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## GAZETTE POLICY

It has, unfortunately, become necessary for the Gazette to print a statement of "policy", a thing which is sometimes done at the beginning of the year without its ever having meant much. The most significant thing about the Dalhousie Gazette almost since its founding over eighty years ago was its liberty from Faculty or University control. When the Council of the Students was founded some time later, and the University conferred a constitution upon it, the Gazette continued as a more or less independent agency, with nominal Council control.

This has been continued since then. The Gazette has always been the responsibility of its Editors, with freedom to print their own views on matters of student interest as against those of either the University or the Students' Council—although the three seldom conflicted in matters of any importance. The tradition at Dalhousie has always been one of independent publications, based on the sound theory that this was the best long-run arrangement. In this respect Dalhousie has been more fortunate than many other similar institutions.

The Gazette's "policy", if one wants to use the word, has been its complete freedom to deal with any situation as it saw fit; since the students on the Gazette staff were generally a representative University group, with wide diversity of opinions, a more truly student opinion was thus reflected than if the paper had been controlled from any single source.

In the discussions which take place at the Council tonight and at possible future meetings as to the future of the Gazette, this should be born in mind. Quite apart from the people who will edit the paper, the important point is to be reasonably sure that they are independent people, and represent no body other than themselves. The fact that the staff will be, or should be, a group drawn from all corners of the Campus is enough to ensure at least an honest opinion in the pages they produce.

## THE COACHING SETUP

The Students' Council has still to deal with the matter of who pays and appoints coaches, and it is to be hoped that some action will be seen soon, before the year is over.

Repeating the story for about the fifth time, this University has almost depended in all sports upon some interested citizen who will offer his services for a small honorarium, if anything, coming forward and offering to coach a team. There has been at no time a clear basis for making offers to prospective coaches, and the hardest job the Physical Director and Managing Committee of the D.A.A.C. have had to do this year is probably securing coaches. Their success not only in obtaining coaches, but in obtaining good coaches, is a significant tribute to their energy and ability.

The situation should not be allowed to continue. The University has an interest in the persons who teach its students anything, and probably is in no way inclined to ignore the matter, or to avoid any commitments as to paying coaches adequate salaries. After a meeting of students and the Senate Athletics Committee last year we were given to understand that the University had undertaken to bear the financial burden, and there has been no contradiction of this understanding.

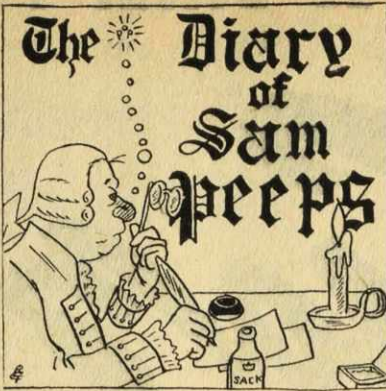
The initiative seems to rest with the Council, who have as yet done very little in the matter.

## Family Welfare Expert Addresses Sociology 4

Mae Fleming, Chief Supervisor of Welfare Service, Family Allowance Division, Department of Health and Welfare, addressed the recently combined Sociology 4—Economics 7 class in the Chemistry Theatre, Monday, Jan. 10. Miss Fleming is in the Maritimes on an inspection visit of regional offices of her department as the Department may soon extend its activi-

ties to Newfoundland and wishes to integrate the new offices into the national system with as little confusion as possible.

Miss Fleming was introduced by Professor Prince. She explained that both economic and social motives had prompted the government to institute Family Allowances. She said that the system had worked very well and had achieved its main objectives. A spirited debate followed in which Miss Fleming ably defended the present policies of her department.



## In Memoriam

Notice

Know Ye All That Sam Peeps is Dead

## Funeral Friday

Tuesday, January 11—Sam Peeps, faithful chronicler of campus events for the past two and one half years, passed away last night, quietly, from shock. With him died a tradition of freedom built over the years of his service with the Spectator (early edition)

In his first year on the staff he was forced to resign because of a heavy attack of authorityitis brought on after he was exposed to the harsh reality of politics at the college on the hill. Friends stated late tonight that his unexpected death was indirectly caused by a similar attack.

The funeral will be held tonight, attended by a full turnout of the college parliament and by what is expected to be a large attendance of sorrowful friends. The funeral oration will be preached by the president of the college parliament.

Several members of the staff of the Spectator (early edition) are suffering from the same ailment that caused Mr. Peeps' demise, and it is expected that some of their number will not live beyond Friday night.

The passing of Mr. Peeps marks the end of a long, up-hill fight, on his part, for freedom of thought, in the pages of the Spectator (early edition). His dying words were: "I am afraid I have fought a losing battle for a lost cause—I am disappointed and sick at heart."

For two and one half years he peered out from the inside pages of the Spectator (early edition) prodding and poking the foibles and fancies of individuals, and putting on the record, (the mistakes and the successes of groups), on the campus of the college on the hill.

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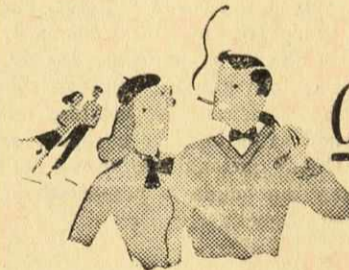
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