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## "IT WAS ALL BAD LUCK"

"Jeeps Trounce Tigers" . . . "Peregrine Trims Dalhousie" . . . "Tigers Bow to Y.M.C.A." These pessimistic heads from our Gazette Sports page paint a sombre picture of Dalhousie's basketball progress to date this year. They tell of a team which has failed to measure up to expectation. Out of eleven exhibition matches played so far, our senior Tigers have lost 8, won 3. Not an enviable record by any standards!

Just why this year's hoop efforts have been crowned with defeat and disappointment is a perplexing question. But it does seem quite clear to this writer that most of the players don't really care what happens. They take to the floor with casual disinterest, either sure of defeat or over-confident of victory. Seldom, if ever, do they enter a contest determined to play their hardest and best, be the opposition strong, weak or simply "average".

At the beginning of the season we were all given optimistic reports on the respective merits of players trying out for the senior squad. It was generally believed that this assemblage of enthusiastic, experienced basketballers would lead the Gold and Black through a successful and victorious season.

Then came the rude awakening as the "finished" aggregation was put to the test and proceeded to turn in a series of below-par performances. What a disappointment!

Unfortunately, the team is not profiting from its misdeeds, but appears quite content to stay in a rut until it is rescued by the Fates. "Good Luck" does not win games—nor does "Bad Luck" lose them. Only initiative and enthusiasm coupled with a "will to win" psychology can rescue Dalhousie hoopsters from their present state of inertia.

We do not infer that the players themselves are wholly responsible for this situation. Certainly not. We do say, however, that they are partially to blame. From a playing standpoint, the Tiger basketballers are potentially strong, both individually and collectively. Psychologically, they fall far behind.

With important intercollegiate encounters in the offing, the team must salvage itself now before it is too late. Prejudice, rivalry, dissension and disinterest must be thrown overboard; enthusiasm, initiative and a "will to win" acquired in their place. Either the basketball team pulls up its socks NOW and settles down to brass tasks OR the hoop season will close once more on a time-worn theme:

" . . . Yes, perhaps we should have led the league, but, oh well . . . that's how it goes. Bad luck, you know."

### Professor Wilson—

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editor of the Halifax Chronicle, has agreed to come up and lecture on the merits and the policies of the present Liberal party. At the last

meeting of the month, Mr. Fred Young is scheduled for a return visit to do the same for the CCF party. All these gentlemen have been warned already of the mauling they will receive in the open discussions after their speeches.

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## Ottawa Calling

("Inside" News from the Political Front)  
A CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS FEATURE  
By NEIL MacDONALD

### BROADCASTING

OTTAWA: The present political situation in Canada, and the speculation as to what will happen at the prorogation of the House of Commons at the end of the month, has rather obscured an interesting situation when the Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation meets on January 29.

#### Kate vs. St. Stephen

The only part of the agenda of the meeting which has been made public is the problem of what to do with religious broadcasts on Sundays when commercial programmes want to move in at the same hour. Church services in the evening have an unfortunate habit of coinciding with the best hours for commercial radio features, and the whole matter has been brought to a head by the conflict between Kate Smith and St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, both of which want to use the same time over a commercial station in that city. The church has been in possession of the time for many years, and possession is nine points of the law; the threat to remove the Sunday evening service of St. Stephen's Church has met with vociferous protests from the National Religious Advisory Council of the C.P.C.

#### Monopolistic Attitude

And that is not all: the CBC came in for a barrage from the Winnipeg Free Press (which generally supports the government and its agencies), attacking it on its monopolistic attitude, its inefficiency because it does not have to face competition, and its attitude towards the public—that what it decides the public should like, the public must like. The positive suggestions were just as far-reaching. The CBC, the Free Press said, should be a regulatory body, interested chiefly in seeing that the air waves are used to the benefit of all Canadians as the Transport Commission policies Canadian transportation.

What happens next week will be interesting, and will affect the future of broadcasting in Canada.

At the present time he is fostering the chess-revival movement at Dal, led by Brian Sherwell.

### Staff Sketches

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#### ¿Cuál es su deporte favorito?

PROFESSOR CHARLES HENRY MERCER was born in Clitheroe, Lancashire, England and received his education at Manchester University. He taught for a time in two schools in southern England and, on leaving them in 1911, came to Canada. After a short time at U. T. S. he went to Vancouver where he spent the next eight years teaching school. He joined the staff of the University of British Columbia in 1920, but the following year he was appointed to the Modern Languages department at Dalhousie.

Prof. Mercer is an athlete of no mean repute. At one time he was the 10th ranking Canadian tennis player and the foremost in Vancouver. In 1923 he won the Nova Scotia and the Maritime singles. In 1924 and again in 1927 he was Maritime singles badminton champion.

## How Is Your Conversation ?

In our reading during the past week we came across some very witty and up-to-date conversational tidbits. Remarkable as it may seem, they are garnered, with all due apology to the late Jonathan Swift, from his *Genteel and Ingenious Conversation of the eighteenth century*. But don't be alarmed. Here is the foundation for a new book, *"How to Lose Friends and Antagonize People"*. Just try these on your friends—and watch them disappear!

Come, a penny for your thoughts.  
It's not worth a farthing, for I was thinking of you.

They say the devil's at home.  
Well, but sit down while you stay, 'tis as cheap sitting as standing.

Pray, my Lady Smart, what kin are you to Lord Pozz?  
Why, his grandmother and mine had four elbows.

Well, I must be going.  
I have seen hastier people than you stay all night.

This last remark is very apt, so apt that I'm going too. —J.B.H.

### V-MAIL

Lord, let them fly,  
These hasty, written words,  
Beneath some changing sky,  
Above tumultuous seas;  
Let their flight be brief,  
And swift, as the swiftest birds,  
These words that are too few—that  
I have tucked in these  
Pale envelopes with letters  
Ink-sketches in black or blue;  
By which I strive to span,  
The myriad miles  
To you. —K.E.B.

### LIFE SPAN

Time is the ghost of passing years,  
And Time must have his way,  
As vanishing mid hopes and fears,  
Day after day,  
The thread of destiny is spun,  
The woof of life is woven,  
Until the wrinkled blueprint plan  
Is finally God-proven. —K. E. B.

## Delta Gamma Holding Open House on the 3rd

Delta Gamma met Thursday, January 30, in the Arts Building. The business of the meeting was: 1—It was decided to have an Open House at Shirreff Hall Saturday night. Cokes and doughnuts will be served and the admission is thirty-five cents. 2—A Delta Gamma play will be

presented in competition for the Connelly Shield under the direction of Elaine Hopewell.

3—The annual Service dance will be held at Shirreff Hall, Feb. 21.

4—Plans are being made to have the Sadie Hadwink dance, March 2, and in that week will appear the Delta Gamma issue of The Gazette. For that issue, Delta Damma will be represented on the Gazette by: Mary Macdonald, Janet Gillis and E. Reeves.

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