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## DOLLARS TO QUARTERS

College newspapers throughout Canada have recently run feature stories on the drastic financial cuts which decreased enrolments have made necessary to their Students' Councils.

The *Acadia Athenaeum* ran headlines saying "Budget Down; Universal Fees Up". The story with them told of a small student body, and the raising of student fees by five dollars. Acadians now contribute thirty dollars yearly to their Council.

At McGill, The *McGill Daily* printed a story headed "Financial Backing Tight Campus Clubs Are Advised", and in a recent editorial, the statement was made that the budgets of student organizations had been "slashed". Although the President of their Council took exception to the use of that word, he did admit that budgets would definitely be tighter, and spending more closely controlled.

Even at the University of British Columbia, with an enrolment four times the size of Dalhousie's, the *Ubyssy* told of the introduction of an "austerity budget" by the students' Treasurer.

All this goes to prove that the Dalhousie Students' Council is not alone in its tighter control of budgets. But even with this tighter control, no student activities have been cut. Economy has been enforced—not austerity.

If anyone should still believe that tighter budget control at Dalhousie is an ill omen, there are other facts to be considered. Dalhousie is definitely in the class of a small college. Yet she maintains student activities comparable with larger universities. And a college, whether large or small, that plays—for example—football, still has only one team. Further, even though the expenses for teams in a large and a small university may not be equal, certainly the expense in the small university is greater in proportion than that in the large.

And there's more yet. Dalhousie students pay one of the lowest Council fees in Canada. Dal's enrolment has dropped less in percentage than those of most other Canadian universities. And finally, this college has yet to see the greater portion of the children of those who increased the population of Halifax from sixty to one hundred thousand during the last ten years.

All in all, Dalhousians have much to be thankful for. And even though we may have to watch the quarters, not the dollars, this year, student activities will not be curtailed in the slightest.

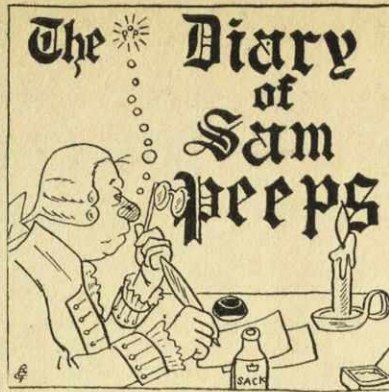
## UNBIASED OPINIONS

The first of Miss Fisher's articles is appearing in this issue, and it is hoped that it, and subsequent reports, will receive the attention they deserve.

The idea of the International Students' Service contributing funds in order to send a few students to Europe has been misconstrued by many. These travels are not in the nature of "free trips" for one or two privileged students. The real value of these excursions is, of course, not the opportunity for the students involved to see Europe, but from the benefit we all derive from independent and unbiased accounts of conditions abroad.

Most of the similar trips reported in newspapers are those of civil servants or public people who cannot express private opinions publicly. But in the students who travel annually from this continent to Europe we have a constant source of information, which is unbiased and authoritative.

That we should have such information few people will dispute. There is no group in the country which can better serve as a check on biased propaganda than a well-informed class of students. There is no other group which can obtain such information regularly and dispense it as widely. It is in no spirit of self-indulgent curiosity that we should do this, but as a duty.



**The Diary of Sam Peeps**

Sunday, October 16 (Lord's Day)  
—Blessed be God, I am returned safe and well to the college on the hill, although my old trouble is returning of late and I am not the man I was. I see all is much the same at the college on the hill, with the deans and teachers as well-fed as ever.

On my arrival, to the office of the Spectator (early edition) where all was gloom and dismay. It appeared that by a new decree e senatu the initiation of new scholars had been sadly curtailed. I did ask of one Bobsdaughter why he thought initiation necessary, and he replied: we must initiate them into the mysteries of their studies, the rotten crums! I to the Gym Inn with no sympathy for these initiators for everyone knows that there is no mystery to anything they study.

At the Gym Inn I did find gloom also, and consternation, with scholars gathered about with long faces. The landlord, one Deadwood, did tell me that their favourite drug from the Indies, fivecent-coffee, was now no longer sold by a new decree e senatu. Scholars, he told me, must resort to a nearby den of low degree where a similar drug, tencentcoffee, was sold at much dearer prices. Indeed, if this den be the establishment of the Sour brothers the quality of their prices is higher than their coffee.

Later home, where I did sit alone, for my wife, toothless now, is still pursuing me in the colonies whither she thinks I fled from the harpies of Marmalade Hovel. The old soak!

Monday, October 17 — Up early, and to the college on the hill, which is also called Studlee by reason that it was once a simple lee where they did bring horses. There was great discussion of the merits of these jousts, some speaking of the Grand Old Game and some of the new Colonial Game.

For the Grand Old Game was one called Union, still played in the Empah and much venerated, but not played here. For there arose revolutionaries who cast down the Grand Old Game and set up a game called League, which was neither Old nor very Grand. And still later an Irishman, said to have fled from the late Duke of Wellington, set up the MYAU which set up another game, which is that now played. And so, I did explain to this Grunt, some games are a little Grand and some very Grand and some not Grand at all. By the same token some are somewhat Old, some Most Old, and some New, and so forth. I would have told him more, being anxious to instruct those who seem genuine in their wish to learn, but he left, muttering in his beard.

This did put me in mind of a day last week, when I did journey to the old Town of Truro to consult a learned apothecary, very skilled in the preparing of a new drug, screech, which I find very beneficial. To the town came also scholars and many sailors, to a field where the scholars did array themselves against the sailors and a little ball was produced at which they kicked until one gathered it up and ran. But he did not run fast enough, and many leapt upon him throwing him to the ground and he was borne from the field. Then a little man named Plee took up the ball and ran until he fell down, and all stood up and shouted, and they kicked at the ball again. Then a sailor named McQuiet took this ball, and all formed a line facing him, and he ran hard against this line and was borne to the ground as all beat upon him.

Then the little man Plee threw  
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