aristocrats, who demanded the interpretations of the artist, whether from love and delight, from vanity or from boredom. For his services, the artist was supported, frequently half-heartedly, as a servant, but nonetheless he was able to carry on his work in some degree of comfort.

Gradually the old order began to pass away. The merchant replaced the landed aristocrat in prestige and wealth; professional and small business groups became more numerous; peasants, unable to compete with the machine, found their way into the factories and workshops. There was no longer a demand for art, no longer a patron to support a promising artist. The new man of wealth had no art tradition, and found little or no enjoyment in such work. The second group was too busy trying to keep its head above water to be bothered with art, and as for the working class, they had been torn completely from their moorings. No longer were they even remotely connected with a common culture or loyalty. Waldo, in *The Story of an African Farm*, says of such people: "You may work, and work, and work, till you are only a body, not a soul. Work is good. I have worked at the old farm from the sun's rising till its setting, but I have had time to think, and time to feel. You may work a man so that all but the animal in him is gone; and that grows stronger with physical labour. You may work a man till he is a devil."

The man to man relation that had previously existed between the artist and his patron became a relation between the artist and the market. Art became a commodity, a piece of merchandise. The artist felt no responsibility for trying to interpret a common reality, indeed there was no common reality that was meaningful. In such circumstances, the artist "has to decide for himself what reality is, or he may even decide to ignore it altogether; he stands on his own ground, or perhaps he stands on no ground."

As the industrial revolution gained momentum, new groups came into existence: the wealthy man with new leisure, the scientist, the professional man, all of the great privileged middle class, living comfortably and securely. With these changes there is a growing mass of "educated and conscious members of society" who appreciate and demand the work of the artist. But the artist in interpreting reality must interpret the reality he knows and the reality known to his audience. Today, "the medium of art springs from a middle class environment. This tradition is so strong that even if an artist springs from the working class, he writes in that tradition and about that kind of life." The working class has no cultural tradition and is almost completely cut off from the art of our day which interprets a reality quite unfamiliar to it. Their life is one "continually in the grip of facts such as poverty, the struggle for a livelihood, ugliness, and the overwhelming weight of an industrial environment as different and moneyed environment as the eighteenth century is from the twentieth."

The environment of the middle class has been almost completely dominated by modern science, and yet people have accepted the fruits of science as they accept the weather. They have no knowledge of the wonder with which the scientist sees the world. The artist, in his interpretation of the natural world, is faced with the gigantic task of making men appreciatively aware of this aspect of reality. Lotka, a famous biologist, ask the question: "If the simple Hebraic myth was competent to inspire a Haydn to compose an Oratorio of the Creation, what tone poem shall adequately celebrate the new meaning, in the mind of the modern astronomer, of the words—

"The Heavens declare the Glory of God
 The Wonder of His power proclaims the firmament."

In human relationships we see a society in which all the values of life are submitted to money values, we see an enormous mass of people completely shut off from our cultural traditions and without traditions of their own, and we see a world racked by wars of almost unimaginable dimensions. And the artist writing in the middle class tradition must present a picture of decay, of pathetic impotency, tragic illusion.

Romain Rolland in *Jean-Christophe* says "Art is life tamed. Art is the Emperor of life." Today life is so far beyond our understanding and appreciating of it, that one may doubt if we shall ever touch it, let alone tame it.

HUMAN NATURE—SO WHAT?

Newton, Sept. 20 — A young woman, with long brown hair and hazel eyes, about 5 ft. 6 in. tall, jumped off Center Bridge here today. She was wearing a black crepe dress and a black coat, but no hat. With much difficulty the body was recovered from the river after five hours' search. The victim has not yet been identified.

Yes, sergeant, that's my wife. How long had we been married? Six months. But I swear it isn't my fault she did this. I did everything I could to please her. You believe me, don't you sergeant? I really did want her to be happy.

You see, it's this way. When I first met Mary, she was pretty hot stuff. The men just flocked around her and everybody knew she had what it takes. Well, she took a shine to me and that was O.K. by yours truly. I like taking other men's women out. However, the action wasn't on my part, you understand, because just then I had Ethel on my hands. Later, Mary wanted to marry me, reform me you know. I thought she might just as well, so I made Ethel leave. How did I get rid of her? How does any man get rid of a woman, serg.?

Then I made my great mistake. I let Mary go away for the winter. She wanted to take a better job in another town so that she could buy a trousseau. Mary was always a nice girl. Couldn't think of getting married without a trousseau. Well, she went away, and I began to get lonesome, so Ethel and me got kind of chummy again. Real chummy, you might say. When Mary came back in the Spring I didn't really want to marry her. But she was a nice girl. I didn't like to let her down. She was "nuts" about me.

Finally we were married and settled down in our new place. She knew I'd had other women before her, but she didn't know about Ethel and the Winter she was away. She thought at least I was honest. She thought I meant what I said when I kissed her, that I didn't want to kiss any other women now. Then one day she heard about it from a pal of mine. He was tight. God, it was awful. She'd never learned about the horrors of unhappiness. She had believed what they told her in the movies and stories, that everything turns out happily in the end.

The two figures, the policeman and the big man with a red beard, approached closer to the cold, still body laid out in the morgue. The sightless eyes that stared up at the ceiling seemed full of tears.

The big man with a red beard groaned and rolled over on his side in the bed. Then he looked at his watch.

"My God," he muttered, "dreams like those are the result of being brought up to have a conscience when you're young. But, just the same, I guess I had better go down and identify the body today. Get it over with. Now, let me see. Ten o'clock. I wonder if I phone Ethel if she'd be awake yet."

Amendments --

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1. In the future, Freshmen are to be admitted to the society no later than the 2nd meeting—instead of the after Xmas policy previously in force.
2. One member will be chosen from each class at Studley to sit with the Arts & Science executive.
3. There will be two presentations of the financial report per annum instead of the customary one.
4. All committees to be elected at open Arts & Science Society meetings.
5. Special events committee composed of five persons instead of three. Bill Meade replaces Blanchard Wiswell as a member of this group.
6. A meeting to be always held immediately after Christmas. Presence of some of the Engineering Society caused a bit of confusion, but the latter was controlled by President Inez Smith.

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NONSENSE 'N STUFF

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The Unveiling of the Silent Column, or Down With the Dilemmagogues.

When the prisoner at the bore, Willie Gaychap, had recovered from the gas attack laid down by Crank Courtmoran of the Snoot Court he was escorted by a bevy of ex-officio constabulary to the murky caverns of the Haunt of the Ghouls, where Sir George Knightlife was dissolving his friend, John Fastman, in a large beaker—a desperate effort to the greenish-brown haze so necessary to the proper functioning of this column.

With an imperious gesture, Baron Frankfurter waved the luckless Gaychap to the hotbox, where constables Tramway and MacTwitcheie pinned forward his ears and left him for a thorough drying.

Meanwhile, out on the quod George Coarse-one and his filthy-fifteen were dashing about with bottles and large spoons, frantically administering soothing syrup to sundry studes too numerous to mention who had become hoarse in the process of a whispering campaign directed to Sammy Skunk, whose abnormal consumption of polar pies was beginning to cause suspicion.

Hank Weir-one, encumbered by an enormous Union Jack, had given up the chase and taken a position at the street corner, where, with one thumb extended, he made pleading gestures at passing members of the P. E. I. Light Penguin Guards, who, mistaking him for the statute of Equality* clattered up unheeding on their penguins.

Although nothing was needed to add to the confusion, Cholly Robots and his medical minions supplied it by showering great shoals of impropaganda pamphlets about the sidewalks.

D. Birdlegs Black, sensing a story, pounced on one of the leaflets, but found it to be nothing more than a weather report predicting a storm of great proportions for Dec. 1st. Major Hokum hurried by in a rain-coat.

Binnet at Bay.

The confusion spread to the faculty, Prof. G. Vibrant Galloper blundering by mistake into Binnet's English Toot group and telling them that John Milkman was a clumsy fool, that he didn't know quartz from pintz, rum from rye, or mountains from molehills.

Binnet, screaming with revenge, went frothing into the Dawson Geoligical Club with the news that New Zealand was a bigger country than Canada in every important way; had better weather, more gold, symphony orchestras and socialists and that her Navy could lick ours any day.

Just then the door groaned open on its hinges and none other than Wilbur P. Fizzleque entered, bearing the last straw in his tousled hair with seventeen females, still slightly fuddled from their hour at the Madloathsom Society, where Miss Tadd had been exhibiting a new approach to the germ dormant, careening after him, each and every one of them leading an underserving skeleton by the metacarpus left extreme. "Back to your closets, boys," they were bawling, "until next year's Med Ball."

Where will this end? Right here. Goodnight.

*A new idea, begun in Russia, which has appeared on the campus since the war.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

They find fault with the editor, The stuff we print is rot; The paper is as peppy as a cemetery lot.

The rag shows rotten management, The jokes, they say, are stale; The upper classmen holler, The lower classmen rail.

But when the paper's issued (We say it with a smile) If someone doesn't get one You can hear him yell a mile.

—The Southwestern.

Prof. (To 9.20 student)—So glad to see you; but you should have been here at 9.00."

Fresh: "Why, what happened?" —Daily Athenaeum.

The Third Estate

Does DIPO Represent an Accurate Expression of Student Opinion?

Harry Smith, Post Grad.

As accurate as lies within the physical endurance of the questioner, who, to obtain the most accurate expression, would be forced to confront and hold conversation with everyone on both campuses. Ugh!

Muriel Barry, Freshette:

No! I think the whole thing's "dippy" myself. They don't ask enough people . . . they never asked me.

Allen Finlay, Science:

That depends on how many people are asked. I suppose it is as accurate an opinion as you could get without taking a ballot. Say, what is this?

Kathryn Robinson, Arts:

Statistically, yes. I think they really do count the answers. But the way the questions are asked—it's insane! They must be trying to imitate those statistics fiends you meet in the States.

Dulcie Sparkes, Freshette:

They don't ask enough people. After all, sixty people are a very small part of eight hundred odd. Of course most people probably say what they think.

Allan Gardner, Arts:

No! Accuracy and Dal student opinions, when considered together, can only result in a paradox.

Obiter Scripta

That storms can brew in a teacup was amply demonstrated to Obiter Scripta upon hearing that certain Senior Law students took exception to remarks of a gay nature which were passed on in the last column under this title. The remarks object to dealt with the posting of extra lectures in some Law courses, the reason for which was obscure to the writer and to everyone else at the time the column was written. Since then good and sufficient cause for such extra classes has been shown; so, for the benefit of those who failed to take up the humour, or attempted humour if you will, involved I say, "Someone erred in trying to be subtle and I fear it was yours truly". In any event, I hope that this little dig will absolve from all blame another writer for the Gazette who was accused, without warrant, of having written the dastardly lies which were of such a "serious" nature.

Current rumour has it that the Medical Society plans to ask that military training for the med students be halted on December first, so as to give the boys a little time in which to prepare themselves for their Christmas exams. The request seems very reasonable, and everyone concerned hopes that the settlement of the request may be reached without any unpleasantness. All students, not excluding the Meds themselves, have a great deal of sympathy for those who have to work in labs and lecture rooms all day, take in military training, and try to plug for their examinations all at the same time. The sympathy on the part of the bystanders is certainly not dampened by the prospect that it may be possible for all hands to ring in on this concession, if it is granted.

Belated congratulations to the Delta Gamma Society and to the Royal Canadian Navy Band for the excellent programme they presented on the seventeenth. Many people have spoken about the high quality of all the entertainment, and hope that, in view of the substantial success of the concert in all respect,

Say 99

Last week's copy for this column reached us in good time for insertion this week. Strangely enough it is still good.—Ed.

As usual the Med. Ball is the best dance of the year. Everybody had a lovely time at the party except one fellow who turned up late, and didn't pay his way in, therefore not deserving a good time, anyway. The usual complaints were rampant afterwards—from those who did not behave, the complaints mostly toxic symptoms; from those who did it was the old one, that they had to look after those who didn't. ("I had to put him to bed five different times, and you should see the scars—AND the most beautiful black eye!") Oh, well, even if the furniture suffered the partyites felt no pain till later.

It's old news but it's stood the test of time and you ought to know—You see Rose was at a dinner and, being jovial by nature, called a waiter. "Waiter," he said, "Did you hear the one about the . . . seamen?" "No," says the waiter, "what is it?" Squelched? you could hear Reggie's gasp in Truro.

And speaking of Seamen, Liverpool's sons passed Pathology in advance as Cal's car, loaded with blue- noses picked up a certain quiet, scholarly professor out of the muck and rain that has obscured Halifax for the past week.

Fickle Fame! Hardly a mention this year of last year's renowned Council president. Visiting him in his cave deep in the glistening white-bath tub atmosphere of the Victoria General (B6321, for the benefit of B9746) we found he evinced a singular desire to go to New Glasgow. We didn't ask him to explain—you may, if you wish.

"Ryder Cowboy!" shouts Mackenzie, careering away from the concert!

Among the peoples' shoes whose we wouldn't like to be in of is the previous columnist's what we pinch hit for when Fiendel and Bob catch up with him if ever because.

Subversive talk is being heard around the campus. Such remarks as bear on the future of our beloved dirt columns must be taken seriously. Otherwise reasonably sane persons have been heard to say in the presence of some of our most eminent columnists that such and such a column is mean, deals always with the same characters, etc. If we authors (?) are driven to unite then heaven help the student body, for no mercy will be forthcoming from us. If you want something to criticize, follow the lead of last week's

future programmes of the same caliber may be arranged. The Glee Club might serve well by promoting such concerts to be held on the occasional Sunday night, and let the Dalhousie student know that there is some really fine musical talent on this campus.

The Pig Sty



"Greater love hath no man than this". When Johnny McLellan's date from out of town failed to show up, his pal broke the date with Laura. In consequence neither had the pleasure. Nice goin', Gal.

Charlie "Fide" Doyle is in the "Doghouse" again. Even dogs have to have something to "get everything they want", Charlie.

The "Eternal Freshman" is getting it in the end again. Nothing trivial, we hope, George.

The date that looked "just like Margie" turned out to be no one else

Dalhousie's who's who



Today we wish to introduce a quiet, capable young man known in the land of "Forrest" and "Studley" as Pete Nicholson, B. Com. or perhaps better known in the land of "Rangoon" as Picklesome Pete.

Pete was born in Springhill, N. S., where he took his early schooling. Then he moved to Glace Bay, C. B., and graduated from Glace Bay High School in 1936. In the Fall of the same year he entered Dal as a freshie-soph in the Faculty of Commerce.

Next year as a Junior, Pete was the Commerce representative on the Students' Council. Besides his scholastic duties and those of a "solon", he ably headed the Gate Committee. The grand finale of the year came in the spectacular contest between Bud MacKenzie and Pete for President of the Students' Council. Fifteen votes gave "Bud" the advantage, but we shall never forget how Pete led Studley so very near to victory.

In his Senior year Pete was "member-at-large" on the Council. He headed the Munro Day Committee as chairman and he was elected President of the Commerce Society.

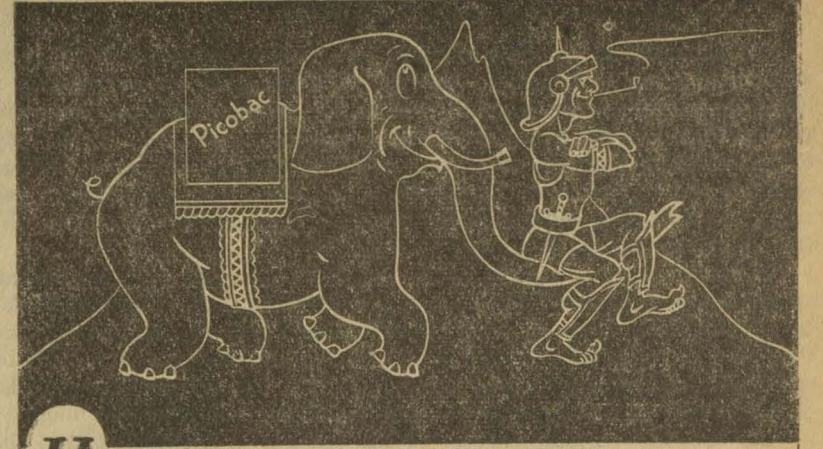
'39 brought Nicholson back to us once again, this time to study Law. That year he was Treasurer of the Weldon Inn Legal Fraternity. The Year Book editor also claimed him for his associate editor.

The Council awarded Pete an honorary gold "D" for his untiring efforts and co-operation in student activities.

Now he is in second year Law and

editorial and DIPO—after all, in a year when we are getting almost nothing for our ten bucks, surely we can expect competent management of bulletin boards, decent periodicals in the common rooms, a student directory issued so that we won't be forced to start using in the Christmas holidays. This is a year when Council should have more money than the just barely adequate. How about our property-porr Glee Club? Give them a break. — Spots, floods, drops, honestly, they haven't a thing. What good is a splendid stage if you can't light it, give it proper scenery, act on it, etc? Must the Medical and Law Common rooms go on for ever with just the morning papers, while Arts and Science basks year after year in the literary light of a welter of interesting literature. We want Esquire!

is secretary-treasurer of the Law Society. Besides being on the committee which so capably handled the Law Ball, Pete also finds time to write for the Gazette. No doubt as time goes on he shall add more laurels to his colorful career and, as they say, "more power to him" and



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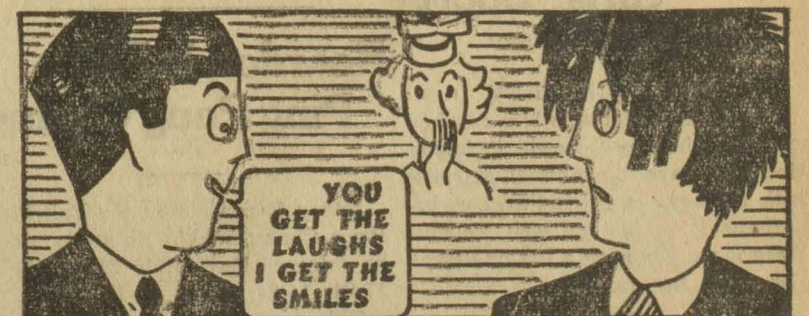
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ST. MARY'S C.O.T.C. TAKE FIRST HOCKEY GAME, 2-1

SPORT SHOTS

BY DON BLACK

With basketball on the way more will have to be shown if Dal is to participate in an Intermediate League. It is recognized that probably a lot of the players who can qualify for senior company have not come out yet but that does not help Bernie any in calculating just how he is going to get teams in both leagues that will be worth representing us. There should be no difficulty of the Intermediates taking the game next week but Kings will turn out some snappy players that are bound to give the Dal boys a go for their money.

Cancellation of ground hockey saves this department from getting an appropriation for flowers for those who fell in the fray. Fortunately for the girls a snow storm intervened between them and the prowess of Red Payne's Shin Crushers. This does not mean, however, that they will be entirely freed from the game, but only that it is postponed and will be played at some future date, that is if the D.G.A.C. can raise a squad.

As to other feature matches of the year, it is anticipated that the Students' Council will face off against the D.A.A.C. at a special game sometime after the New Year. A skating session for all those holding Council tickets is also mooted on a similar arrangement to last year.

With Reardon the Ping Pong champion, he starts with a good lead on the possible winner of the spring tournament. It is also to the credit of Colin Smith that he made way for Henry and played himself to give him a bona fide entry into the tournament. We are picking Dave Doig to come up against Reardon again in the college championships in the spring. Comparatively early elimination of our journalistic friend Bain Munro, can be marked up to lack of practice and perhaps just a little to the loss of the former style.

Exchanges tell us that the Mount Allison Argosy Weekly has ceased publishing a sport page. We stumble on in a limited way but are at times tempted to turn the space over to Rufus Rayne. There has been little drop in actual news to be covered this year so far.

A drop is expected early in the New Year with no intercollegiate basketball or girl's sport, but the page is continuing. We have not had to yet, as in the case of Mount Allison, strain every faculty to get life into interfaculty competition.

As this is the last issue before Christmas, the usual greetings to everyone and the hope that you all get nice passes to start the New Year. See you in '41.

Law, Commerce Hoop Winners

In the opening game of the evening, Law extended their winning streak to two straight games by defeating Arts & Science 37-13.

The lawyers used their height and greater experience to pile up a substantial lead in the first half which they maintained throughout the game. In the first half, Anderson and Lyall each scored three baskets to pace the winners, while Forsythe scored three for the losers. The half ended with law leading 18-7.

The second half was all Law's as Anderson, Piercey and McRitchie scored many baskets. Forsythe, Barrett and Harrison, each scored a basket for Arts & Science. In this half law outscored their opponents 19-6.

Law: Anderson 11, Hutchins 2, Hanway 4, Lyall 6, Piercey 10, McRitchie 4.
Arts and Science: Forsythe 8, Fraser, Diamond 1, Boite, Barrett 2, Harrison 2.

Engineers kept pace with Law by winning from Medicine by default. The Meds failed to put a team on the floor. The following turned out for Engineers: Vail, MacKenzie, James, Dumont, Solomon.

This win puts Engineers in tie with Law for first place in the standing.

In the remaining fixture of the evening, Commerce broke into the

First Game In Junior Series

Dal will play her first game of the Intermediate Basketball League next week. About fifteen players are turning out for practice and from these Coach Ralston has picked a tentative team. On the line-up against King's will be Wilson, Smith, J. MacKenzie, MacLeod, Doig, Martin, Green, Boyd, and G. Smith.

A definite arrangement as to the division of players between the intermediate and senior league from the limited number that are turning out for the game will be made later.

The Senior competition does not start until the first of the New Year. Most of the players ready to play are of senior calibre and the response to the first practices after exams and the last ones this year will decide whether the Tigers will remain entered in the intermediate circuit.

Prospects for taking the first game are good, with fast and experienced players ready to take the floor. There will only be the one game before the vacation period.

winning column by defeating a numerically weak Freshmen team.

Neither side had a full team, but the one man advantage proved to be the deciding factor in the Commerce win.

Lineups:
Commerce: Matthew 10, DeWolf 8, Boyd 12, Sparkes 4.
Freshmen: Lowe 4, Eisner 4, Zatzman 14.
Referee: Harrison.

Reardon Is Fall Ping Pong Champ

Henry Reardon won the Fall Ping Pong Championship Saturday when he defeated Dave Doig 21-16, 18-21, 17-21, 14-21, 21-18, 21-19, 25-23.

This was one of the most closely contested matches played here in a long time.

Reardon entered the tournament by defeating Colin Smith and then Forbes Mountain and Verne Graham to go into the finals. Doig eliminated Zatzman and Blois and came to the finals without a loss of a game.

Colin Smith, manager of the sport, is well pleased with the outcome shown in the tournament. He plans another and more extensive one in the spring, with the winner playing off for the University Championship. In the meantime a ladder tournament will be run off.

The doubles tournament is advancing into the final round and should be completed this week.

TIGERS LOSE BY A SMALL MARGIN

Bain Munro Plays Stellar Role In Nets.—Skerry High Scorer For Winners, M. MacDonald For Dal.

Dal Tigers suffered a set-back from a fast, heady St. Mary's O.T.C. hockey team last evening in the opening game of the College Service Hockey League last evening at the Arena. Bain Munro played a sparkling game in the nets, but was unable to get in front of two shots batted into the twine by Tom Skerry out of mix-ups in front of the nets.

Dal's only score occurred early in the second period when the Tiger's first line of MacIntosh, Wilson and

Marty MacDonald closed on Pineo, with MacDonald making the score. Dal forwards reached scoring position a number of times later in the game, but were unable to make their shots count.

Skerry's first successful shot on Munro came in the middle of the first period when he golfed the puck in out of a melee before the Dal goal. His second score came late in the second period with the score tied. He and Ryan kept in close to Munro and tried at least five shots before Skerry caught a rebound off the post and made the final tally of the game.

Only a small crowd attended the first game of the season with few Dal supporters in evidence. The ice was rather rough, but the playing surface was not too bad.

The Dal first line proved to be the best of the lot, but was paced well by Reardon, Sperry and Kline. The St. Mary's men, although lacking weight, displayed their usual speed, which gave them a slight edge on the attack. Clever passing plays were also tried by the collegians and these brought them in on Munro time and time again.

Dal, although slower, proved to have the necessary ability to keep their opponents guessing. The main weakness of the Tigers was their inability to keep the red and white men out of the Dal goal mouth. Forwards were lax in checking back and the defence did not click at all during the contest.

Blois, Kapak, Wiswell, Mullane and Doig formed the forward combinations used by the Tigers for a second time.

Penalties were handed out freely by Referee Beazley with nine sessions in the box going to members of both teams. The periods played were limited to fifteen minutes so as to allow a long skating session at the conclusion of the hockey match.

All scores were made while the team scored upon lacked a man, due to penalties.

St. Mary's—Pineo, Hill, Foley, Munroe, Mulcahy, MacDonald, Ryan, Reardon, Skerry, Kline, Ernst, and Vaughn.

Dalhousie: Munro, W. MacDonald, Webber, Mitchell, M. MacDonald, Wilson, MacIntosh, Mullane, Doig, Blois, Wiswell, and Kapak.

Summary
1st period: St. Mary's, Skerry, 7.07. Penalties: Webber, W. MacDonald, Ryan.

2nd period: Dal, M. MacDonald (MacIntosh, Wilson), 3.23.

St. Mary's, Skerry, 14.43.
Penalties: Wilson, Vaughan, H. MacDonald, Skerry.

3rd period: No score. Penalties, W. MacDonald, Ryan.

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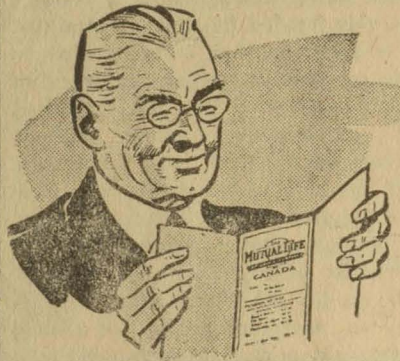
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This Week In Girls' Sport

by M. MacKeigan

GROUND HOCKEY

The failure of Red's team to show up (and the snow) made it impossible to have the annual skirmish with the boys in ground hockey, but perhaps it is just as well, because there is usually such a list of casualties after the game.

PING PONG

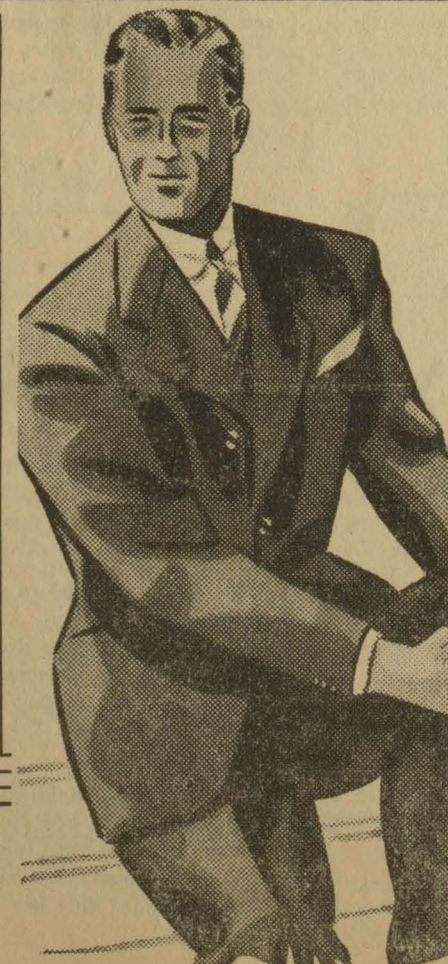
The ping pong ladder tournament is already well under way. Put your name at the bottom and rise to the top!

BASKETBALL

There will be basketball practice as usual on Friday at 5.30, with supper in the Homestead after practice. Let's have a really good turnout!

GYM CLASSES

The regular gym classes for freshettes stop this week; all who have cuts to make up must do so before exams, and there will be classes next week for this purpose.



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