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## Editorial

Going to college seems to go to some people's heads. Let's be sensible about it. In the first place you are at University because you have something that a lot of other people do not have. Maybe it is money, maybe it is luck, maybe it is brains or maybe it is because you have parents who are wise enough to send you. In any event you are here and you are very fortunate in being here so let us use a bit of common sense in our dealings with those outside the University walls.

Remember that good manners were evolved to make life just that much more pleasant and tolerable. Therefore let us use good manners everywhere. And if you have not been versed in good manners then take the trouble to learn a few. It is not a painful process and has actually been known to have been beneficial.

To a certain degree bad manners reflect on a University and on University students but most of all they really brand YOU.

Last week during the initiation period at the University of Manitoba 14 students of that University took the trouble to go into a local movie house to run up and down the aisles shouting "fire," thereby throwing the movie house into a considerable panic before the thing was straightened out. Such actions are not just folly they are just plain ignorance.

Ignorance is what Universities are endeavouring to overcome.

Not just ignorance of mechanical facts, such as "two and two equal four," but rather ignorance of the equation "ignorance and action equal disaster."

The most important part of a University education is the part that teaches you how to live, not merely to exist, but to live. To live, not in the sense of wine, women and song, but in terms of humanities and in terms of personal relations. A University is to help you find the true values of life, the absolutes and the eternal truth. And if it has never occurred to you just what are the absolutes of what real truth is, then it is time to start looking for the answers.

And when you have begun to find some of the answers, and many people have looked for a long time, you will begin to have an idea what happiness is, of what contentment is.

In all your University years and in all your life look for the truth and accept it when you find it, for only true things and real things can bring true happiness.

There is a certain contentment in simple faith, there is a mediocre happiness in blind obedience, for certainly there is no problem involved therein. But evasion of problems has no place in a University.

Inasmuch as blind faith is usually a sham, so then is the happiness that ensues from it, it is only knowledge of truth that gives true happiness. And never forget that mankind seeks happiness before all else and above all else so that if happiness follows truth it would seem to be relatively easy to attain it.

A University exists to find the answers to the problems we have so if you are not interested in world and human problems it would be better to stay home and sleep.

Do not think of a University as being wise men behind walls or as being dreamy theorists debating a nonexistent fact. Ask yourself, "Are you a day dreaming child?" The chances are that you are not. But you are part of a University and therefore are responsible for what comes out of a University.

Therefore then do not be afraid to seek the truth. Ask questions even when the evidence is quite conclusive. Do not accept everything blindly as the ultimate. Even Universities are not always right.

And so there it is. To attend a University is for most of us the only chance we will ever have to critically analyse everything on an academic basis.

Do not throw away this chance, for it is the opportunity to make your life a thing of great inward contentment, when you have attained it, you would never give up, not for gold or fame, because you will have learned how to live.

## Letters to The Editor

The Editor  
The Gazette  
Dear Sir:

In regard to the recent cancelling of the initiation rites at this University, we of the Sophomore class propose to express our ideas on that subject. We are in favour of initiation not merely because we are giving it, but

because we gained so much from it when we were taking it last year. Through being made to shine shoes, light cigarettes, and wear our beanies and placards, we made many friends among the upper classmen, who later became our firm friends. Furthermore, because of the fact that the entire Freshmen class was in the same position, initiation haz-

ing created a strong class spirit, something which is sadly lacking at this University. Far from feeling personal indignities when wearing our placards last year, as emphasized by Dr. Kerr, we were proud to have the public know that we had chosen Dalhousie as our University.

Yours respectfully,

Carole Lipkus  
Barb Chepeswick  
Sive Fairne  
Ann Selby  
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The Editor  
Dalhousie University

Dear Sir:

As members of this year's initiation committee, we would like to justify ourselves in regard to the recent cancellation of initiation at Dalhousie. We feel that the student body is unjustly blaming us for abusing the right given us when elected by our fellow students as members of this committee. We tried our best, and believe us we succeeded in complying to the rules and regulations laid down by the Senate last spring. At that time we were told that we must "soft pedal" so to speak, the initiation at the Initiation Dance and the Freshie-Soph Dance. In trying to comply with these wishes, we planned an original program for both these dances. It is a fact that the freshmen were allowed to "clean up" very shortly after they had undergone the customary treatment last Friday night. Furthermore, the traditional trial by stocks has been changed, and a plan complying with the wishes of the Senate had been adopted.

On our return to the University this fall, we were advised by a professor not to use flour or paint at the Initiation Dance. We duly obeyed these wishes.

In closing, let us state that we doubt whether anything derogatory, either to the freshmen's character or the university can be found on any of this year's placards.

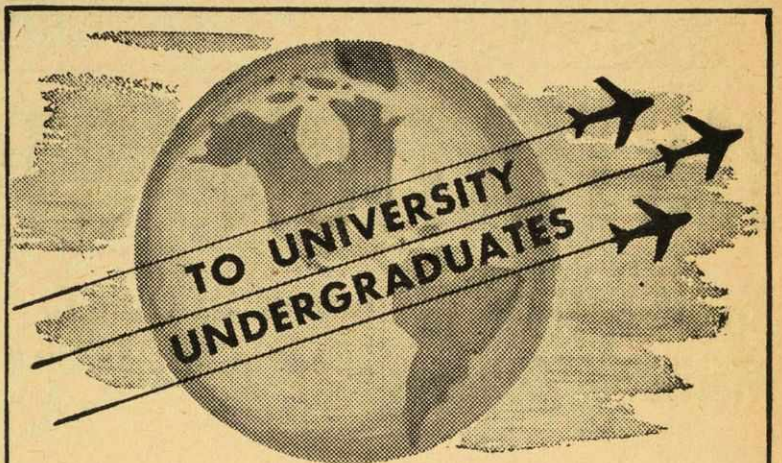
Yours respectfully,

Betty Bissett  
Janet Christie  
Janet Conrad  
Barb Crosby  
Elsie Lane  
Jeannette LeBrun

## Students' Dilemma

After I have gathered up my mind,  
Pulled her out of all the wandering cracks  
Into which she flows  
Like spilt milk, following along the cracks in  
the table,  
Caught, she turns to study:  
When a rascal sunbeam, sly peeping tom  
Peers in the window, and she, gay lady,  
Goes scrambling after.

—N.B.W.



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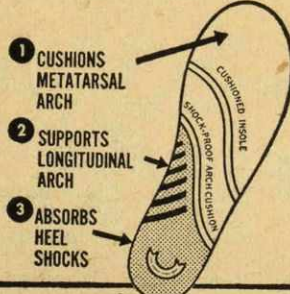
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