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FOOTBALLERS NEEDED



A panel discussion, sponsored by the Student Council, was held last week on the subject of Football at Dalhousie. Panelists were (left to right seated) Stu McInnes, football coach Harry Wilson, Joel Jacobsen, and Prof. W.A. MacKay. Chairman of the meeting was Prof. Graham Murray, (standing.)

(Morton Photo)

Advocate Recruiting

Dalhousie needs some method of recruiting football players if it is to remain in the 'A' League of the Atlantic Football Conference. This was the general conclusion reached in a panel discussion held last week under the auspices of the Student Council.

The panelists, Stu McInnes, football coach Harry Wilson, Joel Jacobsen, and Prof. W. A. MacKay of the Law School, discussed the crisis facing football at Dalhousie. Chairman of the discussion was Prof. Graham Murray, also of the Law School.

Introducing the panelists, Prof. Murray said there was certainly concern among students and alumni over the poor showing of the football team, but he questioned whether it was the great crisis some people presented it as.

Mr. McInnes disagreed. "I think this is the biggest crisis that has ever faced football at Dal," he said.

TWO ALTERNATIVES

He said there were two alternatives facing the athletic department: one was to drop out of the 'A' League; and the other was to remain in the League and make

the best of it. Outlining the problems to be faced on both sides, Mr. McInnes said "once you're out of the League you're out, and will have to start from scratch again." He added this would be difficult because players of 'A' League calibre would not be interested in playing inferior football.

On the other hand, he said, if Dal remained in the major league it would face overwhelming opposition, "and no one wants to watch a team being continually beaten."

Coach Wilson and Mr. Jacobsen echoed these fears. Mr. Wilson said the problem could be solved by recruiting. "If we want a good football team we will have to go out and find the players," he said. He said there was nothing wrong with this, and added the University recruited academically to get better graduates.

NO QUESTION

Mr. Wilson said there was no question of recruiting in players who were below the academic standard required by the University. "Footballers are no use to me if they come in for a year and then fail," he said.

The question of football scholarships was brought up. The panelists in general agreed that scholarships specifically for athletes were impracticable — "I would object strongly if the University was to put money into athletic scholarships," said Prof. MacKay, "but that doesn't mean that we perhaps shouldn't try to encourage good athletic students to apply for academic scholarships."

ALUMNI HELP

The meeting decided that a major effort to bring good athletes to Dal was needed, and several of the panelists suggested the best way would be through the alumni.

Mr. Wilson said he had addressed an alumni meeting in Toronto last year and urged those present to keep an eye out for prospective football players in the area, but he had heard nothing since. "All they have to do is to drop us a line about a good prospect," he said, "and we will follow it up and do the rest."

Pharos Compulsory?

Pharos, the Dalhousie Year Book, may be made compulsory for all undergraduates next year.

Council President Dick Thompson told the Gazette a committee report studying the move would be presented to Council, and the decision made early next year. A student referendum would be needed before such a step could be taken.

Mr. Thompson said the Year Book regularly lost money - he said it went approximately \$1,200 in the red last year - and that the move was being contemplated in an effort to balance the Pharos' budget.

Actors worked well together in play

The three angels manifest on the Dal stage on Thurs., Fri., and Sat. of last week showed certain touches of divine inspiration - they looked one feeling a new confidence in the efficacy of Providence. For three weeks before opening night, this writer was more or less "conditioned" by various people concerned in the production to expect some fantastic debacle: everybody vied to see who could make the most damning condemnations.

One got the general impression that the only person sure of lines was the prompter, and that the stage crew were going to go on dressed as coat-stands to hold up the flats. The whole thing was most strange, since the production itself was so efficiently managed all around that the audience just relaxed in the confidence that nothing untoward would happen, and that the play would move smoothly to its appointed end in the appointed time. The fatalistic atmosphere which hung over the group concerned in this effort is thus absolutely inexplicable: one concludes that it was a demonically clever psychological approach, guaranteed to make the rose of realization even more lustrous since it was proscribed to be a muddled dandelion.

WELL EXECUTED SET

The set was well executed, livened with a few nice dashes of colour, and the properties committee showed a certain amount of verve in placing a bust of Plato in the Ducotel living-room. The lighting was generally good, the curtains ran smoothly, the set doors opened and closed as desired - the trappings of the dramatic muse were in good working order.

The first act began rather shakily, since the acoustics in the gym are such that a mouth-organ in the background and the hammering on the Ducotels roof provided a symphony of background.

However, the cast soon rallied, sound resembling a subway.

and from then on were in control of the stage.

STRIKING PERFORMANCES

Perhaps the most striking performances of the evening were those of Rupert Ray, Joseph, the smooth talking con-man, and Ross Hill, as Felix Ducotel, who registered mousey bafflement in a maroon bathrobe with excellent stage presence.

The trio of convicts worked very well together; generally they were more effective when interacted in a group than when they individually worked good deeds. This was in general the main criticism of the play: when the stage was moderately crowded, the action was brisk and effective and everyone stayed in character. When the stage was held by only two people, the characterizations tended to become less definite, and it appeared that the cast was then rather intimidated by the empty space around them.

RECEPTION

The exception to this criticism was Janet Coffin, as Emile Ducotel, who was always in control of what she was doing. Occasionally she tended to an overly dramatic gesture, but her soul-searching scenes had a subtlety of voice inflection that was matched only in some of Ross Hill's work. Jane Elliott, as Marie Louise Ducotel, registered an intensity of innocence and determination that was an admirable foil to the developing cynicism of her indecisive erstwhile boy-friend Paul, played by Peter March. Tony Harris, the lovelorn convict Alfred, was both engaging and amusing, and put in some very good stage business with his yearning pangs on Paul's coat, given to him to press, and in several other little side-plays. Jules, Michelle Guite, was the central point in several of the tableau-like scenes, and provided a perceptive comment on much of the activity around him. Henri Trochard, the villain of the piece, was a fantastically strong-jawed and beetle-browed creation of Cluny Macpherson's.

In general, the play was rapidly



The three pyjama-clad convicts, checking last week's laundry bill, are Michel Guite, Rupert Ray, and Tony Harris, who played leading roles in *My Three Angels*, the D.G.-D.S. fall production this year. A review of the play is printed on this page.

(Bisley Photo)

Council Elections Will Be Held Feb. 2, 1962

The elections for the Student Council next year will be held on Feb. 2, 1962, nearly a month earlier than in past years. The decision to make this change was ratified as an amendment to the constitution of the Student Council at a student forum held last week.

Dick Thompson, Council president, said the election day had been put forward in order to establish some continuity between Councils. He said the incoming council members would be expected to attend meetings of the pre-

sent Council and gain some experience before taking up the reins of office.

Mr. Thompson said the new system would also enable students on the Forrest campus to take a more active part in the elections. In other years the elections had come right in the middle of Med exams, but next year they will be held about two weeks before the exams.

Nominations for Council posts will be due Jan. 19 of next year.

Students' Directory will be available at the end of this week in the University bookstore, Education building, Forrest and Dental buildings.

—R. H. M.