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The Gazette is indebted to Douglas Fraser without whose help this special edition on the laying of the cornerstone of the Sir James Dunn Science Building could never have been prepared.

Past, Present and Future

For all Dalhousians this is a week to remember, a week in which our past, present and future stand united in the events which are now taking place. We celebrate a 75th anniversary, seeing the laying of the cornerstone of a new building, hear the announcement of construction of another building and with these look to a future of growth and expansion, even greater than we have seen in the past.

On Wednesday a half holiday has been granted so that we may attend the ceremony where Lady Dunn will lay the cornerstone of the new Sir James Dunn Science Building. A special convocation at which Lord Beaverbrook will be principle speaker and Lady Dunn and her son, Sir Philip Dunn, Bart., honored guests, is being held to observe the occasion.

Over the weekend graduates of the Dalhousie Law School will assemble to mark another memorable event, the 75th anniversary of the Law School. Prominent members of the Bench and Bar will return to Dalhousie for the celebrations which will commemorate the founding in 1883 of one of the great Law Schools on this continent.

Yet another milestone will combine with the previous two in making this week one of the most notable in the history of Dalhousie. The University has announced, with the approval of the President of the Council of Students and his committee, that plans have been completed for a new Men's Residence. Construction for this much needed, long awaited addition to the campus will begin as soon as tenders have been accepted.

The events of this week remind us of the partnership which we have with those who have gone before us and those who will come after us. To tradition we owe the long successful record of the Law School and to the future we give the resourcefulness, spirit and conditions for learning which every student who has passed through Dalhousie has tried always to improve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Xaverian Replies

October 18, 1958

Editor-in-Chief
The Dalhousie Gazette
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Madam Editor:

I read with interest this week's copy of the *Gazette*, which the *Xaverian Weekly* of course receives under CUP exchange agreement. Before going any farther, allow me to congratulate you and your staff on a very fine issue.

One item in particular interested me—the letter to the Editor signed “a Football Fan.” Certainly the sentiments expressed in this letter were laudable, and as a student at St. F.X. I can say that of all the teams with which St. F.X. regularly does battle, those from Dal provide more interest on our part and a keener desire on the part of our athletes than any other.

The fact that the letter mentions athletic scholarships at “a certain university” is what has goaded me into writing this note. It is the presumption on the part of the letter writer, the tacit agreement with others in the “Dalhousie cry that our rivals to the northeast produces athletic teams chock-full of professionals” that disturbs me.

This is not a new presumption, and Dal is not the only university in the Maritimes whose students are guilty of it. Once and for all, however, I would like to set the record straight. **NO MEMBER OF ST. F.X. VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM IS ATTENDING SCHOOL HERE UNDER A SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN BY THE SCHOOL ITSELF**, unless it is given for academic achievement. Likewise, no member of the basketball and hockey teams which will shortly face Dal's are recipients of athletic scholarships.

As proof of the charges, it has often been pointed out that a large number of our team members are Americans. Why, it is asked, should they by-pass their own very fine schools and attend a University in a foreign country?

The answer to that is indeed dollars and cents. The tuition, room and board, books, spending money, and incidental expenses for a year here add up to a total in the neighborhood of \$1200, roughly half the yearly cost at a corresponding private college in the States and about \$500 less than the cost of attending a State-run institution.

St. F.X. has always had a large number of students whose homes are outside this Province. Incidentally the ratio of American students to the total number of students here has not changed significantly over the past 25 years, although of course as enrollment has expanded, the absolute number has increased.

There is no denying that these students who also play football are not here totally by accident. Every St. F.X. student is a press agent for the place, and when he returns home he encourages friends and high school companions to join him here. Also, members of our Alumni are anxious that Alma Mater have always a good number of new students who will be in time an asset. But I emphatically deny that any of the athletes who represent St. F.X. receive athletic scholarships from the school.

I hope, Madam Editor, that this letter will be read in the spirit with which it is written: the desire to correct misunderstanding and remove any ill feelings which this misunderstanding has brought about.

Yours sincerely,

PETER BERRY,
Editor,
The Xaverian Weekly

The Editor,
The Dalhousie Gazette,
Dalhousie University.

Dear Madame:

As a Dal student, I would like to express my views on what has been called the “alleged apathy on this campus.” I'm sure few people will disagree that this lack of spirit is no longer “alleged” but is an established fact.

Just one more example of this appalling lack of spirit took place last Saturday afternoon. The Pep Cats had advertised a spirit parade which was to leave Shirreff Hall at 1:15 for the football field. The number of Tiger supporters who showed up for the parade was negligible.

If more Dalhousians would follow the suggestion given in last week's *Gazette* by an Individualist, this situation might be remedied.

Sincerely yours,

Disgusted.

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Pine Hill Residence
Halifax, Nova Scotia
October 26, 1958.

The Editor,
The Dalhousie Gazette,
Dalhousie University

Dear Madame:

I have neither language nor style but I wager you will think twice before you print this item.

To the professor: Treat me like a child, and I shall act like a child; treat me as an adult and I shall die trying to be one. Education reform is best in the hands of someone foreign to the field.

To the student: Cheer up, things used to be better.

To Norm: Take 10 years out and try English I.

To the ex-Tiger supporter: If that is your type of sportsman, try another university in Nova Scotia; your life will be happier.

To the hopeful and the individualist: Cheers to apathy, it may be the only friend I have left at Dal.

Sincerely,

C. R. Barbour.

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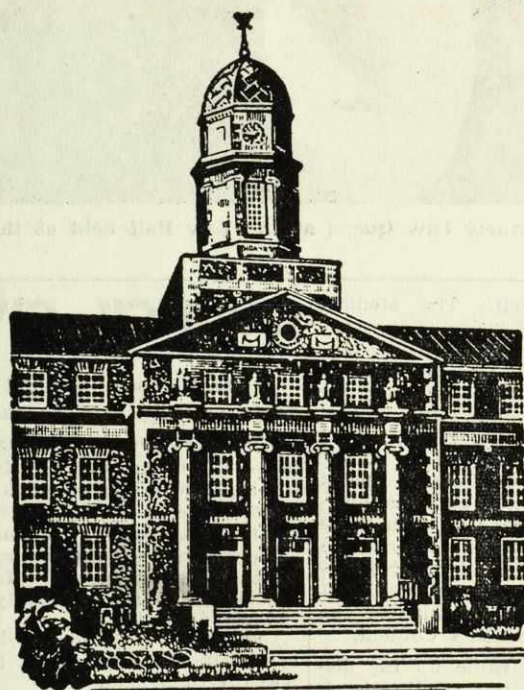
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