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Kibitzer's Corner:

The Ostrich and The Humanitarian

By BOB SCAMMELL

Caput, the senior disciplinary body at the University of Toronto, recently severed all connections of the university with the 38 fraternities on the campus.

Caput declared: that all references to fraternities will be stricken from U of T publications; that the words "University of Toronto" will no longer appear on fraternity stationery; that fraternity houses are in no sense university residences; that the privilege of being a member of the university carries obligations enforceable by disciplinary action.

It is interesting to note, as "The Toronto Telegram" noted editorially, that nowhere in the Caput statement is there any reference to the ruckus that inspired the repudiation of the fraternities—the incident of the negro girl who was advised by two sororities not to apply for membership.

No indeed that incident—termed "scandalous" at the time was ignored by Caput. In effect the Caput statement says that fraternities are bad, not because they refused mem-

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LETTERS

A Final SUB Letter

Fellow Students:
 The vote on the increase in Student Council fees this week will be a milestone in the history of student government at Dalhousie. The possibility of having a Student Union Building at Dal has been talked about, studied, and planned for three years.

In the past few weeks the Com- (continued on page 5)

Council's Reply

Sir:

I am writing in reply to the editorial of February 10, 1960, "What's Happened to our Students' Council?" This article seems to typify many a Gazette entry of the past 1959-60 term. It was written with its author failing to get all the facts. As observed in previous articles, a very one-sided story has been written.

Most of the editorial was aimed at our election platform, so I will start by submitting a few facts about the same.

We, the Students' Council of this year announced right from the beginning that the promotion of the Student Union Building would take top priority. This has been the case. We join you in taking "hats off to the committee." This committee has among its members some of our Students' Council representatives.

The Student Health Service was investigated late last summer and things were found to be very unsettled. With the advent of the Hospital Insurance Plan, many changes were required, including fees and services provided. Difficulties arose as students from outside this province were not covered by the N.S. Plan, and \$22.00 per day had to be paid for hospitalization of these students. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have now acquired their own plans and most of the students from these provinces are now covered for hospitalization. There are still a variable number of students not covered. However, a committee met and drew up a revision to the Student Health Service Plan and submitted it to University authorities. The outcome has not as yet been announced, but should come into effect next fall.

At an early fall meeting a Bookstore Investigation Committee was established. An inquiry was made into the operation of Bookstores in both Canada and the U.S. and a complete report will be submitted to Council at the next meeting. Opposition was met from the Administration and it was suggested that students start a bookstore, but suggestions were made for improving the present bookstore. However, when the SUB becomes a reality there are plans for a student operated bookstore in it.

The Students' Council encouraged Delta Gamma to manage the rink canteen. No one member was willing to take on the responsibility of manager, but they help staff the canteen. At first they had difficulty accomplishing this and we help them organize a duty plan and the problem seems to be overcome. It is hoped, and I feel possible, that we have stirred up enough interest to find the canteen operated by Delta Gamma next year.

Again a fact. The Athletic Board has been formed. This present Board will serve only until Munro Day by which time it will have a report of this year's athletics and a plan for next year with recommended improvements. The board is following a Students' Council committee report of two years ago, stressing the importance of minor sports.

The Students' Council, as promised, formed a committee to implement the Canteen Investigation Committee report. It was realized that the New Men's Residence will be serving meals within a year and the future of the Old Men's Residence, and therefore, the canteen, is very indefinite so no major expenses would be sensible. It was found that the canteen was being regularly inspected by the Sanitary Engineers of the City, with favourable reports, and that the service was a little better than last year.

The only item on our platform that was not brought before the Council this year was the Alumni Homecoming. At the time of election Wally and I both felt strongly towards one. Later, foreseeing the terrific amount of work required for such a function and also foreseeing a great amount of work required for the promotion of the SUB, it was decided to concentrate on the latter. It is well known that our campus, and indeed many camps, therefore are relatively few willing, not capable, for there are many capable, but willing to work for Student Organizations. To put over both the Alumni Homecoming and the SUB requires leaders and these are all too few.

The Munro Day Committee is endeavouring to bring an excellent band to Dalhousie students at a price they can afford. This is the cause, and a just one on the Students behalf, for the delay in a final decision.

The Council suggested that all societies and organizations holding dances should set their own admission requirements. The Council dance of this month succeeding in admitting only Dal students, by asking for their NFCUS cards.

This is not a summary of the Students' Council activities for the year but simply a stand regarding the aforementioned editorial.

BYRON REID, President
 Council of the Students.

Ed's Note:

It seems that Mr. Reid's letter confirms nicely our editorial allegations. We would like to point out (a) that we DID give credit to the SUB committee, (b) that we were correct in saying that nothing has been announced with respect to Students' Health, (c) that we were correct also in implying that Mr. Atwood's operations are still unchanged, regardless of "suggestions" in the Council for improvements now and in SUB FIVE YEARS HENCE, (d) that if no member of the Council is willing to take the responsibility for managing the rink canteen, our hint about Council apathy is valid, (e) that we admitted the formation of an Athletic Board, commended it, but could see as yet no effective results, (f) that, in effect Mr. Reid admits that the Canteen Report was not implemented, (g) that he concedes also that the Alumni Homecoming plans have fallen by the board, (h) that, regardless of Council alibis, we still have not Munro Day band, and (i) that there are differences of opinion with respect to the success of the Council's "NFCUS Card" restrictions on admittance to Dal dances. And this is February.

Irresponsible?

Joel Jacobson, Sports Editor and Columnist for the Gazette, received a call last week from the Students' Council President, Byron Reid, who requested that he appear before the Council on Tuesday, November 16. In answer to Joel's questioning, Mr. Reid replied that the subject of the inquiry was the editorial entitled "Is the Coach to Blame?" that appeared in the column From the Sports Desk in our last issue.

Much to the amazement of the Gazette's staff, there was a hint that a motion of censure was in the making.

But when Mr. Jacobson and other members of the editorial board appeared before the Council on Tuesday, it became evident that Prsident Reid, who was not present, had made the demand upon the suggestion of only one member of our Student government. The other student representatives seemed much opposed to the summoning, and some on the Council's executive were quite unaware that it had even been made. It was apparent, too, that the person responsible for the original suggestion had since discussed the matter with other parties, and had changed his mind. He withdrew his plans for a motion of censure and confined himself to delivering a lecture to Mr. Jacobson on what he felt should appear in his column.

The issue was accordingly dropped, fast.

The Council's action indicated clearly that the great majority of its members had no intention of establishing any kind of precedent for encroaching upon newspaper rights of criticism. It was pointed out at the lecture delivered there would have been better placed in a letter to the editor or in a personal complaint to the columnist concerned. The Gazette heartily supports the Council's sentiments.

What does disturb, however, is that any single representative on the Council can, merely by approaching the President of the Student Body, and without consultation with the Council as a whole or even with its executive can expose a member of a student organization to public investigation as a prelude to a motion of censure. That Dalhousie students should be subjected to this type of injurious inquiry simply on the basis of the

opinion of one Council member, whose views could be irresponsible or uninformed, seems to us incredibly dictatorial.

An exhibition like that demonstrated last Tuesday can do nothing but establish an extremely dangerous precedent.

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**Like Father Like Son—
 Ignorant**

A recent editorial, "Father Would't Have Done As Well," in the Halifax Mail-Star, concerning the results of a current affairs test in the Halifax High Schools, is as tragic as it is reflective of much current opinion on education.

21% of the candidates answered less than half the questions on a paper where the questions ran from indentifying Mikoyan as a Russian, to naming the prime minister of India. The percentage failing to identify important political figures was often astonishingly high (70% knew Howard Green).

And what did the friends of "modern education" down on Argyle Street have to say—why that "the fact that only 76% of the students knew the name of General Vanier, our new Governor General, does not disturb us. Nor does the information that only 72% knew that Christian Herter was the United States Secretary of State."

In what couldn't be irony, they went on to admit that "more students should have known more," but honestly things weren't any better in Dad's day.

"No failure of modern education this, merely a reflection of youthful disinterest in the muddled affairs of their superiors — a young peoples' characteristic, which has been handed down from generation unto generation."

Dalhousie is seeing the results of a scholastic atmosphere which is overwhelmingly concerned with the provincial exam. She is experiencing those alert young minds produced by a system which tends to regard a lack of any intellectual concern as a natural, almost healthy "youthful disinterest."

"Just get 'em through"—is the word. To provide a stimulating interest in knowledge (in this case current affairs), couldn't possibly be the job of modern education, why it's the job of . . . the church . . . or the family . . . yeah, that's it, the family . . .