

## Letters to the Editor

### TOO MUCH SPIRIT

Shirreff Hall,  
October 16, 1958.

The Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette.  
Dear Madame,

May I have a little space in your paper to state my impressions of the recent Football Excursion to Saint Francis Xavier University.

The trip on the train was an experience in itself. Although the day was cloudy and almost raining, everyone clambered aboard the train in Halifax in high spirits — and, in many cases, with high spirits, too. The trip as far as Truro was uneventful, but as soon as the train stopped in that fair town half the young men on the train made straight for the local liquor store, unfortunately but conveniently located across the street from the station. I am not a prohibitionist, but when someone offers me a coke I prefer it to smell something like a coke, not like cough medicine.

The game in itself was a sight for sore eyes, if you could still see by the time the game started. I heartily endorse Bill Rankin's "Press Box Views." I have heard from several reliable sources that our team (?) left Halifax the night before the game, and some players, keen on the training bit, apparently had bottles cached away on the bus, and a few more of them, instead of going to bed at a decent hour, had a party until the wee small hours of the morning. I guess our big Tigers are not very good at attending practices either. St. F.X. has a good football team, but it's not that good. They shouldn't beat us by such lopsided scores. In a big university like this why do we have to have players on the football team who don't care enough about it to go to practice and keep away from the bottle the night before at least? Surely there are boys, perhaps on Junior Varsity, who are not such good players, but who are interested in fighting for their team and their coach and their university. Losing a game gloriously is no disgrace. Losing without trying is. I suggest we have a few changes around here or else not have football at all. I don't know much about football, but I know a good play when I see it. I saw

nothing to get excited about in whole game against St. F.X. Our big Tigers should have watched the soccer team in action. They played an excellent game despite the fact that the wind and sun were against them for half the game. They never gave up, and the score proves it. We want a football team that is alert and sober enough so that it will never give up either. Have some pride in your university, Tigers, if not in yourselves.

Yours sincerely,  
An ex-Tiger supporter.

### APATHETIC

The Editor,  
Dalhousie Gazette.  
Dear Madame,

Much has been said, and will I'm sure continue to be said concerning alleged apathy on this campus. From experiences in the past few days, it has become apparent to me that this apathy is only what can be expected — for you cannot have interest, enthusiasm and zip where there is no controversy — and whether intentional or otherwise, any individualism or outspokenness is being stifled and condemned on this campus.

Take for example, the recent debate between the students and professors concerning the matter of the student rate of failure—all concerned in the matter tried so hard to follow a middle path and to be deferential that, in reality, no opinions were expressed, and the whole affair lacked the spice, for which it had excellent possibilities.

Consider also, this very paper, which hesitates to express an opinion considered to be extreme, or even a bit "different" for fear of perhaps offending anyone. There again—the question of freedom of the press arises, but that is rather a universal problem. Individualism—expressing an opinion, or doing what one feels rather than the 'accepted' thing is abhorred. We are turning into a society of automatons whose opinions are colored by the top dogs—to go against the grain means ostracism.

What Dalhousie needs are some "angry young men".  
Yours sincerely,  
An Individualist.

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# Around the Campus

**Campus-wide elections for N.F.C.U.S. chairman will be held on Tuesday, October 28.**

Arts and Society will hold its annual Tartan Twirl on Friday, October 24, with Reg Quinn and his orchestra in attendance. The price is \$1.25 per couple if the boy and girl are both bearing some article of plaid and higher, much higher, if they are not. Any tartan in any amount is good enough.

The Law Ball, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Law School, will be held Friday, Oct. 24, at the Nova Scotia Hotel. Music will be supplied by Pete Powers and his orchestra.

**LOST: A wrist watch with an expansion bracelet. The finder is asked to contact Johnny Graham.**

Girls! Get you boys! Delta Gamma is holding the annual Open House Thursday, October 23, at Shirreff Hall. Tommy Vickery's orchestra will provide music for dancing from 9 to 12.

There will be a meeting of the Dalhousie Liberal party on Thursday, October 23, at 12 noon in the West Common Room. All interested students are invited to attend.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Class on Thursday, October 23, in Room 234 of the Arts and Administration Building at 12 noon.

On Thursday, October 23, there will be a competition to pick four students to represent Dal in debates against U.N.B. and St. Thomas College. Each contestant is required to present a five to ten minute argument on one side of a debate of his own choice. The competition will take place in the Moot Court Room at 8:00.

There will be a meeting of the Student Christian Movement on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 in Room 351.

On Sunday, October 26, the Canterbury Club will present one in a series of talks on "The Anglican Way." Rev. H. R. Cooper will speak on "Anglicanism and its Catholic Traditions" at 8:15 in the All Saints Cathedral Hall.

Anyone wishing to attend the McGill Conference on World Affairs should apply to the Students' Council or the Political Science Department before noon on Saturday, October 25. Those making application must be willing to undertake the organization of a World Affairs group on the campus. The conference will be held at McGill University from November 13 to 15. The two delegates from Dalhousie will be selected by November 1.

About 20 Dal Progressive Conservatives gathered in Room 222 Friday to hold their organizational meeting. The main business consisted of electing the following new executive: president, Gregor Murray; vice-president, Paul Robinson; secretary-treasurer, Betty Archibald; publicity manager, Bill Summerville. A telephoning committee of Carol Clarke, John Harrison, and Marc Foisey was also elected.

The Dalhousie Institute of Public Affairs expects in the coming months to be able to offer part or full time employment as technical or research assistants to persons interested in the Social Sciences. This work would not be suitable for undergraduates taking a full course. Others (including graduates and wives of students) who may be interested are invited to inquire at the Dalhousie Institute of Public Affairs, 3rd floor, Arts and Administration Building. Part time clerical and stenographic work is also available sometimes.

## Dalhousie Detains Purposeless Panda

Well, it has happened. Sooner or later all college officials come to a point where they can only shake their heads and mutter "now I've heard everything!" That's what happened Sunday when a certain west coast university announced that it would send to Dalhousie one large stuffed panda, with a very low I.Q. and seemingly less purpose. A cryptic addition to the announcement allowed that the 3-foot mammal had been the original property of Carleton University (Ottawa); the college mascot had been deviously acquired therefrom one dark night, and sent to U.B.C., of all places.

Here the black and white beast became somehow tied up with WUSC, and inexplicably began its cross-country travels. All this occurred while Carleton officials stood mystified by the whole proceeding. Then, the awkward discovery having been made, Ottawans raged and Pedro the Panada languished, far from home, in a dirty corner of U.B.C.'s WUSC office. He was doubtless destined for decimation until his dramatic return to the spotlight.

It is understood here that Dalhousie will receive great and useful publicity from its dubious honour of hosting the bear. In other words the thing will receive newspaper and radio coverings; such has been achieved, but all we can say as to results is "Does anyone want a stuffed bear?"

Dalhousie is the fourth Canadian university to receive the animal, and may possibly be the last. It seems necessary (and a trifle expensive) to include the name of this college-by-the-sea among the echelon engraved upon its stuffed side. From then on it will be nip and tuck as to whether the auctioneers will get Pedro before officials get big-hearted and send him back to his peaceful past.

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