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## "THE DISGRACEFUL DISPLAY"

"The disgraceful display of intercollegiate hockey put on by St. F.X. and Dalhousie at the Forum last week gave firm suspicion that Saint Mary's could ice a winning combination against either team . . ."

In printing the above statement in their sport column, the Saint Mary's Journal are, of course, a little guilty of putting the bull before a firing squad. But in calling the hockey displayed by Dalhousie "The disgraceful exhibition of intercollegiate hockey", they were right. Dalhousie's hockey team this year was terrible—that much is obvious from the scores in their last three games.

Many students are prone to lay the blame on the players who, they say, "did not even try". Others say the coach was to blame. Actually we cannot rap individuals for the Dalhousie losses. We must blame certain conditions.

The first of these conditions is the M.I.A.U. ruling which prevents teams from using players who compete in other leagues unless the entire team in question competes in another league, as do Acadia and St. F.X. (exhibition games). There is a rumor going the rounds that the ruling will be changed next season so that universities without rinks may use outside players. That will be of some assistance to Dalhousie, and the change will be made in order to keep Dalhousie in the league. But it is not enough. Acadia and St. F.X., with their own rinks, are building for the future—teams which were strong this year will be even stronger in the future.

If Dalhousie is to get back into the intercollegiate hockey picture, then Dalhousie must see the change in intercollegiate hockey which is taking place.

This university must have a rink. There is no way of avoiding the necessity. Dalhousie hockey teams will continue to be at the bottom of the league standing, and will continue to be trounced by their rivals, until they have a place where practice time can be arranged to suit the players, and not the players arranged to suit the practice hours.

## THERE'S A LOT TO BE DONE

Now that the elections are over and all the clamor has been forgotten, we may look forward, it is hoped, to an increased drive by the incumbent council toward those objectives which have been of particular interest to students all year.

They have done exceptionally fine work to date, and will reflect great credit on themselves if they continue to work as they have in the past.

We have (almost) a new canteen. Members of the canteen committee have not yet given an official statement but we have been assured that plans are progressing and there is every likelihood that a new canteen will be situated in the common room in the men's residence when we return next year.

Plans for obtaining bleachers for the gymnasium have been completed and the stands have been ordered. They will be in the gym by next basketball season.

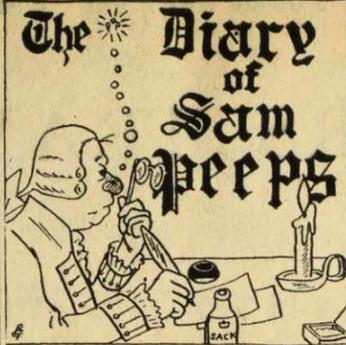
The football field has been in a state of repair for two seasons now, and we should see at last one game played on it next season.

But there should be increased pressure for the erection of a fence around the field, and the erection of adequate stands to accommodate spectators. If we have good seating accommodation, people will be more likely to attend games if we have a fence barring them from entrance to the field except at the gates where they will have to pay, we will be more likely to make our field sports profitable.

And most of all, there is still a crying need here for a rink. Granted, the idea of gaining a university rink seems far-fetched, but it is not impossible, as Acadia, Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier have proved.

Pressure is the thing. Keep on hammering at the idea. Keep on working at a plan, and a scheme for obtaining funds. There must be a way. And the university have shown they are at least willing to co-operate, even if they won't foot the whole bill.

A great deal of work can be done before exams start—work which will immeasurably assist the new council in their work when they take office.



Sunday, Feb. 27—(Writ on Sunday) Up late, and dolefully singing the new popular song, which goes:

"Oh, Honey have a snuff, have a snuff on me;

Oh, Honey have a snuff on me; But not on Sunday!"

Did visit Mutter's Pharmacy to purchase an ounce of Athlete's (Navy Cut) Snuff, which is my favorite, whereat a simpering clerk named James Severes did inform me coldly that snuff could not be purchased on Lord's Day, due mostly to the efforts of an alliance of the same name. Greatly disturbed I rammed some more pepper up my snout and continued on, a-sneezing mightily.

While walking past the campus of the college on the hill I did perceive a great windmill with wildly-waving arms. On closer inspection, however, I identified the strange thing as Birdbrain Absurd, the noted ward-heeler for "Honest John" Seenya, spilling at a constituent, and making attacks on the integrity of the Spectator (early edition).

Farther on, did see All-Fired Hairless, doing about the same thing in an opposite sort of direction.

Much talk this morning about Joe Fill-ups who made a great and ghastly oration at the banquet of the engineers. Also at the same banquet did learn that Willy Buttons and MacFrenzy have learned about a new menace which they call communism and are against.

Buttons did pull off a great quip when he said that Fill-ups integrated between zero and infinity.

Monday, Feb. 28—This day while standing in front of the library did hear a great rumble and a crash, and a fine mist of powdery snow did float by on the wind. Looking down I did see a badly-shaven figure, and on questioning solved the thing—Blurby Stewpot had fallen down the library steps again! His last word was, these XXI!&\*!&! Communists.

This came on top of the news that one can't get a pew in church any more as the Political Clubs (Jacobins and the like) no longer meet on Sunday, and many fellow-travellers have returned to the church, where the whispering in the back rows is most noticeable. Some say that this whispering is part of the back row Sunday friendly hour, or a devilishly cunning way of avoiding the ban. In any case, the ban certainly drew the errands back to the fold. People are going to church to beat the ban(d).

The versatile Rocket Sheet has been promoted as a result of his excellent performance with the orchestra in "George Washalong Slipped Here". Now he has abandoned the triangle and was observed sliding into the second base with great facility, and with Patience, too.

A new brew is on the make. It is to be called "St. Laurent 50". These law students are chemists and brew-masters of the first water. Latest brewer is Obeisance McDelvey, who has borrowed a great crock from the Dry Felt sorority. It is not a crock but a wash tub—not over-dirty, I am told.

Tuesday, March 1—To a house frequented by the Greeks where I did encounter one Ran Hotwater, who is engaged in a great contest for an important seat in the Parliament. He informed me of

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