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## THE FORUM

So far as interest goes, the students' forum last Thursday, was a distinct success. Those students who attended witnessed a rare forum where several important questions were brought to the floor, and at least three were acted upon.

There was the question of Sunday skating, in which the general vote was virtually unanimously in favor of at least general skating on Sunday. Only two students were seen voting against the motion. The president of the Students' Council has solid backing in the request for Sunday skating.

An old question, very much discussed in Commerce quarters, was brought up and once again the President of the Students' Council agreed to go to the university. The question involved, was whether or not commerce students should pay an extra ten dollars for any arts class which contributes to their degree.

The final decision made was to charge twenty-five cents and council card to witness basketball games until such time as the bleachers are paid for.

Perhaps the greatest resultant of the forum was the free-for-all discussion of student spirit and apathy. Though there was no conclusion reached, and a vote killed the only solution offered, there was a discussion, and it resulted in bringing to the forefront the most important question in extra-curricular affairs.

All this disputes the theory that little or nothing is accomplished at student forums. The forums are of value from the informative end, and important questions such as the basketball gate, and Sunday sports are easily discussed providing the chairman maintains some sort of order. Forums, are instruments of good government, and if the calibre of the last one is any criteria, they should be held more often.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

At Thursday's Student Forum several students made excited charges to the effect that the present apathy was solely the fault of the heads of the Gazette and publicity. It was their contention that the Editors of the Gazette and the Director of Publicity were in a position of control over the publicizing agencies and it was up to them to stir up the students into some semblance of spirit.

The fact that these organizations were overworked and it was they who had asked the forum for help so they could carry on more efficiently was overlooked by these speakers, as was the fact that the organizations in question had, with the limited help at their disposal, done more to attempt to promote student spirit than had their predecessors last year, but without noticeable result.

No person can be pointed out as guilty for the situation. The blame rests squarely upon the shoulders of the majority of the students, those who do not do anything to help campus organizations. The organizations are merely the instruments through which the students can express themselves. If the students do not care to avail themselves of these organizations, they simply cannot function at top efficiency. It is up to the students to help.

## HELP . . .

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ed having declined "through pressure of studies". This committee set to work at once.

After a week of concentrated investigation this committee reported to the editors that there were indeed cockroaches roaming about the confines of the Gazette Office. They recommended that the Gazette use the same methods as the Students' Council and post a notice telling cockroaches to keep out, and not to leave a mess in the office if they did come.

A Special Standing Committee on Cockroaches was appointed to recommend further action on the matter. In a 750-word report to the Editors it suggested stronger action.

A General Staff Meeting was called to consider the whole question and all the pertinent documents on the matter were presented to the assembly. The meeting was adjourned after four hours so a delegation from the cockroaches could appear to give their side.

At the next forum called a week later a delegation representing the cockroaches put in an appearance. Included among them were representatives of ICS (International Cockroach Service) and NFCUS (National Federation of Cockroaches Under Sewers).

Another delegation of cockroaches from the northern part of the building also appeared, but it was voted not to recognize them as they might have red tendencies. Their demonstration was squashed.

It was suggested that the cockroaches ought not to be permitted to come into the Gazette Office. This motion was voted down. It was then suggested that the cockroaches should be permitted to come into the Office, but this was also voted down. The meeting then adjourned.

Another meeting was called the next week. At this meeting it was suggested that a Gate Receipts Committee be formed to collect 25c (with council card) or 50 (without card) from each cockroach entering the Office. It was later found that this charge was unconstitutional as it infringed upon the MICAU (Maritime Interscholastic Athletic Union) and the Dal-Cockroach Agreement, so a committee was appointed to amend it and report sometime after Christmas.

Meanwhile, the situation in the Gazette Office worsened. Despite the temporary truce arranged between the parties, the cockroaches continued to enter the Office and annoy the staff while they were at work. In addition, the cockroaches demanded that more publicity be given their organization. They claimed that they were providing a definite service to the student body and besides had more Dal spirit than most students. They claimed that the posters at present used by the Publicity Committee were on poor quality paper and did not provide the type of nourishment that they were accustomed to.

At this point the Editors of the

## An Open Letter to Anybody Especially members of the Stewdents' Council

As the gears of Stewdent government grind onward, it is becoming more and more apparent that some of them are idling and one or two have even dropped out of the transmission.

Many, including the Gate Receipts Committee will no doubt be shocked to learn that Mr. A. O'Brein, though one of Dalhousie's most ardent supporters is not a student nor is he a member of said Gate Receipts Committee.

Let there be no misunderstanding. It is not the wish of this writer to even suggest that Mr. O'Brein be awarded a student council card, twenty-seven gold D's, and a cut of the take, all of which he richly deserves for his unceasing efforts on the gate.

Rather, let the Council of Nottingham lay it near to Robin Hood and Friar Quinine that taking money from the rich and giving it to the council is still the accepted fashion

in the Forest of Dull. Robin Hood, who just received an addition to his merry band in the form of Little 'I didn't want to be the fourth to decline due to pressure of studies' Dog, would do well to get on his horse and start riding. Some members of the Stewdents Council who have not led a "Dog's" life this year would do even better if they got on the bandwagon and stopped declining.

Be that it may, one thing is sure. If Robin Hood and his band of merry men were out efficiently fleecing the public during the D.G.D.S. production of "Summer Sneeze" and during the Dal Dribblers' joust with the Technitions (just to mention two events) there is only one answer. There must be an awful lot of trees to hide behind in the Forest of Dull, we didn't see them.

Acidly yours,  
Hardrock Stone.

Gazette issued a joint statement to the press, which they then printed on the front page of the Gazette.

HERE IT IS:  
FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The situation with which we are now confronted is the worst which we have ever faced. This will keep

us on the move for weeks to come. Things are really hopping around the Gazette Office for the first time in years. This matter is too slippery for us to handle, it is too big for us. Therefore we will refer the whole matter to the Council, which is better equipped to handle the situation.

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