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"THE CHIEF"

● HE WAS A MAN who impressed everyone with whom he came in contact. His understanding of our weaknesses, his ceaseless efforts to eliminate them, his warmth of nature, his supreme good sense, his humor which allowed him to laugh even at his own expense, his willingness even at the busiest moments to give help and advice to anyone in difficulty endeared him to us all.

Everyone who knew him felt a keen personal loss at his passing. He will be remembered by the many who came under his training for his fellowship, for the personal interest he took in each one of them.

It was his practice at surveying camp to learn the first names of all students, and he never forgot them. Classes involving problems dry to youthful minds were made cheerful by his constant quips, and his examples taken from a brilliant career as a professional engineer added lightness to a heavy task.

The Chief has passed on, and with his passing Dalhousie has lost a personality who will not be forgotten. The legend of The Chief will live wherever and whenever Dal Engineers meet.



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Athletics: Some Proposals for Improvement

● LAST WEDNESDAY night the Students' Council passed budgets totalling well over a thousand dollars, and then with worried expressions contemplated the small amount left in the treasury—scarcely enough to finance the activities of the eleven dozen students who registered for the post-Christmas term and will be continuing their classes until the end of July. This year the Council has had the largest revenue (approximately \$14,000.) in its history; yet the surplus left over to be deposited in the general sinking fund will be less than average.

Nor does this imply that the money has been granted too lavishly. Early in the fall the policy was adopted that the fees collected from the students should be spent on them during the course of the year for which they paid, rather than set it aside for the use of future Councils.

There now prevails, however, among the less active members of the student body a conviction that too little has been received in return. Over one third of the Council's income has been devoted to athletics, and these students have the opinion that the showing of the various teams has not warranted such a tremendous expenditure,—and they are not wrong.

Yet the fault lies not with the D. A. A. C. They decided to become as active an organization as possible; their policy has been to enter almost as many fields of sport as are offered, and to provide opportunities for as many students as are interested to participate in these fields. They have endeavoured to build up and expand sport within the University—a commendable program.

The success that has accrued from these efforts has been, to say the least, mediocre. Far from being a power in senior sport, as was their position years ago, Dalhousie has long since ceased to be a power in inter-collegiate sport. Today, the showing of our teams is habitually accompanied by hoots of derision and sneers of contempt, both from what small part of the general public that care to take notice, and from the students themselves.

A major portion of the blame can not be attributed to the present D.A.A.C. executive—other executives in recent years have fared no better—but rather to the peculiar circumstances that exist in connection with the University, infecting sport as well as other activities. We seem to receive less than our share of developed athletes from the high schools; we develop none from those we do receive; those developed in other colleges refuse to turn out; our coaching system functions poorly; the attitude of certain individual players is disgusting—a fair percentage are interested only in trips and gold "D"s; and the attitude of the rest of the student body is worse,—they seldom attend games, and when they do, it is only to maintain a dead silence or cheer for the opposite side.

Dalhousie has been condemned as being a collection of individualists, extroverts and introverts: the extroverts take part in extra-curricular activities for purely selfish motives;

the introverts ignore them for similar reasons; both parties consider themselves first and the University not at all. There is much to be said for this criticism.

The value of sport is not a minor one. Aside from the fact that it is one of the best ways for providing students with necessary relaxation from their studies, and the only means of promoting physical fitness, it is the strongest pillar of college spirit; it serves as a powerful force in advertising the University; and, when built up and properly managed, it can be the source of considerable revenue for student undertakings.

As the situation now stands, however, we reap something of the first two benefits, but scarcely any of the last three. Next year we may decide to devote less money to athletics, and the result will be even more unsatisfactory. The whole system needs to undergo a transformation, AND THE TIME TO DO THAT IS NOW, well in advance of the Fall term.

In view of this conclusion, the following proposals are put forward for the consideration of every member of the student body:

(1) The University authorities be approached immediately to re-draft next year's time-tables so that practice hours may be arranged for the three major sports which are convenient both for the students of every faculty and for coaches holding regular jobs off the campus.

(2) Competent members of the Alumni be secured to coach these teams, men who have a particular affection for Dalhousie and would help to build up its morale, who have proved their athletic ability on the playing fields of the past, and, apart from this ability, men who would command the respect of the students as successful, upright leaders of society. Such persons were approached this year but refused because of the inconvenient hours of practice.

(3) The Physical Instructor be promoted to the faculty of the University and given all the respect and authority due that rank. For in the long run athletics MUST be built around the physical instructor, and only when he has thus been promoted will he be in the position to undertake the task with a fair prospect of success.

(4) A new society be organized and incorporated with an executive, a constitution, awards and so forth, which, working in conjunction with a committee from the Alumni, would be responsible for turning out the students, the band, and the Alumni for all campus functions, for conducting the cheer leading at these functions, for staging pep-rallies, street parades and theatre nights, and for advertising these events on the campus by a systematic scheme of signs and by having announcements made in the classes.

These proposals are not advanced as a complete solution to the problem of athletics at Dalhousie, but as measures that will go a long way towards solving it. Whether we attempt a reform now or permit matters to continue in their present miserable state rests entirely with YOU, the student body.

Arts Dean . . .

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 vent of improved transportation the state became even more integrated. They began to feel the need for food and fuel for their peoples and factories. This caused them to look abroad for secure sources of supplies and secure markets. They also wanted a place to invest surplus capital.

Towards the end of the 19th century competition developed on an increasing scale and grew in fierceness. One result of this competition was the growth of fear, and with it—militarism, the main feature of the period from 1870 to 1914. The final result of this whole process of development was war.

Dr. Wilson then asked his audience to show him in what way the general world set-up has changed. Human nature was the same. Sovereignty was still dominant. The actions of the U.N.O. were sufficient basis for this belief, he maintained. Under these circumstances there could be no peace "until sovereign powers is curbed and until some means is found that will change or transform human nature."

Unique . . .

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 sembled and built in the Department of Biochemistry under the terms of a grant of about \$5,000.00 from the National Research Council of Canada to Dr. E. Gordon Young.

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No Pleasing . . .

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 who were eligible to continue play. Dal permitted them to put a fifth man on, for the sake of the game, and despite the rule.

If Dal students, especially from Forrest campus, would show a little more interest in Dal teams, the Farquhar situation would improve. **Hockey:** Deals regards Dal students Wade, Graves, Churchhill-Smith, Crowe, D. J. Kennedy, Knickle.

Summer . . .

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 wage rates for this summer will be much lower than last, he replied that the wages so far have not made any appreciable drop, and it is not expected that they will within the next few months. To sum up then; the facts are—that it is expected that there will be a shortage of labor sufficient to absorb most college students, that most of these jobs will be of the outdoor, 'muscle-building' variety—particularly in the construction industry, that ex-servicemen will be given preference in all jobs, that Selective Service plans to direct students into jobs suitable to the individual, and that wages are expected to remain at about the same level as last year. There is only one thing lacking now—an efficiently operating University employment board, to assist the student in finding the most profi-

Pharos . . .

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 their biographies turned in to the Editors of Pharos, not later than February 10. It is extremely important that the Grads co-operate in this matter.

Some very fine candid shots have been turned in, but still more are needed. If anyone has any snaps of themselves, or their classmates, or of campus buildings, or scenes, we would appreciate receiving them. Any pictures showing phases of residence life or, for that matter, any aspects of university life, would be welcomed.

Notice

● MEETING of the Senior Class will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12th at 12 noon in the Arts Building. Agenda: election of class life officers; plans for Convocation Week. table and suitable summer employment.

Joint Ball . . .

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 Boilermaker's are advised to "hold 'em close" because that will be their O.K. for the big night. The Junior Class will soon be selling the pasteboards for the same dance, so if some roving engineer did not clutch you, please let some member of the Junior class do so—anyway, some of the Juniors are girls. Chaperons will be in attendance, thus making it permissible for freshettes to venture out. The price? \$3.00.

Open House for Vets

ON MONDAY NIGHT, Feb. 11, at Shirreff Hall, Delta Gamma Girls will be hostesses to all SINGLE Ex-servicemen who have never been to University before. All ex-servicemen "thus qualified" are most heartily invited to come. Dancing to Don Warner's Quintet. Girls, get your tickets from K.

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