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The Symbol of Hope

This is the season of hope, of a rebirth in humanity in the form of love and unselfishness. This Christmas when we sit in our homes enjoying the festivities, let us not forget the meaning of Christmas.

December 25 is not an ordinary day in the calendar year, nor is it an ordinary holiday. It is more than these. Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ, symbolizes hope. It is the epitomization of personality as exemplified in Christ. He came into this world to give hope, to show that with love and unselfishness, life was a blessing instead of a burden.

The world has changed little since the time of Christ. Our society has made great technical and materialistic advances, yet the real problems of mankind still remain the same. It is with this in mind that we should regard the birth of Christ as a revitalizing agent in our world of today. Christmas is when hope once again is present, when man, tossing away all selfishness, suddenly appears in the world as an ever-loving, every-unselfish being.

Christmas is not meant to be the only day when man is to follow Christ's example. The example that He set was meant to be followed always, not only in sporadic intervals, and we should regard Christmas as a pilot light, a light whereby we can be guided back on the correct course. It is a reminder of the revitalizing hope and philosophy which Jesus Christ gave to man.

Being a Christian on Christmas Day is quite different from being a Christian the rest of the year. The Christian message and the meaning of Christmas Day are not confined to the month of December. It will be a better world and life will have new and greater meaning if we apply the Christmas message everyday.

International Essay Competition For NATO

A free trip by air to Europe and a week's travel and accommodation there may be awarded to two Canadians next summer.

The NATO Essay Competition for 1955 has been announced for two age groups, those under 19 years on May 1, 1955, and those between 19 and 30 years on that date. The four best Canadian essays in each age group will compete with the best essays from all other NATO countries. The final selection will be submitted to NATO Headquarters, Paris, France, for award of the prizes.

The international winner in each group will be offered a free return air passage from his or her own country, plus travel for a week's tour of NATO installations in Europe. Additional prizes will be awarded for the two best essays from each country.

Essays of not more than 3000 words, in English or French, are invited on one of three subjects: (1) Contrast the North Atlantic Treaty with other multilateral alliances in history; (2) Examine the possibilities of NATO as an instrument for political stability and well-being; (3) Write a letter beginning "Dear Comrade" addressed to an imaginary young Communist behind the Iron Curtain, dealing with the accusation that NATO is part of a capitalist conspiracy against "true" democracy and explaining the way of life which NATO exists to defend. Closing date for entry of Canadian essays in April 10, 1955.

The Canadian competition is sponsored by the Canadian Atlantic Co-ordinating Committee, representing the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, and the United Nations Association in Canada.

Copies of the competition announcement may be secured from Brigham Day, the Committee Secretary, at 230 Bloor Street West, Toronto 5, Ontario, or from the Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Letters to the Editor

99 Percenter Comments

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The Editor
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Dear Sir:

I would comment on your editorial "New Strength to our Game," page 2, Dalhousie Gazette, Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Firstly, let me say that no one could disagree with a statement that Dalhousie has played an important role in the growth of the Nova Scotia Canadian Football League.

However, I may say that some of the things in your editorial betray a certain lack of knowledge. For instance, you can't say "truthfully" that this year has seen the greatest response to the Canadian game. I think you'll find that attendance was greater last year, and the year before, than it was this year. The weather, of course, may have had something to do with that lamentable state of affairs.

Chiefly, though, I must comment on the last paragraph of your editorial, dealing with "the securing of these foundations". You say that "such a securing" lies in the hands of the league itself. And what is the league, might I ask? It is a group of teams — football teams. The league officials are appointed, by vote, by the representatives of the teams . . . and that includes Dalhousie of course.

You speak of poor schedule planning. Well, Dalhousie had its vote on what the schedule would be. Dalhousie representatives took part in the drawing up of the schedule. And it might be wise to point out that the greatest difficulty in drawing up the schedule was the fact that Dalhousie always has to start late in the season.

What about the exhibition games by McMaster University? The first overture from McMaster was made to Dalhousie. And Dalhousie, it appeared, was going to play one exhibition game against McMaster. The other exhibition game was to be played by a service team. At what amounted to the last moment, Dalhousie reversed its field and it became necessary to reschedule the McMaster exhibition game in Antigonish, against St. F.X. There was a loss of revenue. Dalhousie must share part of the blame, at least.

You speak of poor officiating. It is generally agreed by long-time followers of this league that the 1954 officiating was the best seen here in the eight years of the league's history.

Now about increased gate prices. Do you seriously believe that the league charged too much for games this year? Remember, this league is now a senior league. The prices charged are ridiculously low for the brand of football played.

Lastly, I would refer to your remarks about "slanted newspaper reporting". Far be it from me to suggest that the reporting of the Dalhousie-St. F.X. game in the Dalhousie Gazette to which I refer above is anything but impartial. Since when has a 10-0 defeat in football been a "drubbing"? Anyone who saw the game, and any Dalhousie player who was in the game, I think, will tell you that the game wasn't won until exactly the last play. It was tight all the way.

These are just matters for consideration.

My credentials are as follows:

1. I was the manager of Dalhousie's first Canadian Football team.

2. I am a former editor of the Dalhousie Gazette. (And as the originator of the Diary of Sam Peeps, I would congratulate the man who now writes it. It's a good copy, and the cut at the top is the original drawn by Bob Tuck for me, a Malcolm Honor Award winner).

3. I am publicity director for the Nova Scotia Canadian Football League.

4. I picked Dalhousie to beat St. F.X. as a member of the 99 per cent wrong club.

If this letter should be too long, and I'm sure it is, by all means eliminate these references to myself. This is just one man's opinion.

Congratulations to the champions, and good luck next year.

Yours truly,
Signed Jack Lusher

WUSC Executive Answers

Editor-in-Chief,
Dalhousie Gazette

Dear Sir:

In recent issues of the Gazette, certain articles have appeared which have concerned, in part, WUSC. On the whole, they have been good, and I appreciate your coverage of events in which WUSC has been partner.

There is one erroneous statement, however, which keeps cropping up. It refers to a WUSC scholarship fund, and conveys the idea to many that our sole financial undertaking is such a fund. This is far removed from the truth. The policy of WUSC on the Dalhousie campus has been, for several years now, that all money raised on the campus by any means whatsoever, is solely for student relief work. Furthermore it has more recently become the policy of the nation-wide body that any financing of seminar delegates, scholarships to foreign students, etc., shall be done only with money "which would not be available otherwise" to the organization. This rules out such fund raising as may be done on the campus, so that financing of these projects has been due to the generosity of certain institutions and individuals.

I would be pleased if this fault could be made evident in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Signed John Brown
Pres. Dal WUSC Committee

We Live In Glass Houses Too!

Nobody was more pleased than your scribes at the results of the Purdy Cup football final at Antigonish. We think Dal's exuberance over the victory was entirely justified, and we were pleased at the exhibition of college spirit on Studley campus when the provincial champions returned game night. Unfortunately, our pleasure was somewhat marred by the derogatory views expressed in the leading story which appeared in last week's Dalhousie Gazette. Our candid opinion is that the article in question did not express the sentiments of the campus at large.

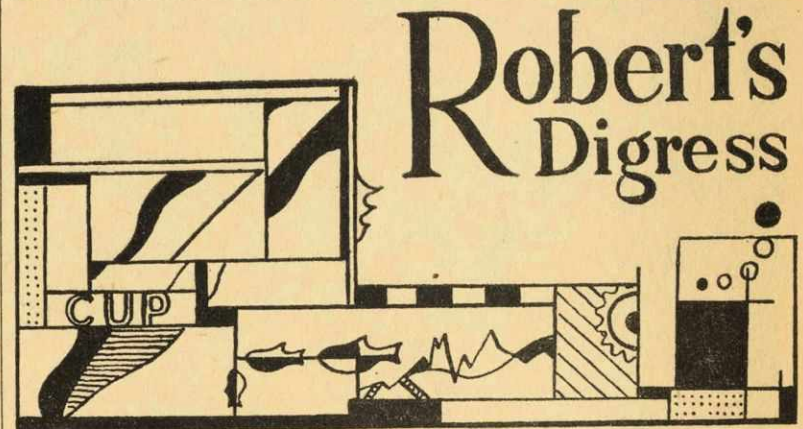
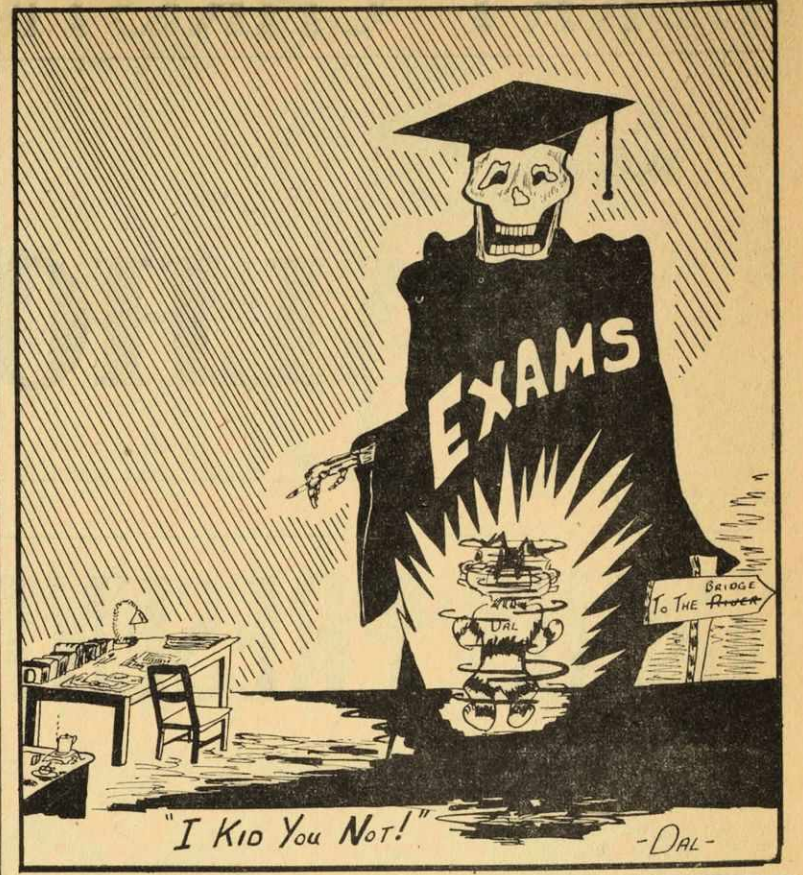
It has been generally acknowledged and we agree that the attitude adopted by certain players on the St. F.X. team left quite a bit to be desired when it came to post-game sportsmanship. This was unexpected in view of the St. F.X. reputation for being good losers as well as good winners, and we suspect that the majority of the "X" players did not condone the poor showing of their teammates.

The charge that "the only cheering the fans did was when a Dal player was injured" is largely, if not entirely, false. On the odd occasion that a Dal player was injured, he received the usual sporadic burst of applause that injured players are accorded by fans in recognition of their efforts. Any booing that emanated from the St. F.X. cheering section on Saturday, November 27, was certainly matched by Dal supporters when the Tigers played their home game against St. F.X. at Studley a few weeks before.

Too Wrongs Don't Make a Right

Every crowd of sports fans has its few fanatics. We have them at Dal as well as St. F.X. Two weeks ago we got a big laugh out of the cartoon in the Gazette emphasizing the American influence on the St. F.X. team. However, this cartoon, combined with the admitted taunting of the "X" team" with cries of O Canada by certain Dal fans indicates a narrow, immature approach, not to mention an obvious envy of St. F.X.'s good fortune. Dal football players have been among the first to admit that they would give their eye-teeth to have such outstanding players as Frank Shea, Mel Shea, "Packy" McFarland, and others on the Dal roster. And have we forgotten that our own coach, Al Thomas, hails from the U.S.A. and that his predecessor Keith King also called home, "south of the border".

Another accusation that the Halifax press unduly favoured the Xaverians is not entirely justified inasmuch as Dal's own Jack Lusher (former Gazette editor and now on sports staff of The Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star) bent over backward a good part of the season



U. of Sask.:

Let's face it: some of the profs on this campus out to be fitted with automatic choke. his would be activated by the ringing of the class bell at the end of the hour, and would cut off any prof who tried to discuss half a book after class time. This would give students a fighting chance to get to the next class on time.

And by the way, what is the idea of profs taking roll call? We pay to go to their classes and if we don't go, we don't ask for our money back, so what's it to them? Are they working on a commission? If students think they can pass without going to lectures, we say that, it's their lookout. In many classes, so many guys have to flunk anyhow. Many of the classes that people skip are classes they have to take whether they want to or not. What is the advantage of taking such classes? Students learn enough to pass, only to forget it as soon as they can. (Sheaf. Reprint.)

ED: I concur most emphatically with this democratic view. (The second one that is). It has been tried in various universities and it is the accepted "fashion" of doing things in European universities.

Also at U. of Sask.:

They recently held an inquiry on the campus: "Do you think parking restrictions on the campus are too severe?" But the funny part of it is that only people who did own a car were interviewed. ED: Now do you think this was very intelligent?

Alberta U.

Tuesday night, as usual, the Gateway copy, (their paper), was dropped just inside the University Printshop door. Wednesday morning as usual, the printers looked for the copy. But Wednesday morning as not usual the garbage collector got to the printshop before the printers. Result: Gateway copy to the garbage incinerator. ED: Now, wasn't that too bad!

Ryerson College:

The dress campaign launched a month ago by H. H. Kerr, the principal was climaxed and clarified this week when course instructors received explicit orders from the administration regarding the issue. The order told instructors "to refuse entrance to class to any male student not properly attired in collar and tie."

I still don't know how the "boys" took this order. But the girls had a field day! Next morning they were all showing off the new shirt and tie fad, and when the instructors called the roll, instead of answering the usual "present sir" — they were answering "shirt and tie sir." ED: Now, well, well, what next! On one campus, knee-high socks and toques on another shirt and

to be partial for the Tigers. Considering the hot-and-cold performance of the Dal team during the season we think that the sports staff of the local press gave them more than their fair share of support. Nobody can deny that most folks, including Dalhousians, had only faint hopes for a Tiger victory over the X-men on their home field.

Notwithstanding all the ballyhoo, pro and con, we refer you to a congratulatory message received from the president of the St. F.X. Students' Union, printed elsewhere in today's edition.

Sgn. Matt Epstein

tie. Here at Dal, nothing, that is, only the old ordinary usual thing. Why doesn't something drastic ever happen over here as it does everywhere else? Could something be wrong with our girls, or is something wrong with all the others?

U.N.B.:

What is happening over there, this week I had trouble finding his Lordship's name. It appears in not a single headline, it is moved to page five, and it only appears twice in a small 15-line article. Tut, tut . . . !

ED: This article has appeared in just about every college and university papers, so we may as well reprint it ourselves, here it is:

A Chemical Analysis from the Varsity:
Element—Dal women.
Formula \$\$\$

Natural state one of the most negative elements known, rarely found free, nearly always combined. This is one of the most abundant elements in nature, in as much as it constitutes 70 per cent of the earth's surface.

Method of Preparation—can be obtained for industrial purposes in combination with silver chloride and pure gold. In laboratories by means of thermos decomposition in the presence of a catalyst (cocktails) a fixed melting point has been established.

Physical Properties—in combustion as an igniter, is slightly soluble in water and easily dissolved in alcohol.

Chemical Properties—reacts to precious metals; can be a poisonous gas; in the presence of other elements of similar quality, explodes. Combines with all elements; engineers, architects, lawyers, writers teachers, etc. Easily recognized by color (blond, brunette, etc.) becomes discolored in hydrogen peroxide.

Uses—in war industries is a raw material of vital importance; in mathematics, an integral part of the triangle; in mechanical engineering, a dollar-consuming machine; in electrical engineering, a high tension conductor; in journalism, one of the best dailies, especially for the latest news; in jurisprudence, a counter-weight on the balance of justice; in chemistry, a catalyst.

Method of Obtention—possess a car, dress well, have a wallet full of large bills. If these requirements are too extravagant . . . wait—some day the price will come down.

Physiological Action—stimulant and extremely corrosive.



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