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A MATTER OF STANDARDS

A "revised system of awarding Gold and Silver 'D's' on a basis of total points" has been approved in principle by the Council of Students.

In recent years we have been presented, or affronted with several "revised systems", but this latest is apparently different in that it is workable. The others were not. In the past there has been no balance between sports awards, and the others, such as Glee Club, Gazette, Sodales. The Awards Committee proposal solves the problem.

Gold and Silver "D's" are to be taken out of the hands of the organizations, and are to be administered and issued by the Council of Students. Points gained in various activities are to be added together to form a total figure—an individual's qualification for an award. No longer, if the proposal is moulded into concrete form, will there be the yawning gap between athletic awards and the others. A "D" will be just what it is supposed to be—a symbol of achievement, and a symbol of equal qualification—whether it be worn by football player or debater.

Co-operation, or the lack of it, can make or break the new system. Leaders of student organizations have been asked by the Awards Committee to prepare reports on how the proposals can best be applied to their societies—and it is to be hoped that those persons responsible will co-operate.

In the past there has been a great deal of talk on the system of awarding letters—perhaps this time there will be some action.

LET'S HAVE SOME ACTION

If we are to believe what we read in the local professional press, no student has ever given a bad, poor or indifferent performance on the stage of the Dalhousie gymnasium. In the past three years, during the era of the enigmatic "J. G." as "critic" of things musical, theatrical and social in the city, the most offensive parts have been classified as "adequate", "sound", or "good". Mediocre performances have been raised to the heights of "excellence", or have been "inspired", and sometimes even "great".

Criticism is defined somewhere as the art of applying certain standards and rules to literature or art in order to reach a careful judgment. And the standards and rules applied by the local daily press apparently reach their ultimate somewhere along the level of the performances of "Uncle Mel's" little charges. Granted, some of them are very good considering their ages, but their standards should not be applied to university players.

The standards employed by student critics must, of necessity, be those evolved from comparison with past Glee Club shows. Comparison with professional performances would be unfair. And if an actor, or actress, or soloist compares favorably with standards of the past, then he or she is to be praised. If the performance is bad, it should be called that—not that there is any need of calling a shovel a "bloody spade".

But there is a need—a great need—for student criticism of student (and thus Glee Club) performances. And the Gazette will carry out this function. What is bad will be called bad—and what is good will be called good.

McGill Debaters Win Over Glasgow In First Debate Of British Isles Tour

McGill (Glasgow) — (CUP) — The McGill Debating Society team defeated the University of Glasgow, Friday, Jan. 14, in their first debate of their tour of the British Isles.

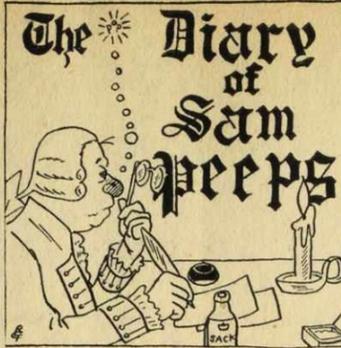
The Canadian team took the East-West balance of Power is the Only Solution to the Problem of World Peace."

Speaking before a crowded gallery of over 400 people the argu-

ment waged for five hours before a vote was taken. McGill was given the margin of victory by a vote of 68 to 16.

As parliamentary debating is one of Glasgow's chief student activities the victory is a tribute to the high calibre of the Canadian team, the Speaker said, in awarding the judgment.

The McGill team will next debate at Bristol University.



Wednesday, Jan. 19—Great news for the students of the college on the hill. A tavern is to be built shortly at the Lady Hamilton Hotel, not far from the campus—and it is said that people from the building near the Woods will have many classes in the new inn. It is unfortunate, I think, that it should be erected so near, as many students will become unhealthy from lack of exercise in walking to the Sea Stud and Loseborough which are farther away.

The ill-famed men about town, MacBrewgall, Fuzzwell and Pinely have been brought to my attention again for their improper conduct in buying all the ale at the Loseborough so that others, with thirst, are unable to get refreshment there.

Walking down to inspect the new tavern did fall in company with a gossipy woman, not from Marmalade Hovel, who did tell me that Jessica Lessdaughter did take Stew-Pot Fenceace to the second rate promenade and left her swain, Goliath Cathedral-Jones, at home. A very cultured gentleman, he did remark he no longer was interested in college functions. He was back in the fold Saturday evening at a hostel much frequented by Greeks, though.

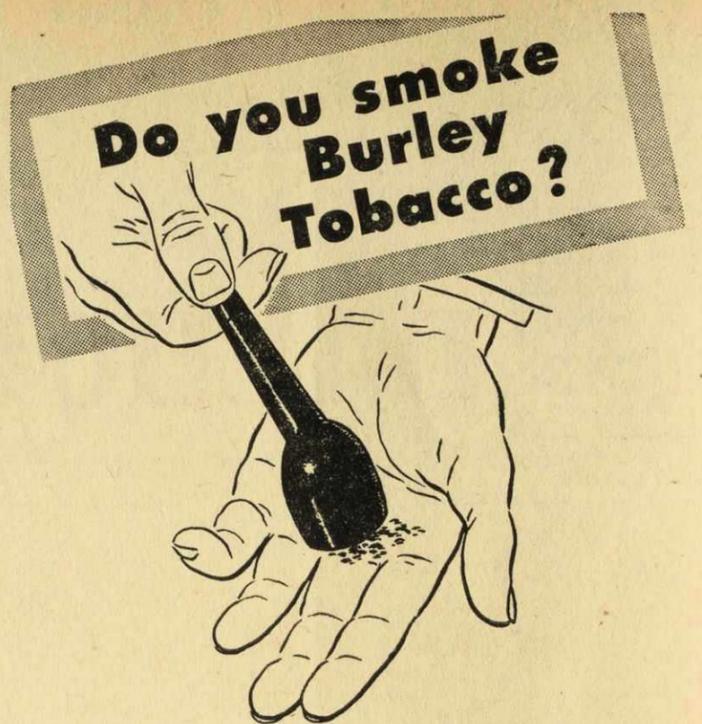
My head aching from a libation called, well enough, "white death", received, from that tipler Gord Shoutbad, I did return home early, where, my wife out, I had a pleasant conversation with the new maid, who is most comely, although a country girl.

Thursday, Jan. 20—Did hear today of a great coincidence, which is very appropriate. Patty McKinsey has been assigned to play the role of a "spoiled little brat" in the new play, I am told. She should be very good in the part, as she will not have to act.

A great evening of music at the hall near the Gym Inn last night, where of all the performers, brought from all over the land for a Command Performance, the greatest was one Rocket Sheet who did play a cunning little three-cornered instrument, newly-invented, called, I believe, a tri-angle. His playing was so excellent that it was easily heard above the sound of a great number of fiddles, and it was obvious that he was a better musician than the rest for with the distraction of the tune they all played together he was still able to invent a new melody all of his own, which was most original and some say delightful.

Much talk this day about the ice skaters from the college on the hill going away again on an expedition to the old colony where they will play a contest with the colonials in a new playing surface with ice upon it. Did resolve to book passage, somehow, so that I might go along, as I have not seen the old colony in these many years. Will have difficulty persuading my stubborn wife of the necessity of my going, but shall do so, if possible. Mayhap I shall purchase for her a new gown, which should please her, as her whole life is greatly concerned with clothes. This is a good thing, methinks, for she has a mighty poor figure from eating too many potatoes from Ireland, which are fattening.

Friday, Jan. 21 — Betimes to a shrine which I have not visited before—St. Malachy de Buckingham, where a motley crowd were assembled, protesting the poor quality of holy water newly received there. Having made my purchase, in preparation for the dancing party to be held by the Boilermakers' Guild and apprentices tonight, I departed, ashamed of this rabble of costre-mongers and not a few students with new mathematical aids, called "slip-sticks".



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Around the Campus with Egbert



Egbert says

... "Maybe I should have taken 'Sleeping Habits of the Human Young' as my subject"

That baby is putting quite a "damper" on Egbert's baby-sitting enthusiasm, not to mention that home assignment he's got to hand in tomorrow.

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