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Maritime Curlers Forgotten Again

The Canadian University Post, in its most recent issue to reach these rocky Atlantic shores, dated March 2nd in Montreal, has pulled one of the biggest goofs in its short history. In a front page story, it credits an intercollegiate curling bonspiel held at Loyola College in Montreal with being Canada's first. We thought everyone knew that Dalhousie curlers organized an intercollegiate 'spiel in Halifax 'way back in 1953, and for all we know somebody else may have had one before that.

The Post, obviously not very interested in accuracy but simply in publicity, credits Loyola skip John St. Onge with being "the organizer of the first intercollegiate bonspiel in Canada." St. Onge doesn't "intend to forget curling" (we're glad to hear that) and he hopes the ball will be rolling well in three more years (what do they curl with in Montreal? Balls?).

The first Maritime inter-university bonspiel, held at the Halifax Curling Club in 1953, had 14 rinks from seven universities competing, and was won by Dalhousie. With rink from the three Maritime provinces competing in the past four years, King's won the Canada Permanent Trust Co. Trophy in 1954, '55, and '56, and Mount Allison won it this year, in competition held at Acadia.

The moral of this story is either (1) that the Maritimes are no longer considered part of Canada, or (2) that the Post went off half-cocked and did not check its story and came out wrong again. Take your pick.

Incidentally, the Post's story followed a similar one in the Loyola News. The editor of the Gazette set that paper right too, and they printed a correction in their next issue. Pity the Post didn't check with its source. But, if enough of us go with the Gordon Report, maybe we can straighten all those central Canadians out

EDITORIALS . . .

Fee Raise in Sight

The students of this university recently voted in favor of a three dollar raise in their student council fee. In doing so they showed that they are aware of the problems facing student government finances, and they indicated that they have a concern for the future students and their enjoyment of campus activities. We congratulate them on their wise decision.

Dalhousie's thirteen dollar student fee is far lower than the student fee at any university of similar size. It is, indeed, several dollars lower than any other Maritime university with a student enrollment over 500, and less than half that of at least one other university in this province. No other Canadian university in the 1000-3000 student range has a fee so low. Even with the increase, our fee will still be the lowest in this enrollment group.

Let us hope that the university board of governors will follow the expressed wish of the majority of students and raise the student fee. The council request must have the governor's approval before the increase can be collected next fall. Surely the board will see the obvious need for it; and no what the student body has expressed its willingness to pay more money for its own benefit, the board, we hope, will not stand in its way.

An Important Step

For the first time in recent memory, and perhaps for the first time ever, Dalhousie's student council has expressed an opinion on the university situation in another country. The story of Council's resolution on racial segregation in South African colleges is told on page one.

Is this action a good one? Is it proper for our student representatives to take a stand on a matter that is not of immediate concern to us? Should our council be concerned over the problems of student in other countries? The answer to all three questions is an emphatic YES.

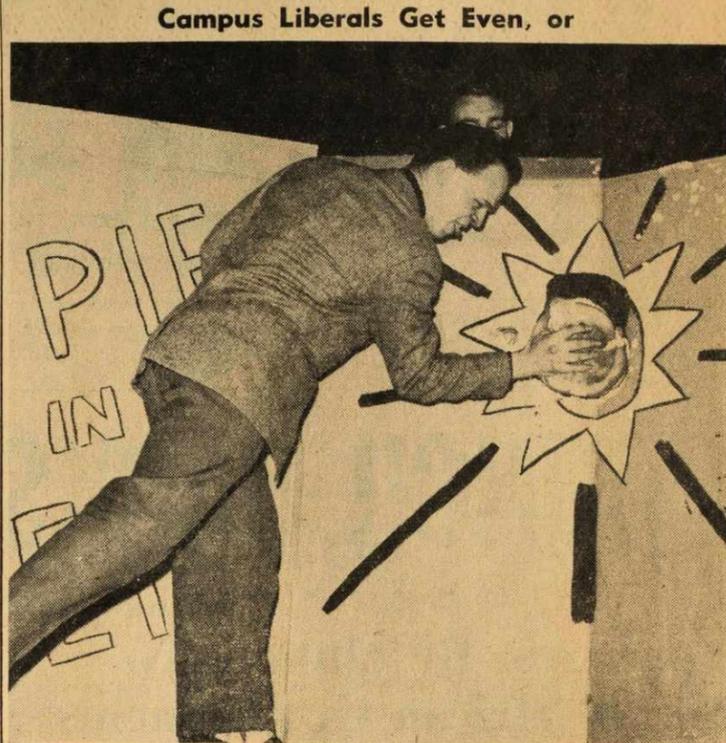
Student affairs in other countries should not only be our interest, they should be our concern. As long as we stay within the field where we are competent to speak, within the realm of problems facing students in their capacity as students, we not only have a right but we have a duty to make our opinions known and felt.

The problems of students as such, separated from the problems of students as individual citizens in their own lands, are the problems of all thinking students in the world. When a situation arises anywhere in the world that offends our principles of academic freedom and the rights of students, that situation is within the sphere of our thought and speech. Only with an increase in our international consciousness can we pretend to the title of "university graduate" in this modern world.

Individually, of course, we are competent to speak on any matter of which we have knowledge. In our capacity as students of this university, and through our elected representatives, we are competent to speak on matters affecting other students in their capacity as students, if we have knowledge. What we say may have little affect, but we cannot be sure; it may turn out to be important. Let us hope that this new awakening in our Council will continue.

Thanks

In this, the last issue of the Gazette before graduation, the editor extends his thanks to all those who have helped make the paper whatever it has been this year. Even through the tearing of hair, we've had fun. The rewards, even including the basketball game, are not great; but you've worked on the paper, and you know what it means. Again, thanks.



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