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### ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Welcome and long-awaited news is the announcement that Students' Council is authorizing the immediate construction of a student "common room" in the lower gymnasium.

Such a scheme (backed by both University and Council funds) fills a long-standing need on the Dalhousie campus. Plans, which call for modern furnishings, a soft-drink bar and recreational facilities will provide, at long last, a pleasant, informal meeting place for male and female students of all faculties.

Congratulations to Art Hartling and Harry Zappler, investigators of the scheme, and to the Students' Council whose endorsement gives concrete assurance of its success. This year's Council, imbued with initiative and enthusiasm, has gone "all out" to promote and develop college spirit at Dal. The proposed Student Common Room marks a further step in that direction.

### SO LONG FOR AWHILE

As the impending doom of examinations casts its shadow across their dingy basement dug-out, apprehensive Gazetteers reluctantly abandon their typewriters and scurry to the stacks for a few days of intensive cramming.

We sincerely hope our journalistic efforts thus far have made a favourable impression on students as a whole. Assuming we weather the impending storms, we'll be back next term with a series of brighter and better Gazettes (11 to be exact) based on the progressive enterprise of our editorial staff. We have worked hard and consistently to improve every department of The Gazette this year. Realizing there is still great room for improvement, we intend to redouble our efforts with a view to the ultimate realization of our editorial aims and policies.

At the moment, however, our interests and (we assume) the interests of every Dalhousian, are directed to the contingencies of examination week. However, if we will all put our university motto to practical use, it is reasonable to suppose that examination casualties will be slight and that the greater part of our student body will return intact after the Christmas recess.

If "labora" has been adhered to throughout the entire term, there is little cause for fear; if it has not, then, fellow students, we must "ora" (and fervently, at that) . . . for the Day of Judgment is at hand. In those two simple words "ora" and "labora" stands the key to examination success.

Closing on a traditional note of greeting, The Gazette extends to students, faculty and alumni, its sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in '45.

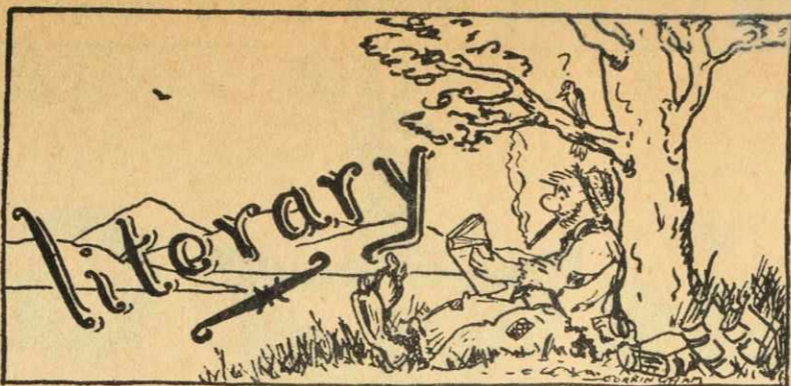
### THE CALM BEFORE

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received with gentle welcoming smiles and a firm clasp of the hand. Seated in a proffered chair, still gasping, he received the following statement from one of the forty-beer boys.

"I believe I may speak for myself and my fellows in informing you that the day of the uncouth Engineer has passed. At a recent meeting of the Benevolent Engineers' Chowder and Marching Club a motion was duly discussed and approved, stating that Engineers, having become fully cognizant of the

deep-seated, though ephemeral value of English la, as taught by that svelte and learned Dr. Martin, as a primary requisite for the true cultural background, so necessary in our profession, will in future cease to inhabit the crude confines and cruder art of the draughting room and instead spend our hours profitably among the great masters of our English tongue."

Dazedly muttering "I guess us Artsmen don't need no English," the reporter wended his way back to the Gazette office and to the numbing realization that exams are indeed only twelve days away.



### Musings By Pindar II

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| We students of philosophies<br>Demand a shorthand course<br>Prerequisite; or else our pleas<br>Do typed-out notes endorse. | For . . . dictates far too fast<br>For students' pens to race<br>The stuff we miss would make<br>you gasp,<br>And hours go to waste. |
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### FALL NIGHT

Nothing to hear  
But the ghostly sound  
Of dead leaves talking  
to one another;  
Fragile wraiths that  
have fluttered down  
Like the ghostly tears  
of a ghostly lover.

Nothing to see  
But a ghostly town  
Where pallid moonbeams  
slant and glimmer,  
And spectral shadows stalk  
the ground  
With a wind that makes the  
dry grass quiver.

Nothing to hear and nothing  
to see  
Save the autumn wind and the  
tattered leaf,  
And a frosty moon hung over  
a tree  
With a halo of frosty stars  
For a wreath.

K. E. B.

### DAL DEBATERS DROP— Continued from page one

lauded the debaters on the quality and quantity of the material gathered on such a difficult subject.

#### Union Impossible

Mt. A. supported the negative and contended that, there being no political similarity between Canada and the South Americas, such a union would not be possible and that Canada's entrance in the Pan-American Union would oppose the promotion of international trade by creating a hemispheric bloc. They also stressed Canada's secure position within the British Commonwealth, making another alliance unnecessary.

The affirmative contended that trade agreements would lessen the possibility of disputes and the dangers of international war by preventing the New World from becoming another Europe, divided by rivalries of power and domination. They pointed out our common economic problems, Canada's need for markets, and the advantages of mutual planning for defence. It was argued that the existence of large Catholic populations in South American countries and Canada, and traditions common to both would lead to effective co-operation.

#### Trade Advantages

The democratic principles of the Pan-American Union are the essence of what we have been fighting for, and this union would give perpetuity to these ideals.

The mutual trade advantages to be enjoyed from such a Union were stressed by the Dal debaters who maintained that Canada's export trade would be closely increased by the result of this union.

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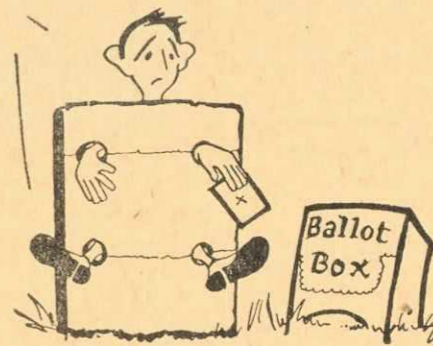
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