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BLAME-PLACING

In a letter reprinted below, the Council of Students makes known its attitude concerning the responsibility for the lateness of the 1948-'49 Pharos.

The first paragraph of the resolution places the blame wholly on the Editor. The second ends with the statement that the Council "extended its confidence to him to an extent which appeared at the time to be reasonable". The two are hardly compatible. In the latter statement, the Council infers that it, too, took steps which were not best. With that in mind, the Council should not, in all conscience, overlook its liability in the affair.

Hindsight is, of course, a wonderful faculty which can be used to prove the most unlikely assertions.

But there is in law a doctrine known as contributory negligence, which allows courts to split the responsibility for an incident. We do not wish to prove the Council entirely responsible . . . we wish merely to ask that they accept the blame for as much of the year book's lateness as their "apparent" reason caused.

Letters To The Editor

February 21st, 1950

The Editor-in-Chief,
Dalhousie Gazette,

At a meeting held last night the Council approved the report of the Yearbook Enquiry Committee. The report is as follows:—

" Having reviewed the events connected with the 1948-49 edition of the Yearbook while under the jurisdiction of this Council, the Committee has concluded that the blame for the lateness of the book rests on the shoulders of the Editor.

"The Committee has further concluded that this Council, although it appeared to allow the Editor to continue too long in his position, extended its confidence to him to an extent which appeared at the time to be reasonable.

"The Committee recommends that no points be awarded Mr. Caldwell for his editorship of the 1948-49 Pharos."

On motion the report was adopted.

The Council at that meeting instructed me to inform you of its adoption of the report, and of the report's contents.

ARTHUR MOREIRA,
President.

January 25th, 1950

Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir,

During this session two orchestra leaders in the city have offered their services free of charge to the student body of Dalhousie. This offer was made possible under the provisions of the Transcription Fund of the American Federation of Musicians, but we should be no less grateful to these gentlemen for making their offers to Dalhousie, when they could have gone to any worthy organization in Halifax.

They were Mr. Fred Covey and Mr. Les Single. Mr. Covey's orchestra played for us at the dance in aid of the I.S.S. Mr. Single's offer expires at the end of January, and the Council was unfortunately unable to find a suitable date on which to make use of it.

I would like to say, on behalf of the Council, that we appreciated the offers very much and we would like to inform the student body of their kindness.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR MOREIRA,
President,
the Council of Students

Looking Backwards

Mid-Century Highlights

CUP—Toronto

The Sex Habits of the Average Canadian University Student
or
Is It True What They Say About Kinsey?

The Varsity has often carried out exhaustive research projects on topics of student interest. The most ambitious of these schemes was launched in 1927 under the personal guidance of Editor-in-chief Lindsey. The esteemed editor was in his graduating year and being an alert newspaper type had noticed that many of his fellow scholars were showing a decided interest in females of the opposite sex.

Do not misunderstand, Lindsey was not naive; he had been told about the birds and bees early in life and at the time was going steady with a humming bird. Believing that there were others on the campus, perhaps encloistered in some forgotten lab or gathering dust in a faculty library, who shared his interest in current events he organized the memorial project. Staff reporters armed with questionnaires assailed the student body. A mass of data was obtained, edited, statistically analyzed and published in a series of informative articles.

The questionnaire was compiled by the editorial board with the purpose in mind to answer the pertinent questions, where, when, why and with whom? Examples of some of the type questions included were:

Do you believe in interdigitation before marriage?

Have you ever seen a century plant in bloom?

Do you approve of boys and girls matriculating in the same room?

Are you in favour of two-handed canasta?

Which do you enjoy more, dancing or intermissioning?

Do you reckon your descent patrilinealy?

Who was that lady I saw you with last night?

Does absinthe make your heart grow fonder?

What is your definition of a sport?

Have you any children to speak of?

That was no lady, that was my roommate.

Have you ever been to Montreal?

Are you inspired by a celestial body.

Have you ever been a-ghast at a nudist colony?

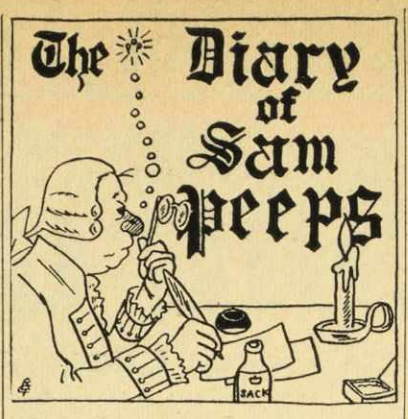
Do pecans make you giddy?

Do you believe marriages are made in heaven?

Would you consider the offspring of an oak and a maple a son of a birch?

Do virgin sturgeon need no urgin?

From the material appearing in that series two earth shaking conclusions were reached: Firstly, college girls prefer bulldozers two to one, and secondly, when in trouble, head for the roundhouse — they can't corner you there.



Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1950.—Up betimes and donned my new coat with padded sleeves and silver buttons depicting His Majesty in profile. I also put about my waist my new belt with the silver buckle and donned my blue trousers. I did admire myself in the mirror and decide that I did still cut a very fine and dignified figure.

After breckfast, out and walked about the town to display my new apparel to all and sundry. Did meet one of the latter in the person of Pete Dog, who is a member of the Scholars Parliament. He did tell me in great confidence that the nominations for members of Parliament and for Prime Minister are to be held soon and that the Asses and Seances Society is going to nominate one of their number to contest the position of Prime Minister. I did tell Dog that he should receive this nomination, for he was extremely digilent in preserving the dignity of Parliament and foiling those who attempted to make light of it. He did scoff at the idea of running for Prime Minister but did say wistfully that he would like to sit again in his old seat in Parliament. I did assure him he would be returned with a smacking majority, whereupon he did smile and mutter something about the Spectator.

Next I did meet Miss Give, who did tell me of a controversy between two of the teams of the athletes of the college on the hill. It seems that the Girls' team is to go upon a trip to another university in one conveyance while the Men's team of the new game of Hockie is to go in another. One of the Basketballsquads will have to travel in the same conveyance as the hockie team and the other Basketballsquad will be privileged to travel with the ladies team. There is great dispute between the two to determine which is to travel with which, for the members of the Hockie team rarely win and are hence very often surly after a contest and make poor traveling companions.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1950.—To the college on the Hill, where I did meet Handy McEyewash who did tell me that Asses and Seances Society had chosen Sherwoman S. Wicker as candidate for Prime Minister, and himself as their candidate for Assistant Prime Minister. I did congratulate my friend and ask about Dog. He told me that Dog had also been nominated as member and would run against Badcliff of the Spectator staff. He did also tell me of other nominations and I found to my surprise that for a change the Asses and Seances Society had chosen capable men to run for them and said it would be hard for the scholars to decide which to choose.

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