



## Sunday Skating in Rink, Burning Question

The question of Sunday skating is one that has been in the minds of many students since the rink schedule was first released. It was raised at the Student Forum Thursday, and the students voted to have the Council pay a visit to University authorities in order to try to obtain additional rink time for general skating on Sunday.

The question raised is an important one and one that needs to be considered seriously. Therefore the GAZETTE presents these two articles, both written by members of the Student Body. Their names have been withheld.

Neither of these articles is intended to be an expression of the opinion of the GAZETTE nor is either put forward as dealing fully with all considerations. They are both mere expressions of the opinions of two students on the matter.

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## ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF SUNDAY SKATING AT DAL?

### YES

Now that activities in the new Dal Memorial Rink are in full swing, several questions of University policy are bound to arise. Foremost among these is the problem of Sunday skating for the students.

Roughly, here is a plan for consideration. Open the rink for student skating from 2.30 to 5.30, and from 8.30 to 11.00 in the evenings. Thus it would not interfere with church attendance. Further, it would be a fine gesture to invite the Young People's groups of the various churches to attend these sessions. No admission would be charged, but it would be up to the Students' Council to see that only Dal students and members of the various Young People's groups would be admitted. The Council would be expected to provide ice cleaners and to pay the salary of the maintenance man who would have to be present. The University could provide power and plant facilities. There would be no canteen service.

There is an old story about the young minister who skated down the river to one of his Sunday services. Summoned to appear before the Moderator for this profaning of the Sabbath, the young man defended himself by saying that all the roads were blocked and it was either skate or miss the service. "Aye man, but that's no' the point" replied the Moderator, "Did ye or did ye no' enjoy the skate?"

Happily, this idea of "prohibitive" religion, the taboo system, is largely outdated in the Christian church. The church leaders have recognized the fact that all Sunday activities are not harmful. It appears that an afternoon drive is quite all right, and a long walk is commendable. Why not a Sunday skate?

Under the scheme outlined above, there would be no promotion by the University which would be at variance with its policy regarding the Sabbath. It would be a very creditable act on the part of the University to extend its facilities, not only to its students, but to the Christian youth of the city.

Let it be clearly understood that in proposing this innovation the students have no intention of making Sunday "just another weekday." They would merely appreciate the opportunity to indulge in healthful exercise on Sunday afternoons and evenings rather than hang around the Sunday races on the Commons, play cards, or attend the hockey games that take place on the city's two ice surfaces.

There are a large number of students who find their evenings fully occupied with their studies and are unable to attend the regular week-night skating sessions. These students would undoubtedly welcome the chance to enjoy a quiet skate on the day universally devoted to relaxation.

### Gazette Poll Shows Neighbors Approve of Sunday Skating

The GAZETTE felt the opinions of the immediate neighbourhood would be an important factor in determining whether or not Sunday skating would be instituted at Dalhousie, and therefore a poll was taken of the householders on South Street.

Of the fifteen householders canvassed twelve had no opposition to the plan.

Three, however, expressed opposition, and we present their opinions in more detail.

The three who opposed Sunday skating were people living in houses directly across from the rink. Their opposition to Sunday skating was based on the following grounds:

(a) They wanted to have their children at home on Sunday and not at the rink watching the skaters. (This is, perhaps, a problem of domestic management, and not the responsibility of the Dalhousie authorities. Ed.)

(b) They complained that people used the rink at early hours in the morning and late at night and made quite a bit of noise. (These people are not Dal students. Besides, what has this to do with Sunday skating. Ed.)

(c) They opposed hockey on Sunday because of the noise. (Hockey on Sunday is not necessarily proposed. Ed.)

### NO

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in there is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Many people who work during the week consider the Sabbath a day of rest during which they can stay at their homes, surrounded by the members of their family. This is the only chance they have to meet together and get to know one another. If Sunday is made a day of sporting events the whole meaning of the day of rest will be lost and materialism, which has already made vast inroads upon our traditions, will be given fresh impetus, as the younger generation sees their elders treating with contempt one of the basic tenets of religion.

A rink open on Sunday would be a disturbing influence to the whole neighbourhood and the next move would be to open the Gymnasium for sports on Sunday, as some colleges have already done. This would give the college a bad name and many parents would hesitate

to send their children to such an institution.

There are some students who do their homework on Sunday and spend the day improving their minds. If the day were to be given over to sporting events they would miss this much study time and classes would suffer in consequence. There is little enough time in which to deal with the mass of homework a student is assigned without taking away the one day of quiet during which something may be accomplished in the way of mental improvement.

No good would be done by the introduction of Sunday skating sessions. Students have all the opportunity they need to use the rink during the rest of the week.

Many churches hold services Sunday evening and there are enough distractions at present without adding another. Students tend to draw away from their religion when they come to college and find themselves in new surroundings without the same social conscience to keep them in line, and these evening skating sessions would merely serve as a further excuse to their conscience for not attending church.

The early history of Dalhousie is a story of a struggle for existence aided by churches and religious institutions. It would be against all Dalhousie's traditions to institute skating on Sunday and profane the Sabbath.

### Interesting Debates Presented by Sodales as Part of Schedule

Two interesting debates which were held in the Munroe Room of the Forrest Building took place last week. Ron Robertson presided as chairman.

The resolution that "Present Expenditures on Commercial Advertising are Excessive" was discussed on Monday evening. Arts and Science defeated Commerce. The judges were pleased with the result of the debate but the attendance was poor. More students should turn out for such debates although there is not always a special speaker.

The debate on Wednesday evening received a better audience, there being about fifteen present. The topic for the debate was resolved "That Candidates for Law should have a Degree before beginning their Law course".

The affirmative side was taken by Murray Higgins and Herbert Jones; the negative and winning

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### Pre Med Society Holds Meeting

The second pre-med meeting this year was held Nov. 8 in the Chem Theatre.

The unfinished business of the first meeting was completed including the election of Bill MacPherson and John Mercer for the social committee and Al Sproull as sports manager.

Also during the business meeting it was decided to hold future meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. Thus the next meeting will be held Wed., Dec. 6, at 7.30 p.m. in the Chem. Theatre. Membership cards for the society are available for \$1.00, from Mary Hunter, treasurer.

At the next meeting Dr. M. M. Hoffman, a member of Dalhousie Medical Faculty, will give an address.

### HELP!

The other day a member of the Gazette staff, a copy boy, entered the office, and saw... and saw... A COCKROACH!! He immediately saw his duty and reported to his immediate superior, the Office manager.

Seven people and three days later the word filtered through to the Editors that something was amiss.

Seeing that immediate action was necessary, they copied Student Council procedure to meet the situation, and appointed a standing committee to look into the situation.

A week later the committee confirmed the rumor. Immediately the Editors set about appointing a seated committee to study further into the situation and to recommend further action.

In a week they managed to find three people willing to serve on the committee, all others approach-

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### Miller and Loucks Win Smith Shield in Third Year Law Moot Court Case

### I S S to Present Forum and Dance

The International Students Service will launch a campaign this week to familiarize Dalhousie students with its activities.

Bill McDougall, I.S.S. field worker, who is visiting all Canadian college camps to speak to the students on I.S.S. activities, will speak to a gathering of the faculty and committee members at Shirreff Hall, Wednesday evening.

Thursday, Mr. McDougall will be the guest speaker at an open I.S.S. Forum to be held in the gymnasium. At the Forum any student or interested person will be free to ask questions concerning the society and its activities.

The week will end with a dance in the gym Friday night, featuring Fred Covey's orchestra, and the "Truth or Consequences" program.

At 8.30 p.m. on Thursday evening, Ron Downee and Dick Miller as appellants, and Howard Pye and George Loucks as respondents competed for the Smith Shield before two Supreme Court Justices in the Munro Room of the Forrest Building. The appellants won.

The two Justices for the occasion were the Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilesley, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, Mr. Justice V. C. MacDonald, and Mr. F. W. Bisset, K.C., acted as third adjudicator.

The Smith Shield contest is held annually at the Dalhousie Law School, the contestants being picked from third year on the basis of best presentation of cases in second year Moot Court.

Last year there was not enough enthusiasm to try out for the Shield, so that the contest this year was the return of a tradition, and marked by kindly interest on the part of Law students.

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