



The Campus Roundup

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There has been much discussion amongst English Rugger enthusiasts (if they can be called enthusiasts) this fall, whether the old game will be played this year, and how much. For the past three years, it has had progressively less adherents, especially last year, when there was such an upsurge of Canadian Football. We are happy to say that there definitely will be an English Rugby League this season, consisting of three intermediate teams, Acadia, King's and Dal, the latter being Maritime champs. St. F.X. and Acadia will probably field senior teams.

It is to be hoped that this year will see the nadir of Rugger and the game won't completely die, as the trend seems to indicate. As this department has had the opportunity of attending many English Football meetings, we think that we are qualified to judge the reason for the rapid decline of the game, which we say were the executives and leaders of the various leagues. In this vein, we would like to describe, briefly, a fictional meeting which took place at the Broad-Room Hotel, Somewhere-in-Nova Scotia (in one of its broadest rooms). It is a sterling inn that changes the sheets every day — from one room to another. "You picks up your DDT, free, at the desk."

"We must stop this menace of Canadian football," said one delegate, hitting the cuspidor with a well-aimed shot which emitted a resounding clang, and rudely awakened the others.

"Right-Oh," shouted another, "let's speed up the game. How will we do it?"

"I'll phone John McCarthy," said another, rushing wildly out the door.

"I've got a letter from France here. Can anyone here read French?"

"John McCarthy wasn't home. Shall I cable England?"

"Bzzzzzzzzzz"

"Order, order!" said the Chairman.

"That reminds me," said another, "I'm hungry."

"Is there anything here that concerns us?" said a delegate from a revered old institution, angrily snapping his watch.

And on and on.

The above is purely a joke with a basis in fact but last year, when Acadia and Dal were tied for first place in the League, and their respective managers were wondering who was to carry on to the Nova Scotia finals, those in charge of the League were quite surprised when informed of the first place tie and told the two teams to figure it out for themselves.

We have dwelt at length on this matter in a purely constructive view because we hate to see the old game die. It is quite valuable for smaller institutions and house leagues.

The Frosh Initiation Committee were quite perturbed about some of things which were cut out of the Initiation programme. The "coming-in" last year was deemed a great success, except for one thing,—it lasted too long. There is nothing to the dress or get-up that anyone could reasonably object to, although, it is said that there were some furious phone calls to the University authorities from some old ladies, many of whom had lived four-score summers (which is past three-score and ten and therefore un-Christian). Some of the things cut out: girls: skirts and blouses inside-out, black circle on face with red dot on nose; boys: pants inside out and rolled to knees with pyjamas underneath,

black and yellow nail-polish on nails (Horrible!), black circle on face centered by a large red X.

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There is no doubt that college Initiation can go beyond all bounds, which we all want to prevent, but the Initiation can be rendered futile and sterile, and also become ridiculous if it is too "soft". If it has not been rendered that way this year, it is just on the borderline.

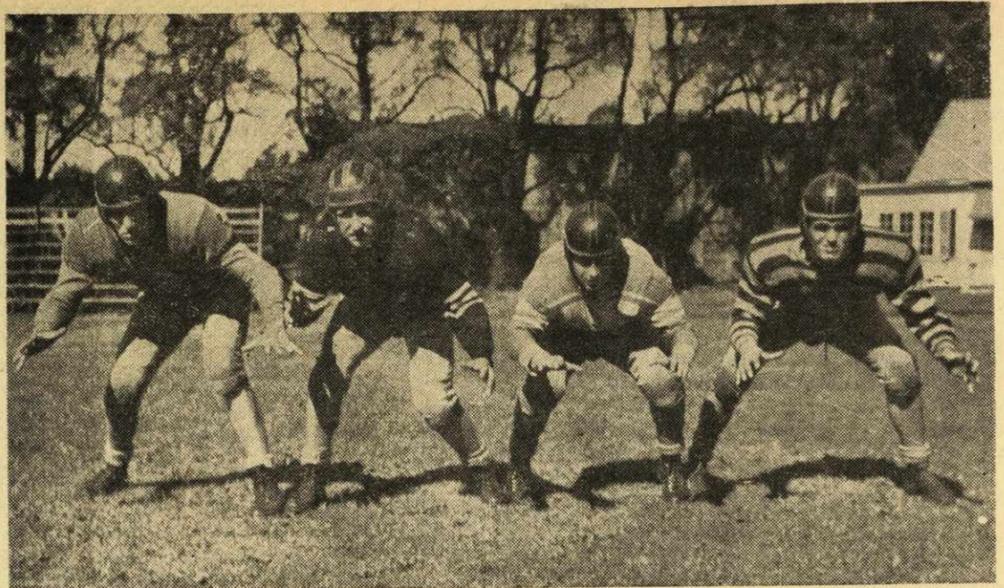
A certain college in the U. S. requires all its Frosh to fish at least a quarter of an hour through the sewer in the midst of busy intersections (although they seldom catch anything of importance); A faculty of the U. of T. requires its neophytes to procure a watering can and liberally sprinkle the hydrants on a certain busy street (when anyone knows it requires vigorous scrubbing with soap and water to clean a hydrant). Oxford, which produces quite as many great men and scholars as some of our Canadian Universities, has a process of punishing miscreants called "de-bagging" which consists of divesting the chappie of his pantaloons in the college square and hanging them from the nearest flagpole. It is not too clear, but we understand that the changes were made by a committee consisting of ONE student and high University officials. This department feels that the Student Council should appoint an Initiation Committee headed by a SENIOR student which would make the rules of the Initiation and carry them out without censorship. After all, it is the students' affairs and when we reach University it is about time that we learned to think for ourselves and be responsible for our resultant actions—if not in University, when do we start?

NOTES: We wonder what the council is going to do about admitting the students to the Dal games at a cut-rate, apropos to the raise in fees? —The Dal line, which has been this year's question mark on the football team, was strengthened recently by the arrival of three gentlemen who are built like proverbial brick institutions.—it looks as though there won't be much action of the projected trip of the English Rugger team to Harvard. A little bit of effort by those concerned might bring about greater results.—The students are glad to welcome back John McCormick, our dynamo physical director. It is solely on his efforts that we are in possession of that magnificent time-clock in the gym, which was contributed by Players. There are only two others like it in Canada.

Tennis Tournament At U.N.B., October 7-8

Dalhousie will place her inter-collegiate tennis title on the block at U.N.B. on October 7th and 8th. The Dal team, which has held the crown for two years will be defending against U.N.B., Acadia and Mt. Allison. It is not yet known whether St. F.X. will enter the tourney. Each team will consist of four boys and four girls. All events will be run off, except for mixed doubles, which will be omitted. The meet will be a round robin affair, with the best two out of three in each event worth a single point.

It is hoped to commence try-outs on Saturday, definitely no later than Monday, since the team leaves for Fredericton on Wednesday. All boys wishing to enter should leave their entries at the physical director's office, girls at the office of the physical directress. Play will be on the Dal courts.



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Tigers Meet Wanderers At Redland Tomorrow

Home Field Ready Next Fall

Despite the present inconvenience of not being able to defend themselves on home ground, the prospect of having one of the best playing fields in Eastern Canada, looms up into the future as a great asset for the Dal teams to come.

Constant plowing and blasting all summer long has finally resulted into what now seems to be a new land. The reconversion plan adopted by the senate last year, in order to turn that rock pile to the west of the gym into a suitable playing field, regardless of the potential loss of \$15,000, seems to have been rewarded in the form of tiny blades of grass, sprouting clear across the field.

At present, the football team has to confine its practice to the Wanderers Grounds, over one half mile from the campus. Locker rooms have been secured there by the management to simplify the matter of transportation. Though suffice for now the teams will look forward towards the time when they again can practice on their own field and use their own locker rooms.

Though the resurfacing of the field has just been finished, the grass has already reached the cutting stage at one end. If everything goes according to Hoyle, the Tigers will be playing their home games on their own new field next fall.

Opening Tilt of Season Will Feature Many New Starters

A question is to be answered at Wanderer's Park, Saturday, Oct. 9, when Dalhousie Tigers, in their second year of competition, meet the highly-rated McGill Redmen in an exhibition contest of Canadian Football.

Naturally, the Big Red are expected to win. Not in who wins, but in the margin of victory, will the answer be found. If McGill win by a large margin, it will be no less than is expected by critics and skeptics of the Canadian game.

If they win by a small margin, Canadian football enthusiasts will have something to shout about.

If Dalhousie Tigers defeat the great Obeck machine, it will be an unexpected, and heartening victory.

In any event, when the game is over, fans will know just where the Canadian Football league in Halifax stands in comparison with Central and Western Canadian college teams.

The Dalhousie Council of Students have voted an amount of money in excess of \$1,600 to cover the cost of bringing the McGill squad here by plane from Montreal. It is an experiment of no small merit, and will be watched eagerly by Dalhousie students and the general pigskin public.

A trifle optimistically, perhaps, the Council have gone on record as stating that all profits, if any, will be donated to the University War Memorial Fund.

Hoping to drum up interest in the game, the Council voted \$100 for advertising, to be administered by publicity director Jack Boudreau.

McGill last week defeated the University of Ottawa, 37-0. Dalhousie will play Wanderers in their

opening game this afternoon. Both teams are experienced, but the amount of experience leans heavily in favor of the Montreal squad.

The visiting team is expected to arrive in the city the day of the game by chartered plane, just two and one half hours before the game is scheduled to start.

After the game, a tea dance will be held in the Common Room of the Men's Residence, followed by a banquet for players of both teams, and league officials.

Sections of the stands at Wanderers have been reserved for Dal students, and for those McGill students who manage to get here for the contest. Because of the cost of bringing the Redmen here, general admission will be fifty cents for everyone, including Dalhousie students. Reserve seats, 325 of them, will be for sale at seventy-five cents.

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