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Parliament must go

Model parliament should be done away with. are perceptive, they soon realize no one is reading their literature.

In a few weeks time you will be asked to vote in the Dalhousie model parliament elections. If the pattern of the last few years continues, less than six per cent of you will take the time to vote.

If you are in the majority don't feel bad. The people that vote usually base their choice on every possible consideration other than the one that counts - the issues.

For some strange reason parties (mostly the Conservatives and Liberals) garner large blocks of votes for no other reason than the fact the student's parents always voted that way.

Tradition is a very thing in politics.

Other people make a popularity contest out of the election. Joe Blow gets thousands of votes because he has a Madison Avenue smile and isn't intelligent enough to be bothered by ideas, and therefore has never taken a stand that someone could oppose.

Money is also a very big factor in model parliament elections. If a candidate can smother the student body under a sea of propaganda he is bound to gain a few extra votes. These votes come from the people that just can't pass up a chance to take part in anything that is free. When they get the ballot in their hand they will vote for the first name they recognize.

The unfortunate part is that a few idealistic people end up being disillusioned by the whole affair. They are the ones that stay up nights preparing handouts that outline the issues and define the party's platform. If they

After the elections are over things go down hill in a hurry. Model parliament sessions are held in dismal classrooms at an impossible hour. Last year things were so unsettled that no one was sure when and where a session was going to take place until a few hours before the event.

The model parliament sessions are circus. Speakers and hecklers devote themselves to the task of inventing the perfect quip.

The few students that come to listen are treated to a sophomoric repartee punctuated by displays of desk thumping.

The only ones to benefit are a few frustrated student orators that manage to assuage their desires for another 12 months. Model parliaments are a carry over from yesterday. They deny that the student's place - the university's place - is with society. It is a form of retreat - political masturbation.

The university has to quit playing games behind an academic invisible shield and return to the world. The sterile juggling of ideas is no longer acceptable in this modern age. The university must spawn ideas and be willing to actively seek their adoption.

Activism is a reality and those reactionaries that seek to escape responsibility will find their flight to the academic preserve is a false hope.

It is only a matter of time before the world reaches them - even here on a rock in the Atlantic Ocean.



Voice of the Student

January 24, 1967

The Editor, Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Sir:

The most disheartening aspect of the Von Thadden problem (I use the expression advisedly) is the rampant immaturity of the responses it has engendered. From the protests of the Canadian Jewish Congress to the self-righteous pleas for freedom of speech, there has been a significant absence of perspective on the whole issue. I am particularly sad that your own journal emerges with no greater distinction from the controversy.

Let me immediately make my own position clear. I agree with the following statement you apparently adopt from the Toronto Daily Star: "As the leader of a resurgent right wing group in West Germany, Von Thadden is a man whose policies and philosophies are a matter of interest - and concern - to democrats all over the world." I further believe that responsible television ought to be allowed to purvey information bearing on such "policies and philosophies"

and that we owe it to ourselves to decide if the Nazi voice of the past has any future." (I trust we would agree that, should we find an affirmative answer to the latter proposition, that future should be immediately challenged.)

However, your editorial disturbed me on two counts. The first is your slavish admiration for some of the sophomoric antics of the CBC SUNDAY programme. The borderline between 'guts' and 'courage', on the one hand, and reckless misbehaviour, on the other, is sometimes difficult to draw. In this case, the turgid announcements of the project emanating from the CBC long in advance leave me in no doubt that the SUNDAY team positioned itself on the wrong side of that borderline. Having watched the programme Sunday night, I am confirmed in my view. The quality of the questions put to Von Thadden was glaring in its superficiality and absence of research. Furthermore, we were shown last night that we can get our fill of the thoughts of this "political philosopher" (no doubt you accord this title to Von Thadden after far greater research than the CBC could muster) without his actual physical presence on Canadian territory.

Remember, I said I believe in the value of responsible television.

The second cause of my objection to your editorial I shall call its muddled thinking. That is about the most generous thing it can be called. The very heading you choose for the editorial, "Nazis Deserve Free Speech" shows an ignorant disregard for taste (though that you did not have a printing block of an Iron Cross!). Surely the issue is that Canadians have a right to all information of concern to them, and that the views of Von Thadden and his party are indeed matters of such concern. Nor do you seem able to distinguish between a legitimate political philosophy "dealing with ideas" and a false philosophy based on lies and the crudest forms of physical violence. Of course, even the latter should not be muzzled. They should be exposed. But to accord them the sanctity of the former category is to show a contemptible disregard for facts.

Finally let me congratulate you on the quality of your perception and insight. You were indeed magnanimous in according "all due respect to feelings of

such event - the Empire Games at Vancouver in 1958. This year, of course, Winnipeg hosts the Pan-American Games, but Canada has never had the Olympics despite a number of bids. Only once then have Canadians had a chance to see its sportsmen compete in these huge sporting games.

In Commonwealth countries and Europe, team sport is played as well as watched. Hundreds of thousands of mediocre, average people play organized, regular team sports. In Australia, each secondary school pupil plays some sport one afternoon each week - in school time. Thus the whole school participates in sport, instead of a talented few as in most Canadian schools. In Canada, Canadians ski and go bowling, fishing, and hunting. But there is no sport in which thousands of people play regularly in teams - except bowling. Sport in Canada has largely become entertainment and spectacle, and consequently, since the emphasis is on the "biggest and the best," we are treated to a steady diet of American sport.

the Jewish people and recognizing their past associations with Nazism".

Yours faithfully,
Nigel S. Rodley
Assistant Professor of Law.

REPLY:

Sir, you are naive. You are one of these persons that equate excitement and mass interest with sensationalism. Television is many things: a business, means to inform and a medium of entertainment. If you have a program item that is going to draw an audience you give it as much publicity as possible.

Von Thadden has spoken on all the U.S. networks without causing a major incident: why should the C.B.C. operate on the assumption that Canadians are less intelligent than their American counterparts.

Are you certain that it was CBC that made the first announcement? Are you sure that it wasn't a publicity hungry MP trying to embarrass Miss La-Marsh?

Certainly John Diefenbaker did his best to make political hay out of the matter. More important, how can you fault the Gazette on the quality of an interview that took place after the interview was published? In addition I fail to find any evidence of "slavish admiration" for the SUNDAY program in the Gazette editorial.

Your second point is equally aspersions. For an academic you seem to be extremely emotional. Nazism can be viewed as a social political philosophy. Or do you think that the 20,000,000 Germans that belonged to the party in the 1930's were all criminals or idiots?

TO THE EDITOR:

In your issue of January 12, your sports editor commented on the Bluenose Classics and the selection of teams for the tournament.

He stated a couple of untruths that the directors of the Bluenose Classics feel cannot be left uncorrected. Had he checked the facts in the case, this letter would not have been necessary.

The Classic is a four team "college" tournament. It has been since 1960 when Claude MacLachlan started the tourney with the backing of local service groups and we hope it will be again next year and for the years following. Because of a few unfortunate circumstances, it could not be an all-college tourney this year.

In early 1966, the Classic committee invited Dalhousie, Brandeis, Ricker and Acadia to the 1967 tourney to be played on January 7 and 8 - Saturday and Sunday. Brandeis was the first team invited and, as it was known they

were unable to play Friday nights, the dates of the meet were set as Saturday and Sunday. At the time, it was indicated by Acadia that they would participate on those dates. There was to be no problem with Dal and Ricker.

In the fall of 1966, when confirmations were being set, Acadia informed the committee they would be unable to play Sunday. Since Brandeis had been given the prior commitment, Acadia had to be dropped and a fourth team found.

St. Mary's was approached. They asked for a financial guarantee - the first time a local team had ever asked for money, Dalhousie had never asked for money in their years of participation nor had Acadia in previous Classics and St. F. X. was given travelling expenses. The tourney operates in the "red" every year and because of this tight financial situation, the SMU proposal had to be declined.

Next St. F. X. was approached even though your sports editor claims they were not. Coach Packy MacFarlane, on November 1, when called, informed the committee that he felt his team was weak and would rather not appear.

This left no local club other than the Tigers for the Classic. Other alternatives would have been Mt. A, or UNB but travelling expenses for them would have been almost as high as Ricker - too much for tourney backers to absorb.

Reluctantly, and I emphasize that word, for the tourney committee realized the close association between it and the Halifax Schooners, the Schooners were invited to participate ONLY AFTER THIS HAD BEEN CLEARED WITH ALL THREE COLLEGES ALREADY INVITED. The athletic directors of Dalhousie, Brandeis and Ricker were all contacted by phone to make sure they did not object to playing an amateur civilian club.

I hope this clears some of the fog created by your sports editor. Perhaps he will realize that he should check all the facts in a story before publishing what he may believe to be the truth. Neither the tourney director nor I was approached on this matter to try to verify some facts.

He has called the directors of the Classic "liars" in his phrase, "this year they were deceived." I certainly hope he will find space to retract this statement.

Joel Jacobson
Bluenose Classic Secretary-Treasurer

To the Editors:
Re: "Campus Chaplains Analyze etc" (The Dal. Gazette, Jan. 19), and the "illustrative example" quoted below, which was attributed to Father Kiernans:

"... Kiernans gave... the story of St. George and the Dragon. With St. George go WHITENESS (my emphasis), upright stature a horse, a lance. (sic) He is a symbol of righteousness, while the dragon is a symbol of evil and is DARK (by emphasis), slimy and crawls on the ground".
Hey man, Father Kiernans, I mean like you'd really turn them on all the way from Alabama to Mississippi. And in Rhodesia - wow! Some cats, though, see a different scene.
Some cats see St. George as a symbol of colonial exploitation (both overseas and domestic); see his horse as a symbol of his material possessions won at the cost of the sweat of his exploiters; and see his lance, a la Uncle Freud, as a symbol of his

NOTICES

RETREAT: January 27-29.
This is the final Retreat of the year. It will include the usual weekend of discussion on a topic of interest to students.
Place: Camp Brunswick, East Chezzetcook. \$5 for the weekend.
Application forms in Council office.

Series of Dialogues

January until the end of February
sessions - Tuesdays, 12:30 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Room 21, A & A Building

Tuesday, January 31 - Dr. Ravi Ravindra - Physics Dept. "Has Science Eliminated the Religious Quest?"

Tuesday, February 7 - The Religious Question & Man's Religion - (a) Judaism - Rabbi J. Deitcher.

Tuesday, February 14 - The Religious Question & Man's Religions - (b) "Christianity" - Prof. R. D. Crouse, Classic Dept.

Tuesday, February 21 - The Religious Question & Man's Religions - (c) "Hinduism" - Dr. R. C. Chalmers - Pinehill.

The assigned leaders will open the dialogue with a statement lasting about 20-30 minutes - questions and discussion will follow.

sexual aggressiveness directed against the female half of "the white man's burden". These same cats see the dragon as a symbol for an awakening segment of mankind; he is dark because - because he is dark; he is slimy because for 400 years he was forced to crawl about "on his Father's business" - (The Great White one, that is); and he crawled because he was burdened with chains. Now, happily, he is almost free. Now he has only to bear the burden of his economic shackles - until, through Green Power he achieves Black Power and through it, Kwacha.

During the week ending Feb. 3, "Rocky" Jones, who is black but neither evil, nor slimy, will visit the Dal. campus to give his views on "Black Power in Halifax". Be there all you progressive cats - yeah, and you Georges too!
L. V. Bloufeld

Dear Sir:
We, the Girl's Varsity Ice Hockey Team ask for recognition. Since October, we have been practising twice a week, and we have not been rising from our warm beds at 7:00 a.m. for nothing.

Unfortunately, there is a lack of sympathy and interest in our cause and the only school we are able to play this year is again Mount Saint Vincent. We play this weekend during Winter Carnival twice, regulation time games, Friday a.m. at 11:00 at SMU and Sat. p.m. at Dal. We have hardly been mentioned in the Winter Carnival program although most of us will be giving up the Martock trip to play. We are playing FREE OF CHARGE. We only ask our University's support.

As a varsity team, and we fought hard to achieve that status, we have only been mentioned once in the Gazette sports writeup and at that, at the bottom of the page in the Boy's hockey column by our coach.

We have worked hard and I think even the boys admit we play decent hockey. We went through the rigorous medicals given to all the varsity teams, and we are all keen - by the way, there are 24 or so of us who are on the team - therefore, we ask your support for our cause. Last year, we won our two games a good record for Dalhousie and we will again this year!

Girl's hockey we know is a novelty and we would like it to become part of the athletic program, we would like more competition, but right now all we ask is recognition of our existence and we feel we have been terribly slighted! So please, someone, come out and cheer for us next weekend. (By the way, we haven't noticed the girl's sports writeup since last fall.)

With mouthguards in place, DALHOUSIE GIRLS VARSITY ICE HOCKEY TEAM
Paddy Thomas, Capt.

Jan. 17, 1967

Dear Sir:
It would be nice to think our own college newspaper printed news that could be believed.

Now we must look carefully worded misrepresentations in the little bit of campus news you do publish. Forget it, I haven't the time.

What a waste of \$6000 of our money!
Fie on your Gazette and the P. C. club.

Yours truly,
An Angry Dal Student

SPORT AND CANADIAN NATIONHOOD by G. T. Caldwell

In Australia, a radio advertisement for a cough mixture used to begin - "In blizzard cold Canada, where lives depend upon colds being put out quick..." From such ridiculous snippets, the stereotype of Canada emerges in Australia, that Canada is very cold, that red-coated mounties are everywhere and that Canadians are excellent ice hockey players. It is something of a shock for the Australian to find, on arrival, that Canada is not always cold, that red-coated mounties are rarely seen, and worst of all that the game of ice hockey is being taken over by the United States - as is all too apparent with the National Hockey League.

Six new teams have been added to the National Hockey League, so that in 1967, 10 of the 12 teams will be American - yet nearly all the N.H.L. players are Canadian. Why then have Canadians "let go" of ice hockey?

In fact, just what place does sport generally have in Canadian life? Considering the situation in ice hockey, can one any longer talk about Canadian sport? The importance of sport of course varies from country to country. I am an Australian, and I have also lived in Canada and England. Many Canadians regard Australians as being obsessed with sport, and there is some truth in this. Donald Horne, the Australian journalist, in his book "The Lucky Country," comments that to many Australians sport is life and the rest a shadow, that it is the one national institution that nobody criticizes, that to play sport, or watch others play it, and to read and talk about it, is upholding the nation and building its character. In fact Horne says Australia's success at competitive international sport is considered an important part of its foreign policy. In England, the English are less sports conscious only because the weather dampens the enthusiasm and restricts the frequency of play. In these two countries, sport fosters national consciousness and identity. In Canada, however, regionalism, commercial control of professional sport, the method of national team selection and the emphasis on American rather than British sports are important factors preventing growth of Canadian sporting and national unity. Judging by the frequency and volume of television, radio and newspaper reports, Canadians are deeply interested in sport - but one hears and reads so rarely - "Today Canada beat... or Canada was beaten by..."

Canada does not compete much in international sport. Canada may be a member of the Commonwealth politically and economically, but in terms of sport (except for the Commonwealth Games), Canada is on the periphery, for her interests in sport are American and not British. One could conjecture that if Canada had adopted the British team sports of rugby, soccer and cricket, Canada might well have a stronger national identity than she currently enjoys.

What are Canada's most popular sports? One survey carried out by a national marketing and public research organization in 1962 suggests that professional ice hockey, Canadian football and baseball receive most support in Ontario, Quebec.

But in these three most popular sports there has been no avenue for international matches. Why hasn't Canada played the U.S. at professional ice hockey? Why isn't a Canadian team selected to play the U.S. at football?

Before proceeding, perhaps it would be wise to take a look at amateur ice hockey, which is one of the few sports in which Canada participates regularly in world competition. Canada's method of selecting its national team is totally different to the team selection methods employed in other Commonwealth countries. Until the last few years, no Canadian team was selected from all parts of Canada. A team, by competing against other regional teams in Canada won the right to represent Canada in international competition.

This method of selecting the Canada's amateur ice hockey team has eased the burden of selection but has limitations in terms of national sporting unity. The selection of a team from all parts of the country not only stirs up sporting interest but also national interest, and the argument that Canada is too big a country to bring such teams together is not valid.

Despite the enormous popularity of professional hockey and football in Canada, there are no truly international matches. Yet such matches, I would argue, would promote a real Canadian "we-feeling" - there is no more living symbol of a country to promote enthusiasm than a national sporting team selected from all parts of the country, competing against another country on a sporting field, and in Canada, there is very little of this.

Baseball is by no means a minor sport in Canada, judging by the number of little leagues. Currently, Canada has two professional baseball teams - the Vancouver Mounties and Toronto - although it looked as though, at one stage the Mounties would become extinct. But it is American baseball which receives the greater coverage in Canadian newspapers and radio sportscasts. Canadians take an intense interest in the American World Series play-offs.

Canada does compete internationally at individual sports such as curling, skiing, figure skating, golf and tennis. Each year there is a golf international between Canada and the U.S. at the professional level, which proves that international professional sport can take place. But professional golf is organized by players and officials, not by businessmen concerned only with profits.

Apart from amateur ice hockey and golf, Canada does compete internationally in the Olympic, Pan-American, and Commonwealth Games, of which the Olympics are the most important. But these mammoth sporting contests may not contribute as much to national unity as one might expect. For one thing, the glamour contests (to Canadians) are the athletics and swimming events - and these are individual events. There are team sports like soccer and basketball, but these are not given the publicity that athletic and swimming events receive. Secondly, Canada has been the host for only one