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## VOX POPULI LEX SUPREMA

Thursday, at noon, there will be a general meeting of the whole Student Body to consider any matters of internal management and, in fact, anything of concern to students in general.

It is this group, the Student Body, that makes final decisions of policy, which serve as a guide to their representatives, the Student Council. At this meeting the Council serves merely as Chairman, and any student is free to speak.

The Council, at this general meeting of the Student Body is accountable for all its actions, and a great deal of information as to the inside running of student affairs is usually revealed to the world.

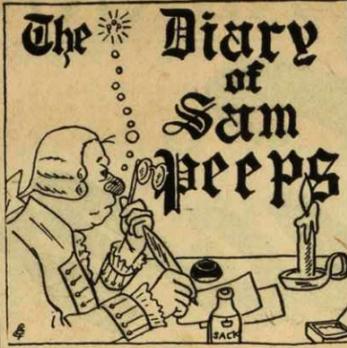
This method of running affairs is by no means a new one. The ancient Greeks had a form of government which they called "democracy" or, government by the people. All citizens took part in the affairs of government, only delegating a very limited part of their authority to committees on special occasions. This form of government, very efficient in small communities, was in use at one Maritime college until a short while ago.

Among larger groups, however, a less direct form of democracy was found to be necessary. More and more of the actual power residing in the people was delegated away to administrative authorities and committees until eventually, all power was in the hand of the elected representatives of the people, and the population had nothing to say about how things were run, but were only able to say who was to run them. This form of government is the type now used in the "Democracies" of the Western World. The actual running of the country is no longer actually in the hands of the people, who reserve only the power to oust members of Government who act contrary to their wishes. This power, however, is a strong force and is usually sufficient to keep the rulers of a country in line with the wishes of the people.

This Democracy by delegated authority is the system now in force among the student body at Dalhousie. It has proved to be the system that operates most efficiently among a large group of people, who cannot be concerned with the mass of detail necessary to any modern system of government.

The students, however, have retained to themselves more power than that possessed by the average citizen of our country. They have almost unlimited power at Student Forums. They can approve an amendment of the Constitution, do anything the Council can, and make the Council accountable for past acts.

So it is the duty of each student to attend the Student Forums as much as it is his duty to vote at Student elections. Both functions are part of the democratic system as practiced at Dalhousie. At the elections the people who are to run the affairs of the students for the coming year are chosen, but at the Forum matters of policy that will be followed by the Councils are determined, and this is a more important aspect of democracy than even who shall fill the post of President.



**Tues., Nov. 7**—Did rise early to hear of great things going on at the Marmalade Hovel where 'tis said all good Dulls will go this evening. Methinks it unfair to say so for I come from telling Martha that we shall not attend. Much horrified she does cry of keeping up to the Jones. And so to the Dull school where I did chance to meet one Egghead Rigger who does seem perturbed about student spirit. Leaving much demoralized I did go to the Spectator building and talk to one Abrupt Louis, and Dip General who speak of apathy and resignations.

**Wed., Nov. 8**—Up betimes and to the hill where I chanced to meet Tipoff. Tipoff declared what wonderful times were had at Marmalade Hovel yester evening. 'Twas unusual to hear that one Scotch Lessdaughter did leave his Barbary Queen to attend the ball with Joan Bigrivers. Methinks Bigriver does still crave the affections of Chuck. Sureman Bicker did attend upon Hell in May, while Soda Cracker Ellwas did seem at ease with Baldy Give. 'Tis said that Senior Auto Jr., did read great volumes whilest his dame did sit. Weeda McKicking did take a Junior Auto Jr. It does seem that Peetah Dog and Barbary Davidsdaughter did get separated. Did see paintings of the ball and did notice their sad faces.

Whilest the ball did progress in the great hall, 'tis rumoured that many old maids did carry on in the upper reaches.

Outside, the alcoves were said to be full.

**Friday, November 10, 1950**—Did arise at an early hour, feeling full of life. Did fully resolve to maintain my oath of sobriety which I had taken Tuesday, for never in my life had I ever felt better.

First to Dull, where I did meet Tipoff, who did tell me of the grand ball the night before at Little Oxford. He told of an amusing incident that occurred during the repast served at intermission. Ponds MacArty did leave a penny under his plate, saying that the people who dwelt there

deserved nothing but the best. Rivits, one who fitted this description, did take great offence thereat and went off in a sulk.

After supper Martha did chastise me for drinking too much sack, but I did burp in anger and left to join Bull O'Hadit who did prepare a great fire to call all Dulls to a gathering called a Sad Saggy, which turned out to be just that in numbers, but which proved worthy of note to those who attended. One Gabriel Vitamin did sing, and later joined by Garge Darkwhite did give another strange rendition. Then those present did worm their way to Marmalade Hovel where they did pass through the halls much to the disapproval of one sour warden Cuttit, whom it dost seem did slam the door to her cell.

**Saturday, Nov. 11**—First to the Hill where the Tigers were at Soccer with the Lumberjacks. The yell chiefs McHoundy, Jones, and Mountains did spur on the team, but the morning ended in a first down. Thence to the James where I did congratulate those great Tigers who played.

After drinking copious quantities of sack in order to keep from getting a chill, I did depart for the Travellers field to see more Tigers play at a great game with the Mariners. Did note that Harridaughter could hardly run due to an injury, and thus did not play, while Argos McThin did limp like one in need of the crutch Knave Johnnygun had discarded a short time before. The team lost however, they gave the Dull ones the greatest spectacle of our epoch. More sack and after showing Sportsed Spots the layout, I did depart in a carriage for the land of the Apple Tree Stumps.

'Twould seem that great events were in progress in Horton where 'tis said the Baptists such a sour sectarianism, and our staunch brave freemen did battle in rugby against the vile Appleknockers. Despite the vulgar cries of the Appleknockers directed towards our yell chiefs, they carried on as a credit to the Dull ones. I did lose one cask of apple grog which I had put upon the Tigers for this game.

The entertainment in Horton, however, was good. The Dulls were greatly taken by the community hall of the Appleknockers which they do call a Union. The Dull ones such as Hide Hydrant, Petah Dog, Soda Cracker, and Blister Morly did lead their ladies to a great chambre called "Mens" they being unable to find that chambre called "Ladies" and did guard the door lest the Appleknockers approach. Hydrant did offer Greatchain Carve It a small coin to open the anterooms in the great chambre.

In the evening, full of sack, I did float over to the Appleknocker James to see the ball called the "Applecider Letdown" which did cost some gold. Several Tigers refused to hand up monies and did try to enter through the cellar but being apprehended did pay grudgingly. Big River Sunny did meet a lively damsel who did nearly cry  
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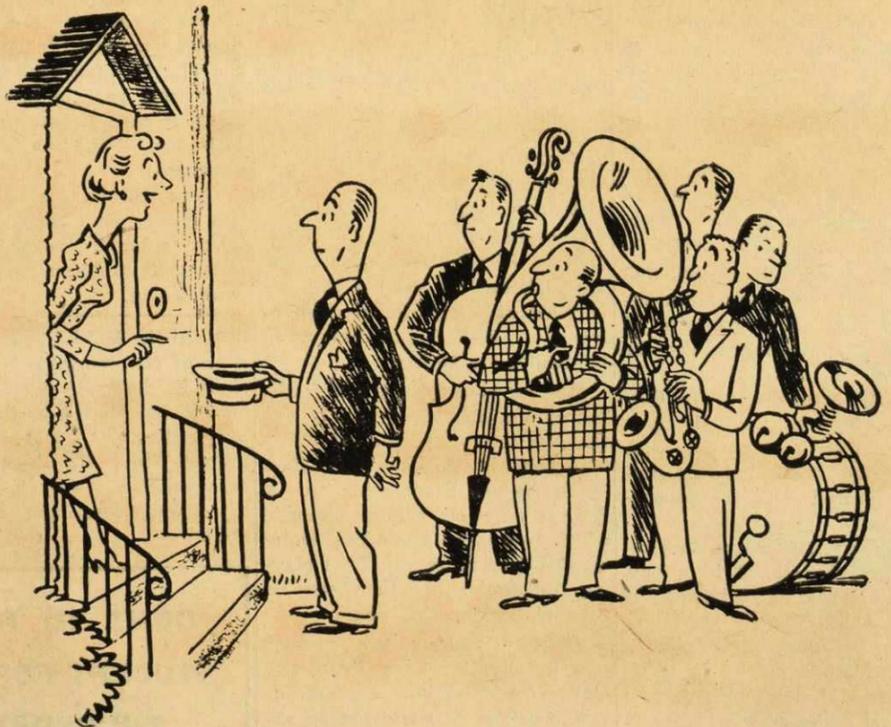
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