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## CAMPUS CLIPPINGS

by DON BLACK

The publicity-wise in Canadian colleges have been doing a darn good job lately publicizing their war efforts and themselves generally. McGill was the subject of carry On Canada (C. B. C. Sun. eve.) The staff of the Manitoban is carrying on discussions on current events over a local station and Alberta has a station of her own.

Medical students at Toronto have circulated a petition that the Dominion Government set up a fund to help those meds who find themselves unable to carry on due to shortened holiday earning periods. The petition has received 100% support.

Another idea from McGill. All corsages have been banned from the Junior Prom. The money is to go for war work. U. B. C. and some western colleges have substituted small tags for corsages indicating contribution to war funds.

### On the Lighter Side:

Early to bed,  
Early to rise,  
Then your gal steps out  
With other guys.—Manitoban.

### Lament of a Moth— Dying of Old Age:

I'm a poor old moth,  
And dying quick,  
But not by that old  
Candle trick.  
I listened to mother,  
And thereby learned,  
How wise young moths  
Avoid getting burned.  
I never got singed,  
In the wicked flame,  
But found my life  
Exceedingly tame.  
—Notre Dame Scholastic.

Blame the apparent discrepancies in this column during the past two issues on Taz, feature editor. Juggling the slugs takes the kink out of his spine he gets from "Grime" key-hole peaking.

### TO TAZ

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
The rain on the roof,  
Reminds me of you.  
DRIP. DRIP  
Bronx Cheer (Ed. II)

One Jabex in the U. B. C. Ubussey who writes on the delights of O. T. C. life and such was assaulted by a canvasser for their Blood Bank drive. He was trapped. Asked for a pint he screamed "A Pint! Why I've got red corpuscles that have never seen other red corpuscles! I've got veins I've never used! I have to give two week's notice before I blush!"

"I want two tuna fish."

"You'd better stick to a piano."  
—Gateway.

The Manitoban Engineers edition (in bright orange) shows a slide rule, a note book, some instruments of the trade and SIX DOLLARS CASH. We don't believe it. They don't go together.

On behalf of the Dalhousie Student Body, the Gazette wishes to express its deepest sympathies to Miss Betty Ritchie, Law student, on the loss of her brother, who died recently overseas.

## In Memoriam . . .



DUNCAN J. CHISHOLM, B.A.  
Law, '42

With the news on Sunday morning last of the sudden passing of Duncan Chisholm, this year's Graduating Class in Law lost one of its most scholarly, one of its finest, and one of its most respected members.

Though of a quiet and reserved nature, in his three years with us, "Dunc" became truly one of the "boys", endearing himself deep in the hearts of all of us here at the Law School, who shall never perhaps fully appreciate our loss.

Having him beside us in class on Thursday and then to learn, after but two days' illness, of his unexpected passing on Sunday morning, his death at the early age of 28 years, brought shock and grief to all who were privileged to have known him.

In our minds, as his classmates, we shall remember "Dunc" always as a fine example of Christian manhood, a scholar of the first order, and a kind and sympathetic friend at all times.

WALTER GAUDET, Law, '42.

## Dal Debaters Bow To Saint Mary's

St. Mary's debaters triumphed over Dalhousie last Friday evening in the first of the year's intercollegiate debates. The winning team was captained by William Dalton, assisted by Philip Vaughan. Dal was upheld by James Stevens and Howard Gordon. In an interesting and spirited debate, the St. Mary's team successfully upheld the negative of the resolution "that Canada should conscript wealth in the present crisis." They put forward the argument that it was impractical, morally wrong, materially wrong and in the end, impossible of achievement. They maintained that the present voluntary saving and borrowing system had proved adequate to the needs of the country.

The Studley team maintained that the conscription of wealth was the most efficient means of mobilizing the country for war. If war were not prosecuted by the most efficient means possible and such extreme measures were held off until tomorrow, Hitler would have seized his opportunity and would control; tomorrow would have then lost its meaning. They pointed to the program of wealth conscription in Great Britain and attributed the fall of France partly to the lack of such measures.

St. Mary's then countered that the institution of such a scheme as proposed by the conscription party would rob industry of incentive with a resultant disruption of the industrial war effort.

Ted King, President of Sodales, was the chairman of the meet.

## Budgets Again D.A.A.C. Topic

The topic of budgets once more came to the fore at a lengthy meeting of the D.A.A.C., held on Tuesday at noon in the Gymnasium. All budgets were drastically reduced in an earnest attempt to bring the D. A. A. C. expenses within the \$2500 limit set by the Students' Council. Because, however, football had nearly been completed when the Council made it known that budgets would have to be reduced, the football expenditures amount to far more than would otherwise have been allotted to that sport. As a result, the meeting decided that it would be unable to meet the limits prescribed by the Council unless all sports be very seriously curtailed and perhaps one of the major sports be entirely eliminated. Rather than carry this drastic step into execution, a committee of three was appointed to approach the Council after Christmas in an endeavor to clear up and possibly advance the D.A.A.C. allotment. The committee consists of Bob Blois, "Yank" Forsyth and Sandy MacDonald.

A suggestion was made that Acadia, St. Mary's and the Navy be approached with a view to starting a Canadian Football League next fall, replacing the English Rugby League now in operation. It was decided by the meeting that letters be sent out to these teams in order to ascertain what sort of reaction the motion would receive.

Judges were Dr. J. A. MacKeigan, W. D. Outhit and Richard A. Donohoe.

## Sawbones and Surveyors Unite To Promote Monster Ball

### Co-operate in Unique Effort

It was announced this week that the Engineers and the Meds have joined hands and intend to establish a precedent at Dal by holding a joint Ball after Christmas instead of the usually separate Med and Boilermakers' balls. This surprise move came as the result of both faculties planning to hold their

dances on the same date. The Medical Society, having been prevented by adverse circumstances from holding their annual Med Ball in October as had been planned, set a tentative date for January 16. It then became apparent that this would conflict with the Boilermakers' Ball, which is traditionally held the second week in January. The Meds then graciously offered to relinquish both the date and the orchestra, which had already been obtained, to the Engineers. In an attempt to straighten the matter out and give everyone a fair deal, the Engineers made the suggestion that both societies should co-operate and produce one massive Ball through their combined efforts. This the Medical Society agreed to do, and the two dance committees immediately began to make joint plans for the affair which is set for the night of January 16th.

The committee comprises, for the Engineering Society, President Bob Wilcox, Bob Mussett, Johnnie More, Blanchard Wiswell and Jack MacKenzie; for the Medical Society, President Jack Woodbury, Don Graham, Joe MacDougall and Art Bird.

The dance is to be on the cabaret style and there will be organ selections during the supper period. Extensive preparations are planned, and a great deal of effort is being made to give everyone a really enjoyable evening.

So let's all go for a swell time and make it an evening to remember. Date your girl friend or boy friend and be prepared for the best formal of the year. Don't forget the place—the Nova Scotian; the music—Jerry Naugler and the boys. The Night of January 16, 1942.

Sincerely,  
CLYDE WOOLARD,  
Acting Secretary.

## O. T. C. Blitz Hits County

(Gazette War Correspondent on the C.O.T.C. Front)

Sunday, Nov. 30, dawned bright and clear. In the largest scale operations of the present campaign, panzer units of the Dalhousie Contingent C.O.T.C. swept through St. Margaret's Bay road terrain in impressive fashion. Crashing through the thick forests of underbrush, guided only by an unerring instinct and a compass, section after section executed the maneuvers brilliantly, losing themselves in the wooded plateaus of the sector.

Led by veterans of former campaigns, casualties were slight. (One

Moving swiftly, the panzer divisions covered a mile and a half in less than three hours. Under the watchful eyes of Brigadier MacAskill and Major Hogan, the campaign was carried to its brilliant conclusion with only one unit being lost (they were found later at the local pub—all engineers).



poor chap, who became hopelessly entwined about an oaktree, could not be extricated and so had to be put out of his misery.)



"And on a little mound Napoleon stood . . ."

Schick testing for susceptibility to diphtheria will be carried out at the Dalhousie Public Health Clinic on Monday, December 8th at 4.30 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. Every student in the university is urged to attend, whether or not a previous test has been done.

C. W. HOLLAND,  
Director,  
Student's Health Service.

Good Luck and Merry Christmas  
Everyone



## ? DIPO ?

(Dalhousie Institute of Public Opinion)

### Have You Ever Made a Voluntary Visit to the Archives?

Every year some diabolical inquisitor springs this question on a peaceful Dal, and as a result seniors search to a hazy past, trying to remember when frosh initiation committees had exerted a hold over them. The results are about as good as usual. 46% of those questioned had paid a voluntary visit with women having a higher attendance than the men. (Amazing what one woman who went back for a pen will do to the statistics).

### Should the O.T.C. Count as a Course?

66% thought that it should count as a course. 9% were undecided (i.e.—they thought we were going to quote them) and the rest were definitely against the proposal. The high percentage was caused by womanly compassion, for 78% answered in the positive, with only 55% of the males agreeing. Male opinion varied from "it should be abolished," "only a half course" (brother, where's the other half) and "I'm exempt". Leaving this last one smirking with fiendish glee, we went over to the womanly side of the question. "Just for the Meds" (whatever that means, for the O.T.C. is no substitute for any med course), and "It's a waste of time" (her boy-friend must be one of those Wednesday night A.T.Cers).

### Our Nonentities of the Week

Are You Wearing Long Underwear—for the Males.  
Are Women's Clothes Suited to Winter Wear—for the Females.  
Invariably we got the questions mixed, and had to apologize profusely to embarrassed maidenhood before we got on the track.  
Males are very hardy. 100% of them are not wearing long underwear yet, except in some cases under itchy O.T.C. uniforms. Only in practical observation have we been able to see any traces of red or white woolies on the male form divine; this individual's father happens to be a capitalist (whatever he means by that—is he implying it is old fashioned). Our reasons for asking the second are that we have heard Dal is 6 months behind American styles. In that case the girls should be going around in those cute spring suits. But evidently they are doing alright. 50% thought they were adequate.



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### HOW TO WRITE YOUR CHRISTMAS EXAMS

We have not yet read this week's Mentor, but we are certain in our inmost mind that this editorial is competition. This is always dangerous, for the Editorial is not likely to be so interesting—or so funny. We are convinced, however, that the writing of examinations is a subject of which most students know little or nothing.

Studying comes before writing. If you are a medical student, you probably expect to study all night. If you are an Arts student, don't do it. After midnight you are most probably subtracting from your mark, especially the night before exams. In the first place, you are probably learning nothing; in the second, you are hurting your style. Another suggestion is that you should plan your studying. This does not mean that you should write out sample answers to possible questions. You cannot possibly remember them. But make sure that you have a grasp of each topic in the course. This can be done by almost anyone, and it will save you the trouble of memorizing your notes, even in Philosophy. Furthermore, study your professor. He probably wants the paper written in a certain way, and he is very likely to tell you in some way or other. Listen for this magic word and you are likely to pass (if you cram enough).

### WHEREIN HAVE WE ERRED?

In an editorial entitled "Repeating Past Errors", in this week's *Argosy* the editor of the Mount Allison paper expresses his concern over idealistic tendencies among students. The particular incident which worries him is the reappearance of the League of Nations Society in Canada, "offering new panaceas for our bidding". We quote:

"Students are urged to do their part in the rebuilding civilization. This our chance to save the world again. And so on, until we become dazzled by the wealth of promises lavished on us. It sounds so easy, so wonderful. Assert our strength, point out our elders' mistakes. Apparently college students have an affinity for this sort of fad."

From this point he goes on to describe a number of our post-1918 failures. "Conferences where nothing is achieved and weeks taken in saying so. Societies with flowery names and without purpose. A pot pourri of worthlessness that will only shove us back into the mire". Talk, then, was all that the post-war generation achieved, declares our Mount Allison colleague, and in that debacle we students had as much guilt as anyone else.

On this point we find ourselves in substantial, but not complete, agreement. Students did share in the failure of the past two decades. But our mistake was not so much that our conception of society as it should be was wrong but rather that we trusted too much. We signed petitions pledging ourselves to the cause of peace, an ideal which the present war has not outmoded; we propagandized actively for a conception of society which many of us, at least, still believe to be fundamentally sound; but in our naiveté we supposed that "politicians and so-called statesmen" meant the same thing when they used the words we used. We believed so firmly in our ideal of the brotherhood of man that it did not occur to us until too late to ask whether a League of Nations whose leaders had risen to their position through national politics represented adequately our ideal. We welcomed, though perhaps with a little scepticism, a Peace Pact signed by men who had no intention of keeping it. But we students, the greater number of us, did not welcome Munich, and thereby we showed that our realism was greater than that of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Let it be granted, then, that we students had our share in producing the crisis which is upon us. Does it follow that we should leave the solution to the "big men", who know more of practical affairs than we, as the editor of the *Argosy* suggests? To us it does not seem so. If we have had a share in the failure, it is our task to share in the success. The "big men" of the past were not alone in their responsibility for the present chaos, but those who had the authority must assume the major portion of the blame.

University students talk more than they act. Discussion, and not government, is the function of the university. But let no false modesty decry the part college students have played in the ordering of politics. "New life" movements in various countries have been born and nursed in the university. Students have bled and died for freedom. Let us not forget the part we can play in constructive thinking, and let us not trust those who will betray us.

### CORRECTION, PLEASE

In last week's Gazette we suggested that the Federal government was dealing unfairly with workers in that it failed to put into effect P.C. 7440, guaranteeing the right of workers to organize freely in unions of their own choice. On that point we were misinformed. It is true that it made recognition of unions mandatory. But that order-in-council has been revoked by a later one, P.C. 8253. It is further true that the preamble to this latter order-in-council states that it was "necessary to extend the provisions to cover substantially all employers and employees". That is not by any means what the new order-in-council has done. On the one hand it explicitly revokes P.C. 7440; on the other it makes no mention of any right to organize or negotiate as unions. Thus a government order issued at the very time employers were in trouble at Kirkland Lake takes away hard-won rights of labor on the pretext of extending a previous favourable order.

### Lorin Maazel

Child prodigies who stay out of the movies are a more than pleasant relief. It's much more bearable to read about them or to hear them on the radio than to watch them through a two-hour cinema. Lorin Maazel (pronounced Mazell) has to date been very unobtrusive, and he may be the bright light of hope in the peculiarly starless sky of modern classical music.

An honour accorded to very few mature musicians is that of conducting the greatest of America's symphony orchestras and getting a return engagement, yet eleven-year-old Maazel has accomplished just that. In directing performances of the National Youth Orchestra, the Los Angeles City Symphony and Toscanini's NBC symphony he has won not only the admiration of critics and audiences but also the wholehearted respect of the musicians themselves.

His first performance came on his ninth birthday. He had conducted an imaginary orchestra at home many times before while listening to recorded symphonies on the orthophonic. A dentist uncle of his took advantage of having a great conductor, Usigli, in the chair by telling him of Lorin's wish: to have as a birthday present the opportunity to conduct Tchaikowsky's "Marche Slav". Accordingly the boy was brought to hear Usigli's orchestra play the number "as a birthday present", and then the great conductor surprised him by saying that he was not well and asking him to take over. By his mother's report Lorin turned dead white, but after he got to the podium he became the confident master of the orchestra and went over the "Marche Slav" in the minutest detail. Just as the conductor was ready to take the baton again Lorin said to the orchestra in a grave manner, "Well, Gentlemen, now that we have corrected the errors I would like to hear it through again."

Mozart had not only conducted but

had composed a large number of works at the age of nine. When he was fifteen all of his concertos were finished. Maazel plays several instruments and improvises easily so that he shows some promise in the direction of composing as well as in conducting.

No one can say yet whether the young spark of genius will survive to become a radiant flame in his maturity. Many prodigies fade out after a short-lived brilliance. Lorin Maazel has a family of musical genius behind him and his training is placed in good hands. It may be that he faces a future as bright as Mozart did at the same age. He has not been spoiled by public acclaim, as the following delightful story testifies: After his first public performance an emotional, overwrought woman who had been in the audience gushed at him that she had never heard such music performed so beautifully before. Young Lorin turned on his heel and walked away, because he had nothing to say to such empty and absurd praise. He has an exceptionally mature comprehension of people as well as of music.

### Christmas

Happiness, Health;  
Safe, dear homes,  
Sweet scented spruce glittering with  
coloured balls,  
Gifts.  
A glowing hearth and crackling  
logs.  
Cold, crisp air  
And pure white snow.  
Peace on earth. Goodwill among  
men.  
Thank God! Christmas

Misery, sickness,  
Burning, shattered homes.  
Gaunt trees stretching barely sky-  
wards,  
Rapine.  
Lurid flames and bursting bombs.  
Reeking, choking dust  
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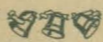
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# THE FEATURE FOLIO

## THE MENTOR

### HOW TO STUDY FOR EXAMS.

The Frosh, after many confused months at the University, has, by this time, been made aware that he is reaching a Crucial Point in his College Career. In one of the few English passages in the Official Calendar it is set forth that All Students "must appear at all examinations" . . . But this is Not All. The Frosh will find that not only is he expected to Appear, but that he must be prepared to write everything he thinks he knows about the Subjects he is taking. Herein lies the whole Difficulty, for it is also stated (in Bold Face) that if Reasonable Proficiency is not shown, he will be required to "Discontinue attendance at the University", and further "Fees will not be reimbursed to such students". Thus, it is to the Ultimate Advantage of everyone to get through Examinations, no matter what the cost.

To accomplish this Feat, some Preliminary Preparation is necessary. This is sometimes referred to, by the uninitiated, as 'Studying', but is known to all Sophomores as 'Work'. This can be accomplished in several ways, which we shall herewith discuss, for the enlightenment and benefit of those who have yet to devise a Sound System of their own.

**The Single System.** Before anything in the nature of Real Work can be accomplished according to this System, it is essential to have the Proper Environment. The best working conditions are only secured after all Distracting Elements are removed from the room. To do this, sweep all Debris from your Bureau into the top drawer, hide the Radio under the Bed, and put everything else, including your Room-mate, in the Clothes Closet, locking the door firmly. You are now Stripped for Action. (Note: To quell the Housekeeper's Radio, run your Electric Razor. This creates much Static, and very often a good deal of Friction).

Providing you have followed the suggestions put forth previously, you should have, by this time, a truly remarkable collection of Lecture Notes. Take these, and examine them carefully, and then try and decipher them. This should not be too difficult. As you progress, you will find the light is beginning to dawn. Persevere, and you will be duly rewarded. If you have been unable to make notes during lectures, your only recourse will be to use your Books. This is Harmful, for in this way you will study much Extraneous Material. Since most Professors know only what they give in lectures, and mark accordingly, it is inadvisable to study anything extra; you will only be accused of padding.

**The Joint System.** This System makes use of that Valuable Psychological Discovery that no two people have the same ideas about anything. By pooling your knowledge, then, it is sometimes possible to get approximately what the Professor wants on the exam. In the Joint System, environment does not play so important a part. All that is really needed is a large room, a quantity of scrap paper, and somebody who knows a little about the course you wish to study. By filling the room with dense clouds of cigarette smoke, you can study for hours without stopping or feeling fatigued. (Note: It is best to have a preliminary session in the afternoon, at which all the latest Stories can be told, assuring a reasonably uninterrupted nights work).

The Frosh are advised that these are the two most Universally Accepted Systems, and that others, when tried, have proven far less successful. Of these, one—the Convivial System—is almost dangerous, and is not recommended until later in your College Career, after you have learned to Absorb lectures through the pores, and can afford the wasted time. The two suggestions above should Amply carry you over the present Crisis. The Mentor wishes you the Best of Luck.

## THE MARCH OF



The proximity of the Exams have caused a decided Dirth of Grime this last week. We were given to understand, however, that Charlie just couldn't wait to celebrate at the Sucker Dance on Saturday Nite.

The same Sucker Dance caused many to appear for a last fling before setting down. "Tuffie" Wilson and "Yank" appeared to enjoy themselves though the Navy got kind of tough. Wilcox also ran.

Is Professor Bennet trying to convert the Hall, or doesn't he know that the Navy has landed, and has the situation well in hand.

The blissful expression on Bunnie's face might be due to a number of reasons, but our guess is that Reardon is back in town.

"Lightning" strikes in the same place twice, which, in our estimation is something. We are wondering if Helen prefers Supper Dancing to bridge, or is it something else?

What Physics Instructor's diligent interest in his work keeps him so busy around the weaker sex? The others are beginning to complain.

This "Fido" certainly gets around. The latest reports are that he is favoring Siroil with his attentions. What happened to Anne?

Ted Rettie seems to be getting lots of exercise these days, walking Leah to and from her labs. It must be convenient to live so close to the Hall.

Still cluttering up the Hallways, our friend O'Brien just can't seem to find a place where he can be alone. Somebody lend him a nickel, and maybe he'll take her to a show, or something.



A Merry Christmas?

## T-SQUARE

Since this is the last time we'll get a chance to have any fun before exams, here goes.

Altho' it seems premature many people are looking forward to the combined Engineers'-Meds' Ball. Graham Bennett, a lone "wolf" vows solemnly that he will appear with a damsel—well, who can tell? Musset says "Boy! I hope Naugler brings those traps" (exit singing Phi Delta Theta—sober men are we!)

Why did Bill Hagen object to the display of a certain photo (for further details see Red Payne).

We know Lantz had a good time at the H.C.A. last Friday, even the moon was Nichol-plated. And we hear that Don Matheson doesn't like rear-view mirrors. (????)

Would you believe it, but we have it from a usually reliable source that our hermit, Roger Brown actually had a date recently—What IS this world coming to. It seems that the girls are getting the best of it, anyway.

Don MacKay didn't believe that saying about 'thin ice'.

Another engineer has left for the services, and our loss is the Air Force's gain. The best of luck to Douglas Large.

And speaking of living close to the Hall, we are wondering if Doug Robertson hadn't better move a little closer. That Johnny McLellan is sure getting right in there. ....

Noted amongst the ranks of the hardy perennials are Dave Archibald and Jean Phinney. Another good man to take off your list, young Kissy. GRIME SMIRCHES ON!

## OXFORD

Friday - Saturday - Monday  
December 5th - 6th  
"TOM, DICK AND HARRY"  
"HELLO SUCKER"

December 8th - 9th  
"BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST"  
"TIGHT SHOES"

December 10th - 11th  
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"WORLD PREMIERE"

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Friday, Saturday, Monday

### "Navy Blues"

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JACK OAKIE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

### "When Ladies Meet"

JOAN CRAWFORD  
ROBERT TAYLOR

## ORPHEUS

December 8th - 9th - 10th  
"STORK PAYS OFF"  
"SECRETS OF LONE WOLF"  
December 11th - 12th - 13th  
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"SADDLEMATES"

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## Spoof . . .

Heard outside the Hall the other nite: "Thanks for the squeeze," "Oh, that's all right, the pressure is all mine."

He (asking a riddle): "Why is it you have so many boy friends?" She: "I give up."

—Queen's Journal.

Four little skunkies,  
Feeling oh so blue,  
Had to go to church today  
And sit in their own pew.  
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ing violets is that they've been in hot water.

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### McGill Sports Scene

by LYLE BRENNAN  
"All work and no play, etc . . ." It's an old saw and you know the rest, but it was a wise man who first spoke the words. Amateur athletics play more than the role of a pastime in our Canadian universities, nor do our neighbors to the south differ from us there.

Thus one finds college students from Dalhousie to U.B.C. "getting into" sports to a greater or lesser degree, according to their individual physical abilities, desires, and needs, and to the time at their disposal for such extra-curricular activities. Some entertain dreams of developing into an all-star back on the football team, while others seek no more than a bang-up game of ping pong as a means of whiling away an occasional hour. In either event the object is fundamentally the same, i.e. to shift momentarily one's concentrated effort from the wearied mental to the neglected physical. A little time for such a purpose is surely well invested.

Now I like ping pong!  
You may prefer badminton, and I respect your desires, for since we live in a democratic land, we are welcome and entitled to our individual, personal preferences. Similarly, as we travel across Canada, we will note that different sections of our great body of students vary considerably relative to their opinions concerning just what sports they like best to indulge in, although the exhilaration derived is universally the same.

However, the original purpose of this article was to draw a brief sketch of athletics as they are organized and participated in at McGill University in Montreal. Let us dwell first on the organization.

Upper Canadian universities have suspended for the duration all regular intercollegiate sports such as rugby, hockey, water polo, basketball, track and field, etc. This left a big gap to fill in each of the schools affected, and, at McGill, all sports have been reorganized on a military basis. That is to say, there are teams for each of the above-mentioned sports drawn from the student trainees, and representing their companies or platoons. In the fall season, football teams are organized bearing the names of Army, Navy and Air Force, and compete enthusiastically for the "championship" of the league. Coach Doug Kerr and assistant coaches, who formerly taught the finer points of Canadian football to McGill Inter-

scholastic teams, now labour with these teams diligently, and some football is produced.

Of course, probably McGill's greatest sports tradition lies in the great Canadian game of ice hockey. Most of us will doubtless recall that only a few years back the Redmen were as good a team as any senior amateur aggregation in the Dominion. As well as ability, the collegians had that college spirit which made them a tough opponent for any of their rivals both in and outside of the Quebec Senior Group. McGill men still play hockey, but the great red team is momentarily only a memory. Last season the Montreal Royals Junior team which upset Oshawa Generals and went on to the Memorial Cup finals was liberally seasoned with students, some of whom have stepped up this year to fill vacancies in the senior Royals team. The military aspect again enters the picture here, for there are now teams bearing the names of Infantry, Artillery, Navy, Air Force, and Marines battling it out for the Championship of the McGill Reserve Training Battalion in regular games at the Forum. Later in the winter, other company teams will again compete in the outdoor league whose games are played on the Redpath campus rink.

Now in Montreal some folk play tennis, some play golf, some swim, some skate, etc., etc., but everyone skis. Only a short decade back this great Scandinavian sport was enjoyed by but a small proportion of the population, who, even then, were looked upon as being rather reckless for risking their necks on hickory lightning, with only luck and a prayer to save them from disaster—and few of them prayed at that. But time changes all things and within the past few years the former foolhardy sport has swept like a tidal wave over all the Laurentian district. Today, everyone from Junior to Granny grabs "skis" and "hops" one of the ski trains which every weekend carries enormous numbers of enthusiasts northward from the metropolis into the bald, old Laurentians. Yes, the most popular winter sport at McGill is skiing, and no other sport even comes close!

Other sports indulged in are much of the same as those we have at Dal, and you would find badminton, squash, handball, English rugger, water polo, fencing, boxing and wrestling, weightlifting, track and field, harrier, gymnastics, soccer, rowing, sailing, etc., all being carried on to a greater or lesser degree.

This must not go on forever, although you have probably feared long since that it would. However, I have almost overlooked one last worthy organization. Have you guessed it? Yes, there is also actually a McGill Bridge Club. How a few of the Pine Hill lads would ap-

## SPORT Spice

by AL. MacLEOD

The editorial ear has been treated to a burst of grandiloquence, and the editorial neck has felt the hot breath of the Enthusiast. "What ho, what ho, what ho," he cried, as he bounded gaily into the academic chambers, to be greeted only by cold stares. "What ho", he continued, his ardor only slightly dampened by the chilly reception. The conversation having thus been opened, he carried on nobly, but it's hardly worth transcribing his actual words.

"Winter", was his profound observation, "is here". Blow, blow, thou winter wind, thou art not so unkind, and all that rot. If Winter comes can Spring be far behind, so to speak. O the long and dreary Winter, the cold and cruel Winter, dontcher-know." Having stifled this outburst by the dexterous application of a particularly old and unwashed sock, the listener awaited his return to normalcy. After much choking and gagging, the visitor had recovered sufficiently to state his case. It was staggering in its portent.

"When this beastly examination grind is completed", he said, "and we return from the Yuletide festivities with well-filled pokins lined, shall we not organize sleigh-rides for the student body, the better to acquaint ourselves with sociological relations and science of astronomy? Shall we not make with nocturnal prowls in the hinterland, and with skiing expeditions into the snow-covered countryside? Shall we not have happy outings for the Stupid Body, where guys and gals may mingle with the mob, and tingle in the frosty air? Shall we not have a greater decentralization of college sport? Why not sport for the masses, rather than for the Select Few?"

We really didn't know why there couldn't be healthy, sporting activity for ALL students at Dalhousie when the New Year rolls around. We could see the visitor's point of view. A great many people aren't interested in the least in active participation in organized sports. But they WOULD be interested in a skating party, a skiing party, a snowshoe party, a sleigh-ride, a hike, or other form of exercise which wouldn't be so strenuous, but which would be equally beneficial. Indeed, the more we thought about it, the better the idea sounded. We allowed the editorial imagination to wander—

We saw a band of healthy, red-cheeked undergraduates gambolling high on a windy hill, some skiing, some sledding. Some were following frosty, winding trails through the woods. Here was being waged a snowball fight, while from a distance came the crackle of a fire, and the fragrance of freshly brewed coffee . . . Ah, yes. How dear to our hearts are the scenes of our childhood . . .

But snapping out of our reverie we said, "They won't do it." And there seemed to be little doubt but that the Council would throw cold water on any such simple scheme for simple pleasure, and we decided to forget all about it. But before we dismissed it entirely from our minds we thought that it might at least be a suggestion for something to do in January and February. And if a few people were really interested, it's a sure thing that in a democratic university such as Dalhousie is, their voices, no matter how still and small, would not go unheard . . .

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