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College Sports

There can be no doubt that college sports are a good thing. Not only for those participating in the games but also for those who are the spectators. It is easy to talk about sports in terms of the healthy body and hence the healthy mind, but since that is sometimes a fallible argument we must examine sports from another point of view in order to help realize what is the object of competitive sports in schools and colleges.

The old saying that "the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing field of Eton", is not just a nice saying, it is a fact and a fact that carries into all aspects of competition and hence into everyday life. Most games are played with the object of winning but the number of times that one loses is usually greater than the number of times one wins, therefore it would seem that part of the great value of sports is in the losing as well as in the winning. In fact, the greater spiritual value lies in the losing of a game. The reasons are these. Anyone can be gracious and magnanimous when they have won a game or defeated someone else. It is easy to display a charity of soul when everything is going well; but the true display of character comes to the fore when we have been on the losing side of the game.

And that is why sports are of value, not only to the players, but to the spectators; for who in a school or college has not felt despair at seeing his own college team losing and who has not had to put up with the taunts of the supporters of the winners when the game has been lost. It is well known that a spectator can be more aroused at a game than some of the players are and therefore it is sometimes the spectator who feels most keenly the defeat of the team he is supporting.

And thus both the player and the spectator can share in a defeat and both have to exercise their character when displaying their feelings and actions after a game.

And it is well known to all men, for all men have taken part in competitive sports at one time in their life, that the actual winning or losing of a game is not the playing of a game that is important, but how we face the outcome of it. Because after all the physical body is a thing to have, but a healthy, moral and philosophical outlook is far more important within a human being and therefore it is the character building aspect of college sports that is the important thing.

Why Worry About McCarthy

In case you are wondering why there is so much in this week's Gazette pertaining to one Senator McCarthy of the U.S.A. it can be explained in very simple terms. This issue is not dedicated to a "down with McCarthy" as much as it is dedicated to helping us to keep our eyes on a rather important thing called **Freedom**, and the best way to keep our unlimited freedom is to watch those things which are most likely to take our Freedom away from us.

If the Dutch and the French and the English had kept a closer watch on Hitler before 1939 and done something to destroy his power in 1933 they might not have had to let be destroyed some 16 million lives in a great war they almost lost to destroy Hitler's power when it became too great.

The relation of Hitler to England in 1935 is not any different than McCarthy's relation to Canada in 1953. If the United States should ever become a Fascist nation you can be sure that Canada will be the first country in the world to suffer from it.

And that is why there is in this issue a few facts about Senator McCarthy. Because he is not just a problem for the Communists or the decent people of the United States, he is a very present and dire threat to the Democratic safety of Canada. A few ounces of printer's ink in 1953 is not nearly as expensive as a flow of Canadian blood would be in 1973.

The King's Column

Life Upon the Wicked Stage

Happy days are here again! The examinations are approaching, and so the institution of "Quiet Hours" has been re-established for two reasons: one, to remind the resident who likes "roaming in the gloaming" that the Day of Judgment comes; two, to provide the prudent student with peace and quiet for his labors.

Hockey and basketball have begun with the close of the rugby season, and the basketball team won their first game 67 to 64 over the RCAF from Gorsebrook. The Debating Club's last two debates were won by the girls from Alexandra Hall who argued that man is the stronger sex, and by the boys from North Pole Bay who argued that university students cannot govern themselves well, and that stricter discipline is needed.

The Dramatic and Choral Society put on an evening of one-act plays on Tuesday night "The Twelve-Pound Look" gleamed in the eyes of ex-wife Kate (Jean Caines) and Lady Simms (Anne Hill), to the dismay of Sir Harry (Robert Davis), a man with a "guilt" complex. The other characters in this play by J. M. Barrie was Tombs, the butler; the director was Colin Bergh. Malcolm Smith directed the play "Goodnight, Please!" the story of one man's struggle to stay in bed for a week. However, one man's family gave him a difficult time: Lucy (Margaret Curry), Vivian (Mary-Elizabeth Todd), Uncle Basil (Roy Wollaston); his vice-president, Mr. McWinkle (Weldon Smith), and his butler (David Millar). The man? Merideth Whitehouse (James How). Both of these plays were shown in the three-quarter round, an innovation at King's which proved quite successful. Others who assisted were Donald Morse (Lightning), Russell Hatton (Curtains), and Maxwell Clatenburg (House Manager.)

For an intermission the Choral Society, directed by Leonard Mayoh, made a very effective presentation of a group of waltzes by Schubert. Later this year they plan to sing Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and the Dramatic Society will put on a production in All Saints Cathedral this winter.

(Curtain)

CONFUSION

By G. Henry Gray

Are students at Dalhousie University conscious of their literary standard? Is there a literary standard at Dalhousie University? Does the Dalhousie Gazette and its norm of presentation reflect that standard? This paper claims to be "Canada's Oldest College Newspaper." In practice, most things improve with age and experience. Can't something be done to improve the English, the grammar, the diction and the tone of this paper?

I have often wondered if Pro. C. L. Bennett and Dr. Burns ever find time to read the Gazette, and what are their opinions concerning its composition and presentation. It may be an acceptable suggestion that English II be a minimum prerequisite for the editing and proof-reading staff. I cannot believe that the editorial staff knows their responsibility to the reading public nor to the University, or else they would exercise more care and effort in presenting a better publication and avoid exposing themselves to criticism and ridicule.

Nothing is more of an asset to a newspaper than the ability of its editors and feature writers to use words correctly and effectively. Correct pronunciation is essential to good speech and careful diction is the basis of good writing; while the knowledge of the exact meaning and use of words and phrases is as necessary to a good publication as it is to the competent handling of correspondence.

To spell correctly is to command an important means of achieving clarity in the use of written language, and it is also to avoid the impression of carelessness and sloven workmanship.

There are several reasons why abbreviations are not in good taste. They are shortened forms of words, and their use conveys the impression of haste and carelessness, or of brevity at the expense of clarity and appearance. The use of abbreviations also shows lack of consideration for readers who may find them unfamiliar and difficult to read and understand.

It is a good plan to read proofs through several times before returning them to the printer, each time with a definite purpose in mind: one reading for punctuation and grammar; another for errors, appearance and effect.

An article should have personality and tone. It reflects the character of the writer. Arguments must be substantiated by

facts as generalizations will not do. Its tone, language and diction should produce the effect of simplicity, yet it must be dignified.

I think the editorial article "They burned McCarthy" is flat. It is toneless and devoid of ethics. The editorial feature may either be interpreted as the personal opinion of the editor or the editorial expression of the paper. There are two sides to every story and there is place yet for a third. The purpose of an editorial is to give expression to all of them.

The name of the Klan is the Ku Klux Klan, not the Klu Klan. Please, bear in mind that other Universities receive and read this paper and if their judgment of student ability here is by the standard of our paper, it will be a very mediocre opinion indeed. Courtesy demands a more polite reference to Senator McCarthy than "that dirty little man in the US government" and "the nasty little man." The point is he is still a Senator in the United States government—be he anti-communist, anti-social or what not. You should not permit your emotions to get the better of you. Senator McCarthy believes he is serving his country in the best way he can. He has done a lot in exposing communists in high offices in the United States government. "There is nothing good to be said about Mr. McCarthy" was a very bold statement indeed. I dare say if the President of the USA thought that the Senator was serving no good purpose, he would have removed him a long time ago.

Concentrate on correcting the errors and faults in your paper, there were so many on page one of the issue of November 13 that I would not have had space to list them. Just four will suffice:

1. "A series of lectures in apologetics will be given by the Jesuits."
2. Under caption: "Newman Club Meets" follows: "There will be a meeting of the Camera Club, etc."
3. In your leading article you have the following: "Propose \$3.00 fee for Kings Students" (regarding student participation) "\$3.00 charge to be made for the new arrangements." "A flat rate of \$3.00 be presented to the Students." "\$3.00 would allow the Kings students the use of Gazette, etc."
4. "It seems that four coats have been taken from there."

Now what did you really mean?

McCarthy The Communist

One of the most astounding things about the McCarthy regime in the USA is the way in which the reputations of so many good men in the US government and public life have been damaged and despoiled by the slurs thrown around by the investigation committee even in cases where these same public men have had no shade of guilt on them at all. It has reached the point where it is worse to be involved in one of McCarthy's investigations than to be the party on trial. And since the damage done by McCarthy far outweighs the number of Communists he has uncovered and sent to jail it is worth while wondering if McCarthy himself is not the biggest Communist of them all.

Suppose for example the Russian aim were to disrupt the American Government and create an attitude of suspicion among the people so that they would not be able to take a positive action against evils. Then what better way would there be than to have people feel that every time they opened their mouths they were liable for investigation? Well that is exactly the effect that McCarthy's work has had. In other words he has done exactly what the Kremlin would like to see done, and who else would do what the Kremlin wants but a Communist.

And one of the most important things to remember about McCarthy is that he was elected into the US government in 1946 by the full support of the COMMUNIST CONTROLLED LABOR UNIONS IN HIS HOME STATE OF WISCONSIN. Now have you ever heard of a Communist voting for anyone but a Communist? No, and neither has McCarthy and neither have the Communists. In other words the Communists voted for McCarthy because they wanted a comrade in the US government.

To say that McCarthy could not be Communist because he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church is ridiculous, because there are millions of Roman Catholics who are Communists, the same as there are people of other religions who are Communist. To point out that he was in the United States Army and is therefore loyal to the US is equally foolish because the whole of the USA, and all the

free world, was helping the Russians at the time when he was in the Army.

The Greek Trojan Horse is the oldest ruse in the world and yet in spite of Homer and the old adage about "a wolf in sheep's clothing," most of the North American world thinks that McCarthy's motives are for the good of the free world when in reality he could be working for the Kremlin. The single fact remains, that in spite of what he does or does not do you cannot say for certain that he is not working for Russian interests because you DO NOT KNOW.

The simple case in this. Although McCarthy has indeed exposed a few Communists he has done more damage to the American people than the few he has jailed are worth. Surely, McCarthy can know no more than the FBI and yet he is supposed to be the big Red-hunter. And, as a Communist would, McCarthy has attacked the US government at home and abroad; churches in the US; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; citizens activities,

and now at last he has even tried to include the US Presidency. The evidence of scurrilous activity is so ponderous against McCarthy that it is a wonder no one has questioned his loyalty before this.

To say that McCarthy has in fact exposed a few Communist does not clear his name of being a Communist himself because it seems he has only exposed those people and organizations that the FBI knew about anyway and were ripe for the jail when he exposed them. And then suppose a few Communists agents do fall to his methods, so what, the Russians are always prepared to take a few losses when the gains are far greater than the losses.

Now that some of the saner interests in the USA are beginning to raise protesting voices against McCarthy it might be time for some one to investigate "Mac" himself. He might be working for "the Party" after all. If Russia ever takes over in North America it will not do any good then to wonder how we were fooled.

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