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CHEERING SECTION

The GAZETTE staff has taken the trouble to ask a number of the University athletes if the cheering of their supporters helps them to fight harder, and unanimately the answer has been YES. We spectators, therefore, can actually take part in our games.

At present our cheer-leading section numbers only three persons, and it was noticed last Saturday, at the Wanderers' Grounds, that this number is quite inadequate to control the spectators in one section. It was also noticed that there was a lack of adequate planning in the cheering programme. When the team most needed support — that is, when the other team had the ball in our territory — there was no rallying cry to let our athletes know that we were not merely fair-weather supporters. And when our team had the ball with few yards to go for a touchdown, seldom did we get behind the team to "push them over."

This fault, however, was not due to a lack of spirit. Every Dalhousian in the stands felt proud of the magnificent team that bore the Gold and Black colors; and few indeed were the supporters who did not have hoarse voices after the game. What, then, is the answer?

We feel that, first, the cheer-leading section should be increased to at least six members, to be clothed similarly, and commanded by one captain who knows the game reasonably well enough to lead the cheering at the most necessary times. Next, although most students are taught the university yells during their frosh years, many students do not know them all. Also, among the fans are many non-student Dal supporters who would gladly join in to support our team, but refrain because of the lack of knowledge of our yells. The cost of mimeographed sheets to be distributed among the spectators would be negligible by comparison with the return that would be achieved in spirit.

We trust that immediate steps will be taken to remedying this need. When our team meets the Navy in the big game of the year we can depend that every athlete will be doing his utmost. Let us do our share.

WELL DONE - THE BAND!

Who could not but feel a surge of pride for our own Dalhousie Band at the Wanderers' Grounds last Saturday? Undaunted by the preceding professional display of the Navy Band, our men marched on the playing field at half-time to stir the fighting hearts of our athletes on to victory.

To Ernie Heighton, and every other member of the band — well done!

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Sir:

I should like to take exception to the slanted view-point of the GAZETTE with reference to

its attitude towards Russia. Both the editorial, Democracy vs Communism, and the letter published in reply, by Reader Cross, show

MILLSTONES

..by McStoop

One night we were going to the show. We had only forty cents. Forty cents is not enough. We asked ourself what we might do. Ourself answered: we can study, or we can see the Politburo. This sounded good, so we went to the Politburo. We went to the Henry Farmstead, where his body sits, and entered. This body is very important: people bring up things there. As we entered, several people thought we were a person from the paper, and brought up a lot of things. Then they gave us their names, and were very disappointed when we told them we hadn't taken their speeches down.

Then a man came to bring up a budget. He came from the Athletics Bureau; they asked if the man from the Glum Club was there but he wasn't. So they took the man from the Campus Advertiser-- a very fine paper. The man from the Advertiser brought up his budget. Then the General Secretary interrupted:--

"Our time is valuable," said the General Secretary, "so I will be brief. If you are not familiar with the procedure I have an illustration which may serve to enlighten you. In 1898-- I was then Editor of the Advertiser-- we had none of these modern troubles. Our costs were low, we were always out on time.. After a fine speech, with lots of long words, he stopped, and the Advertiser passed its budget.

Then the man from Glum Club came in late. He was a good speaker, too, and had rather a contest with the General Secretary; "In the matter of mustard plasters," began the Glum Club man, whose voice was lost in the boom of the General Secretary, "the procedure on this matter was simplicity itself in 1899 when I was President of the Glum Club..". The General Secretary won to the extent of a half hour's oratory. The man from the Athletics Bureau looked, we thought, a little weary by this time. He received the sign from the President, who was woken regularly for the purpose of introducing new business, and rose to his feet. He looked relieved. He opened his mouth. He took a deep breath...

"In matters of procedure relating to Athletics," said the General Secretary, "I always remember-- when we ran up against similar difficulties..". As we left slowly, we could hear the slow, well-modulated voice, punctuated by the snores of the President.. "peculiar circumstances may arise, but in general..." We closed the door of the old Farmstead.

This was such a long time ago,

a definite lack of understanding of Russia's idealogies. How can the GAZETTE be so presumptuous as to declare that Russia is a menace to the rest of the world?

The first editorial this year stated that no prejudice would be shown in the pages of the GAZETTE. I thought that this statement was much too broad. Your blast against Russia certainly shows a prejudicial view-point. Before one accuses Russia of

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