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## TANGIBLE RESULTS

Tomorrow morning the Dalhousie Committee of the International Student Service will inaugurate a new policy on the campus. In the past the policy has been to raise funds for student relief in overseas countries. Although the local committee's financial obligations to this prior policy will still continue on a smaller scale, at the same time far greater attention is to be paid to matters of importance on the Dalhousie campus itself.

One such matter of importance—and the most important to date—is that of students attending the university who derive their income from the Sterling areas. The recent devaluation of the pound has resulted in an apparent increase of about 30% in fees and living expenses for each of these students. For each dollar these students originally possessed with which to pay their year's costs, they now have approximately seventy cents.

One student has already left college on this account. Many more of the twenty-six students involved are experiencing great difficulties. It is not pleasure to attend university with the worry of tuition or accommodation one one's mind as well as the burden of studies. The people concerned are almost without exception the finest type of student—diligent and intelligent. They are certainly young men and women who will be able to make a maximum contribution to their homeland when they return upon graduation, and who will be credits to the name of Dalhousie.

Because of the immediate need for action on the matter and the worthiness of the students, the I.S.S. committee on the campus has decided to hold a Tag Day tomorrow, and to allocate the funds raised to the setting up of several scholarships to be awarded on the basis of need and scholastic ability. The cause is without doubt a worthy one and is therefore entitled to your financial support and your time. These students are in many cases your own friends, and again—fellow Dalhousians.

In past years, criticism has been levelled at the I.S.S. for giving support in those places where its effects could not be gauged by the contributors—namely in overseas countries. This year, the effects of your support will be both tangible and highly satisfying.

## A STUDENT GYMNASIUM

The Dalhousie gymnasium is supposedly operated for the benefit of three organizations—the D.A.A.C., the D.G.A.C., and the Glee Club. Yet for the past few years these three organizations have been given second consideration only. They have been allowed their choice of nights, but only after groups and clubs with no campus affiliations whatsoever have had their pick of the best nights.

At the beginning of each year, a list of dates desired by these outside groups is made up . . . made up inflexibly. Then that list is submitted to authorities in the gymnasium—not for approval—but that they might arrange their activities around the specified dates.

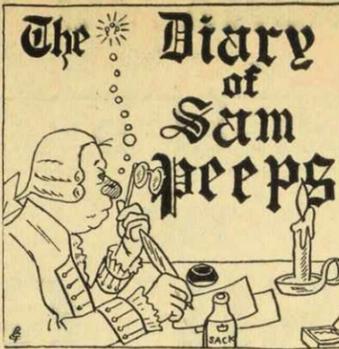
It is too much to ask that the students, for whom the gymnasium was built, be given first preference in its use? We do not suggest that outside organizations be entirely excluded, but certainly their time allotments should be subject to student time allotments.

Should one trouble to check the actual number of nights given these non-student groups, this complaint would seem petty indeed. Seventeen nights have been allotted. But nights alone are not involved. These organizations require that chairs be set up for them. The chairs take an afternoon to put up. They take a morning to take down. And the outside group has used a complete day of the available time.

It has happened that these engagements have made it impossible for teams to practice for an entire week. The Glee Club has been forced to dismantle sets two days before a production, and dismantle them again immediately after the production. And all too often one can enter the gym to find a musical rehearsal and a basketball practice running concurrently.

The matter might appear in a different light were rentals involved . . . but none are charged. If Dalhousie were under any obligation to provide space, it might be justified. And if the great majority of students attended events staged by the outside groups, it would be justified.

But none of these situations exist. Present methods cannot be justified. Better arrangements must be made.



Wednesday, November 23—

Up early and to the office of the Spectator, (Early Edition) where I did see Airwick Bicker, a budding journalist, writing at his desk, weeping the while. He did look up from his work to wipe off his flowing eyes and chanced to see me, whereupon he fled screaming from the room. Curious as to this I did examine the essay he had been composing to see if it would reveal the cause and found it to be an obituary of myself for inclusion in the Spectator.

Somewhat alarmed by this turn of events I stopped Lightdaughter, head of the AIN'T who chanced to pass by. He informed me that many people were the impression that I had passed away. He then grew agitated and waxed eloquently about a publick solicitation to be made by the AIN'T, whereby funds would be raised. He did then have the audacity to ask me if I would solicit contributions from the denizens of taverns, as last year one of his assistants, Weeda McKickin', had been forcibly ejected from the Lady Hamilton, which does not permit wenches to enter. I called him a scurvy knave for suggesting that I would reign to enter a tavern to solicit funds. I left him in a huff. Thence to the Lady Hamilton, where I did manage to borrow enough to afford a bottle of sack, my wretched wife having hidden my weekly allotment.

Thursday, November 24, 1949—

To the college on the hill, where I found much running to and fro. It seems that a general meeting of all the scholars is to be held today and the various groups are preparing for it so that their views may be made known. It seems that Faroff, the scholars' Domesday-book, will be discussed, and the conduct of relations with the Arcadians.

Friday, November 25, 1949—

Up early and to the school of the Law Students, where there is great interest in the forthcoming campaign for member of Parliament for the rotten borough of the county of Poorman. It doth seem that a student at law, one Duke Urpert, hath been selected to run for the Whigs, while a classmate of his, All Bacchussacks is to be the choice of the Tories.

I spoke on this matter to one Vaintoe, who said that if the Whigs were to take a piece of rancid horseflesh and name it as their candidate they would still be able to carry the constituency, so credible are the inhabitants of that district. Considering that he, himself, is from thereabouts, methinks that he may be right.

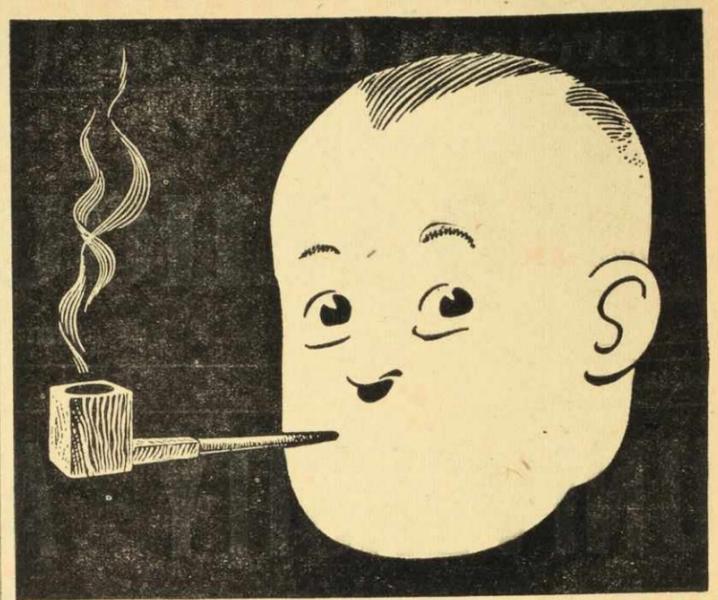
One Loose Blockhead, a law student, is going about, placing wagers on the contest. He is giving odds of three to one that the winner will be from the Law School.

Thence to Studlee, where I met All-Fed-up-with-Harris. He was carrying under his arm a legal tome with "Agency" on the cover. He doth carry this about with him wherever he may chance to go and methinks he doth use this to conceal the volumes of French poems that he is wont to peruse, presenting a most studious attitude to the professors the while.

He did tell me that he was going to move from his dismal quarters on Souse Street to take up residence in a more fashionable quarter of town. Methinks that he is being forced to do this to escape his landlady as he evaded the question of paying of rent-monies for a long time and she has threatened to bring a Writ of Debt.

Whilst we were talking we saw Vaintoe creep stealthily from the college, carrying under his arm a  
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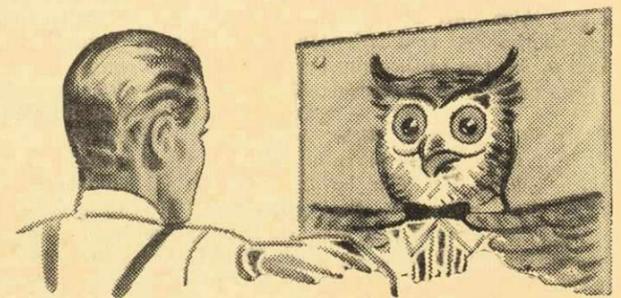
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