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STUDENT APATHY

The attendance at the two recent student forums has been disappointing to those who hoped that the plans of the Council were of wide enough interest to attract more than six percent of the student body.

Such matters as a rink, residence or student union should be matters on which all students have more than merely an opinion, whether or not they bother to express it.

At other Universities, here in the Maritimes, students have through their own efforts secured rinks, canteens and other facilities, all of which we could use here. Universities are necessarily conservative where large expenditures are concerned, and if students want a thing badly enough, they should start the ball rolling themselves.

At many other institutions students began campaigns for such programs, and raised large sums themselves to pay for them.

At Dalhousie, however, we apparently do not want these things. We are content to see ourselves scattered throughout the city, with nothing more than our classrooms in common. We are content to meet only our immediate fellows, with no common meeting places other than faculty rooms or a canteen which will accommodate comfortably about twenty of our seventeen hundred students. We do not mind having to buy poor and expensive meals in restaurants, when a well run canteen could serve better ones for less, and keep what profits there were in the University.

We are not particularly interested in whether our teams have rinks and fields to play on. Judging from the lack of comment on the hockey situation we do not even care if we have a team.

Every student body is plagued with a certain amount of apathy, but Dalhousie has its own special brand. When discussed, students attribute it to the lack of residence, student union, decent canteen, the University, the Council and anything else that they can blame except themselves. The real cause is the attitude of the students; the other things merely assist the process.

Before the facilities there must be some effort on somebody's part. Students are content to sit back and have things done for them; if anything goes wrong the Council and the University is criticised. The Council can only act with whole-hearted student support, and the University, preoccupied as it is with its campaign for funds, can hardly be expected to turn at once to these matters, which are as much our concern as anybody's.

We will get out of Dalhousie what we put into it, and too many are putting in nothing, and expecting too much.

POLITICAL CLUBS

It was, we feel, an honour to the University Liberal Club that the Prime Minister was good enough to spare us some of his valuable time for his address on Saturday, and were similarly gratified when Mr. Drew and Mrs. Strum spoke here. The party clubs are performing an invaluable service in bringing such public figures to the University to speak to the students, whose interest has been anything but disappointing.

For one thing we are very grateful; none of the speakers to any degree, have held up the Communist bogey as the great reason for supporting their Tenets of their party. The addresses have been without exception sound, interesting, and almost academic. The complete absence of any tub-thumping was a factor which will maintain student interest in the speakers who come here representing political parties.

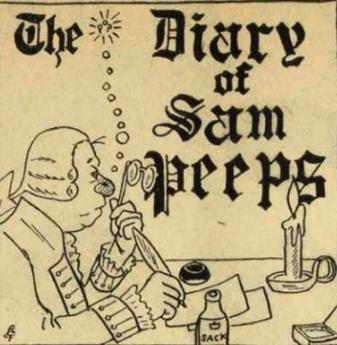
Notices

Free skating sessions will once more be made available to Dal students this year. Negotiations have been going on with officials of the Halifax Arena and it is expected that students will be able to skate for free for the first time sometime during the Christmas holidays. See this page for further information.

There will be a Co-Vets meeting in the engineering building Tuesday, December 7 at 8.30.

All Co-Vets are asked to attend and in order to serve refreshments, members are requested to bring a cup with them.

The Gym Store will pay cash for secondhand copies of Madame Curie, Charvet edition only. Turn in your copy now.



The Diary of Sam Peeps

Monday, Nov. 29 — God, what a fool is this "Poo" Grunt, and his companion, Wall-Eye, too. They do rant all the day about English ruggah, which is now quite dead, as winter has come, and Canadian football, too. Lords Day they did spend the whole time threatening to slay Gusty McSpike, saying that he would be lucky to live to the age of thirty years, if he do keep up his railing against ruggah, which they say should be spelled "rugby".

Did observe with others how "Buzzy" Bender do each year find a scholar newly come to the college on the hill and make much of him. Many did laugh heartily at one from the Canadian colonies, some say Bytown, named Count Lessgen, who has fallen before her attack. Some did say she would make a fine wife, and others that they would rather she had much money. Again it was said that it would be nice to marry a girl who was good-looking and intelligent and rich too, whereat a wit did reply, "The rich girl I marry shall be stupid and able to cook a good roast". Which is, I perceive, a wondrous good thought.

Much ado this day about a great dancing party Saturday night at the New Scotland hotel. An annual event, it is connected in some way with a group of sisters, at least they are formed together in a sorority, that do call themselves the "Padded Thighs", or some such Greek-sounding name. This was their night, which is the same each year, whereat they do rush mightily, and many become separated from their senses, and cents, too, for the dance is most costly.

Home early, my head in a whirl from listening to reasons why some cowboys did win an old grey cup from the football team from Bytown. To bed, my wife being out still, with the dancing master, me-thinks, who will shortly receive from me to a most grievous buffet, and my wife, too, for they are not to be suffered in their insolence.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 — To the gym inn wherein I saw a man from the far west, looks much like a gopher, who is Peter's son. He, of late, has been mooning about, all for his great affection for a lass, formerly of the college on the hill, called in strange fashion, Margerine Boil (old Numbre 2-4011). They have much in common, his hair being bright blonde from dye from a papped hat worn in football, and her hair being bright blonde from . . . well, something, I think.

All things done, though, they are mighty fine young people.

Another meeting of the students today, but again I did not go, as it is not in style these days.

My fine, new, big teeth from the Tooth-Pullers school still being mighty dull, I for these past few days have been forced to live on liquids, at which I find my fingers do shake mightily, and my head ache fiercely.

Home for supper, finding many calories in a great, huge bottle of port, and so to bed, alone, my wife still away with the dancing master.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 — The first day of the twelfth month, and time for studying for the examinations at the college on the hill. Today is to be the last issue of the Spectator (early edition) until after St. Nicholas' Day, and many do read it with great interest, which has not always been so.

Have lately observed how Patty-Cake My-Keen-One, often mentioned in last year's Spectator, do now appear to have come of age, and is most sober, which is new, and strange. I did this day resolve to investigate her activities in the summer months, which have changed her mightily, I think.



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