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SENIOR TIGERS ADMITTED TO HOCKEY CIRCUIT

Deplorable Lack Of Interest Shown In Small Attendance

What the Gazette thought of the meeting yesterday noon.

Where was the executive of the D. A. A. C.—where were the Glee Clubs—Where was the Graduate Society—in short where was everybody when the Students Council held the annual student body meeting in the Gymnasium at noon Thursday.

Exactly 43 students sat in the Gymnasium when Thursday's meeting got underway. Prof. Fletcher gave a brief address on the responsibility we more fortunate students have to students in countries harassed by the evil of war. On Monday a "tag day" is to be held on the Campus for the benefit of Chinese universities and their universities. Professor Fletcher called for the cooperation of the 43 students present.

Student apathy in the College hit a brand new low when President Tag Day called the student body together to discuss a change in the constitution. Down stairs a group of physical culture experts were testing their chest expansion—over in the Arts Building a two hour mathematics class was engaged in the studies handed them by Euclid—"parles vous francais" was busy too—but no one was interested in "What's to become of Student Life in this University."

It's come to the point now where the students will have to awaken to the problem of supporting their activities or they will not have any activities.

Since the exit of John Fisher there has been too much soft peddling going on. A student arises to make a complaint over the way some activity is being managed and he is politely told not to bring personalities into his argument. Well it's high time a few personalities were introduced. It's high time those student officials on this Campus who are holding offices for the mere glory of holding them and then letting their duties go by the board's were thrown out of office.

Let's go—Let's start a revolution—start anything or everything but produce some student interest. Next fall the Dalhousie Reunion is to be held on the Campus. What will your father and my father have to say when he recalls the great old days when he told somebody off and returns to find you a mere weakling—a weakling without backbone and energy—without even the desire to assert your own rights.

Students' Union

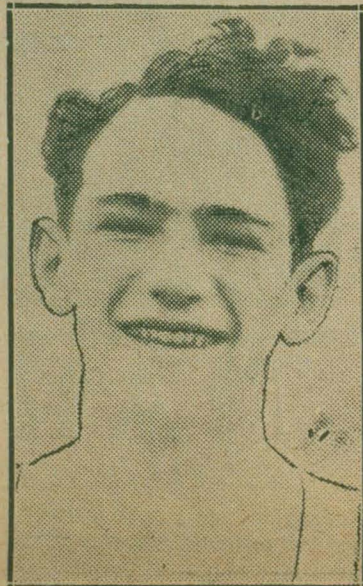
Plans for a Student's Union building are at a standstill after several weeks of deliberation. As no definite arrangements have been arrived at it was determined by those in charge to let the matter rest until after Christmas.

In the meantime, to give the students some place of recreation, the Men's Common Room in the basement of the Arts Building has been opened in the evenings from 7.30 to 10.30.

Unfortunately, the room is only open to male students, but perhaps the checker-boards and chess-men that have been installed will in some small way make up for this deplorable deficiency.

This is only an experiment conducted by the University and if any of these temporary facilities are misused, these privileges will at once be withdrawn.

To Conference



HENRY ROSS

Second year medical student and Dalhousie representative on the executive council of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, Mr. Ross will attend the biennial, meeting of that body to be held in Winnipeg from December 28 to December 31, inclusive.

Dal Victorious

Last Thursday evening in the Munro Room of the Forrest Building the Law School debaters, John Dickey and Carleton Smith, accomplished the double feat of putting Dal in the lead in their series of annual debates with the University of New Brunswick Law School and adding to Sodales winning streak a third unanimous judges' decision in intercollegiate debate, to make Dal's debaters undefeated this year in competition with the best opposition in Eastern Canada.

Upholding the negative of the resolution "That appeals to the Privy Council should be abolished in Canadian Constitutional cases", Messrs. Dickey and Smith so clearly and so forcefully presented their carefully thought out and powerful verbal attack upon modern radical constitutional theories that the skilled New Brunswick team of James R. MacBrien and D. Lloyd G. Jones were forced to take cover from the incisive and direct attack of the local lawyers. In upholding the resolution before the house, the visitors stressed the fact that Canada is now a nation, capable of dealing with her own problems, springing from racial and geographical differences, and demanding that local courts more directly familiar with local conditions be given the opportunity to judge what proposed remedies are just and constitutional in the peculiar conditions Canada must face. Their attack on the existing order was a damaging one, but it was capably met by the able advocates of the Privy Council, who pointed out that the Imperial body, with its long record of judicial excellence and complete impartiality is not to be lightly discarded. Their appeal that the Privy

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Students Express Opinions On War

Anticipating the visit of the Chinese student and orator, Dr. T. Z. Koo, which is planned, though not definitely for the spring, we decided to ascertain whether Dalhousie students had any views on the Sino-Japanese situation. Perhaps because the Orient is so far away and exams are so near explains the fact that many to whom we spoke were extremely vague. The general opinion is that the Chinese are suffering to a very great degree, while the mass of the Japanese are being driven by government militarists into a war they do not desire. Naturally, students of advanced classes and students of political science were interested and here are the views of four:

Zilpha Linkletter, third year Arts Student: "Well the situation must be serious for the whole Canadian navy has gone to the Pacific coast! The fact that British and American material interests are seriously affected means that we in Canada, through our newspapers, are not getting both sides of the question. Apparently, the "open door" is only open if one knows the combination."

Walter Murphy, Education Student: "The mass of the people are sorry for the Chinese. I sympathize as much with the Japanese. I don't suppose that the whole mass of the Japanese have any more desire to fight than we have. War time propaganda and all the other injustices of the present day are wreak-

ing destruction in the Orient. If we Canadians do not keep open minds we will be faced with situations just as evil."

Graham Murray, First year Law: "There is a universal feeling in the Anglo Saxon world that Japan has resorted to barbarism. In this she is following in the footsteps of Italy, and starting a war over a comparatively trivial incident. The militarists feel that the hour has come to strike against China's expansion. Her present defined attitude towards the intervention of foreign government is, Japan thinks, justified by the strained relations of the European powers. Italy is playing up to Japan while Great Britain, France and the United States seem to be the only powers ready to take the necessary action. But with the balance of power in such a precarious state Japan can still bank on non-intervention. Even the threat of boycott will not deter her in her great development of potentially rich territory."

Isabel MacKay, Education Student, "I think the Japanese are doing blatantly what other nations of the world are doing secretly. I do not think that Great Britain and the United States will stand for any threatening of their territory or trade. A recent commentator has said that Japan's aim is to reach Singapore, and if such a plan is developed, Great Britain will certainly intervene."

Chinese Relief

Fifteen Chinese universities have been destroyed already in the undeclared war in the East. Students and faculties have migrated to the few universities in the west, safe from the Japanese invasion, where they are in the direst straits, in need of both food and clothing. The universities of the interior are crowded, literally to the roofs, but are carrying on to the best of their ability. Professors have been working for months without pay; students have had all their resources wiped out in the war, and have dark prospects for the future. They have had to go in many cases more than one thousand miles to a university.

All this naturally requires money, and a world-wide effort has been undertaken to assist the students by International Students' service, an organization which became well known for its efforts to improve the lot of German students after the war. Unfortunately there is no branch of the International Students' Service in Canada, so the Canadian Students' Christian Movement has undertaken to raise money in all Canadian universities.

Next Monday a group of students will sell tags to obtain money for this worthy cause. Your support is asked to aid this worthy cause.

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Choral Society

The greatest joy to the hearts of the Glee Club for many years has been the startling success of the Choral Society. More than fifty students have turned out to sing this year. This is a much greater number than was ever hoped for. But when the matter is looked into the reason is not hard to find. It is something that can be expected for surely in a campus of some nine hundred students there should be enough singers to form such a society. Considering this there should be even a larger number. We are continually hearing of people with good voices who do not sing with us and as many of these that we hear of we urge them to join. But still we feel there are more whom we have not yet contacted. If you be one of these please do not hesitate to come up to us when we gather and sing. Do not feel because you come, not being asked individually, that you will be thought of as having a superiority complex. We have a real privilege in being able to sing under Mr. Harry Dean, and we would like more to share this with us. Although we held our last meeting for the year on Wednesday evening still we would like to count on more to come out next year.

An Appeal

An appeal is being made this week for additional funds to augment the grant of the Students Council to meet the expenses of the six students to be sent to Winnipeg and sundry expenses of the committee. Any students or interested alumnus, who wish to assist, may give their contribution to Walter Murphy.

Nova Scotia Hockey League Includes Strong College Entry

BY JOHN DICKEY

Speech Stresses Dal's Problems

"A student union building is a most important need in university life, and deserves every support. By a student union building I mean a place where people can not only meet but eat." This was the statement of Professor B. A. Fletcher, head of the education department, who addressed Dalhousie students on Tuesday on "The need of the University." "The state of a na-



PROF. B. A. FLETCHER, B.A.

President Thompson of the D. A. A. C. announced this week that the Tigers will represent Dalhousie in a Senior League at present in the process of formation. With many matters of details yet to be ironed out no definite statement has been made but according to present plans it is going to be a bang-up league.

The league will be made up of two teams from Halifax-Dalhousie and the Haligonians—the Truro Bearcats and a team representing New Glasgow. As such it would be one of the outstanding Senior Leagues in the Province this winter and would mean a great deal to the ice sport at Dalhousie. When the City League folded up and decided not to operate this winter it looked very much as if the Hockey Tigers were not going to see much action this season but these plans change all that.

Dal will ice a strong team, reports have it a good deal stronger than last year's Bengals and can be counted on to match any of the other teams. The material is there. The boys are well coached and there is all kinds of the good old fighting college spirit.

But don't forget the other teams are going to be strong too. The Haligonians will have some of the smarter players from several of last year's City League teams along with some new blood and the Bearcats and New Glasgow will get worthy representatives of two famous hockey towns. All in all, it's going to be some league and another sign that Dal is once again on the way to the hockey heights. Years ago Dal ice squads were feared from one end of the Province to the other and the names of Dalhousie players names to be conjured with—History is about to repeat itself.

The Law Ball

The old N. S. hotel was hit on Friday night by as riotous a group of party-goers as it ever saw. Wine, music and laughter all combined to make it the treat of the year, and the crowd was a merry one that enjoyed itself all the more as the evening wore on. Fun there was a-plenty and loud were the expressions of regret when J. D. Sadler played the National Anthem.

In between dances were songs which ranged from carols to Hi-hi-de-hi variety and many and varied were the steps that were tried out, with different stages of success. All these goings on raised the Ball once more to its old standard after last year's let-down.

Able chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. Cowan, Prof. and Mrs. Willis and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, the party was a huge success from beginning to end. The presence of Premier Angus L. and Mrs. MacDonald, Hon. J. H. and Mrs. MacQuarrie and Pres. and Mrs. Stanley raised the Ball to a high plane. All the Lawyers wish to thank them for their attendance.

or internationalism. Until this decision is reached we must see that the University is kept from both physical and spiritual destruction."

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LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY !!

That horrible nightmare in every student's life has finally confronted us. Even the most hardened undergraduate shivers at the thought, while modest freshmen, who have yet to face the ordeal, shudder and dig deeper into dog-eared texts. The never failing signs are all about us, for already that unhealthy pallor produced by holding one's head over a book into the small hours of the morning, has commenced to appear on the faces of those who have begun the semi-annual fortnight of cramming. The Christmas examinations have arrived!

For a very small majority, the prospect of writing at top speed on shaky tables, fails to wake in them the pangs of a well spent term. These are the ones who have worked as we all should have done. They have prepared their work from day to day and are the true students. They know of what the professors speak. The next two weeks is to them only a short period before they come to the tests in which they know they will excel.

To the average student, examinations are sombre spectres, which must be met and fought with grim determination. It is with little joy that they look forward to the task of pitting their limited knowledge and capabilities against the questions set on the various papers. This, however, is not all with which they must contend, for banked against every student are the poor conditions under which they write. A University of Dalhousie's standard should be able to produce a much better writing system than the one which now tests each student's endurance. The shaky tables, the racket from ventilators and above all the poor ventilation are drawbacks under which none should be permitted to write.

Under the present system enforced at Dalhousie, examinations are a necessary evil. There is no reason, however, why an improvement cannot be made in the conditions under which we write. Why cannot the University give us a fair chance to display our wares in bearable surroundings and be rewarded by a general improvement in the standard of results?

THE PROBLEM IS BEFORE US

(Reprinted by request).

Older men, occupying important positions in Canadian life, have endorsed the National Conference of Canadian Students almost whole-heartedly, with one saving clause. That clause was emphasized by Principal Wallace recently, and is implied in the message from Mr. Rogers on page 1 of today's Journal, namely, that the students of Canadian universities have a wonderful opportunity to achieve a memorable end at the coming conference, but this end can be gained only by making it a student conference.

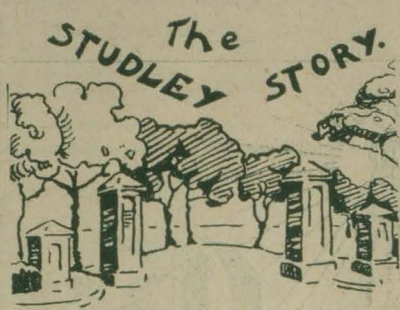
Too much emphasis has been placed in the past on faculty advisers and the opinions of older people; these are appropriate in their proper places, but, we would submit, a student conference is not one of those places. If the National Conference is to achieve recognition as an emporium of student opinion and student thought, then it must be untarnished by the respected, but unstudent opinions and ideas of non-students. It would be far better to have students, and students only, at the Conference than a large group of "leaders", distinguished and famous as they may be.

The Journal has received the list of so-called "leaders" for the Conference but has not found it expedient to give it any great degree of publicity for the simple reason that the most important part of the Conference is the student part—in fact, it is the only major part. It is imperative that what is said at Winnipeg should be student utterances; if too many older people are on the program the press, which will be watching the Conference carefully, will overlook student statements in favor of those of the "leaders." This is a serious situation which should be checked before it has a "snow-ball-on-a-hill" effect. We appeal to students in every university in Canada to keep this point in mind when considering their part at the conference. Let us make this Conference a reflection of student opinion; the student, and what he says, must have the first place, must overshadow everything else that is said, regardless of the worldly position of other speakers.

—Queen's University Journal.

BEAUTIFUL AND WISE

Our heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks go to the girls who were responsible for the co-ed edition of the Gazette last week. They produced an issue of our paper, which, judging from the comments we have heard, was very well received. They ably proved the fallacy of the "beautiful but dumb" adage and have shown Dalhousians that they can be useful and intelligent as well as ornamental. Again we extend our thanks.



Like a Phoenix from the ashes, the Arts and Science Society has raised its head again. Do I hear somebody say—"Here's that old question again; talk, talk, talk, and nothing ever done—" Well, after all, isn't it a good thing that we have something to complain about. A perfect university would be a rather insipid institution. As long as we have something about which to grouse—be it the university administration, the gymnasium management, the professors, the Students' Council, or even the Arts and Science Society—we will be happy. Paradoxically enough, that fact does not mean that we should try to keep things imperfect, but rather that we should always keep striving to reach an unattainable goal of perfection.

At present, the Arts and Science Society seems to be a very nebulous conglomerate, fulfilling no particular function which is of any value. It selects its executive, theoretically appoints managers for Arts and Science teams (although many of its members are ineligible for such teams), and perhaps holds a nice little dance.

A facile "reasoning" would say—since the Society performs no useful purpose, let's abolish it! The flaw in that logic, however, is that if a thing is useless now it does not follow that it will be necessarily useless in the future. Before abolition we must make sure that the Arts and Science Society would not, under any possible re-organization of our student political system, fill a need not met fully by the existing system.

Without claiming any originality or perfection in them, I would like to present two alternative schemes for consideration which would involve an intensive shake-up of the Student Body constitution but which might result in some desirable reforms.

A. (1) Abolish the class system except as far as purposes of initiation and graduation require (i. e. have a freshman and graduation class and nothing in between).

(2) Either with or without abolition of class system, let Arts and Science Society consist only of students taking Arts and Science—i. e. exclude Commerce and Engineers.

(3) Change representation system on Council so that the Arts and Science Society, and not the classes, make the nominations for positions, and with only Arts and Science students voting for these five positions.

Or B. (1) In the case of the second scheme, again, either with or without abolition of classes, base representation on societies and not on classes.

(2) Change the Society's name to "Studley Society"—to include all students registered on the Studley campus.

(3) At present, Studley has 7

Fantasy - - Fancy and Fact

Confounded Logic

This story depicting the wit of the Irish is told in a book recently published *My Ireland*. An Englishman entered a railroad station. Two clocks hung on the wall. There was a slight difference in the two timepieces. "Ha," he cried to an attendant, "Why do you need two clocks when they point to different times?" The man moved not a muscle, as he replied contemptuously, "What would you want two clocks for if they pointed to the same time?"

Fascist Brazil

With a birth as quiet as the night, Brazil, a fortnight ago, entered into a pure Fascist state. The power of government rests securely in the hands of M. Vargas. That gentleman was president previous to his own elevation. All bodies of the executive and judicial are subject to removal at the word of Vargas. With a world troubled and unhappy this new state of affairs caused little newspaper comment. Perhaps the set up is not so very novel for Brazil. It might be noted that German radio programmes flood the country. German trained, German sympathizing men control the all-powerful army. Germany cries for colonies. It was significant that the Brazil issues on the stock market took a steep tumble when the news broke.

Coffee

Brazil is the old original at the economic game of destroying surplus produce to keep the prices up. For years clouds of smoke have rolled from Brazil's warehouse where excess coffee is put to flame. But now it appears with other South American countries taking advantage of the reduction, and in no way contributing towards it, Brazil has finally abandoned this scheme. The United States in their cotton-destroying programme found also that it's a tough job in a tough world.

(L. A. K.)

electd representatives; give these seven seats to this new Society to be filled according to their constitution. Relegate the Commerce and Engineering Societies to the background—still existing, but mere parts of the "Studley Society" so far as representation is concerned.

I regret that lack of space prevents me at the present time from going into the pros and cons of the above points at length. I feel, however, that either scheme might do wonders in rejuvenating the Studley campus. A system, you will say, is mere mechanics, and will fail unless the proper spirit is there. The answer is that the spirit is there—but has no means of expression as far as most of the Arts and Science students; to the majority the classes mean nothing. Either of the schemes which I propose, I suggest, would provide that means of expression that outlet of energy.

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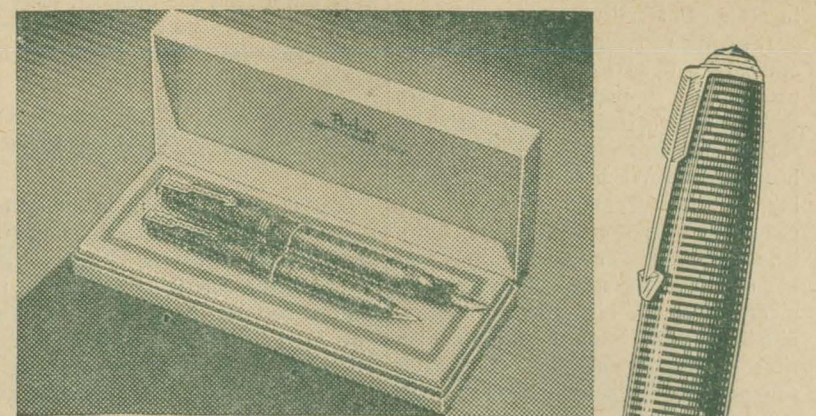
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Dental Explorer

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Among our now more famous characters, your very own correspondent takes unparadonable pride in presenting to this student body, Mr. Robert Wallick (Hymie to the boys). For the first time in years, dentistry was represented (with flying colours) in verbal warfare in the N. F. C. U. S. debate at this University. For lighting a spark which has long been dormant, and which we sincerely hope will awaken the sleeping brilliance in the Dental School, for taking the initiative where the wariest mariners fear to treat (a dentist voicing himself among the lawyers), it is a pleasure and a privilege for us to present him with an orchid a la T. Y. M. (By the way—your "Explorer's" name is not Wallick).

The best of luck in the exams and remember, now is the time to hit it. I remain.

THE EXPLORER.

Lecture System

The Educated Bore by
Flora Leslie Black

He sat in lounging attitude,
And spoke of every platitude
In his cerebral latitude,
Which wasn't very great.

He talked of portends visible
And quantities divisible
And every subject fizzleable
Within his stupid head.

Promoting indigestion, and
Ignoring all suggestion, and
Stone deaf to hint or question, and
At ease the monster sate.

Like workers in a glovery
Milled his thoughts upon Recovery;
But, braving sure discovery,
We shot the fellow dead.

—The Manitoban.

The Lecture System

"We are lectured into a Degree. We do not think for ourselves. We are taught to become repeating machines." Taken from the University of Cape Town "Tattle", the above statement is perfectly applicable to Dalhousie. This year the University of Cape Town conducted a campaign against the lecture system which is nothing more than "a process by which the notes of the lecturer are transferred to the notebook of the student without passing through the minds of either." Their primary demand was that all lecture attendance be voluntary, as it is at Oxford and Cambridge. Secondly, they called for printed notes in such subjects as they concede to require careful notes (a compromise, the wisdom of which is highly debatable). Finally, they asked for discussion groups and tutorials as the more effective successors to lectures.

It is extremely lamentable that the lecture system (which did have a definite value in the days when book were scarce and knowledge was most cheaply disseminated through the medium of such men as had had opportunity to study the then-existing manuscripts) should have survived in so many modern universities. Most people recognize this, but few seem able to arouse sufficient energy to affect the change. Mt. Allison, who is now experimenting with a tutorial system, is an exception to the rule.

What is needed, then, is initial impetus to start a movement for reform at Dalhousie, and there is no reason why we should not provide that impetus. After all, we're the ones who have to listen to the lectures. We have the facilities, too, for the discussion and the publication of the direction that the movement for reform should take, in the current commissions set up by the Local Conference Committee and the "Gazette". Of course, and this statement is made in all sincerity, it might be that the majority of students here are mentally too immature to approve of or to desire any deviation from a system which gives one the prestige of an university degree with the expenditure of none of the energy that creative thinking calls for. In that event, the most that the more intelligent minority can do is an ineffectual shrugging of shoulders and a resigned shaking of heads.

W. M.

Pine Hill Vignettes

The first floor of the old building, and the old building generally are acknowledged as the champions in the world of sport. Last week they trimmed representatives from the Annex about so much to nil, in Basketball. They have yet to beat the record of the Annex in ping-pong and marbles.

Wallie Sellars is looking around for a title to his latest musical composition. All suggestions should be sent to the music committee, where they will be severely censored. It is a safe prediction that his song will lead the Hit Parade for several weeks (if it ever gets there).

The Nicholson-Hilton billiard feud is progressing rapidly. At one time Peter was approximately a dollar in arrears, and goodness knows how many points. The latest information is that the debts have been closed and that Nicholson refuses to enter into further strife. It isn't really gambling, because Hilton is putting his money on a sure thing.

Armistice Day saw the renewal of hostilities between the Old Building Aristocrats and the Annex Alley Rats on the Dal field. Though outnumbered two to one the Aristocrats managed to get over three times. However the score (11 to nil) is the least important part. The Mighty Hammer and the Gay Lothario accounted for a good deal of the success of the Aristocrats, but the hockey pants draped on the hips of Lothario (said to be the property of Hammer) went west after the first play. Apart from the professionals mentioned above, Stan MacQueen and Doug Canteloupe put up the snappiest play of the morning. Gordon Whidden surprised everyone with his long runs and Tilley Asbell with his short wind.

We wonder where Dave MacIntosh disappears over the week-ends. Some one mentioned Kentville. Come clean, Dave, who is she?

Congratulations to Doug MacKeen who has been selected recently to represent Dalhousie at Acadia early in January, in the first intercollegiate debate of the new term.

Clyde Slade, playboy and man about town remained seated on part of George McElman's raincoat while George emerged from the back seat with the other part. In the realm of fancy, I fancy, thinking of Pathology, no doubt.

The Cow

"The cow is one wonderful animal, also he is quadruped and because he is female he gives milk—but he will do so only when he has got child. He is same like God, sacred to Hindu and useful to men. But he has got four legs together. Two are forward and two are afterwards.

"His whole body can be utilised for use. More so the milk. What it cannot do? Various ghee, butter, cream, curds, whey, kova and the condensed milk and so forth. Also he is useful to cobbler, watermans and mankind generally.

"His motion is slow only. That is because he is of amptitudinous species and also his other motion is much useful to trees, plants as well as making fires. This is done by making flat cakes in hand and drying in sun.

"He is the only animal that extricates his feedings after eating. Then afterwards he eats by his teeth whom are situated in the inside of his mouth. He is incessantly grazing in the meadows on grass.

"His only attacking and defending weapons are his horns, especially so when he has got child. This is done by bowing his head whereby he causes the weapons to be parallel to ground of earth and instantly proceeds with great velocity forwards.

"He has got tail also, but not like other similar animals. It has hairs on the end of the other side. This is done to frighten away the flies which alight on his whole body and chastises him unceasingly, whereupon he gives hit with it.

"The palms of his feet are so soft unto the touch, so that the grasses he eats would not get crushed. At night time he reposes by going down on the ground and then he shuts his eyes like his relative the horse which does not do so. This is the cow."

(The above essay was sent by a candidate seeking employment in one of our Colonies in the Tropics.—Ed.)
—University of Cape Town Tattle.

Quebec Facism

We have heard much protest recently from many quarters about Aberhart's "press-gag" law, but we have not heard nearly as much, particularly from federal government spokesmen, about the Duplessis "padlock" law in Quebec. The Alberta law has been held up by reference to the courts, but the Quebec law is now in action. Why this difference in attitude?

The padlock law, passed last spring, was invoked the other day against *La Clarte*, a paper whose opinions are Communist or at any rate, leftist. This was not, however, the first indication that the Quebec government has taken the fascist attitude that the public is not to be trusted, and that everything that the public reads, sees, or hears, must be censored in advance. We understand that the moving picture, "The Life of Emile Zola", has been banned in Quebec, for the sole reason, as the Winnipeg *Free Press* says, "that it describes a successful protest by a radical against stupid and intolerant bureaucracy." Other examples abound. Outstanding was the prohibition by the mayor of Montreal, induced by an unlawful threat by the students of the University of Montreal to riot if he did not accede to their demands, of a Communist meeting of October last, and, in October, 1936, of a meeting to hear a Spanish Government delegation.

The padlock law, it will be remembered, gives the Attorney-General of Quebec power to padlock for a year any "house" in Quebec, which is used to "propagate Communism or Bolshevism by any means whatsoever." A "house" under the Act includes even a vehicle, but no definition of Communism is given. Another section of the act, that governing the press, is even broader in scope—anything even "tending to propagate Communism" is prohibited. As says the *Free Press* again, "under that law it would be an offence to circulate the works of Karl Marx, Bernard Shaw, G. D. H. Cole, John Strachey and a host of other writers whose books are in every properly constituted public library and familiar to all educated men." Mr. Duplessis has even intimated that he regards the C. C. F. as a communistic organization—the C. C. F., as a political party respectable enough to have representation in many of our legislative assemblies (which, indeed, is His Majesty's Opposition in Saskatchewan), and which includes many clergymen and other professional men.

The supporter of Duplessis' fanatical facism will say that the writer of this article must be a supporter of Communism. I emphatically deny that such is the case. On the contrary, paradoxically enough, I oppose the padlock law because I oppose Communism, because I believe that doctrines such as Communism flourish when suppressed, and die when brought into the open and exposed to the light of reason. Such laws as this strengthen the convictions of the Communist, and turn socialists, who believe in peaceful change, into Communists.

Whether in the strict sense con-

Obiter

Those Dalhousie students who were privileged, as I was, to hear the Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir at the School for the Blind last Saturday will heartily agree that there was a great improvement in their performance over that in the gym, Thursday noon. I speak from the depths of abysmal ignorance, but I suggest that the truth of the matter is not that the voices of the choir underwent any vast change, but that the Hall of the Blind School is more conducive to the smooth flow of sound without the benefit of echoes. After the manner of Kipling's Stalky I gloat, *Ti-ra-la-la-i-tu*, because no one can come back and tell me that those boys didn't understand the art of voice production. Maybe it has something to do with acoustics. The way the Choir sang *Oh Canada* was a treat as well. It has a beneficial effect on our well-known patriotic natures; otherwise, the effort put forth at the close of a recent lecture, heard (by those in the front seats) in the gym, would make us follow a secession policy for Canada.

Go West, Young Man

At last Mr. Greeley's advice will be heeded. Six from Dalhousie at least will trek to Winnipeg for a Christmas holiday. An analysis of the choice of the committee will be quite significant. From the Law School emanate three, half of the group. One from King's, as one had to be. Two, then, are from Studley, but what part of Studley, if not post graduate. The remaining one is picked to represent new students, (not, I take it, necessarily freshman). An impartial and independent committee could find only two out of three hundred at Studley and three out of seventy-five in Law. Yet every once in a long while some innocent pipes up wondering why the Meds and Law run Dalhousie. Often too, from the same source one hears criticism about the way the professions run things. The answer is this, the invitation is always there, any one in the University can take a stab at it, if he or she wants to. Of course, even the worm will turn, but when?

Au Revoir

Unfortunately, I can think of no Latin expression which so well fits the occasion as the French one, so in spite of the fact that the literary value of this effort will be lessened by the absence of evidence of prows among the classics, it will have to do. About this time every year student activities stop and the one extra curricular activity of most students, work, begins. Christmas is near. We will now reap our wild oats, unless our prayers for a crop failure were heard and heeded. (J. B. M.)

stitutional or not, the padlock law of Quebec is obviously a direct invasion of the rights of free thought and speech, which we as British subjects have come to regard as our natural heritage. The freedom of the press was won, has been maintained, and will continue to be maintained, only by people daring to fight for it, and willing to sacrifice for it—not by weak-kneed compliance to the orders of a usurpatory and dictatorial government. I. M. M.



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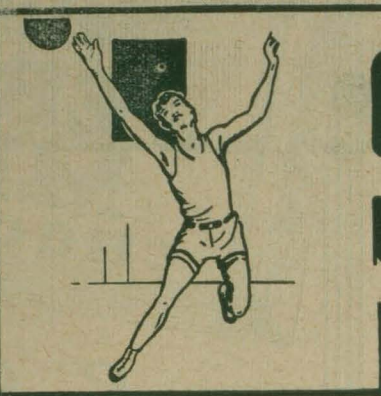
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PING-PONG

H. Reardon def. S. Schlosberg



SPORT



SCHE DULE

HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL LEAGUES WILL GET UNDER WAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

I CAN BE WRONG

by r. d. hurst

Dal Loses Badminton Tourney But Co-eds Win Many Matches

BADMINTON

The Halifax Badminton Club defeated a Student-Alumni team by the score of 16-14 at the Dalhousie Gym last Friday night. The meeting featured many keen matches but the Halifax Club earned their margin by making a clean sweep of the men's singles. The Student-Alumni girls made a very good showing dropping only one match in the women's singles division. A return engagement is to be played shortly. Following are the results of the evenings play.

Men's singles—Bev Piers (H) def. C. W. Sperry, 15-17, 18-14; R. Hatfield (H) def. R. Murray, 15-3, 15-1; B. Hebb (H) def. W. Douglas, 15-0, 17-15; El Woodworth (H) def. D. Fay, 15-6, 15-1; E. Murray (H) def. C. Myers, 15-13, 15-12; B. Filliter (H) def. G. McKnight (D), 6-15, 15-7; —Hfx. 6-Dal 0

Women's singles—M. Batt (D) def. C. McInnis, 11-0, 13-12; Mrs. Henshaw (H) def. A. McLean, 11-5, 11-15; 11-6; J. Anderson, (D) def. Mrs. Dobbie, 10-11, 11-7, 11-2; Z. Linkletter (D) def. D. Elliott, 11-6, 11-2; D. Dennis (D) def. P. Dunbar, 11-6, 11-2; M. Hall (D) def. K. Sircorn, 12-9, 5-11. Hfx. 1—Dal 5

Men's doubles—E. Woodworth and Williams (H) def. C. W. Sperry and C. Keddy, 15-3, 15-13; R. Evans and C. Myers (D) def. V. Oland and D. Spry, 15-8, 8-15, 15-4; B. Dunbar and B. Hebb (H) def. Hiseler and D. Anderson, 15-9, 15-5; R. Hiseler and George McKnight (D) def. Smith and P. McMillan, 15-8, 6-15, 15-6; Webster and Nickerson (H) def. C. Humphreys and Wetmore, 15-10, 15-1; W. McDonald and Lane (D) def. E. Murray and P. King, 12-15, 15-13, 18-16. Hfx. 3—Dal 3.

Women's doubles—M. Batt and R. Remillard (D) def. P. Weatherbe and Mrs. Winfield, 10-15, 15-9, 15-12; Mrs. Ritchie and B. Weatherbe (H) def. A. Longard and G. Leonard (D),

16-18, 15-9, 15-4; E. Bauld and Mrs. Rankine (H) def. P. Miller and I. Freestone, 15-9, 15-1; J. Anderson and Z. Linkletter (D) def. Mrs. Henshaw and D. Elliott, 15-8, 15-9; A. McLean and O. Dennis (D) def. M. Currie and Mrs. Dunbar, 15-6, 15-10; B. Smith and M. Fraser (D) def. C. Poston and Mrs. Dobbie 15-8, 15-10. Hfx 2—Dal 4.

Mixed doubles—B. Piers and E. Bauld (H) def. C. Keddy and A. Longard, 15-7, 15-10; R. Hatfield and Mrs. Poston (H) def. R. Evans and B. Smith, 17-16, 18-17; D. Fay and I. Freestone (D) def. J. Haylock and P. Weatherbe, 15-12, 15-6; J. McLaren and Mrs. Rankine (H) def. G. Hiseler and P. Miller (D) 8-15, 15-8, 15-8; Sancton and Miss Lane (H) def. D. Anderson and D. Dennis, 17-16, 12-15, 15-6. Hfx. 4—Dal 2

PING-PONG

The pre-Christmas Ping-Pong tournament was wound up on Saturday afternoon when Henry Reardon battled out a hard fought fine game victory over S. Achlosbug in the final round. The semi-finals also produced some fast games. Schlosburg was forced to three games to eliminate Gordon Hennigar in the upper bracket and in the lower bracket G. Lehr gave Reardon two very hard games. This tournament was in the nature of a warm up and a much more ambitious one will be started after Christmas. Following are the results of the semi-final and final rounds.

Semi-Finals

S. Schlosburg—G. Hennigar, 18-21; 22-20; 21-19.
H. Reardon—G. Lehr 21-19; 21-19

Finals

H. Reardon—S. Schlosberg 22-10; 19-21; 21-19; 18-21; 22-20

It's half time and the boys are taking time out in the Library.

Like many of our other battles, the next big battle will be waged in the Gymnasium. The Professors will be there—the studes will be there—in fact this is one time, when we will be able to count on every one to be there.

It's funny, we crab the same every year but when we stop at the half way mark and at the end to look back and take stock we decide things aren't quite so bad after all.—No, we didn't win the Rugby League either Senior or Intermediate—but then think of the fun we had. After all that's the purpose of sport.

There's one thing every one has to admire about Dalhousie athletes. As soon as their opponents have smeared them and humbled them with the most decisive defeat—the Tigers get up and start talking about how good next year's team will be.

Before going farther we wish to toss an orchid to 'I Can Be Right'! You handled a most difficult assignment in fine style. Personally we favour the Wrong to the Right because of our notorious reputation as pickin' the winners. But if you'd like to go in the line at any time, subbing for us, just let us know—"You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din."

Perhaps the biggest upset of the half year of sport was furnished by the Dumb-bell Doctors'. Those lads who came out of the anatomy lab to hurdle an Arts and Science machine that had been running in high gear all year, to capture the Interfaculty football crown.

The glory of that victory must be shared between "Goose Gosse" the man who antoped his way across the line and "Harassing Harris", the fast talking manager who humbled the Artsmen with syllables.

Cameron McNeil takes the lily for his performance in that final

battle. C. B. C. "the pride of the McNeil clan" punched his heels in the Doctor's line that it looked like a strainer. But his mates let him down.

Taken from last week's Gazette, "For once 'I Can Be Wrong' was right." Now, can you tie that?

A few weeks ago we threw out the rumour that Dalhousie is to have a girl's hockey team. 'Tis true, boys, 'tis true. But this is the latest: "They're going to petition the Council for \$200 to support that team." It all prompts the most sober minded to ask, "What's this present generation (of Co-ed's) coming to or going from."

That'll be dainty, now won't it.

The future of hockey for the weaker sex at the present is ten times as black as Ruth Goodman's face in the Frosh Glee Club show. One morning this week Dalhousians picked up their morning paper to read Dalhousie had entered a league with New Glasgow, Truro and some more. Five minutes later Gordon Thompson was saying "it's all news to me."

Unless we're mistaken this is once that the D. A. A. C. hasn't something up it's sleeve. They're really up a tree this time.

In the meantime the Dalhousie players are turning out for everybody, but Dalhousie.

And while the hockey moguls flounder about in hot water basketball goes on as smooth as Sparrow's upper lip.

Maybe that weaker sex stuff is a lot of hokum.

To "Another Freshman" and "Are you ever right." Sorry fella's you'll

have to sign your name to your letters. If you wish a nom de plume used say so and we'll print it.

Dear Y. F. B. S.,

I take the liberty of cutting your letter.

With reference to President Gordon Thompson's refusing to allow Gordon Bauld to play rugby for Wanderer' and then play basketball and tennis for Dal, "you must remember old man that every organization must have rules or we'll all be in a hellova mess. One of the rules contained in the constitution of the D. A. A. C., says that a student attending this university must play for the College. If the college wishes it can waiver its right on a player, but that often is not in the best interests of the player or the organization.

Personally, I like you, wanted to see Bauld play basketball for Dalhousie—he's a mighty fine athlete and despite what I've said about him before he would be a credit to Dalhousie as an athlete and a gentleman. But I can also see the D. A. A. C. point of view.

Your comment on hockey which I will present as is may account for the poor turnout at hockey practice.

"Everytime I pick up a Gazette I see "turn out for hockey in big black letters!—and then in the next line—"How about Co-operation." All right then Mr. I Can Be Wrong do you know many of 'us fellas' turned out to hockey practice and were told not to bother coming again. Is that in the interests of better sport.

If they keep yelling they may get Conacher or Shore out yet. Who knows?

So long—the best of luck in your Xmas Xams—and a Merry Christmas. P. S. Be careful on New Year's eve.

Dal Victorious

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Council has kept our constitution alive and progressive in a rapidly changing world and provided our strongest guarantee against oppression of racial and provincial minorities could not be denied—and gave them victory.

The judges of the debater were Honourable Mr. Justice Carroll of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia Honourable Dr. Davis, provincial Minister of Health; and Mr. C. P. Bethune, Halifax City Solicitor. Dean MacDonald of the Law School was chairman of the meeting.

Sodales executive wish to congratulate their debaters on their remarkable showing in a whole season of inter-collegiate debates without a single vote cast against them. Every member of the Society is determined that this will be a year of victories. Directly the Christmas holidays Sodales goes to battle again when Doug MacKean and Stu Lane invade Wolfville to convince Acadians "That a Japanese Conquest of China would be in the interests of world peace." There will be more intercollegiate platform debates, radio debates, alumni debates, Bennett Shield debates, and preliminaries. Everyone who can speak English or American is asked to turn out to help carry Sodales through to a glorious finish the year so well begun.

In the meantime, as Sodales activities have ceased until after examinations and we shall not be with you until next year, Sodales executive extends to all their very best wishes for success in examinations, a joyous holiday season, and a most prosperous year to come.

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