



Damn Illogical Nonsense

We can pride ourselves in possessing the best-behaved string of hoodlums, racketeers, madmen and sundry perverts in the whole wide world. Not that our murderers are gentlemen in the antiquated British definition of the word, for the gentility implied in that term is repugnant to our cherished ideals in masculinity, muscularity and morosity.

No, our gangsters are tough guys, oozing virility. They indulge in sonorous fistcuffs, in photogenic brawls, in spectacular double-crossings; they bump each other off with joyous celerity; they kill, kidnap and rob with the streamline ease of a Wall Street public consultant; in other words, our badmen revel in every type of misdeed the questionable imagination of the scriptwriters can possibly conceive, but they never swear. They never say DAMN. They never say HELL. They never say HECK. They never even spit. They are cellophane gangsters, but yet they are tough in their own movie-sort of a way.

Sentimental Poppycock

It is almost amusing to notice this basic contradiction which characterizes almost all of our movies, television shows and radio programs. Fortunes are lavished to achieve "a realistic background", exports on toothpicks in Etruria and on prehistoric salads are hired to insure a "true to life" atmosphere; no efforts are spared to depict life "as it is". In the synthetic world of studios, no one ever swears, no one ever uses profanity, no one ever departs from a Sunday School conception of good and bad men. That sort of thing just isn't done. Vice and crime must remain clean.

You may insinuate every type of pornographic suggestion in your film to the extent that the world seems to have become a gigantic bodello; you may debase love into a sentimental copybook; you may make sex and money appear the standards regulating men and women, but ever mention the word "divorce" in any of your dialogues or your movies will be banned. So damned immoral you know.

Toronto's Don Quixote

It is indeed distressing to see the attitude of our society towards morality as exemplified in its judgment of works of art, or rather, works of entertainment. Let an actor utter the word "damn" and up springs the matronly phalanxes of self-appointed censors to decry this impudent threat of democracy, decency, and the "American way of life".

If during a telecast of a striker's meeting one of the union members is allowed to use profanity without being cut off the air an avalanche of public indignation buries the hapless CBC and Toronto's municipal Don Quixote brandishes menacingly "an official protest". Movie houses are picketed, theatre operators are blackmailed, producers are threatened if they are bold enough to disregard the rampant puritan hypocrisy. Which does not conceal the fact that hardly anybody arises in protest against book publishers who compete with one another in vulgarity, obscenity and immorality.

Literary Trash

Literary trash, brash exploitation of the basest instincts, are all tolerated or at least ignored. Our morality seems to compartmentalize a self-complacent. Millions of couples marry, divorce

and re-marry. But can you recall a single movie in which this so essentially American institution is even mentioned? Or why can subjects be treated in a play which are anathema to the cinematographic public? We smile indulgently at the escapades of Tallulah Bankhead, of a Zsa Zsa and Eva, but we haunted out of America one of the world's greatest artists, Ingrid Bergman, because she dared marry the man she loved (to whom, incidentally, she is still married). We boast of our religiousness and all of our democratic tents, while allowing the one to be debased into a mediocre, commercialized, watered-down exercise, and the other to clothe the most blatant abuses and falsehoods.

Lunatic Fringe

But why have Hollywood and television and radio, permitted themselves to be intimidated by the shrieking outburst of a hypocritical public opinion? Not so much because they lack guts or independent thinking, as because their foremost pursuit is not equality, but financial success.

Art has become a product which must be sold and any salesman is aware of the simple fact that you do not sell soap or candy bars by first antagonizing the prospective customer, specially when the customer is liable to be scared away by the yelps of a lunatic fringe.

For our new know-nothing puritans are a group before which even the most powerful giants cringe. Indeed you can go on record as being against "morality and decency and the American way of life". No, not if you are in business. And the movies are a business.

But isn't there some kind of confusion in these last few statements? Everything said up to now in far from complete article is all so true: gangsters are tough but yet do not swear; you can't utter the word "divorce" in any movie, TV show or radio program; this would antagonize the decent minded public; but yet, have you ever noticed the advertisement for these movies, TV shows or radio programs? And aren't these advertisements presented to this cleaned-minded public?

Well, you think about it. I am due for a good headache.

Lawyers—

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legislation. On behalf of the Maritime Rights Party, who sided with the government on this issue, Len Martin complained that his party had not been considered as to having any representation on the board which would select the senators. This bill was also defeated.

The Liberal whip, Ben Doliszny, was successful in his efforts to keep members of his party around until the final vote of the night on the Government Bill outlining policy concerning Formosa. The Liberals defeated the Conservatives and Maritime Rights by a vote of 35 to 22 on this bill. Parliament closed with a fitting tribute to Mr. Leonard Fraser, who acted as speaker. His sense of humour and his thorough knowledge of procedure are only two of the many reasons why he has been elected Speaker of the House for eighteen consecutive years.

Fresh Out of Ether

by ARCADES AMBO

CAN DAL WIN AT SPORTS?

Over the decades Dalhousie has maintained a consistently high academic standard which certainly has not been matched in the field of intercollegiate sports—partly due to lack of initiative by the student body and partly due to the unfavourable circumstances under which extra-curricular activities are generally carried on at this university. Even the least thought will convince the reader that a solution to one of these problems is valueless without a simultaneous solution of the other.

Are Sports Essential?

While we do not think that university sports are the be-all and end-all of university life, they are an essential phase of the development of a well-rounded university graduate capable and desirous of athletic participation. It is noteworthy that in the selection of Rhodes scholars, stress is laid not only on scholastic achievement but also on physical vigour as evidenced by participation in sports.

Recently, physical education for first-year students became voluntary whereas in the past it has been compulsory. We think that this decision warrants reconsideration although it is dubious whether re-establishment of this physical fitness program in its previous form would be of much avail in view of the fact that university authorities in past years did not appear to be overly concerned about student participation in athletics.

No one more deserving of praise than our long-suffering physical education instructors, although we hesitate to say long-suffering inasmuch as the duration of their sojourn on the campus is usually so brief that the appropriateness of the term is questionable. There is little doubt that teaching physical education at Dalhousie must be a highly frustrating occupation and in view of their efforts on behalf of the alma mater they should not be overlooked in the handing out of wards on Munro Day.

Interfac vs Varsity

One of the few encouraging aspects of athletics at Dalhousie is the interest currently being shown by students at both campuses in interfac competitions. With an excess of 200 students taking part in interfac sports, Dal students certainly cannot be accused of lack of interest in sports as such but there certainly seems to be an appalling lack of enthusiasm shown toward varsity sports.

There are three major varsity sports at Dalhousie, and the interest shown by many of those able to make the varsity squads toward

doing so is considerably less than in the average university, particularly those of the Maritimes. What is the reason for this attitude?

Are Winning Teams The Answer

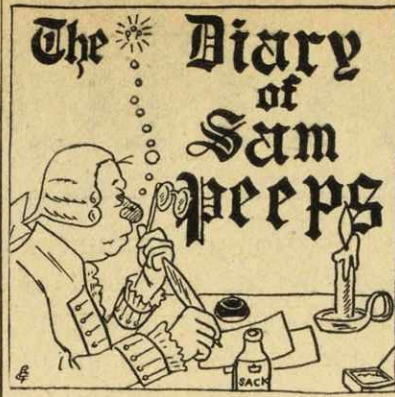
It may be that the explanation of this regrettable situation lies in the fact that there is probably not a single student on the campus today who can recall the last time Dal won an intercollegiate title in either hockey or basketball, and no one will deny that Dal's victory on the football field even stymied the statisticians. Certainly those who do turn out for these sports are to be commended for their performance and the calibre of this year's squads appears to be superior to those of their recent predecessors.

An indication of the overall decline of sports has been the unfortunate deletion from this university's agenda of track and English rugby. It must be admitted that in the former case the meet is held at an inconvenient time of the year, while in the latter case lack of money and public increase in popularity of football have contributed to its rapid disappearance as a major university sport. We feel that it would be to the advantage of intercollegiate track and to the credit of Dalhousie to propose that the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union reschedule its intercollegiate track meet for early fall instead of late spring, as has been the custom and still is the custom in many parts of the country.

Varsity Varieties

Here are a few interesting facts pertaining to sports at Dalhousie which we hope will provide food for thought. Football, along with being the only successful sport in intercollegiate competition, is also the only profit-making athletic venture on the roster. The Law faculty is the only faculty which consistently turns out to render moral or vocal support to its fledglings.

Notwithstanding the fact that Dalhousie has more students than



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be. Didst thus leave wondering at this wench and didst go then to the Dry Felts for there was to be a great party therein to which all were welcome. I didst open the portal and peer within fearing greatly that my identity might perchance be discovered for I had heard many of this band didst seek for my (to descend to the local vernacular) scalp. Upon making my way through the most unruly throng and gaining the cellar I came upon a scene of revelling the like of which had not passed before my eyes these nine years at Dalhousie. Upon satisfying my desires for refreshment I didst ascend from this pit which I hear hath been of late remade (I do think the designer to be from the school of interior design grounded by the creator of the Black Hole of Calcutta.) Again on the main floor the first prospect which did assail my eye was the aforementioned brave lass who was observed at the battle. Still wondered as to her identity I found that she and another just as brave didst arrive from that distant land of late and had established a school of animal husbandry on Carleton Campus. I do bear they rear mice, rats and rabbits with which they plan to infest the campus. Didst drive these thoughts from my mind and paid the required attention to my half-pint of mulled sack which proved to be one of the most delectable brews it has been my pleasure to sample in some time. All the underground organizations well represented there being present... Pigma Stys, Sly Chaps and even some from a minor lot on Souze St. who do have above their front portal this sign "Gate of Sighs". This is a most fitting appellation for often in my wanderings I have heard the inmates crying aloud and sighing most pitifully that Cutit's Crows will have none of them. Forsooth they know not how fortunate they be, for verily there is no greater curse could visit anyone than to associate with or even to be seen in the presence of one of these wenches. Home in good spirits and after dining to my chambers.

Abed of late in the morning the weather being most uncommon cold. I do venture forth but rarely and then only well fortified both internally and externally with sack and a wool stuff suit respectively. Being completely fortified from having spent the latter forenoon in my wine cellars I didst go forth after a light dinner (mostly liquid) to the great Frozen Palace to see the winter edition of the Tabbies who were to do battle on the frozen plain with the ex-men. The warriors, some clad in blue, some in black, didst sally forth with blades and cudgels, both sides intent on routing the opposition. Didst 'mind me of such frays once seen in London among the prentice boys. The contest did begin with the shrill sounding of a horn by a long gentleman who didst seem to have a great control over the combatants for he could and didst stop all gyrations at will. At the end of the great fray there was great glee from a strange creature audacious enough to claim affiliation with this unruly band. Though one cannot appreciate nor commend such lunacy one must admire the bravery and patriotism of this lass, who in the face of such adversity didst remain firm in her convictions rash though they may

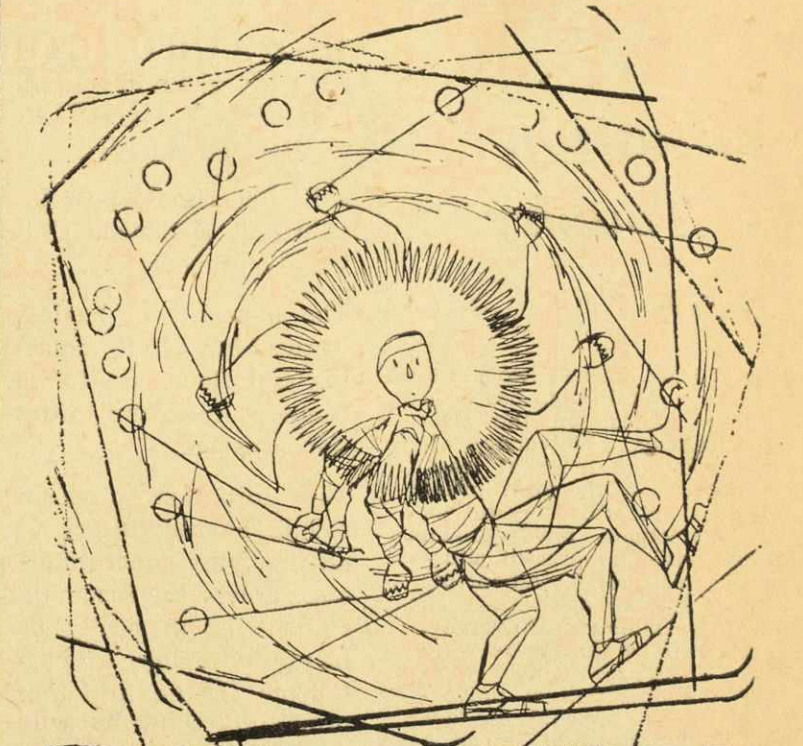
the average Maritime University, there are probably not as many students eligible to play varsity sports at Dalhousie than at some of the other institutions due to the large number of degree-bearing students on the Studley and Forest campuses. Dalhousie lacks the definite advantage of being a residential university, a characteristic which has provided other universities with much of their incentive to turn out championship teams.

Why Not Sport Scholarships

As a partial solution to the problem of making Dalhousie prominent in the field of athletics, we suggest that a certain number of scholarships be offered each year to competent students having exceptional athletic ability on somewhat the same basis as the academic scholarships at present offered by the university; that is, students holding these scholarships would be expected to maintain an average acceptable to the university.



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