

# LETTERS

Sir:  
It has taken me two weeks to recover from my astonishment at the disgraceful articles found on Features pages of the Feb. 14 issue of the Gazette.

I am not sure of the purpose of these articles, but may I suggest that if they were meant in defense of women's attendance at university they failed miserably. On the contrary, they would appear to illustrate somewhat emphatically the contention of an editorial in the same issue, that "nearly all women who come to college do so for the sole purpose of wasting the years between high school and marriage."

It was difficult to take issue with that contention in the face of such strong evidence of colossal waste on Features pages. The vindictive and mealy-mouthed tripe displayed there hardly indicated the high moral and intellectual standard one would expect to find in a university newspaper. It is unbelievable that this worthless nonsense was written by university students.

It is to be hoped that your readers will not be inclined to judge all women students by the illiterate silliness produced by these few "co-eds."

Sincerely,  
A Woman Student  
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### WINTER CARNIVAL

Sir:  
The only plank of the council presidential platform that seemed to interest the few students that could be interested, was the idea of a Winter Carnival. In the light of the students attitude to the Munro Day activities this year

this idea seems completely hopeless. The high-light of the Munro Day activities is the Black and Gold Review which is supposedly a chance for all societies on campus to display their 'acting ability' in a humorous form.

The deadline for this year's Review was a month ago, and, so far, we have received three entries from campus societies: the Engineers, Dance Board, and DGDS. Most of the societies, other than the engineers, are dormant and nothing much was expected from them. But supposedly the two main sources of spirit on the campus are the two residences. Nothing at all is appearing from the Men's Residence. The Hall also has not come up with an entry.

This certainly shows that Dal's spirit is DEAD. The only faint glimmer of hope seems to come from a small group of freshettes on "Third Main" who when approached for a Can-Can number to open the Review jumped at the chance and to date have spent thirty dollars of their own money on costumes.

We can only hope that the prevailing attitude of the Hall does not snuff out this glimmer of spirit in the young freshettes and that it can continue to grow to envelop the whole university. If this can happen, then our chance for a Winter Carnival next year will grow into a reality.

Sincerely,  
Dave George  
Chairman, Black and Gold Review  
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### RUGBY

Sir:  
I read your article "A Lack of facilities" with great interest. I am glad the Gazette recognizes the problems referred to. However, I do not agree with the idea that it is no longer possible to play football due to the need for expensive

equipment. English rugby, whether Union or League, is a brand of football that can be easily adopted to a small expense account. In fact, the only thing that is a necessity is a rugby ball and perhaps a pair of boots.

The game itself is an excellent one and is known the world over. I am sure there are many students at Dal and King's who know the game well, particularly those from the Maritimes, United Kingdom, or West Indies.

Sincerely,  
John Leefe

## CROSSROADS AFRICA

Several years ago, Dr. James Robinson, a Presbyterian minister conceived a plan, Crossroads Africa Incorporated to build understanding and mutual respect between the African and American people. American and Canadian students enjoy a study, travel, living, and work experience with African students and leaders.

The 200 students who have been carefully screened and chosen for the 1962 summer session will represent only the 4th in a number of such student-study and work projects. Don Oliver, a first year Law student at Dalhousie and Allister Skinner, a 2nd year Theology student, are among the 25 Canadians chosen for this project.

On June 18, they will fly to New York for a one week orientation period. There, they will be formed into approximately 2 groups to build work techniques and group relations. Also they will have opportunities to meet African Ambassadors and specialists on African areas.

The groups will be assigned to



A disguised vampire watches gleefully as blood oozes from the vein of one of the victims of the Delta Gamma Blood Drive last week. Twenty-three per cent of the Dalhousie student body donated 379 pints of the precious fluid for the Red Cross.

various areas. Among the 20 African countries taking part are Senegal, Liberia, Guinea, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, Mali, Togo, Gambia, Noltic Republic, Dahomey, Kenya, Northern Rhodesia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somali Republic, Tanganyika, Southern Rhodesia, and Uganda. Don Oliver has stated his preference for Ethiopia, a region which has felt both European and Middle Eastern influences. Allister Skinner wishes to visit Tanganyika, which has recently gained its independence, to see history in making.

On June 22 the groups will leave New York for Africa on two chartered planes. A second orientation period will then take place. They will meet government, student, social, and religious leaders. Work projects will be selected by

their African colleagues. They will study tribal life and customs and visit various government, religious, industrial and rural institutions.

The third period of this project will enable them to visit various African countries while in the last three days they will spend their time in an evaluation conference. On August 29 they fly back to New York.

This project is made possible by various gifts and grants. The United Church of Canada gives each candidate \$1,500 while the candidates supply approximately \$500 of their own.

Before leaving, both Don Oliver and Allister Skinner must hand in a paper dealing with Africa of not less than 15,000 words.



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