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STUDLEY DESERT

There is little need for Halifaxians to visit Death Valley for the sight of a desert. Studley Field is a perfect desert. In its present condition the best possible use for it would be to advertise it as a tourist attraction in a similar manner as do our neighbors in Maine who make a mint of money by showing off the results of their negligence, the consequent erosion of the soil. — Picture automobiles leaving Nova Scotia with flags and streamers bearing the words, "Desert of Studley."

It is a deplorable state of affairs when Dalhousie teams are unable to play their home games on our campus. A team captain is certainly to be commended when he refuses to permit his players to take the risk of serious injury. A casual stroll across the field would reveal the great number of jagged stones that lie on the surface. A melee of players generally results in the origination of a dust storm, and hidden-ball tricks are the order of the day.

Another serious aspect of our loss is that the Students' Council is forced to pay out goodly quantities of our money every time a game is played elsewhere. This year, for instance, when a Canadian football game is played at the Wanderers' Grounds one-third of net receipts is turned over to the Wanderers' Club. The remainder of the receipts is split between the five teams who form the league. In the past when Dalhousie had its home games at Studley, students were admitted on their Students' Council cards. If this (as it should be for Dalhousie home games) were done at the Wanderers' Grounds the Council would have to pay to the Football League the sum of fifty cents for every student admitted. If a thousand students, for example, were admitted the Council would have to pay out \$500.00. Supposing that there were 3000 spectators at this game, the total net receipts should be \$1500.00. Of this amount \$500.00 would go to the Wanderers' for the rent of the field, and then each team would receive one-fifth of the remainder — in this case, \$200.00. Thus the university would pay out \$500.00, and receive only \$200.00 in return. The result — a loss of \$300.00. — Why? — Because we have no field.

As it is, students, who on buying their Council cards pay for the privilege of seeing their teams must make further and unnecessary payments because the games cannot be played at Studley.

In a certain office on the campus are letters collected over a period of years which all have raised a cry of protest over the deterioration of the football field. Little if any action has been taken by the people responsible, and it would appear that little is to be done in the future. In any case, a protest is too late. The field is ruined, and it is likely that three year's work and care will be necessary to recondition it.

It is a sad misfortune that in the very year when two winning football teams have appeared they are unable to play on their home field. This is a serious matter, and the GAZETTE feels that the Students' Council should take immediate steps to rectify it rather than leave it in the hands of people who apparently are not greatly interested.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

October 25, 1947

Having witnessed many of the foot-ball games played by Dalhousie this term, I take this opportunity to commend the teams on their excellent showing. May every success be their's in the matches which are still to be played.

Dalhousie, with its record registration in the 1947-48 season, can expect to go ahead with ever

increasing momentum in all its activities. Although history speaks well for the university, the year 1947 promises to beat this fine record.

A. R. Frazer, C.L.U., Manager, Scotia Branch, The Maritime Life Assurance Co.

NOTICE

Students Veterans Association have announced that Dalhousie Student Veterans will parade on Nov. 11. It is proposed to have the Dalhousie band also in the parade. Dr. Kerr will speak at the cenotaph.

MILLSTONES

by McStoop

The other day we see a strange face; it is the strangest face we ever saw. This is because it belongs to Roscov Seedle, who comes here from somewhere in Europe South, where they have strange faces— at least, that's Seedle's excuse. He puts up a loud moan when he sees us.

I am entering this country not long ago, he says, and I am very mixed up; it is all this damn free speech or somethings that is mix' me up.

We encourage him to proceed, since the subject is one in which we all take an active interest. He proceeds, and one gathers that free speech is a bad thing. THE CUSTOMS IS CROOKED

I am entering this country, he says, and I am thinking how are things here anyway. What with this capitalism and all which Comrad Tito tell us about I am thinking that the people here are all misery and destructions. But not so; I find smart man who looks like a policeman. This one I am afraid of but he only looks in my trunks and says like this: O.K. So I enter this country. I see no miseries; all is being happy and fat and not like Comrade Tito says. There are houses, there are shops where they are buying. I buy food, and to see if it is being poison I give it to a kiddie on the street. But the kiddie does not drop dead so it is not being poison. And I see everywhere that only a few people run away when a policeman come— so I think that they are not being scared of the polices, no. Everythings looking so good, and not like Comrade Tito says. But aha! it is when I are arriving to Dalhoosie University that I discover the evils Comrade Tito are speaking of.

At Dalhoosie everybodys are telling me that here are free speeches; here they can get on the platforms and say: the government, he is no good— AND NOTHINGS IS HAPPEN TO THEM!!! So, I are entering classrooms, and the professors saying you say your own opinions, that is what he wanting.

I see newspaper the Gazette and Advertiser, which always is not coming on time but late. I enter. They say to me: here, we have free speeches— we say what we please if it is true— AND NOTHINGS HAPPEN TO US!!!

So I am saying Comrade Tito is biggest damn liar and am settling here and working for Gazette when I discover what Comrade Tito is meaning all the time. What if they do not eat in Inner Obrotchnna, they are now used to dying; if they are trodded on, they do not mind any more? But they happy by not having free speeches which is greatest evil of all time.

I work for Gazette; they say cover Glum Club show; show it is stinking and I saying so in Gazette. One of the professors I am not liking and I am saying so in the Gazette, and why. The football team he is lose game, and I saying they not good now. The Board of govners they coming here and I saying throw them in the pond for fun, and how. The church here at the corner— it is a colour I do not like and I saying paint it gold and black. The prime minister of the

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