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D.A.A.C. BANQUET

The D. A. A. C. executive is to be highly commended for holding a banquet for the visiting track and tennis teams recently, following the tournaments held at Dalhousie. Such a move towards cementing closer unity among Maritime universities is long overdue.

Until this year, such schemes were evaluated at their ultimate monetary cost, rather than for their true value. This form of hospitable reception for visiting athletes should be a common occurrence rather than a rare exception, as it does much to bind the ties of friendship among competing universities.

Those who attended this affair were very much impressed by the atmosphere of good fellowship which prevailed throughout the meets and which was brought out stronger at the banquet. The M. I. A. U. and the individual universities should actively encourage such undertakings and their subsequent improvement in inter-university relations.

THE PILGRIMAGE

The past week-end witnessed the annual pilgrimage to Acadia and Dalhousians were out in force upon this momentous occasion. That old bogey 'Dalhousie Spirit' was taken out of the mothballs for this one day (sort of a second Munro Day) as the 'Gold and Black' supporters rendered real vocal assistance to their athletic representatives, the Cub and Tiger football squads.

A rather unusual situation exists at Dalhousie, when one must make special mention of an incident where the Student Body actually supports their teams. Every year 'Come Hell or High Water' (usually the latter) a rabid group of Dal fans can be found to attend the athletic duel at Raymond Field, while seldom can a truly representative portion of the student body be found at Studley Field, although some attempts have been made at recent contests.

Every year, hundreds of Dalhousians count the days until they set sail for Wolfville. Every year, Dalhousians should count the days until they can attend contests at Studley Field and in Dalhousie Gym.

C. U. P.

On page one of this issue, a story appears about the C.U.P. The Editorial Staff of the Gazette feel strongly that this service should be continued and that the Gazette should be an active part of the organization.

The primary purpose of Canadian University Press is to give a representative survey of student opinion across Canada. Surely this is a service worthy of continuation, especially as Dal is the leading university in the Maritimes and the only major university in Canada to have dropped out of the organization, mainly due to monetary causes, its value being measured in terms of cash.

What has been overlooked is that C.U.P. is the only direct tie which binds us to the other universities scattered throughout the length and breadth of Canada, for we cannot enter into athletic or oratorical contests with universities in Quebec and all universities west of that province. C.U.P. is the connecting link in the chain of college newspapers across Canada and helps the students of one university to know and understand the problems and the pleasures of other similar institutions. This matter should be reconsidered immediately by the Students' Council.

—(Contributed by Don Harris).

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

In future, all letters to the editor must be limited to 250 words. Otherwise, we will be unable to publish them, due to a lack of space.

It is our desire to present all sides of every controversial issue

which is brought to our attention, therefore we cannot devote all of this column to one letter each issue.

Please write, but confine your savage desires to our requirements.

—The Editor.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Dear Sir:

In reading last week's Gazette I feel chilled at the defeatist attitude that is once again rearing its ugly head among our athletes. Tragically enough this same spirit has been very much in evidence in recent years.

Having co-operation between our organizers and our student body does not seem to exist. To the body itself, I am convinced that the members of the executive are chiefly just names on bulletin boards and names in the columns of your Gazette itself. Such advertising alone cannot engender true college spirit. Why are we travelling through this slough of despond?

The fault lies not in the members of the executives—they are our most loyal supporters—God bless them—what heartaches they have sustained as they have repeatedly heard of the good name of Dalhousie being bandied about. The fault lies in the Studley campus, where most true Dalhousie spirit latently lies waiting to be welded into a coherent whole.

That good fellowship and enthusiasm can only be engendered by having a specious and very adequate Men's Residence built at once on Studley campus. (I am adamant—pleas concerning the scarcity of building materials—the scarcity of labor—the lack of funds—will not impress me. Courage alone is lacking as I see it from my very limited point of view.)

In such a residence our now languid student body would be transformed into a dynamic machine, capable of achieving success in every field of endeavor, be it academic or athletic.

C. Henderson Smith.

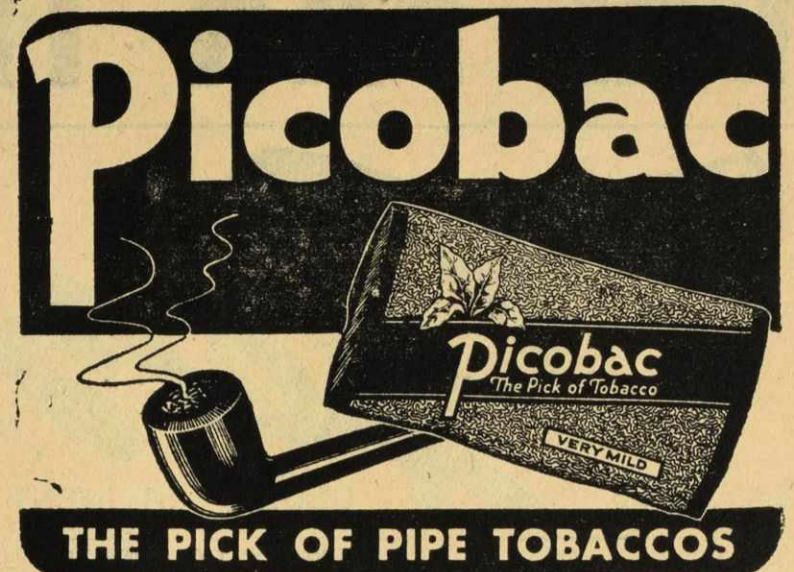
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The Editor,
The Dalhousie Gazette,

Sir:—There are a great many ways of encouraging workmen. Good wages for good work is one method; a large whip is sometimes useful; encouragement for effort, and consequent high morale is one of the best. But I think there never was a time when such unusual methods were employed as those used in the last issue of the Gazette. I have never heard that it was an encouragement to good work, to tell men that their efforts are feeble, that they lack skill, and enthusiasm, that they constantly discover new weaknesses, that they lack fight. This is only a partial list of the epithets which were hurled at the Dalhousie football team in the last issue of the Gazette. Some egregious ass may feel that by writing such nonsense he will inspire the team to greater activities. But if I were a member of the team I should say, "The Devil with you, Joe! Why should I play for a bunch of people who are such poor sports that they can only abuse their players at every set-back?"

Such puerilities as obituary notices and wails about "catastrophies" are beneath the standard of such a responsible paper as the Gazette is supposed to be. The author of them should hide his head in shame for his inglorious squealing. And the editor who permitted such junk to be published should be censured by every student. This may seem somewhat strong, Mr. Editor, but I speak with some heat. I have said about the Gazette only a frac-

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