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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - - 2

Well they've started. The campaigns are on, and the re- criminations are flying. On all sides we hear whispered rejoinder that so and so "is favored for the presidency by Dr. Kerr", that this candidate will toady up to the university authorities; that another candidate is representative of a group of "rabble rousers" who advocate eternal opposition to the faculty and the university; that a certain nominee will return to university if he is elected but not if he isn't, and that another is a veteran while his opponents aren't. And there are many more remarks of the same vicious nature.

Students should remember that all these are only words. They do nothing to inspire confidence in a candidate for student office. One of the greatest tasks facing voters in the forthcoming elections will be that of wading through the mass of words and finding the candidates who are most likely to forget the great smear campaigns after the election and devote their energies to constructive work.

It is unfortunate that student electioneering has reached the stage where candidates must resort to muck-raking in their desperate scrambling to get into office. But it is apparently a necessary part of running for office.

To quiet rumors which have been going the rounds, let it be known—The Gazette supports no candidate or candidates. It is the organ of student opinion and has no business becoming embroiled in the fight for election to the Council of Students.

But the Gazette does urge each and every student to vote, and to vote intelligently.

THE SLANTED EDITORIAL

Elsewhere in the columns of the Gazette there appears a letter to the editor signed by J. R. McKinney, President of the Council of Students, in which he calls last week's editorial an "extremely slanted editorial". Mr. McKinney has every right to his opinions, and has taken advantage of a privilege which is certainly his, as well as that of every student on the campus. That is why there are Letters to the Editor printed in the Gazette—so that students may express their opinions on student affairs.

However, Mr. McKinney has missed the point of the editorial. In his attempt to defend the council's action in the matter of the ski team he has failed to suggest that anything is being done to improve the situation. He says "an arbitrary desire to overrule the DAAC was at no time a determining factor". Whatever the determining factor, the DAAC decision was still overruled, even if it involved a lesser amount of money.

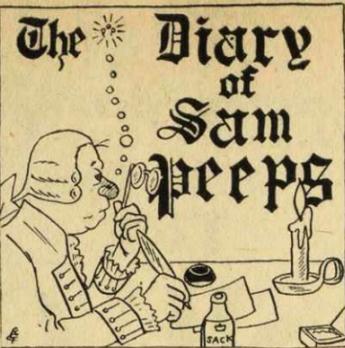
In his laudable desire to set the record straight regarding the ski team matter, he has neglected to assure students that a similar situation will not arise next year.

Let us have some action.

Why not suggest to the people who turned in such a fine effort at UNB that they present their case to the DAAC now? That they prepare the machinery for an active ski program next winter and gain DAAC sanction. Let there be a setup similar to other sports at Dalhousie and plans laid for providing more scope for Dalhousie skiers next year.

Student Employment

All students interested in full or part-time summer employment in Halifax should register before May 1st with the Student Employment Agency. It is expected that several vacancies will be available through contacts established last summer in placing nearly one hundred students in local and Maritime jobs. The Student Employment service works in close liason with National Employment Service and students should register not only with The S.E.S., but with Mr. Rice, the National Employment Service representative at Dal.



Wednesday, Feb. 23 — Quaffing a great and tasty glass of "Twisted '48" at the Mulberry Hovel residence of Monsieur Lesain't Twisted this morning I did hear a great and funny story about Weave Cash, the thwarted candidate for the Prime Ministership and stalwart member of the Reserved Army, a quasi-military organization.

It seems that this Cash character who is known to but a few on the campus has been much incensed about the brewing and distilling activities of Twisted, his almost next-door neighbor, and did take his case to the administration in the form of Lord Chuck Bendit. Nothing came of it however, except that word was taken to Twisted, who on a dark and dreary night, wheeled to the door in a perambulator after a fine vintage was tested, did visit Cash. After an exchange of words, they did depart from Cash's dwelling, all incensed.

Later, Cash did go to Twisted with a story about his being involved in a legal altercation, and asked his advice for Twisted is almost a barrister. Twisted did say, "If you keep up this loose talk, all the funds of the Reserved Army won't get you out of it—you'll be soaked, brother, soaked!" Cash immediately stopped talking.

However, Twisted suffered mightily, for his perambulator was damaged, and he expects to have use for it before long.

As it was a mighty fine vintage I off to bed, tipsy, and to sleep quickly.

Thursday, Feb. 24 — Up late, waked by a caterwauling fool with a great would mouth, Gabby Bulrush, who did tell me that Fearless Fosdick, who has always appeared a weakling did, faint yesterday after a blood-letting. This does confirm my resolution that he is a boastful cad, and that he has light blood pressure.

Jesse James did appear in the gymnasium this week carrying what appeared to be great wounds on his face. However, on closer inspection—I did peer at him—it was seen he had red lip paint on his face. With my powers of detection I did perceive that he had received his besmirching while in his carriage with Singin' Kittens, and from the salt spray on his face I am almost certain the deed took place near the Thames Estuary in close proximity to His Majesty's Yacht Club.

Have this day heard of a new club called the "Batter Baldy Bills Club". President of the organization is to be an athlete named Truthful Dodgers. There are numerous charter members, and a new pledge class is being organized. Gad, what a cad is this Baldy.

A monstrous report today about the Sinister twins at the tooth pulper school. Between them both they have managed to go to about 50 percent of their classes, and when they do work together, the patient is usually in mortal danger. One patient among the scholars has a great hole in the side of his face where they tried to drill a molar of his with a jack-hammer.

The economics number seven students are having fine entertainment these days, what with guest artists and all. Rumor is that they will bring the class to a grand finale with a floor show, complete with Gipsy Rose Windward.

Friday, Feb. 25—Great talk today about the elections for the Prime Ministership at the college on the hill. Am resolved that I will vote as I wish and not listen to those who are telling me which way I should vote. There is such a great whispering campaign on for one candidate that the "hissing" (not all by the whisperers) can be heard downtown when the wind is right.

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