



America's Oldest Student Publication

For more than 76 years devoted to the interests of the student body.

Staff

- Editor Bill Mingo, Business Manager Bob McCleave, Associate editors: News Blair Dunlop, Don Harris, Sports Alec Farquhar, Features Al Lomas, Literary Morton Norman, Photography Don Morrison, Cartoons Bob Tuck, Circulation Isobel Wilmont, Anita Sideris.

LETTERS to The Editor

CANADA SOWS SEEDS OF WORLD WAR III

IS THE POSITION of Canada as a power seriously endangered by her lack of foresight? Are we as citizens going to stand back and watch the degradation of Canada as a democracy? If not, we must take a strong stand against Japanese-Canadian deportation.

Despite the fact that 1700 Canadian citizens of Japanese racial origin did not commit one act of sabotage all through the war; despite the fact that they were interned in re-location camps and suffered the difficulties of readjustment, the Canadian government is indiscriminately shipping back both nationals and citizens immediately.

This action is based solely in the hearts of a few Canadians, due to propaganda designed to cause racial prejudice. Canadians have been wrongly led to believe that atrocities mirror the character of all Japanese; yet they have the lowest criminal record of any racial group, and yet they alone are being persecuted.

We certainly did not fight a ghastly war against a nation which oppressed and deported a minority group only to have our own country do the same thing. The Government's stand in this matter violates all the laws of democracy, Christianity, and decency. It is our own responsibility to think seriously about these things and decide what stand we want the Government to take, so that our own country will not be guilty of sowing the seeds of a third world war.

LOIS RATEE,

Secretary, Dalhousie Division Students' Christian Movement.

CANADIAN CAMPUS

Canadian Campus needs no introduction from us this week. In face of overwhelming evidence, who are we to tell you that INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT IS BACK! Dalhousie University

Halifax, N. S.—Of three Dalhousie teams entered in Maritime English rugby-football competition, only one, the senior team in the city league, has so far met with any degree of success. Both Dalhousie's senior team in the intercollegiate league, and intermediate team in the city league, fell to the cutting blows of Acadia's Axemen.

However, Dalhousie's tennis team, organized last week, swamped Mount Allison in its initial engagement. With one team entered in the city soccer league, Dalhousie has further plans under way to enter teams in Maritime intercollegiate boxing, badminton, hockey, basketball and swimming competitions.

Mount Allison University Sackville, N. B.—The intercollegiate football series is well under way and now that Mount Allison is no longer in competition for the title, maybe our views might be interesting to outsiders.

The University of New Brunswick, as the New Brunswick intercollegiate champs, now have to meet St. Dunstons in a home and home series. The Hillmen should win as St. Dunstons has not the team she had.

In the Nova Scotia loop it is hard to predict who will come out on top. St. Francis Xavier were upset by Acadia's Axemen and enter the second game with a one point deficit. With all due regard to the Axemen, we predict St. Francis Xavier will prove to be the winners. Therefore, as we see it, the University of New Brunswick and St. Francis Xavier will be the semi-finalists.

In the meantime we sit back, as far as intercollegiate sports are concerned, waiting for hockey and basketball to begin.



The famous "sailor" trademark is a symbol of all that is best in tobacco manufacture and guarantees that the contents of the package will maintain Player's world-wide reputation for excellence and dependable quality.

PLAYER'S NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

COLLEGE RINGS AND PINS

Dalhousie rings are now in stock—for your convenience.

Class orders for pins take time at the factory—it will help if you order early.

Henry Birks and Sons Limited Registered Jewellers American Gem Society Barrington St. - Halifax

Corsages

A "Colonial" Corsage designed by ROSEDALE, speaks eloquent volumes of tenderness and love.

Rosedale NURSERIES Limited 381 BARRINGTON ST. HALIFAX

Fader's Drug Stores 135 HOLLIS STREET 29 COBURG ROAD HALIFAX Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Technical College

Offers Engineering Courses in

Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Mining

Twenty Free Scholarships of \$75 each for Nova Scotia students. To Students with Engineering Diplomas: Modern Equipment, Instructional Staff with Individual Experience.

Write or Call for Calendar of Advice to F. H. SEXTON, President

- Yes, sir, your suit actually FEELS like new after Cousins have Sanitoned it. Why? Because Sanitoning restores certain materials to the fabric that give new cloth its rich feel. And, what's more, this unique dry cleaning eases out even deeply ingrained soil, grit and perspiration... cleans to the very heart of the fabric fibre. Only Cousins has Sanitone Service in Halifax.



PLANT CALL OFFICE: ROBIE AT WEST DOWNTOWN: BARRINGTON AT GEORGE

Dalhousie University

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Largest Staff, Libraries, Laboratories in Eastern Canada Maintains a High Standard of Scholarships Includes all the principal Faculties of a University

Arts and Science Faculty

Degrees: B.A., B.Sc., B.Comm., B.Mus., Phm.B. Diplomas: Music, Engineering, Pharmacy, Education Four Year Advanced Courses in Classics, Mathematics, Modern Languages and History. Graduate Courses of recognized standing, leading to degrees of M.A., M.Sc. Courses—preparatory to Professional Faculties Course in Public Administration Many valuable scholarships, on entrance and through the courses.

The Professional Faculties

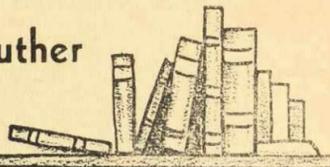
in Law, Medicine, Dentistry, enjoys an unexcelled reputation

Inclusive Fees: in the B.A. course, average about \$160 a year. in the B.Sc. course, about \$190 a year

Residence

Shirreff Hall, residence for women. Carefully supervised residential facilities for men.

The Felling of "Trees" by Jan Struther



IN the late summer of 1944, when the whole world waited breathlessly on the verge of the Allied push into France, Jan Struther published a little poem in the Saturday Review of Literature. Although short, and apparently quite harmless, it was nevertheless destined to become one of the most provocative of all the many parodies on Joyce Kilmer's little poem, "Trees". A rather whimsical little quatrain, it ran as follows:

I'll never see, where'er I roam, A tree as lovely as a pome. A tree is just a thing that grewed, But only Man can make an ode.

Two weeks later, in September, there appeared the first warning of what eventually developed into a virtual flood of comment and criticism. It was the first of a total of 23 quatrains which the Review published during the course of the next 12 issues. (Undoubtedly there were many more not published. Editors sometimes exercise the prerogative of rejecting an occasional manuscript.)

I'll bet you, kid, you never knowed That God was first to make an ode. In seven days He wrote a pome— A global version of Home Sweet Home.

A Few Weeks Later

The author, a Fred Snyder of Albany, N. Y., was however, apparently not the only one—and certainly not the least—to have read Jan Struther's little poem. A week later, the Review published no less than six similar quatrains, the most pertinent of which

came from Betty Smith, author of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn": I'd rather say I hated fleas Than be like youse what runs down trees.

Where'd I be, I'd like to know, If o'er in Brooklyn no tree grewed?

The second came from James Hilton, author of "Good-bye Mr. Chips", and other notable—if rather doubtful—screen successes:

A world of trees and poems only Ain't worth a Bean when you feel loney; Especially if the Bean you mean Is some partickler Human Bean.

The final word of the week, however, was delivered by Margaret Mosher of Jamaica, N. Y. It was entitled "To Jan Struther";

I don't believe you did so well By sending lovely trees to hell. The best of all—as I can see— Is: Just a pome about a tree.

Many Weeks Later

Throughout September and October, and late into November the controversy raged. Late that fall the Review published the following quatrain from the famous dog-poet "Rover", whose address, I'm sorry to say, was not given:

I think that I Shall never see A poem as useful As a tree.

In time, of course, the issue became personal — most issues do. From Jan Struther's single parody on "Trees", to parodies on parodies on "Trees", it developed into parodies on those who write parodies on "Trees". (All of which is

rather involved, but then so was the issue by this time.) From Julia Green in Los Angeles, came this rather philosophical poem, arguing sweet reasonableness: Why should a pome and tree possess

The self-same kind of loveliness? Dear chattering comrades pray have done With this useless comparison. Poor Kilmer little dreamed his verse Would start a hot discussion curse! I swear the pen's a vicious tool. By by.

Another rhyming "fool".

The editors were, by this time, quite evidently beginning to show signs of boredom. Each week's list of parodies was headed by the editor's note, "Trees Again", "More Trees", and sometimes—for variation — "Trees Again and More Trees". Seizing what appeared to them the final word on the matter, early in November, they published the following from Richard Armour in Washington:

Joyce Kilmer's lines may not be great, But here and now I rise to state: I'd rather far have written "Trees" Than all its thousand parodies!

That, apparently, closed the issue. A week later still another quatrain slipped in, but it was insignificant. As for Miss Struther she remained altogether aloof during the course of twelve fervent weeks. Whether she felt she had done enough damage, whether she felt it worthwhile answering, whether or not she had even been aware of the controversy raging about her, we'll never know. Will we?