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and anyone else who happens to get caught in the melee at the door. The Club is rather full right now, but you can still join by turning in your Pogo button (the janitors collect them). Isn't this hilarious?

## Where Is It?

Where is our men's residence?

Recent news reports stated that the University of New Brunswick had received \$100,000. from a benefactor for a men's residence and that a fund for the amount necessary to complete the men's residence was organised by Lord Beaverbrook. Now the University of New Brunswick is well on its way to becoming the educational centre of the Maritimes — its avowed intent. A men's residence will not help any university achieve eminence in academic fields, but it will help in stimulating the student interest that is so necessary to the life of a university.

Each year student's come into the graduate schools of Dalhousie and spend from one to five years working in and around the Dalhousie campus. Their loyalty however remains in the college in which they spent their undergraduate days, though there are a few who embrace both as their Alma Maters. The point is not that they do this, but that they are never given the opportunity to know Dal the only way it is really possible — through the daily give-and-take of the students in the common pursuit of knowledge, living and working together in different curricular and extra-curricular activities. This would only be possible in a large men's residence in the house system that has been suggested by interested alumni.

The Dalhousie student who does not live at home or with the small group in the residence or fraternity houses, is hidden away in a rooming house somewhere in Halifax. His activities are gauged by the meal hours of the house or he does without. The daily problem of transportation to and from class and the expense both in time and money are borne by the student. Often his room is far distant from the campus so that it is merely a place to lay his head, or perhaps he must study in the cramped quarters far distant from the library facilities.

A student residence for men is a must on the Dalhousie University campus. The past eight years at Dalhousie have seen the erection of a rink, Arts and Administration Building, small seismograph building, and now the new Dental building. No doubt some of these were essential and were paid for from scientific and other government grants that would not be available for the construction of a men's residence, but why hasn't a residence been built?

The students who presumably are the reason for the university, get short shrift at Dalhousie University. The various activities on the campus suffer from the lack of interest shown by the majority of the students, so that the greater portion of the extra-curricular activities are managed by and cater to, a minority group. Is it not the university's responsibility that the Dalhousie student be given the opportunity to leave this university a better man in every way for having been here? This is not being done for the attendant problems of living away from the university, off the campus, the student develops as a solitary person, struggling not only to learn but to live happily away from home. The friendliness of home, the spirit of living and working together does not exist in these circumstances. The whole student is not achieved at Dal, but only a reasonable facsimile of a well rounded student.

A men's residence would alleviate this. Where is our men's residence?

—J. R. N.

a very interesting

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

from an unhappy student

Nov. 20, 1956.  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Editor:

The continual failure of the DAAC to improve its performance seems to point out any one thing—that the university as a whole is obvious to the state of affairs in the athletic department. To my mind the disharmony which is causing the university's athletic misfortunes can be traced directly to one person... "coach" Al Thomas. This season was one of the most disastrous in the long history of our football team. Two years ago, Dal had a championship team. Coach Thomas, through his optimism and inspiration has built it into the team we know now. This is a true tribute to the coaching talent of our beloved coach.

Although it must be considered this past season that many of our stars were beset with injuries, there were many costly errors made that were inexcusable. There is no reason for the

wrong number of players to be on the field. If coach Thomas has difficulty in counting higher than his ten fingers will allow him, I suggest that in the future he remove one shoe so as to enable him to handle numbers as high as fifteen in case of emergency. Certainly he should not have this trouble with the basketball team. With the talent available Dal should have a winning team (for a change). Of course the credit will be due to coach Thomas... just ask him.

Because I would like my criticism to be constructive, I shall close with two recommendations, one which I hope will be followed; that either:

1. Coach Thomas attempt to get along with his players and the student body as a whole, or
2. Coach Thomas take a trip to Siberia for the purpose of gaining more experience.

Sincerely,  
(Name withheld)

"The Gazette" is always happy to receive expressions of student opinion and, when possible, to have them appear in its pages. Publication of course, does not imply endorsement or approval.

We have heard that one complaint about the campus paper this year is that it has not stirred up any controversy. While we do not recognize this as our prime aim, we are certainly not above it if the occasion warrants. Perhaps there has been no controversy because no one reads the editorials; more likely because no one writes letters to the editor.

The only comment that an editorial opinion has aroused, in print, this year, was an article in a football game program. The writer of that juicy bit of journalism so obviously missed the whole point of the editorial upon which he was commenting, and would have been so shocked if he found out with whose collaboration the editor wrote it, that we felt it better not to reply, for his sake more than than for ours.

We are, however, interested in whatever students have to say, and will gladly consider for publication any letters received. We must know the name of the writer, but will withhold it if he wishes.

—Ed.

## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Now Is The Time

(from the University of Toronto)

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On the tenth of next month, the Progressive Conservative party will meet in Ottawa to make one of the most important Canadian decisions of the decade. They will select the man who is to lead them through at least the next general election.

The decision is important because it will be largely up to that man to save Canada from becoming a mockery of democratic government. If anything is to be accomplished during the next five years, we must have a radical change in our federal government. We are not being ruled by parliament when a handful of men can push through virtually any act or law they wish to conceive—with no regard to public, newspaper, or parliamentary comment.

Regardless of party ideals — and who can differentiate these days between Canadian political parties on an idealistic basis—the time has come for a change. The Conservatives, whether we like it or not, are the only logical contenders to form either a new government or a much stronger opposition.

Upon the shoulders of the man chosen at Ottawa next month will rest the responsibility for bringing about that change. And the shocking aspect of the whole affair is that the public just doesn't care what is going to happen.

With the exception of a few newspaper profiles, there has been little opportunity for the Canadian public to get to know the candidates, Davie Fulton, Donald Fleming, John Diefen-

baker, and, perhaps, Sidney Smith.

We venture to say, the average Canadian voter, and what is worse, the average undergraduate, knows more about Estes Kefauver than he does about any one of the Conservative candidates.

This unfortunate situation can be blamed to a large extent on the U.S. elections this fall, which because of their overwhelming publicity value, drowned local issues in a wave of news copy.

Or it could be blamed on the Canadian voter's lethargy — if things seem to be going well, what does it matter that our parliamentary system is being nipped away, a principle at a time?

Student apathy about the S.A.V. is one thing; but about issues that may affect our whole political future is a far graver and more significant failure.

## LAST ISSUE NEXT WEEK

The next issue of *The Gazette* will appear on Wednesday, December 5th. It will be the last issue of 1956.

Anyone who wishes notices for the remainder of this term or for the early days of next term to appear in this paper must hand them in to the Gazette Office in the Men's Residence no later than noon on Sunday, December 2nd.

The first *Gazette* of 1957 will appear on January 9th, God and McCurdy Print willing.



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