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Letters

President dares VP to drunkenness

Charlie MacArthur Vice-President St. Mary's Student Association Halifax, N.S. B3H 3C3

Dear Charlie:

I understand that you had a large role in organizing a few hundred students to come and kidnap me a few days ago. It is rumoured that the price on my head was a mere case of beer. You should know by now that I am worth a great deal more than that. Since it is clear that you were issuing a challenge to me in an obscure way, I believe I have the right to choose the weapons and the venue. If you have the guts I suggest that we have a drinking contest and the drink will be straight tequila. I also suggest that we appoint seconds; you might want to choose Drew Franklin to ensure equal amounts are given to each person. We will drink one tequila every 15 minutes in front of an audience of St. Mary's students at any location on your campus you can arrange.

The loser will be the first person who passes out or who indicates that they have had enough. The loser will also pay for the drinks. I also suggest we have a St. John's ambulance team standing by.

A subsidiary benefit of this contest would be that it will show the frosh on both of our campuses the danger of over indulgence in alcohol and may help to develop the idea of responsible drinking. Whoever loses will not look a pretty sight, this much is certain. In some Greek states (I think Athens) they used to employ people to drink to an excess to act as an example to youth to discourage them from doing likewise.

A number of Councillors have suggested that you would be too scared of me personally to accept my reply to your challenge, but I know that you would not want to appear a coward in front of all those people you brought over to Dalhousie. I await your reply. My second will be Neil Erskine. I suggest we meet the week after the next S.U.N.S. conference (September 17-19).

Sincerely yours, Peter Rans

President, Dalhousie Student Union

