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## time for consideration

Shearwater Flyers' third consecutive devastation of their Nova Scotia Football League opposition and the growth of interest in Canadian football at other Maritime universities have made the time ripe for Dalhousie to give the question of an intercollegiate league earnest consideration. That the Council of Students feels this way is indicated by their decision to find out, by means of a committee, just what would be involved in such an organization.

In the 10 years in which the present league has been operating, Dalhousie has seldom been able to compete as an equal with the best service club. St. F. X. has fared no better since entering the league in 1954, a remarkable year in which both university teams barged their way through to the Purdy Cup final.

Admittedly, Greenwood and Stadacona this year were no better than the Tigers and St. F. X.; but Shearwater was a powerhouse and made a farce of league competition. Such a club as the 1957 Flyers is too far above the calibre one could hope to establish among four or five teams in Nova Scotia. If a club of this strength continues to operate, any hope of achieving the balance necessary to maintain public interest in the league will be unrealistic.

Decision of the N.S.F.L. executive to seek national play-off glory, and scrap the Purdy Cup playoffs in the process, is hardly calculated to remedy this situation. The emphasis is no longer on the league; it is on national playoffs.

If Nova Scotia is to participate in national playoffs, its representative should certainly be the strongest possible club. Let the Navy or Air Force seek this goal. Dalhousie and St. F. X. must find a league however, whose best teams they can reasonably expect to match.

Football has no future here unless it is played in a keenly competitive league. It appears now as though a well balanced intercollegiate league is within the realm of possibility. If one can judge by the Maritime championship game in Moncton earlier this month, Mount Allison is in a position to compete with St. F. X. and Dalhousie on an equal footing. U. N. B. Red Bombers are among Mount Allison's most steadfast adversaries in the New Brunswick circuit. Acadia and St. Dunstan's have also taken up the Canadian game.

How many of these universities would be prepared to form a football league is, of course, an unanswered question. To offset the disadvantage of distance, five teams are probably a minimum necessity.

Since the universities would have to provide most of the spectators as well as the players for an intercollegiate league, enthusiastic promotion of the league on each campus and among the alumni would be mandatory.

Fair play may matter more than winning, but every team has a moral obligation to its supporters to participate in a league where the final result is not a foregone conclusion. In its brief history the N.S.F.L. has seen a few too many powerhouse clubs.

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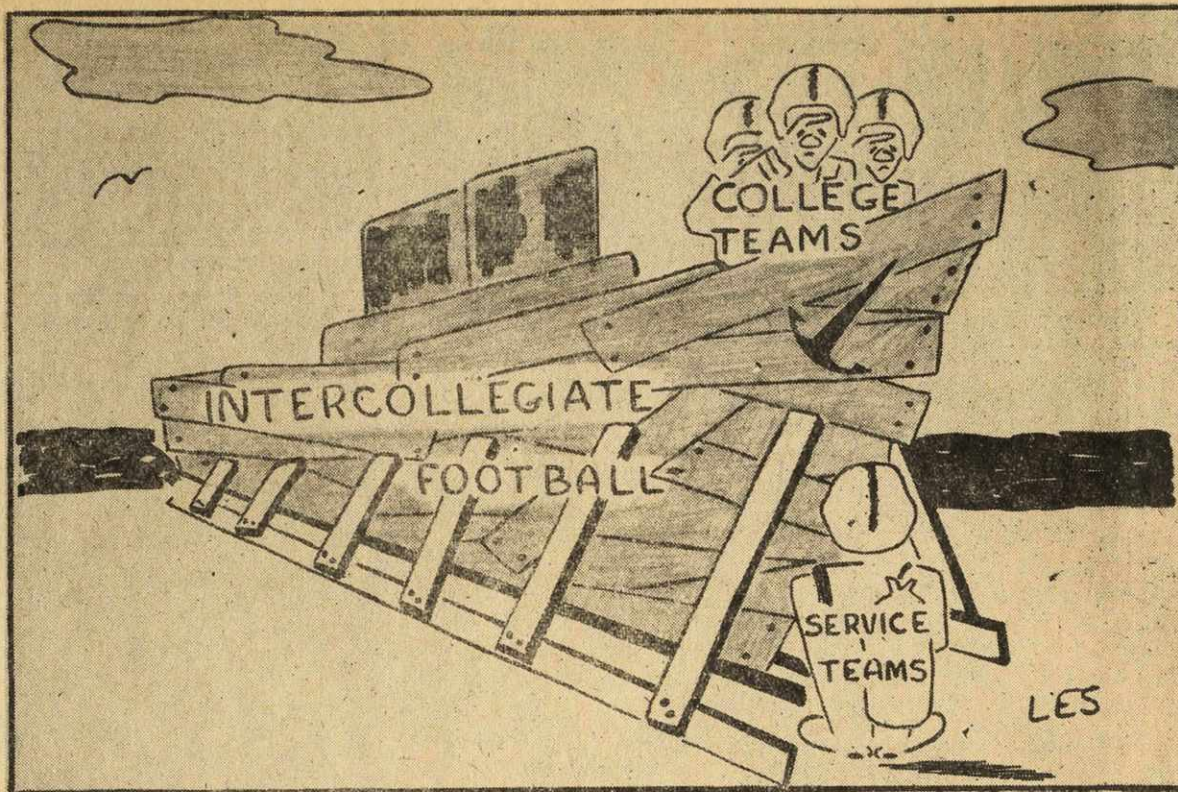
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views by the university chaplain

## community

The small bedroom was crowded. Sitting on the dresser-top, the chair and lying on the bed were a group of students in various stages of dress and undress. Around the light there was a thick cloud of cigarette smoke. The topics of conversation ranged from sex to the significance of the Muttnick. This was a community of students. Their education was not merely a matter of sitting in lecture rooms, anxiously taking notes, although they did this too, but it was a sharing of opinions. Freely uninhibited they talked, argued and expounded. They were being educated. They were a community.

A university, if it is to fulfill its function, must be a community. It must be a place where people live together and grow mature together through a natural exchange of ideas. By "natural" I mean an unforced situation, where concern for the problem is genuine, not artificially brought about by the necessity of passing examinations. The difference between being trained and being educated lies in this: training is the acquiring of certain skills but education is the process which does not merely affect our skill but our whole personality. Training you can acquire alone, through correspondence courses, through the reading of texts, through the doing of exercises, but the rounding of the personality can only be done in community.

If Dalhousie is to have any right to the title of university, it must be a community. It must be a place where students not merely come and attend lectures and then return to their own corners. It must be a place where people live together, where they apply what they have heard and read, where differences of opinions clash, and ideas are hammered out with existential concern.

Since my coming here as chaplain this fall, I have felt that Dalhousie lacked this community spirit. I have felt that on this campus there are too many strangers. Many to whom I have spoken have blamed it on facilities. "We have no residence," they complained, "the students are scattered all over the city." Along with the fact that a good many students at Dalhousie actually have their homes in Halifax, these reasons are quite valid. The building of a residence would perhaps solve some of the problems. Meanwhile, students from Halifax and out of town must make a greater effort to overcome these handicaps. They must spend more time on the campus. They must more fully support the various campus activities and so get to know each other, be drawn together, and become a community.

through the

## keyhole

by Pat McDonald

I see by the Toronto Varsity that a poll was taken of students concerning the Russian Sputnik. One comment: "Russians are smart people; we shouldn't underestimate them. People should not oppose the use of an animal in this experiment; its done every day in medical research."

Ed comment: Phone call to radio station: "I dreamt I saw Sputnik in my maiden-form bra."

With the compliments of the McGill Daily I'd like to dedicate this poem to the wonderful girls at Shirreff Hall:

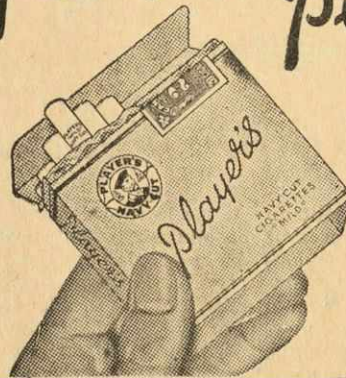
"PASSION"

"Please"	"No"
"Why?"	"Because"
"Aw"	"No"
"Hm?"	"Welllllll"
"Wh-Huh?"	"Maybe"
"Now"	"Perhaps"
"One?"	"O.K."
"When?"	"Soon"
"Now?"	"All right"
"Mmmmmmm"	"Good?"
"Terrific!"	"Happy?"
"Yes!"	"More?"
"Yeah"	a
This is	transcript
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who is	

From the Georgian, I'd like to pass along some remarks a waiter should use when he is confronted with the statement: "Waiter, there's a fly in my soup!"

"What do you want me to do put a zipper on it."  
"We find this way more humane than a fly swatter."  
"Will you eat it here or shall I wrap it up for you?"  
"So all right — I'll bring you a fork."  
"Shh! Everybody will want one!"  
Good night, Princess!

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