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A Menace

Last week a disastrous fire leveled Mount Saint Vincent College in a matter of a few hours. The fire occurred during the early hours of the morning while over three hundred students and about one hundred Sisters were in the building. Yet the occupants of the building managed to evacuate the college in a matter of minutes, and no lives were lost.

The speed with which the building was evacuated was due to the constant fire drills which the occupants had undergone in anticipation of such an emergency.

What would happen, however, if a fire were to break out in one of the buildings on Dalhousie campus during classes?

It is true that some of the buildings have been equipped with the very latest sprinkler systems, which might be able to keep a fire under control until the building was emptied. But how would the students know that the building was on fire?

In a few instances there have been fire drills, notably in the Forrest Building, but these have been few and far between, and participated in by a very limited number of students.

The newer buildings on the campus have been constructed with a an eye to possible disasters, and have been made as fire-proof as possible.

However, many so-called "fire-proof" buildings have been the scenes of most terrible fires.

It is true that most of the buildings on the campus can hold only a few hundred people at a time and could be emptied quickly in case of a fire.

But there is no signal known to all students which could give them warning of a fire, so as to allow them to take the most advantage of the time afforded them.

Fires are often quite unpredictable and blaze up when least expected, to envelope a whole building before any warning can be given. By the time many occupants of a burning building learn of the fire it is often too late to escape.

For this reason it is essential that the students have some sort of signal to warn them of a fire. The buildings on the campus which have not yet been equipped with sprinkler systems should have them installed at once.

There have been two major fires in and about Halifax in the last few months. In one the people had been instructed what to do in case of fire, over four hundred escaped. What happened in the other disaster is too well known to be commented upon.

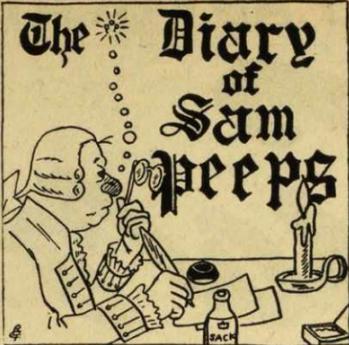
Co-Ed Week

This week the gals take over the campus. Women will do all the inviting, all the planning, and generally run things so far as social activities are concerned.

This week, during which the normal social relations are reversed, serves a number of useful purposes.

In the first place, it gives those unfortunate girls who have so far been overlooked by the boys for some trivial reason, or for no reason at all, a chance to come forward and get to meet some eligible male.

It also serves another useful purpose. After the week is over the females will have some idea just how much energy and nerve it takes to be the aggressor in the social field. They will be more appreciative of the efforts the boys make on their behalf during the rest of the year. Some of them may, perhaps, learn the value of money, but this is doubtful.



The Diary of Sam Peeps
Sunday, January 28:—Did stay in bed all afternoon as I think that I am catching the dread Plague that is going around lately. Did arise late in the day and go to Stigma Py to partake in a game of Goodbye-John, which they do say was invented by one Subway McGround-ers, one of Miss Cutit's little girls. Did hear Subway say that Buz Bost-him must take all the tens as he could not whistle. Did leave early as I am indeed getting the Plague.

Tuesday, January 30:—Up betimes after my rest of two days and to the Lady Hamilton for my morning refreshment before going to the college on the hill. Did go to the Peasant' Room to partake of a small of Eighteens. Did repair to the Stink to see a game of Pawney between the Dulls and the Air-men. Did watch the skating after the game and did hear Dive Garden and Baldy Give asking one of Miss Cutit's girls, who Dive did call Gym, if she was out of love. Did round up my friends and did retire to a corner to watch Weryppy Bobsdaughter playing Goodbye John.

Friday, February 2—After much nagging, did finally agree to take my wife to the Miser's Brawl. My wife very shocked at the women on the walls of the James. While dancing around, did see Big-gun Oak-rhyme with A. R. Tweed. Dip General was dashing about looking for a girl who would fit the sweater he had bought. Did see, at intermission, several girls on the platform being eyed by the judges, who did pick Wetty Code for the Shirt Boy. Did leave then, as that was what I had come to see.

Saturday, February 3:—Did go to the Stink, where I did see a most terrible game of Pawney. The Dulls did lose to the Z-Men. Did see at the game one, Bone Haxter, who was sitting with a little child on her lap. Some relation, no doubt. After the game of Pawney, afternoon and hockey practise seen. did see the skaters arrive in full force, among them a very famous girl, Barbary And Scatt, who, they do say, does sit in the Gentlemen's Disrobing Chamber at all times. Did leave early, as I wanted to stop in at the Lady Hamilton to refresh myself before going home for supper. My wife did berate me for wasting my time with the Dulls, but did not listen to her, and went to see the Shopping-Bag-Ball game in the Dull James between the Dulls and The Z-men anyway. At the game, did hear Miss Bone Haxter remarking on the cleanliness of one of the Z-Men.

Sunday, February 4:—Did arise early and repair to the college on the hill to hear the latest news. It seems that something called Mamie Stockings Night is to begin tomorrow when young girls ask out the boys.

Joe College Myth Exposed

Smoking Chesterfields

Bridge and whist games were played with the usual fervor and concern. Occasionally a shout of glee or a curse of discontent was heard above murmur and roar of the smoke-filled Men's Common Room last Wednesday afternoon. Students arrived, ate a sandwich and chocolate milk, stood around and remarked on the stink and the clouds of smoke inside, perhaps mentioned the bitterly cold weather outside. Unconcernedly the lunchtime crowds dwindled.

Music was played and news bulletins were read over the radio. Had it been tuned in to an American network, advertisements to "Smoke Chesterfields" would probably have gone unheeded (The Gazette runs Players ads, you know). But whether advertised or not, one student evidently realized the possibilities and implications of such an idea. It fell between the cushions of a chesterfield and for a couple hours or more the butt smouldered in the lining of the chair.

Cigarette smoke was thick in the room. An unfamiliar stench increased and various derogatory remarks were made. Cries to open the windows either went unheeded as usual or windows that were momentarily opened were vehemently pulled shut again. Cries of "Something's burning!" were followed by the frantic burrowing of some students in their coat pockets. Then search parties were organized.

Some student who was burrowing like a despondent beagle looking for a long-lost and half-forgotten bone at last turned up some charred fabric under the cushions of a chesterfield and doused it with chocolate milk. Then he called in the services of the caretaker of the Men's Residence and soon a fire extinguisher were enlisted for service.

The charred ruins of the couch are now on display in the Men's Common Room. Tickets may be purchased from O'Brien or at the door.

Joe College is not a Dalhousie student. The Gazette Galloping Poll has just announced and confirmed this startling fact; referring to the most common Dalhousie student as "Joe College" is purely a myth.

A long and extensive survey was conducted that involved the aid of countless expert statisticians, numberless reams of paper, and the perusal of all names in the Dalhousie Students' Directory. The results show that William and Donald are tied for the most common Christian name on the campus. On the Co-Ed side of the picture, Joan polled 15 and Elizabeth came a close second with one less candidate.

The idea of calling the most common student Joe is completely false. The survey shows that Joseph as a Christian name falls in 21st place and is tied by four other names for commonness. Sixty men on the campus boast the handle of William; sixty answer to Donald. Robert comes a close third with 59 and in fourth place is John with 57. Other common names on the official list are as follows: James, 42; George, 37; David, 31; Charles, 23; Gordon, 21; Douglas and Gerald, each 18; Edward, 16; Harold, Arthur and Kenneth, each 15; Ronald, Thomas, and Alan (or Allan), each 14; Ralph and Paul, 12 each; and poor "Joe" College and his numerical equals, Jack, Ian, Fred and Roy, poll eleven.

Following Joan and Elizabeth for common Christian names for campus Co-Eds, the survey shows Jean and Barbara have 12 each, Mary and Marion 11 each; Jane, 9; and Marjorie and Margaret, 8 students each.

Also of interest, the survey shows that there are 291 different Christian names among male students and 156 different Christian names among the Co-Eds. The Gazette Galloping Poll also reports that students wishing to check the figures given in the survey can do so by reading the Students' Directory.

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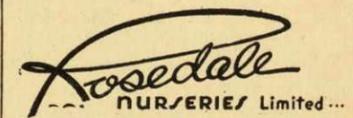
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