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Homecomings to be Revived Monday

What may be the revival of the old homecomings is to be held this Monday as the Xaverians from Antigonish invade the Campus to complete the end of Halifax week-end visit in which they played Stad on Saturday.

The Homecoming is sponsored by the Alumni Association who will be assisted by the Council of Stu-

dents and the main event besides the football game will be a buffet supper which is being tendered to the members of both teams.

The game should really be a scorcher if it is anything like the game the two teams played in the latter half of last season when the Tigers saved the game in the last few seconds.

We once had an organization called Mau Mau, that tried to teach us these things, but I was reading in a Canadian magazine the other day, something that a man called Cicero said about injury to the soul being much more harmful than injury to the body, and I think perhaps our Mau Mau way is not as good as this new way that I have observed here in Halifax.

I am sure that if we but had such teachers as the barber on Buckingham Street, that we should learn very quickly, though of course we are not more than primitive savages.

(Signed) F. Ian Gilchrist

The evils of racial prejudice, when they raise their ugly head, can do more harm than almost any other machinations of the human mind. This is not an editorial on this prejudice, for university students, presumably educated people, should be able to recognize it for the foully distasteful thing that it is. There have been many instances in recent years to indicate that the university and the students themselves are not victims of this disease, and that they are anxious to help eliminate it.

Nor is it the intention of this editorial to stir up any controversy. It is often the fate of well-meant articles that they do more to promote the evil they attempt to suppress than they do to eradicate it, simply because they make people react without thinking. This editorial could not meet a worse fate than that. Most of us agree, theoretically, on the evils of race and colour prejudice; most of us feel, surely, that something should be done.

But we are complacent. Events such as Mr. Gilchrist has told us of must happen frequently, and indeed, a bit of further investigation showed that they do. Usually we know nothing of them; but now that we do know, will we do anything? Can we do anything?

There can be no possible excuse for the existence of prejudice against university students because of their color. But it is just as disgraceful as the prejudice itself when students condone, by their inaction, this unjustifiable discrimination against their fellows.

Shall we all write letters to the Chronicle-Herald, the Mail-Star and the radio stations? Shall we march with placards and demands to City Hall and ask Mayor Kitz what he intends to do about our problem? Shall we ask the university administration to appeal to the public to remedy the situation? Perhaps none of these things would be of any help; perhaps nothing we can do will have any effect.

But when students of this university are treated as less than equals by citizens of this city, it is time we did something.

President Kerr Welcomes Frosh

The following expression of welcome to new students from the president of the university, Dr. A. E. Kerr, was received at the Gazette office.

"On behalf of the teaching and administrative staff of the University, I extend a cordial welcome to all students who have come to Dalhousie for the first time, and to assure those who have returned to resume their studies that we are glad to see them back.

"Life at the University is potentially a rich and many-sided experience. It offers opportunities for the formation of delightful friendships, participation in profitable campus activities, fellowship with scholars of wide learning and mature wisdom, introduction to new and fascinating fields of knowledge, the development of the capacities of the mind, and a clearer apprehension of life's enduring values.

"It will contribute most to the young man or woman who realizes that while it has its joyous phases, which I hope it will never lose, it should have a serious purpose which no student can sacrifice or subordinate to any other interest with impunity.

"Membership in a university is a privilege reserved for a small minority of the youth of this Country. May those who are registered in the various faculties of Dalhousie this year prove that they are worthy to be included in that favoured company.

(signed)
A. E. Kerr,
President"

What Ho! The New Gazette

Don't panic, you didn't lose part of the paper under the edge of your desk, this is the new look. And it's not really so new at that. Anyone who was on the campus about four years ago will remember that the Gazette was then the size it is now — but we can't ask you to think back that far.

There is a reason for this new size, and for the reversion to newsprint from last year's high-class paper. We hope it is a reason that the campus will understand and, perhaps, appreciate.

It has long been the editor's feeling that the purpose of the Gazette should be, primarily, to serve student interest. There are other purposes too, but this is the obvious one. To do this effectively, the paper must give adequate coverage to student activities, not only past but future. As an experiment this year, the Gazette plans to issue two editions a week during the time when extracurricular activity is at its height, and to continue on the regular weekly basis at other times.

In order to present to the campus perhaps twenty-six issues instead of the usual nineteen or twenty without increasing the operating budget, expenses had to be cut somewhere. The obvious place to save money was in the physical makeup of the paper itself. With the reduced size and cheaper paper we may not look glamorous, but we hope to fulfill the function of a university paper better than ever.

This Couldn't Happen Here

The editor, the president of the Students' Council, and many others who read the letter printed in this editorial when it came to the Gazette office on Tuesday, were shocked at this evidence of the existence of racial prejudice of the worst type here in Halifax.

Like many others, we are quick to condemn acts of color prejudice when they occur away from home. Students everywhere jumped to express sympathy for Autherine Lucy when she was refused admission to a university in the southern United States, and their more concrete actions seem to have had some result. There are other instances that we could mention, but to no avail, for it is happenings in this city that should concern us.

Perhaps those of us who first read this letter are more naive than most students at this university; perhaps we are less aware of conditions as they exist. If so, the shock of our awakening was rude enough to shatter some of our illusions about this fair city and the people in it. But it would appear that a majority of students at Dalhousie do not know of situations such as this; for surely, if they did know, they could not keep quiet about it.

The writer of the letter that follows is in first year medicine. He has come here from Mount Allison University. His home is in Africa, where his father, a Dalhousie graduate, is a Christian missionary. The story he tells is not pleasant.

The Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette.

Perhaps I have no prerogative to speak in such a place as this, because I am from a primitive barbaric land, and my peoples are ignorant peoples. But I am so bold as to do so.

I am new at the Medical School, and so are my friends. I have been struck by the difference between this great and wonderful civilized country, and my own native jungle.

The other day, my friend, who is from the British West Indies, and I, were looking around this great capital city of Nova Scotia. As we talked, I thought what a fine welcome he has had in this beautiful place compared to the heathenish one that he would have received in my land.

When he arrived in Halifax, no hotel would give him a room for the night. In my land my ignorant brethren make all strangers welcome in their homes. How foolish they are not to realize what a terrible contamination they may receive from the different colour of a stranger!

He arranged on the telephone for an apartment, but when the landlady saw him, she turned him away. Oh, my blind countrymen, to allow visitors to your villages to have the use of your homes!

Then we turned into a barber shop where I liked to have my hair cut. We waited our turn for an hour, and then the barbers said that they would not cut my friend's hair. My compatriots must indeed be savages not to realize how primitive it is to welcome strangers with kind words.

How long before my fellow Africans will realize that their customs and their folk-lore belong to the Stone Age? Oh, it will be wonderful if teachers and missionaries will go from this great Canada to our humble Africa, to teach us to stop being primitive and how to start being civilized; to teach us such things as how to welcome strangers, so that we can learn to do it as they do it here in this capital city of Halifax.

Council Looks at Service Societies

The Students' Council plans to establish a service society on the Dalhousie campus. The idea was suggested at Monday night's meeting by Gary Watson, DAAC president, and a committee was formed to investigate the possibilities.

The society, similar to those existing on campuses in this country and the United States, would be devoted to service along the lines of an honour society. Members would be chosen on the basis of personality, scholarship, and sincerity, to act as welcoming committees for visiting teams, dignitaries and others unfamiliar with the campus. They would also be expected to render services to deserving causes and functions of the university.

Murray Fraser heads the Council committee with Joy Cunningham, Gary Watson and two other members to be appointed by the Glee and Dramatic Society and Sodales. The committee will work with Graham Allen, Director of University Liaison, and Al Thomas, Director of Athletics, in investigating the possibilities for such a group, and is to make recommendations to the Council in the near future.

Notices

Heads of all campus organizations requiring money for their operations from the Students' Council are required to present their annual budgets to the Council president, Ken Mounce, by Oct. 15, at the latest.

While investigating a new system of campus co-ordination, the Council has appointed Vernon Butt as acting co-ordinator. Everyone wishing to make use of the gymnasium, and all dances and sports events either on or off the campus, must be reported to and arranged with him immediately. Vernon is a Pharmacy student, and lives at 44 Edward Street, phone 2-4659.

Anyone wishing to work on the Gazette this year is asked to get in touch with the associate editors or any of the department editors as soon as possible.

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