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## A CHALLENGE

If nothing more is accomplished this year by Dalhousie athletes it still may be said that this has been a great year. Five championships have been won since the start of the term — our Tennis Team captured both the provincial and Maritime net honors, the Intermediate rugby team has taken the City League and Provincial Championships, and the Freshman Track Team ran away with the honors at the Dal—Acadia Track Meet. The only loss suffered to date was in the nature of a triumph, for the senior Tigers, in defeat, gained the respect and admiration of all sporting fans in Halifax.

The fact, however, that our teams have won championships is of little significance when compared with the display of sportsmanship and fighting spirit shown by all the athletes who have represented Dalhousie this year. Their accomplishments constitute a challenge to all students who take part in any future endeavour.

## EDITOR'S MAILBOX

The Editor  
Dalhousie Gazette

Dear Sir:

The November 7th issue of the Gazette has been the topic for many heated discussions on and off the Dalhousie campus. To many of the students, especially veteran students, three of the articles have been the cause of disappointment and to some anger. I wish to class myself with the latter group.

Barely two years after the close of World War II, it is disconcerting to hear the grim words "War Inevitable", especially when they appear in heavy black type and are quoted from one of Dalhousie's leading Professors. No one wishes to deprive Dr. Wilson of his right to think and say what he firmly believes to be true, but what I do wish to say is that I disagree with him and that I believe that I have many supporters in this view. So long as war is considered inevitable by persons in positions of influence and authority, its inevitability is the more pronounced. Is it too much to hope, however, that if these persons would bend their efforts toward the prevention of war their efforts would be crowned with success? I do not believe so. The vast majority of the world's inhabitants are desperately opposed to war and with true and untiring

efforts on the part of the leaders in all walks of life, war could become a thing of the past.

The other articles whose inclusion in this same edition I regret are credited to names not to be found on the Dalhousie roll. I wish to hazard a guess that the writers are students who do not wish their names to appear in conjunction with the rather weak articles they have written. I refer to "We Killed a Child" (a true story no less) and "What is War." If the former is a true story, I see no reason why the writer should object to using his own name if he has not done so. I must confess I agree with some of the sentiments expressed by the staff writer of "What is War" but I resent the application of the terms "looters" and "pillagers" to the rank and file of allied soldiers. Allow me to note a little incident I saw in the city of Hamburg. It was on a street-car that I saw a Canadian serviceman get up and offer his seat to an old lady. The surprise she registered was an indication that such a gentlemanlike move was totally unexpected and led one to believe that she was not accustomed to such treatment even from her own countrymen.

In closing I would like to emphasize that I appreciate the difficulties with which the editor and staff of the Gazette are faced. I am only interested in presenting the views of one who has some hope for humanity and some regard for convention.

Yours truly,

Sheilaine McCurdy.

## MILLSTONES

by McStoop

### GASEOUS SCIENCE BLDG. CHIMNEY DISTURBS MARBLES TOURNEY AS CROWDS COUGH

Having read in the Dalhousie "Advertiser" ("more ads, less politics") that Studley Field was a desert, and good for nothing, Publicist Artie Smears decided to save the good name of the old Alma Mater, and introduce a game which could be played on our concrete campus. Accordingly, he advertized for suggestions; at a meeting of the Senate Games Committee, the D. A. A. C., and the S. C. M. petitions. Suggestions and demands were received. After chess, ping-pong, bridge, and backgammon were discarded, the fine old game of marbles was introduced. At first there was wrangling as to whether Canadian marbles or the good old Cambridge variety (est. 1340 A. D.; Royal Charter, 1602) should be used, but a compromise was reached by a adopting Newfoundland marbles, which offended nobody. And thus, oh children of an enlightened age, marbles came to stay.

An offer from the Wanderers' Club—an old, old institution—to rent their lovely field for only 4,000 pesetas per game, plus tax, plus cut, plus another 500 was turned down, and the great game was set for Saturday.

At last DALhousians could see a manly, virile sport played on their own field! At last their Students' Council Cads would be good for admission, while St. Mary's men and other outside cards had to offer their grimy quarters to enter. At last Smears sat back and beamed; so did Stormy O'Rourke of the Sports Bureau. This would be a fool-proof set-up. What if the field did present a surface of bumps, rocks, stones, and other bits of rotten Earth? These would be legitimate hazards for the marbles course. But they had not reckoned with the jinx of Studley. They had advertized that no fertilizer was being spread that day; they had carefully removed some atomic piles in the Physics lab to a safe place in Acadia; they had locked up the members of the I. S. S. What more was there?

### FUMES FUMIGATE FANS

There was one thing that Smears, for all his experience, and O'Rourke, for all his energy, and the Gazette, for all its politics had overlooked. This was the Science Building Chimney, the Studley Terror. lighting the furnace did so deliberately. No defense counsel could save him by pleading the absence of "Mens Rea"; there was malice afore thought. The man entered the building fully intending to light the furnace, and did so with no hesitation. And so the fumes began.

On the field the fans were gripped by the games. Everybody was gripped, especially the girls. Suddenly a woman fainted. People coughed here and there. Someone looked back and shouted. Curling around the east end of the Men's Residence was a thick bank of black, soot-laden smoke. Arts scholars were reminded of Pliny the Younger's classic description of the smoke billowing from Vesuvius; Commerce men hastily calculated the losses incurred by the gate receipts.



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