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Congratulations Tigers

It has often been said in recent years that Dalhousie's sports teams lacked the determination and drive to come from behind and win important games. The complete fallacy of such a myth became apparent in Dal's last two hockey games. On both occasions the Tigers climaxed an uphill battle to win over-time victories and take the Atlantic Hockey Conference championship in the league's first year of operation.

In both games the Tigers were never ahead in regulation time and it was only persistent digging late in the third period which enabled them to tie the game, and force the overtime, for the tying goal in each game was scored with barely three minutes remaining.

It would be wrong to single out some individuals as stars for the victory was strictly a team one. The squad as a whole deserves all the credit for bringing to Dalhousie its first major sports championship this year, and its first one in hockey for many years.

The victory was an important one, for it proved that Dalhousie is not an ivory-towered school as has been implied by students from several other universities. Indeed it shows that we can beat other intercollegiate teams without having to resort to recruiting.

And so, on behalf of the Dalhousie student body The Gazette would like to congratulate Coach Dargie and each and everyone of the players for their great victory. It was indeed a job well done.

FALSE COUNSELS

An editorial in National Review, the best-known magazine of the U. S. conservative movement, contains good news for those worried about the "lunatic fringe" of the movement. The editorial, presumably written by William F. Buckley, Jr., the magazine's editor and spokesman for the youth wing of the conservative movement, rejects the "false counsels" of Robert Welch, founder and leader of the John Birch society.

Welch has become famous for his fantastic accusations of communists at work in the non-communist world. It was Welch who claimed that former president Eisenhower, Supreme Court chief Justice Warren, the late John Foster Dulles and other leading officials of the country's administration were "conscious agents of the communist conspiracy." His other charges are manifold and would take much space to list, but among several of the more notable were: that the Cuban invasion was a plot hatched by Castro and his communist friends in the American government; that communist control of the American government reaches as high as 70 per cent; that Tito's break with Stalin was "stage-managed and phoney"; that Nehru of India and Nasser of Egypt were communist agents; that the CIA, the main intelligence agency of the American government was pro-communist; that NATO is one large Communist plot etc. etc. etc.

However, it is not enough for Mr. Welch to make these charges; he also maintains that any who disagree with him on any of these points are either idiots, communist sympathizers (called Comsymps), or dedicated Communist agents, working for immediate communist take-over of the western world.

It was with a great feeling of relief, then, that we saw National Review, a magazine which has so often in the past supported the John Birch society, take issue with Mr. Welch, and suggest that he was harming, rather than

helping, the spread of the conservative movement throughout the United States.

Although we would never support the cause of conservatism, it is becoming increasingly apparent that a clear distinction must be drawn between the lunatic fringe of the conservative movement (such as the Birchers, the Minutemen who train in back-yards to fight communist take-over with guerilla methods and other such groups) and between those conservatives who think they see dangers in the liberal and quasi-liberal movements and attempt to fight them through the normal political channels.

A LACK OF FACILITIES

North Americans are being told continually that they are over-weight and under-exercised. They are accused of being a race of spectators, willing to sit back and watch hired professionals exert themselves to entertain crowds gathered in baseball, football and hockey centres across the Continent.

Much of this is undoubtedly true, but perhaps the reasons should be examined in order to see how the increasing threat of the 'bulge' might best be combatted. The RCAF, for example, joined battle to get rid of obesity prevalent among the nations fliers by instituting the 5BX plans. This series of exercises designed to keep a person in trim if performed regularly requires perhaps only 15 minutes every morning, and no elaborate equipment, for it is perhaps here that one of the prime causes of the creeping lethargy lies.

There was a time when the more energetic members of society would gather on an empty plot of land with a football or baseball for equipment and proceed to take more exercise in one afternoon than many people now take in a month. However, today it is not quite so easy: no longer is a football enough to enable one to enjoy oneself, there is the question of the extra gear such as helmets, boots, padding and so on, all of which costs money.

A result of this is that even at grade school level sport takes on a semi-professional air, as teams of pint-size little leaguers hurl themselves at each other in pursuit of the pig skin.

Here at Dalhousie we face a similar problem in that the vast majority of students are habitual spectators, while a small minority provides the entertainment and gets the exercise. There is perhaps a cause for this in that athletic facilities at the University are strictly limited, especially now that the King's playing field has been taken for buildings, even though one of them be a gymnasium.

In the Nov. 8 issue of The Gazette we advocated the Administration take steps to provide more facilities for outdoor sports by leveling ground not at present serving any useful purpose and making use of it for playing fields.

The football field is obviously not enough to meet the increasing needs of the University, so the Administration should seriously consider this proposal for next year before the number of participants in sports at Dalhousie is cut even further through lack of facilities.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"AN' NOW, CLASS, MISS GRIBBLE WILL TRY ONCE AGAIN TO GIVE HER REPORT ON 'CELL REPRODUCTION!'"

THE CRITICAL EYE

ON MEN AND WOMEN

"Our college campuses ought to be places where there are fine outcomes in every range of life and where there is fine interplay of mind and spirit between men and women, but this is rarely so."

These words are an accurate summation of a problem which has become more acute in recent years. Our contemporary social development has caused a very difficult relationship to arise between the sexes. The problem is that of gaining personal freedom and honesty and of establishing personal friendships between the members of the two sexes.

That this is a problem is due probably to attitudes which we have acquired unconsciously from our environment, to our lack of objectivity when it comes to members of the opposite sex, and to our enjoying people as instruments for our own ends rather than for their own personality.

Many of us, of both sexes tend to assume that men are more competent, wise, and more capable of making decisions and passing judgments than are women. Our acting on such an assumption without verifying it has given an excellent means of compensation to men with inferiority complexes. To them women are not friends, but instruments of their own ends.

Since men are assumed the arbitrators in all matters, women have to use their wits, have to be subtle and diplomatic, if they are to achieve their desires; and no real friendship can be based on this type of sly scheming. If either men or women use one another to achieve social ends, to get to parties for the sake of getting to parties, or to be able

to brag about the company they keep or the influence they have over others, then they are treating one another as instruments and not as friends.

If a person chooses to be in another's company, not because he enjoys that other person but because he enjoys his own feelings in that person's company, then he is exploiting that person as a means to an end rather than enjoying his or her company as a friend. This means that all physical demonstrations of emotion, all caresses which are not spontaneous expressions of sincere mutual affection, which exist only to heighten emotion and to increase one's enjoyment of one's own feeling in the company of another, destroy the possibility of real friendship.

On the other hand, expressions of sincere mutual affection, which have meaning and worth, help cement our fear that those whom we want to be our friends will think less of us and will have less affection for us if they really know us, keeps us from being honest and encourages us in our affections; but friendship withers under such deception.

The casual, superficial meetings at social affairs and the great difficulty of meeting people in situations in which you can get to know them, really know them, also inhibits the growth of friendship and understanding.

All these things make it difficult for men and women students to meet one another in an atmosphere of freedom and appreciation of one another, and on a basis of equality. Yet it has become extremely necessary to overcome this difficulty if we are to have enriching friendships and if we are to face up to, rather than avoid, contemporary social upheavals.