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the wooden horse

by FEC
GOLDWATER

There is now a distinct possibility that a poorly educated maniac will become President of the United States through no fault of his own. Not so long ago, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona could not have been taken seriously as an opponent for Mr. Kennedy. But then Mr. Nixon lost the election in California, and Governor Rockefeller re-married; and it now appears that Senator Goldwater will have the Republican nomination.

Mr. Goldwater is at least one generation behind his times. In a book, "The Conscience of a Conservative," to which he signed his name in 1960, he says: "The ancient and tested truths that guided our Republic through the early days will do equally well for us." This, of course, is nonsense. Keynes has long since replaced Adam Smith, and will probably be replaced by Galbraith. The military tactics of George Washington were not referred to on D-Day, and the invasion of France will not be the model for World War Three. Times change. Mr. Goldwater has chosen to be left behind.

But this does not mean that Mr. Goldwater is consistent. In his first speech to the Senate in 1953, he addressed himself "... to all sincere men and women who are concerned with retaining the social gains which have been made in the past twenty years... We have established our system of social security and unemployment insurance, aid to dependent children and to the blind... These things have been of great benefit to the people. No responsible Republican, especially this Republican, has any desire to abolish any of them." Yet in his recent speeches Mr. Goldwater has made it clear that he aims to replace "state paternalism" with "individual self reliance." In 1960 he said that alliances "ultimately doom us to failure," and in 1962 that they "form a great dam against the running tide."

Mr. Goldwater voted against the limited nuclear test ban treaty. He is fiercely opposed to any sort of detente with the Communists — indeed, a firm peace with the Communists would leave him holding an empty bag. He would like to impose a complete blockade on Cuba. He believes that foreign aid is waste unless it gives the Americans an advantage over the Russians. It is impossible to state his policy on civil rights, because he does not have one. The policies he does have are subject to minor changes according to the political climate.

I do not mean to catalogue Mr. Goldwater's weak points, for surely they are obvious to anyone with a particle of brainpower. The sad point I wish to make is that Canada, and the rest of the world, is powerless to fight the Goldwater menace.

NOVEMBER

The Nova Scotia rainy season has set in. The blood-red leaves are gone, but the snows have not arrived. It is not yet close enough to examinations to be studying for them, but it is close enough to be worrying about them. Another football season is drawing to a disheartening close, but the chilly excitement of hockey is not yet here. The fraternities have rushed and pledged the new crop, but those week-end blasts are far in the distance.

This is the languorous season. It is the time of year when we realize that early-term resolutions to work hard have not been fulfilled. It suddenly dawns upon us that we are hopelessly behind in this course or that, Freshmen are (or should be) petrified about the failures most of them will score in the Christmas examinations. Seniors are (or should be) wondering about what is going to happen to them when they leave the protection of the academic cloister.

But despair not — you haven't the time for despair, and despair does not become the student. This is the time of year to read a good book, to take a long walk, and to start studying as if it were going out of style to-morrow.

A LETTER

Dear F.E.C.—
On behalf of the Dalhousie band and Cheerleaders, I would like to thank you for your fine job of praising our organization in the Nov. 6 issue of the Gazette. Indeed, your method of emphasizing the importance of the Pep Cats as a focal point of college spirit was most unique.

In "The Wooden Horse" you gave indispensable advice for all campus conformists regarding a mode of behavior for spectators at athletic events which would be considered acceptable for them as a group. To such apathetic students at Dalhousie, may we suggest: "Come down from your high

horse." Indeed the Pep Cats would like to extend a warm and hearty invitation to those pompous soul, who think in terms of such ploys and counterploys, to join with us in cheering Dalhousie teams on, in their efforts.

However, if these students believe that such active participation would not be in accordance with the behavioural norm of their "type" and, therefore, find themselves indisposed to lend active support at athletic events, then we say to them: "Remain aloof and nonparticipating, but remember to be apathetic in your criticism as well!"

Yours Sincerely
Bruce Davidson
Director — Dalhousie Pep Cats

DGDS re-organization necessary

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Club has approximately 2500 members. You automatically become a member when you pay your student council fees. For the past few years this organization has not fulfilled its reason for existence on this campus. There has been a definite trend established towards making DGDS an organization for the presentation of one large scale spring musical production each year. There has been no fall play on campus for the past two years. There was no Connelly Shield One Act Competition last year and plans are still not definite for this year's presentation.

In short there has been no efforts in the field of drama on this campus from the students in two years. The president of DGDS this year has stated that there should be much more emphasis placed on dramatic production, while the organization is doing nothing this year in this field, the sentiment is correct. There are students on this campus interested in the presentation of plays, who unfortunately can not sing. This lack

of talent really places them outside the scope of a musical production and because of the present organization of DGDS eliminates them from the activities of their society.

It is time for a complete reevaluation of DGDS at Dalhousie. At the present time there appears to be only an outdated constitution to guide its activities. The executive positions which are supposed to be elected by the student body in effect are handed out by an 'in-group' in the organization. The executive positions have gone by acclamation in the past two elections. It is mandatory that Student Council which gave this group \$10,000 of our money to spend this year investigate the situation completely and in cooperation with DGDS personnel sort out the entire situation.

We feel that definite separation in the activities of the society is called for. Quite simply, the spring musical, which is one of the highlights of the school year, has become an effort that requires a full year's work from a large group of people. This leaves no time in these people's hands to manage any other

dramatic efforts.

This has been proven in the last two years operation of the society. It would be incorrect to de-emphasize the Spring Musical in order to accommodate straight drama. Therefore there must be two separate distinct organizations. One, to handle a single major production of some kind each year and another to run dramatic and glee activities for the student body. We have been told that the student council plans to completely review our constitution and the proposed re-organization of one of our largest student organizations should be placed high on the list for consideration.

As far as this year's mess is concerned, if the people involved would forget personal differences, and realize the responsibility they have both to the DGDS and the student body, the situation would right itself. The organization can ill afford to lose any experienced personnel at this late date, if the spring production is to be a success. However, there must be an element of compromise on both sides involved in this dispute. There is a definite need for strong leadership in DGDS and direction must come from the top. The important thing at this date is that the problems be solved immediately so that the organization can get on with its job.

TV AT DAL

The student council has received an offer from a Canadian T.V. network to televise its folk-song show "Sing-Out" from Dalhousie. This is a highly rated show that it seen from coast to coast in Canada. It would provide a tremendous cross-country exposure for our university and in this time of expansion it is essential that Dalhousie's name be held before the public. There are many other folk-singing groups and shows coming to Halifax this year, but absolutely nothing should stand in the way of this production being based on our campus.

Book Store and SUB again

The set-up has to change and this paper will try to direct a definite move to rid our campus of the incompetency and inadequacy in our "present-store?" There will be something in the Gazette in every issue to keep this idea alive. In future editions you will see pictures and accounts of other student centers and book-stores on college campuses and will realize how much we are being cheated. This leads into a simple question, when will construction on the SUB start? We must have definite plans. We urge our Student Council to find the facts on our SUB and release the information to the student body. We need to know when our desperately needed SUB will be started if only to enable us to bear present inadequacies.

It is interesting to note that UNB students who have a modern

student centre NOW, are considering the erection of a newer, larger building to accommodate the growing student population at their school.

There is a problem for students who feel that they will not be here to use a new Student Union Building. They have difficulty getting aroused and pushing for the SUB for students of the future. What we should all remember is that if the drive for a SUB had been started earlier, than it was, possibly we should now have the facilities we need to be a first-class university in this respect. Therefore we all have a responsibility to the university and the students who will follow us to push as hard as we can for improvement in facilities. This extends not only to a Student Union Building, but to all areas where the university needs improvement.

DOES YOUR PARTY, THE RADICAL MIDDLE, HAVE ANY VIEWS ON EXTREMIST CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT?

THE RADICAL MIDDLE ONLY SUPPORTS RADICAL MIDDLE CANDIDATES. HOWEVER SINCE LIBERAL PRESIDENTS INVARIABLY MOVE TO THE RIGHT AND CONSERVATIVE PRESIDENTS INVARIABLY MOVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADICAL MIDDLE WILL SUPPORT WHOEVER WINS.



THEREFORE, YOU TAKE NO POSITION, SAY, IN THE CURRENT FIGHT FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION?

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WAS A PREMATURE RADICAL MIDDLE, WE SEE SIGNS OF SENATOR GOLDWATER'S BECOMING A LATENT RADICAL MIDDLE.

THUS IN OUR VIEW THERE IS NO IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM.



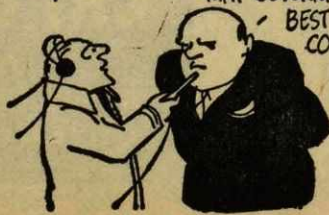
WOULDN'T YOU CALL THAT A SURPRISING STATEMENT IN VIEW OF THEIR STATED POLICY DIFFERENCES?

THE RADICAL MIDDLE BELIEVES THAT ALL POWER, ONCE OBTAINED, COLLAPSES TOWARD THE MIDDLE. IT LITTLE MATTERS WHAT ANYONE SAYS HE STANDS FOR.



AREN'T YOU BEING UNDULY CYNICAL?

ON THE CONTRARY, WE ADVOCATE JUST SUCH A COLLAPSE TOWARD THE MIDDLE. OUR MOTTO: "THAT GOVERNMENT IS BEST WHICH COLLAPSES MOST."



BUT IF ALL WHO WIN POWER COLLAPSE TO THE SAME POSITION, WHAT'S THE POINT OF ELECTING ANYONE?

THE RADICAL MIDDLE STRONGLY FAVORS FREE ELECTIONS JUST SO LONG AS THERE CONTINUE TO BE NO REAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THEY SERVE AS AN INTERESTING TRIBAL RITE AND MAKE MARVELOUS PROPAGANDA VALUE.



THEN YOU HAVE NO PREFERENCE AT ALL IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS?

WE HAVE MET THE CANDIDATES AND THEY ARE OURS.

