

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BEAUTY QUEENS

Sir:  
I took your suggestion and looked up our Campus Royalty section of last year's Pharos. I can't find a dragon in the bunch.

You seem to feel that the term Queen is a false suggestion but your argument that our faculty queens are only average looking Dal girls goes far beyond misrepresentation. Look around you — see the overweight sloppy creatures with weird haircuts and sneakers. Believe it or not, they are the girls of Dalhousie.

You ask what useful purpose these Royal ones serve. I can't answer this but I can make a suggestion — if the above described Dal girls would take them as their models — check up on the scholastic and sports records, personalities and poise of these faculty queens and give even a half-hearted attempt to make themselves more attractive than perhaps, we could pick a Miss Universe from our campus.

Are all the members of the Gazette staff blind or is there no eye for beauty among you? Pick your own queen. We picked ours and she won.

In closing, let me say that you would have difficulty convincing one Barrington street photographer that Bonnie Murray wasn't a good selection for Campus Queen (beauty-wise). Did you see her graduation picture outside the studio?

Sincerely,  
The More Critical Eye

FROM MT. A.

Editor:  
This is merely to say that we follow your controversy with Memorial with much interested amusement and it occurred to us that you might meet Memorial's demands for a retraction as follows: We certainly do apologise to Newfoundland for the parallels drawn by our correspondent, since it is quite obvious that the Newfoundland is not the promised land, nor can Diefenbaker, by any stretch of the imagination, be compared to John the Baptist and, as for Newfoundland's ever-depleting population, it would be surely erroneous to describe it as a multitude.

A Well Wisher at  
Mount Allison University

## SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sir:  
The letter from A Discouraged Student, prompted by Dal's unsuccessful football season, has raised the ever controversial topic of sports scholarships. I would like to question several of his assumptions.

Even the most avid sports fan will, I think, admit that the function of a university is to educate men, to teach them to think, and to prepare them for life, not to produce outstanding athletes. Certainly a university which habitually succeeds in intercollegiate sports will attract many high school students, but will they really benefit the university? I contend that Dalhousie needs students who have the ability and desire to think and work intelligently. This kind of student will not be deterred from asking admittance to a university by its mediocre record in sports.

If funds were unlimited, ath-

## Dal Cross Country Held

The Annual Dalhousie Cross Country race was held last week and was most successful as most faculties were represented by a good turnout.

There were 40 entries in the race, the Engineers won a trophy for having the greatest

letic scholarships could perhaps be justified. However, the financial resources of any Maritime university are severely limited. It would be a gross injustice if many of the scholarships destined to aid intellectually gifted students were given instead to athletically talented students of average intelligence.

I am an enthusiastic sports fan, but I definitely think that a sense of proportion must be maintained. If more of our nearly 2,000 students would take an active interest in sports, Dalhousie could produce good teams without resorting to athletic scholarships.

Finally, I would like to state that my pride, or lack of it, in Dalhousie depends upon the level of its scholastic achievement, not upon its athletic record.

Heather Saunderson

## INCREDIBLE

Sir:  
Here stands our football team! Rugged men they are, harder than granite, mightier than Caesar fearing obstacles and braving the worst conditions with the best of courage.

Here lies a Gazette. Oh! they lost, as usual . . . broken legs . . . next year . . . tiddleywinks. Here is a picture of the team — Ted Wickwire. A rolling football gathers no score. The student body . . . burning, burning, burning. Scholarships for football players. Damn the scholarships? No. Damn our football players! Student money lost . . . gone . . . try tiddleywinks, much cheaper. Hurry up, please, it's time.

Here stands our football team! 52-0. A slow moving bunch they are, softer than jelly, weaker than women, trained to play defensive. The vision is fading. So is our football team. It's incredible.

Sincerely,

E.L.M.

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## KATANGA

Sir:  
Mr. John Harris states that my recently published analysis of the Katanga situation lacks depth. Clearly his comments lack knowledge.

I am not obsessed with the virtues of authority, order and stability, but I do recognize these attributes as having some value in the chaotic turmoil of Congo politics. Unlike Mr. Harris, I dislike seeing the stability of Katanga ruined through the imposition of a uniform pattern of disorder. This is precisely what U.N. military action has resulted in. I would rather see the good order of Katanga taken as the norm, and have the U.N. use its influence to spread it to the Congo.

Had Mr. Harris referred to the record before rushing into print, he would have discovered that Mr. Tshombe has repeatedly declared himself willing to participate in a united Congo, provided this be on the basis of a federal state. It has been the so-called Central Government in Leopoldville, with U.N. support, which has adopted an intransigent attitude towards the maintenance of a manifestly unworkable unitary constitution. Mr. Harris' suggestions, therefore, if they succeed in anything at all, merely support Mr. Tshombe's position.

Mr. Harris goes on to state,

number of participants in the event.

The winner of the race was Doug Inglis a Medical Student. The medical faculty copped the first two places with John Barsonette another Med student finishing in the runner up position. Al Swansy of the de faculty finished third.

when Katanga is considered in relation to the whole Congo problem, it becomes apparent that its stability could not last, even if the U.N. had not invaded it'. How this becomes apparent to Mr. Harris I cannot say, since he produces not a shred of evidence to support this supposition. For myself, however, it is quite apparent that Katanga did operate extremely well until the U.N. attacked it. I see no reason to believe it would not have continued to do so.

In regard to what Mr. Harris considers to be the problem facing the U.N., I would suggest he has allowed his tenses to become confused. It is not a question of whether the U.N. should allow the Congo to disintegrate. Clearly it has already allowed that. Is it not, as with Humpty Dumpty, a question of putting it together again?

Finally let me say that I am firmly in favour of a united Congolese state — so is the Government of Katanga — but not at the price of universal confusion. Given the political ineptitude of the Congo's leaders, and the Communist sympathies of the Stanleyville lobby in the Central Government, I put forward what I can only consider as a reasonable suggestion. That is for the Western countries to support the only regime which is at once stable and pro-Western. Great Britain has done this, and has registered displeasure at U.N. aggression. Is Mr. Harris' country, like Mr. Harris himself, too bereft of its senses to do likewise?

Sincerely,  
A. St. G. Abbott

## FARCE

To The Critical Eye:  
I think your article was a complete farce. Obviously, you have based your facts on off-hand remarks made by a few prejudiced, and probably jealous, individuals.

So what if the girls have boyfriends in the various executives! (if this is true, as you seem to think). Surely one man's opinion can't sway a whole group's idea unless the young lady in question does have the required attributes!

If the Munro Day Contest were listed as a beauty competition, I may be inclined to agree with you that not always are the Campus lovelies well-represented. However, as you said yourself, beauty is worth only 25 per cent.

Besides, on a campus like Dalhousie, scholastic accomplishment should definitely merit more than the achievements of a beautiful Dumb Dodo!! To laud the latter would be to degrade us, the rest of the students. Surely the Munro Queen shows other Campuses something about ours. I am ashamed to think that you would rather be identified with a wiggle, a sigh, and a few cute words!

If you think the contest belongs to another era, what of gowns, convocations, etc. The retainment of old customs and traditions is essential to a university for it becomes richer and more mellow every year.

No, you certainly didn't impress me with your article. Although you think you know the flaws of the present system, never once did you suggest anything constructive. So I suggest you either organize your own contest or keep your views to yourself until you get your facts straight.

Heather Corston,  
Secretary of Science Society

## THANK YOU

Sir:  
Thank you very sincerely for your editorial feature on the International Students' Association. Your interest and the interest of such a large number of Dalhousie students is greatly appreciated. Your words concerning my own humble efforts were very kind, but more to the point was the comment re the executive as a whole, "an outstanding example of just what can be accomplished by students of many races and creeds when they are prepared to work together" to quote from your article.

The university administration and other groups have also been instrumental in assisting us to carry out our endeavours. The support given the I.S.A. on the Dalhousie campus speaks well for the attitude of our students and stands as a tower, as the ancient Pharos, in the quest for better international relations.

Sincerely, Brian Brown  
Pres. of I.S.A.

Sir,  
Moral philosophy is the last resort of the blackguard and a powerful moral case can be made for the vilest actions. So it was as a modest connoisseur of hypocrisy that I studied last week's correspondence from

Dalhousie's fraternity apologists.

They answer the charge of racial discrimination by invoking the individual's 'right' to discriminate against others on the basis of colour, in choosing his friends.

Since it is clear that this right is not a moral one, your correspondents must be citing a legal right.

Sir, I was walking down University Avenue the other day, and as I passed the Rehabilitation Centre, I noticed a man in a wheel chair sitting in the sun. He had no legs. Some Dalhousie students chanced to pass at that moment, and they laughed at the man as they gaily went on their way.

The students were acting within their legal rights, so it seems that the mere fact that a man is not transgressing the law does not guarantee that his conduct is decent.

The fact is, of course, that people who discriminate against others in the basis of colour, are scum.

WILIAM H. JAMES

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Sir:  
In spite of my hearty disagreement with certain articles of recent Gazettes, may I congratulate you on having, at least, inspired the readers to action!

The ranting and raving against fraternities was, on the whole, more bigoted than the "fraternity idea" itself. However, the storm raised surely must indicate that a few, hidden grains of dissent with the existing system are present. I have one comment on the article reprinted from the McGill Daily . . . it took courage.

A definite break, however blatant, with the stodgy, fearful conservatism display by the Gazettes of the past deserves some commendation. Too long have the institutions of Dalhousie covered under the baleful glares of the Administration.

Those completely in disagreement might think back two or three years. Compare the "readability" of today's Gazette with those former sheets of stale nothingness. Compare . . . and be patient, realizing that stability IS reached even though the pendulum of change does swing widely.

S.H., Class of '61

## DGDS PRESENTS!!!

On November 23, 24 and 25, the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society will present a three-act comedy, "My Three Angels". Adapted by Sam and Belle Spewack, the play is based on the French "La Cuisine des Anges" by Albert Husson.

The setting for the play is French Guiana in December 1910. The adventures and mis-adventures of three convicts in their relations with the "famille Ducotel" form a fast moving plot.

The director of "My Three Angels" is Charles Haliburton. Laurie Borne is the assistant director and Randall Smith the producer.

The cast includes Ross Hill, Janet Coffin, Jane Elliot, Betty Hicks, Rupert Ray, Michel Guite, Tony Harris, Clunny Macpherson, Peter March and Victor Stanton.

"My Three Angels" will be performed in the Dalhousie gymnasium. Remember the date, and be sure to see this comedy!

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