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## Apology

We, the students of the faculty of Medicine apologize to the rest of the students of Dalhousie for not taking a more active part in the activities around and the leadership of our campus. We realize we are responsible for at least part of the so-called "student-apathy" at Dalhousie. There are in our faculty, many students who would (and who would like to be) assets to every athletic team, debating team, indeed every phase of student organization and life.

Many circumstances, some of them inalterable, combine to keep us separate and unactive. Perhaps the greatest and most insurmountable circumstance is the number of hours we must spend in class and clinic and at study. The first four years in medicine find us spending anywhere from 32-44 hours per week in class and clinic alone. Study adds also 10 to 20 more in the evenings or the rare "spare period".

Another great obstacle is the fact that we study and live almost completely separated from contact with the students of other faculties. Other difficulties include the fact that medical students are products of ALL Maritime Universities and the fact the past six or seven years most medical students have been far veterans — older and more uninterested in student activities.

The diagnosis and etiology are complete. Now for the treatment. Little can be done concerning our curriculum and study hours. The work is there. It must be covered adequately. The only thing we offer in this line is for the faculty to try to coordinate our off periods one year with another and also with other faculties so we can better become interested in common projects. Little can be done to alter our place of study, but conceivably much could be done in the line of common residence. If the university cannot financially afford to build a men's residence, why couldn't they condone the construction of a "fraternity row" on the campus. Living with students of other faculties would increase our participation in student activities about 100%. Since medical students come from so many other universities to Dalhousie, perhaps some sort of subtle indoctrination and recognition would impart a bit of Dalhousie spirit to them. Another thing that would aid the medical student feel like Dalhousians would be continued coverage of our faculty by the Gazette and especially better coverage of interfaculty sports and activities. As for the older element in our faculty, they are rapidly becoming few in numbers and with youth comes enthusiasm and interest. We trust.

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## Looking At The Medical Society

... Pass the salt, please.

There was great excitement on the Medical Campus when the illustrative posters announced that on Feb. 13th, a general meeting would be held for the purpose of electing the executive for the coming year. In the smokey little common room, between classes and in the treatment room, the merits of the various candidates were weighed and aired by progressive and clever campaign managers, each trying to outdo the other in his oratory ability. Bands played "he was the best president we ever had" and a fireworks display added to the almost festive atmosphere. Election day saw over 80% of the society turn up at the meeting held in the V.G. auditorium, to cast their vote.

This general theme of enthusiasm and active participation has tinted all activities of the society this year. The executive under the direction of M. Delory, assisted by R. Parker, B. Goldberg and A. MacKenzie kept the full programme running smoothly and tuned to a high tempo. As most of the minor business problems were ironed out at the executive meetings, the general gatherings, which were held once a week, were pleasantly free from that somewhat petty argumentative atmosphere that seems to go with many democratic meetings.

One of the highlights of the year's programme was the two excellent series of lectures given by doctors and laymen, all outstanding characters in their respective fields and the subjects brought up; "problems in setting up a new practice", "shall I specialize", "does religion and philosophy have a place in medical practice", and many others gave impetus for many heated discussions.

Films shown throughout the year were in themselves an education and here again we were fortunate in having a wide range of material. "The social problems of an Eskimo" and "where do babies come from" were two of the better ones and oh yes, "let's sing".

However the function of the society wasn't directed entirely into academic channels. The active choral society, boasting 30 strong voices offered a pleasant form of relaxation for our musically inclined students.

A new venture that met with a great deal of approval was the instigation of a date bureau for the benefit of nurses and med students. So great has been the success of this move that it is hoped that the programme can be extended to include all interested groups on the campus.

A gala social evening was to have been held in the Munro Room sometime in March at which time we had hoped to show the rest of the campus what a REAL DANCE was. However, look as we might the key for the room was never found... must have been lost in the election speeches last spring. And besides the Chaffettes from Chaff Hall didn't approve of such fraternization between the "girls in white" and the female species on the campus. So you see the executive was beaten before it could start.

## Literature And Sex

The trend in modern literature seems to be: "Add a healthy sprinkling of sex to a novel and you have a best-seller or at the worst a drugstore success." Certainly writing about sex should neither be condemned nor ignored, yet there should be some happy balance. A book which goes to the extreme on this subject is James Jones' saga on peacetime army in Hawaii "From Here To Eternity".

The book undoubtedly gives a fairly factual account of army life, yet at times sex is discussed almost to the point of perversion. Whether it is possible to write fictional articles about military life without all this sensationalism is quite possible as witness "The Caine Mutiny" by Herman Wouk. This best-selling novel deals with life on board a U.S. supply ship in the Pacific War. The author leaves out the filthy language and doesn't sensationalize.

Writers such as Erskine Caldwell who writes on the sunny south, may have a niche in literature but what sort of niche and is it deserved Alberto Moravia has written such novels as "The Woman of Rome", and "Two Adolescents" and these books are classics on their subjects. Assuredly enough is not discussed here on this sensational novelism; there isn't the space. Nevertheless, are new young writers going to follow the path to the drugstore counter and is present literature of low standard? Just what effect is this sensationalism having on modern literature? It certainly doesn't improve one as any passing fad. Is it wholesome? We can't ignore what goes on about us yet, there should be some limitations. Yet if you don't care for the modern novels, you don't have to read them. There is much food for thought and you must be rational about the whole business. I leave it to you.

The banquet, as usual was held in the Nova Scotian and was well attended by both faculty and students and a very pleasant evening was had by all. It is taken for granted that the ball, coming up shortly after Munro Day will be just as successful.

... I need a little more salt ... This is what the D.S.M.S. has been attempting to do — to offer the Medical student that extra "something" that he can't get from the prescribed curriculum. I'm sure next year's executive, whoever they will be, will gladly welcome any suggestions to better this Great Society.

Who will our executive be?  
 Your vote will decide on the 3rd.  
 Pres.: B. Sabean  
 J. Fairweather, N. Lyons  
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## Acadia Is Still There

To the ardent readers of Mr. Vincent's column, this will answer that constant interrogative: Is Acadia still there? To those who were not such faithful readers let this be an enlightenment to their knowledge!

Yes, the college that is situated in the heart of the Annapolis Valley is still there and has constantly been so since 1838.

If you have never honored the campus by your presence, you have surely been dealt an injustice by the aforementioned column. You will find that the students are realistic and yet at the same time they can be broad-minded. They will welcome any Dal students to enjoy the privilege of using the Student Union Building. Here over a few cups of coffee you will soon see why Acadia is still there. Ask them about University spirit. I am sure that their description would be very different from that of Dalhousie spirit—if the latter actually exists. (It must to some extent as many Acadia students are now attending Dalhousie Professional Schools.)

Yes, Acadia is still there and it is time the Gazette concluded the realization and realized just how superior is their publication, The Athenaeum. Could it be possible that the C.U.P. editor has succumbed to his defense mechanism? His column is now absent from the regular issues.

If perchance the column once again graces the pages of the Gazette, I hope a better account of Maritime University news is evident.

## Extracts From The Cynic's Dictionary

**Adult** — A person who has stopped growing — except in the middle.

**Alliance**—In politics, the union of two thieves who have their hands so deeply inserted in each other's pocket, that they cannot separately plunder a third.

**Bachelor** — a man who has no children to speak of: a cowardly, cruel and wholly selfish man who is cheating some nice, sweet woman out of a profitable divorce.

**Belladonna**—in Italian, a beautiful lady. In English, a deadly poison. A striking example of the essential identity of the two languages.

**Criminal**—the fellow who gets caught.

**Cynic**—one whose faulty vision sees things as they are, not as they ought to be.

**Egotist**—a person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.

**Husband** — a man who is not merely against marriage, but up against it.

**Jury** — a group of twelve men selected to decide who has the better lawyer.

**Life**—an everlasting struggle to keep money coming in and teeth and hair from coming out.

**Marriage** — originally spelled, mirage. The only life sentence suspended because of bad behaviour.

**Peace**—in international affairs, a period of cheating between two wars.

**Self made man**—a horrible example of unskilled labor.

**Success** — the one unpardonable sin against one's fellows.



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