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NEW STRENGTH TO NEW GAME

Dalhousie University Tiger's victory in the Nova Scotia Senior Canadian Football League can certainly be regarded as another spike driven in the young foundations of Canadian football in the province. Since 1947, the Dalhousie team has always been a powerful force in the NSCFL, and this year has proved no exception. They, more than anybody else, have been the big drawing card in local football circles, picking the Fall sport up from the depths and placing it on its present high level.

This year, another "civilian" entry, in the form of Saint Francis Xavier University, was added to the service-studded league, and perhaps one could truthfully say that this year has seen the greatest response to the Canadian game. Saturday's final game was unique in the history of the league... the first all-civilian playoff, and to make it even more interesting the championship game was between two universities.

With the arrival of the colleges to the grid game, civilian interest soared. There were times when such interest was apathetic however, and there has been a feeling in football circles that the universities should not play with the Service teams. Doubtlessly, such a view is based on the presumption that an injury to a college player is very costly as regards study and finances.

Nevertheless, Dalhousie has proved that a civilian team, and a university team at that, can cop off the championship. The Tigers from "the College by the Sea" have dispelled any doubt that service teams monopolize the Canadian Football spotlight in the province, and have doubtlessly added new strength to Canadian Football in Nova Scotia.

The securing of these foundations does not rest in the hands of Dalhousie or the other league members. Instead, such a securing lies in the hands of the league itself. Poor schedule planning, poor officiating, increased gate prices, and slanted newspaper reporting can and will spell the death of Canadian Football. The league must remember that Canadian football is still a "kid" in Nova Scotia, and if it is to become the great game that it is, the League must foster and protect its growth. Dalhousie has once again contributed greatly, it is up to the league itself to do further contributing.

MED CORNER

The present Med Society emblem was originated in 1923 by Dr. H. L. Scammell, then a student. The emblem denotes an upraised hand holding a pine cone, not just pine cone but the Pine Cone of Hippocrates. This cone was regarded as having great healing properties. Legend has it that the king's physician held the cone under the royal nose when he felt faint. Besides being a most ancient symbol of healing, it is also an old symbol of fertility. This dates back to a reforestation program some 7,000 years ago in ancient Assyria. Since the priesthood started the program the seed

planting became a religious rite. Thanks to the students of '23 we have a most unique emblem and in it a very ancient symbol of healing.

Now that I'm on the topic of the ancient art of healing did you ever realize that medicine is the only profession that labors constantly to destroy the very reasons for its existence?

Well, the Rugby interfac trophy is back at its old home after a year's absence. Yes, we did it. "The leading faculty," in quote, refers to the lawyers (by their own admission) and not to the engineers as many would believe. Our coach by the way was a lawyer — Gordie McConnell. Come to think

Letters to Editor

The Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir,
I have read the article "A Study in Absurdity" in your last issue. I disagree with it in its entirety for the following reasons:

1. There is no "holy of holies" in the field of knowledge and wisdom. Any assumption to the contrary is false to the spirit of man. The writer infers that these works must only be read by those who have read contemporary or later critical articles. This attitude of mind is pure priggishness.
2. In a true democracy education should be free. Danton said "After bread the need of the people is education". The writer of the article has the opportunity of attending a university. How many in our democracy have that opportunity?

He is aware of Carlyle's ideas on books and yet he is objecting to cheap access to the world's best literature by those who have neither the time nor possibly the funds to spend four years in the university. They listen to the opinions of scholars, but in many cases, do not read the original books themselves. In Europe, and notably in France, cheap books are to be bought in the smallest hamlets. These are just the books, Plato to Whitehead, that the writer of the article objects to. Europe is reading good stuff. Europe is leading in the world's thought in practically every field. There is possibly a connection.

Yours faithfully,
G. Vibert Douglas,
Head of Department of Geology

Indifferent to Mendes-France

Dear Sir,

We were both amazed and disappointed at the insignificant attention given in Monday's daily to the visit of M. Mendes-France. One would think that visits from heads of foreign states occur every day from your indifferent attitude. Would it not have been fitting, Mr. Editor, to write a few words of welcome upon such an occasion?

One would question whether football reports, in agonizing detail, even though they have such startling headlines, deserve priority over an official visit to the university.

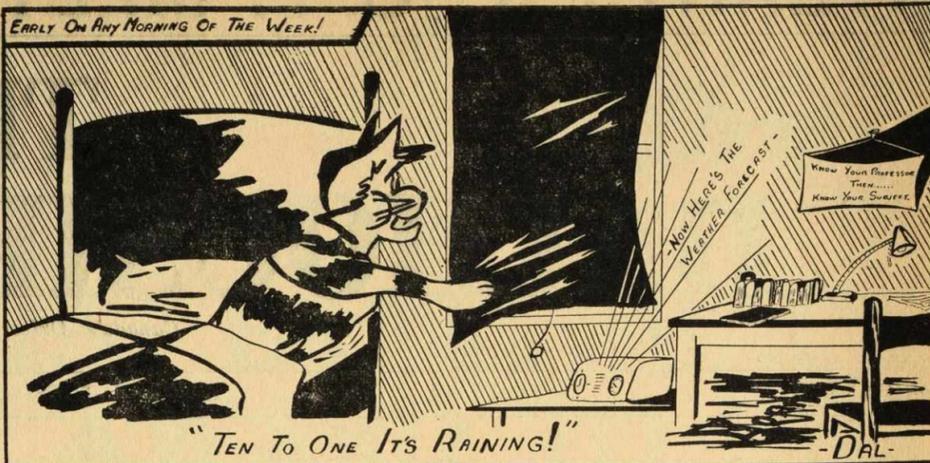
At best your indifference can be attributed to forgetfulness; at worst to an inept manner of managing so important a matter.

To add insult to injury, an official atmosphere was conspicuously absent during the course of the visit itself.

With great dismay, we learned as well that while at the University of Montreal, this leading statesman had three-quarters of an hour and an official hall in which to address the student body. Certainly the great crowd of students freezing outside the Redpath Hall and able to hear only a mere trickle of words from this man's mouth, could have had far better conditions made for them.

In short, the reception for this man was not fitting for his position and prestige, and we can only feel that grave errors were committed.—McGill Reprint.

of it our two basketball coaches last year were lawyers. We prefer not to have "playing coaches" and draw our coaches from ranks of those available around us. The coach's job is not so much to teach the team but to be organizer, to call substitution, to correct mistakes, etc. We'd like to thank Gord publicly for his efforts this year.



Robert's Digress

Sam's Philosophy

(Silhouette Reprint)

before i came to college i always had lots of time for improving my mind now i havent even a minute to read pogo anymore

professors when they look most intellectual that doesnt mean that theyre communing with the musues more likely theyre worrying about their dentist bills

i asked one girl why she came to college to get a bo she said hey better watchout all you ba s of course theres lectures too.

well joe the other week i took out one of those west wallingford chick

and every time i opened my mouth to ask how she liked the weather she said tell me all about yourself your dreams your ambitions the things youve done well i hemmed and hawed but you know joe i am not one to kick a hint in the face so i says

aahhh im not so hot but did i ever tell you about the time well i heard the next morning that she said she wouldnt go out with me again because all i did was talk about myself i suppose that if i had said lets talk about you in stead shed have said that i was very sympathetic and a brilliant conversationalist women i dont dig them atall sam.

ED: No comments But I am glad to see that the girls on this campus do not wear them, but on the other hand, maybe they should!

Also at Western

"Would you like to kiss a cash register or go to bed with an 'understanding'?" This followed a statement that "Marriage should be based on understanding co-operation and financial security, not sex." All this took place in the course of a debate at which the resolution was: "Is sex the hub of the social wheel?" The closing remark was: "There is little difference between man and woman, but as they say in France, 'Vive la difference!'"

A submitted flag for Canada: "Her Majesty, the Queen shaking hands with a mountie on horseback, while the Dione Quints sing 'Oh Canada' in the background."

ED: Would have been a wonderful idea, but one of the Quints is no more, but why not have Marilyn Bell sing "O Canada" and she could at the same time be swimming lake Ontario!

Mount "A"

They recently received a letter from the indignant staff of the Gateway stating: "The Gateway is not published in Toronto. Wouldn't be Caada's best paper if it were."

ED: Why all the fuss, of course it is not published in Toronto, I know that, and so does the Mount 'A' staff. But the fact that it is not published in Toronto is not the 'prima' reason for it not being the best Canadian University paper, the real reason is that two papers can't both be the best, and it so happens that The Dalhousie Gazette IS the BEST.

Anonymous College or University

(This means that I can't recall which one it is). They are trying to institute a date bureau. Their main reason is that "love is blind, so it follows that unseen dates couldn't be that bad." And their second main reason is: "It is not for Knowledge that we go to College."

ED: No Comments. But why it is that nobody here at Dal ever thought of this before.

Football: For the first time in its history, the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union has ended in a three-way tie for first place. Toronto, Queen and Western share the honors; (this is the Senior Varsity League). McMaster last year had to retire from this league for failure to win enough games, this year McGill didn't even win a single one, will they also be forced-out of the league?

There also was a tie for the Ottawa - St. Lawrence Conference championship. McGill and Ottawa U. having lost only one game each will share the trophy.

U.N.B.
His Lordship rides again. But this week he was moved back to page three, and his name only appears three times. Tut, tut... did he do anything wrong?

Queen's U.
617 train tickets were sold and Queen's students took-off for a football (and other things) weekend in Toronto. 14 cars were literally bursting their seams to accommodate the students carrying all sorts of luggage: including cartons full of anaemic coke, colorless ginger ale, bulky canvas bags and also, a few suit-cases. There and a half hours, eight broken windows and 32 policemen later, the crowd staggered off the smoke-filled, beer-reeking train, into the brisk city air.

Only 2300 tickets were sold for the game, (a very disappointing crowd). Comment from an anonymous Queen student: "the game? oh yes, well the less said about it, the better!" Most of the students were put-up at the King Edward and the Royal York, where they had a dance. The assistant manager reported that, "aside from the usual parties in the rooms, nothing drastic occurred," and he summed up his impression with the statement that "Boys will be boys." Things didn't go as well at the King Edward, over there the manager had to call the police, but no serious damage had been done, only a few broken transoms and fire exit lights.

(Reprint from the Queen's Journal) "... No doubt, as the week wears on, and the effects of the weekend wears off, the idea of repeating the performance this weekend will be more inviting."

Alberta U.
Construction on the new provincial auditorium has been started just west of the University rink. The \$1,500,000 auditorium will seat 3400.

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Western U.
It seems that they held a dance some time ago and when they counted the receipts, they were short \$300. Where the money went, nobody knows. Their only comment: "Next time greater precautions will be taken."

A new fad, Western's girls are now wearing Toques and Knee high socks. Some of the comments: "The girls look like a collection of mediaeval scholars." "Should create a keen interest in golf and lead to a petticoat rule." "Toques are O.K. but if those ugly socks must be worn, the girls should at least shorten their skirts to give the pood males a small glimpse of leg." "These socks only look good on football players." "Bloody horrible and a detriment to beauty." "No pair of socks can dress up a couple of piano legs." "If the girls have cold legs they should wear hip boots." ... so on, so on ... !

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