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ERROR WITHOUT CRITICISM

College newspapers throughout the country seem to be having a difficult time. From the University of Alberta comes news that the facilities of the university print shop will not be available to the Gateway until further notice. That was the result of a special Engineers' issue, containing a complete page of indiscreet jokes.

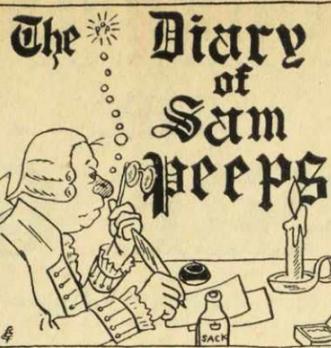
A recent issue of La Rotonde, the weekly newspaper of the University of Ottawa, was suspended and burned because it contained a notice of an invitation to Gerard Filion to address the students. Filion, the Editor of Le Devoir, had dared to criticize the university for establishing courses which were to be given in English only. The criticism may have been unjust . . . the burning of an entire issue because of the announcement was simply ridiculous.

And then the author of a column in the Toronto Varsity has had his column discontinued because he questioned the ancestry of the Varsity's Editor. The Board of Governors is now investigating the author.

There we have samples of the two extremes in university journalism. In one case, the Editors or authors concerned seem not to realize the responsibilities of their position . . . in the other, the university refuses to permit the publication of so much as a notice concerning a man with whom it disagrees.

Many Dalhousians accuse the Gazette and the University of similar attitudes. In no case this year has either institution so much as approached them. The University has not dictated to the Gazette; the Gazette has taken its responsibilities to the students seriously.

Some there are, our Students' Council among them, who do not realize that all things cannot be just the way they wish . . . they want a University with unbounded beneficence but no restrictions, a Gazette with colour but no bias, and an existence with errors but no criticism.



The Diary of Sam Peeps
 Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1950.—Up and all the morning at the office. My wretched wife did interrupt my private chambers, brushing aside my clerk, and did stand there for over an hour wailing that I did not love her and would not give her monies for her to buy suitable clothing. I told her to go out and work for a change, and see how difficult it was to obtain money. She did then reply that she would and that she was going to consult the Editor of the Spectator and try to obtain work there, for, she said, she could write better than I. Annoyed at this I did shove her towards the door and bid her begone.

Did hear that All-fired Hairless had another irritable escapade the other night. Walking along the street by his former lodgings he did see a light in the window of a house that still lived there. Unwilling to awaken the whole house, especially as the rules of the place forbid calls after midnight, he did decide to ascend the fire-escape and enter by the window. In the process of this he did dislodge a large timber making a huge crashing sound. At this the house did awake and lights were struck all over. It being too late to withdraw, Hairless did continue up the steps, but suddenly he was illuminated by many lights as his ex-landlady did cry out to him and call him a culprit and a burglar. After a stormy debate Hairless was obliged to leave, but it is rumored that the next day those who were falsely suspected of inviting him into the house were forced to seek other lodgings. Hairless is unrepentant.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1950. — Did hear that Lord Giggle has fallen upon hard times. He did try to organize a demonstration of all the scholars and get them to picket the Parliament and air their grievances that they were taxed at the first of the year and have as yet obtained no material advantages and in addition are taxed again at each event they wish to attend. His demonstration did not come off, but indeed, the scholars did not have to pay at the last event. This last event was a contest with the athletes of another college and Giggle did place wagers on the other college. It did seem that he consequently did not win and he is presently in dire straits

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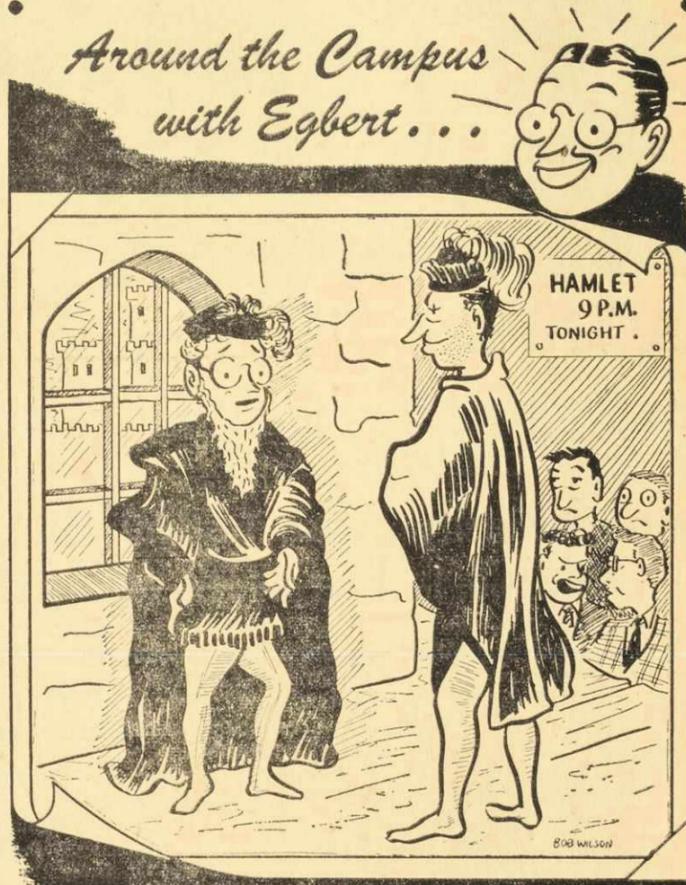
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It Hasn't Happened Here . . .

Paper Gagged By Officials As Offensive

OTTAWA—Feb. 2 — (CUP) — The last issue of La Rotonde, weekly student newspaper of Ottawa, was seized and burned soon after it appeared last week.

The decision to destroy the paper was made by Rector J. C. Laframboise of the University, according to a student official. University officials objected to the announcement in the paper of an invitation extended to Gerard Filion, editor of Le Devoir, Montreal, to address Ottawa students. This invitation was made by the local committee of University Students. La Rotonde had no part in the invitation, except to announce the news of the invitation in the paper. The article which announced the news of the invitation was a routine announcement.

This announcement, a spokesman for the Ottawa students declared, was considered by the university to be "offensive" since Filion had criticized the University of Ottawa editorially for establishing courses which were to be given in English only.

Looking Backwards

Mid-Century Highlights

NOTICE: This column will be discontinued pending investigation by The Board of Governors of its author, who was alleged to have made disparaging remarks regarding the ancestry of the Editor of this newspaper.

Editor-in-Chief