



The Diary of Sam Peeps

Oct. 9. To to the office of the Spectator, didst fine great activity; all at work. This prospect being distasteful to me I thus proceeded to the James wherein one may ever find a strange assembly content at their indolence. Espied one band, apart from the rest, intent on armouring themselves, as in readiness for battle. Upon inquiry I do find it is the Tabbies, Dull's resurgent warriors. After dinner upon the water to Bolt., thence by coach to the arena wherein I find great joy and talk to overthrowal. A great shout do arise as the multitude witness a new order of Tabby tyranny. They do crush Cutwater by dint of superior strategems and cunning use of the reserve legion in command of my Lords Murderer and Keen. A resounding triumph on the plain and one from which I gain great satisfaction having previously perused The Daily Mail and finding therein an opinion expressed by one Greener (the usurper of my name and copyright during my late absence). Wherein he didst shew continued bad sense by selecting the Fleet triumphant over the Tabbies. May he now continue in silence.

Oct. 11. (Thanksgiving) Up at noon, this being a holiday, resolved to spend the day in my chambers. No news stirring. Didst dine with my poor wife who expressed a desire to go to the Ball this evening. After dinner to the Ball, my wife remaining at home. Therein many comely wenches, said by some to be from Dull, though I know not how, having seen none but a few before. Passing strange how a few foreigners do bring forth these nocturnal creatures into their native element. A successful Ball whence I took my leave about one of the clock it being dark and foul weather.

Oct. 12. By coach to Dull, under loursing skies and threat of rain. To the Coffee-house infinite full of patrons who didst and shout of rugby. The fever is rampant, they make everlasting tribute to the valor of the Tabbies in their recent conquests.

Oct. 13. This morning didst hear great news of a rousing meeting of the rabble. 'Twas called by Tap the politicians son, their leader. Rumours of a lot unfolded to overthrow Inforest and clean up the Coffee-house. A most worthy suggestion, for such conditions as do prevail do more to the injury than the profit of the proprietor. At noon to my booksellers for a science manual which is now mightily called for: and what heretofore sold for \$3.00 I now give \$5.00. Thus mightily displeased to my home partake but lightly of a draught of sack, the same so generously provided me by the Spectator. And so to bed.

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Gazette Flashback from 1889

Gradually Dalhousie has been throwing off her share of our heritage from the dark ages, and has been adopting new ideas and methods of instruction, but still she clings persistently to some which, in our humble opinion, might be advantageously abolished. We refer particularly to the large number of subjects laid down in our curriculum as constituting a college course at Dalhousie. Here to be eligible for the degree of B.A. we are compelled to dabble in some twenty subjects and pass upwards of twenty-five examinations, and he who has undergone these ordeals in our university knoweth well that they are no mockery. To be sure the pass mark is very low, too low in fact, but would it not be far better to reduce the number of subjects and raise the mark. This is the plan on which the University of Edinburgh is constructed.

Compared with our existence here, we imagine Edinburgh must be the students Paradise. Seven subjects in all constitute an Arts course. With regard to these seven the laws are as those of the Medes and Persians, but there is at the present a commission sitting in Edinburgh with a view to revising the existing rules regarding compulsory subjects, and so they will soon enjoy all the advantages of an elective system. The pass mark at Edinburgh is, we believe, sixty.

Now take a glance at our Arts course. In this we are compelled to take thirteen rigidly assigned subjects and seven electives, twenty in all, being nearly three times the number required by the University after which history asserts Dalhousie was modelled. Here the students course is one of the most diverse subjects, during the greater part of his college career he is compelled to dip into mathematics, classics, science and philosophy, his mind is distracted with an infinite variety of pabulum which it is called upon to digest, and in due time he comes out from the mills of the gods a B.A. with a smattering of knowledge but without an education.

We admit that our lot has fallen in pleasant places compared with that of our predecessors, but we are the more desirous that our successors should enjoy still greater advantages, and that at no distant date we may be able to point to our Alma Mater as having a more advanced and enlightened system of education than any University in the Maritime Provinces.

How to Bag a Moose Without a Gun

Ran into a French Canadian army officer a while back who, between gulps of a well known beverage, was trying to impress a few awe-struck individuals with his ideas on the art of hunting. He was saying that he knew how to kill a moose without the aid of a gun. In actual fact, he claimed that he caught this particular beast with a fishing tackle.

Problems of a Pennypincher

For the benefit of Dalhousie student organizations the Gazette is pleased to supply the following instructions on how they may buy three five-cent rulers from the Campus Book Store, operated by Mr. Roy Atwood.

In order to avoid confusion, the instructions are outlined in six easy steps and may have been adopted from any one of Her Majesty's services or a government department, to wit:

1. Phone Bernie Sawyer, the secretary-treasurer of the Council of Students, to see if he'll be available to sign an order form.
2. Pay for it with your own money and get a receipt marked paid, and sworn to before a commissioner of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.
3. Ambush Mr. Sawyer when he returns home and extract therefrom, three copies of the order form.
4. (i) Get one copy signed by Mr. Sawyer
(ii) Get second copy signed by business manager of organization.
(iii) Take third copy to book store and have it receipted by Mr. Atwood.
5. Take third copy receipted by Mr. Atwood and return it to Mr. Sawyer, who will make out cheque to reimburse original spender.
6. Take cheque to president of Student Council who will countersign it. Brother, you've earned the fifteen cents.

Campus Comment

SHOULD INITIATION BE RESTORED TO DALHOUSIE

I think myself that Initiation is a very good thing, especially in a large university like Dalhousie; that is to say, if the razzing isn't carried too far. The placards are a good way to find out the names of the other freshmen, and people that meet in funny circumstances often form close friendship.

Gerry Proudfoot,
(1st year Dal Junior)

Yes, I certainly hope that initiation will be restored to Dalhousie. I was very disappointed on arriving here and finding that there was to be no initiation. It is a definite part of college life and I had looked forward to it so much. I know that I would have met more people, and had more fun that I have through the usual college activities.

Heather MacKay,
(Freshie-Soph..)

I know that the freshmen were let down this year because there was no initiation. As far as being in Residence goes, there are many new Masters Students and Student Nurses, and it's hard to tell them from the freshmen. I remember that in my first year, we were always doing something during the first week, but the freshmen this year looked so bored. I even noticed a couple doing English I themes over the weekend!

Barb Chepeswick
(Senior)

We, at King's, had a dandy initiation, and I think Dal would have done well to follow suite. In my opinion, it lowers a University's standard not to have initiation. A welcoming week is good, but it doesn't mean too much without some razzing. After you have left college, many things are forgotten, but you never forget your first week, and the friends you made through Initiation.

Ken Abbot,
(King's)

We definitely feel that Initiation should be restored at Dal. Our first week was nothing like we expected—we were looking forward to having a good time. If we had to go through Initiation right now, we'd be all for it; and as for the axle grease in our hair, etc., well, we were thinking of getting brush cuts, anyway!!

Rodney Crooks
Webster Campbell,
(Freshmen)

As Charlie watched, the poor thing backed up against a tree, and he rubbed, and he rubbed, and he rubbed, and he rubbed. As Charlie tells it, you can see it for yourself anytime—just walk into his home and there hanging on the wall is the old familiar moosehead.

—Woody Woodpecker.

Willie the Wanderer

Let me introduce Willie, the most average guy on the Dalhousie Campus. He is of average height, average weight, average intelligence and average opinions. Indeed, Willie is so average that he doesn't exist, except in my mind, because I have created him, I am putting him on the Campus to see what he will say, do, or, think, about things in general. I think Willie will be of great assistance to all of us, because he has that rare faculty of being so average that he can see both sides of a question without stressing a case more heavily on one side than the other. If you knew Willie you wouldn't like him at all, because he won't agree or disagree with you. He is a very uninteresting person. About all that can be said about Willie is that he gets around, and because he is so uninteresting you don't bother to see him. I am the only person who knows him, and that is because I am average like Willie. He tells me things and I will tell these things to you.

Now, the other day Willie went to the Freshman meeting, but nobody saw him. He was there just the same. Willie told me that it was quite an exciting session. He said that the Freshmen became quite indignant over the fact that they did not have a member of their own class on the Students' Council. They felt that a senior, and a girl into the bargain, did not constitute a fair representation. After all, what would she know about the Freshmen class? They even went so far, Willie told me, to vote by a majority of six, that the aforesaid girl take their complaint to the very next meeting of the Students' Council. This being done without their class officers

having been elected. The election was postponed because the Freshman class did not feel they knew each other well enough to vote for their class officers. Incidentally, Willie felt that this was a rather lamentable situation. He told me this in strictest confidence.

But, while Willie could see at first why the Frosh indignation was apparently justified, he decided, being of average intelligence, to look at the situation from the side of the poor befuddled senior. Willie told me that for a girl she had some gumption (guts to you).

Willie, saw in the Council constitution, that a Freshman representative would be elected from the outgoing Council to serve the new students coming to Dalhousie in the Fall. He, also, learned that she was one of the three that were returned to the Council from the previous year. He thought that because she had Council experience she could perhaps represent the Freshman Class after all, even if she was a girl. Willie, also, felt that the Freshmen needed a guiding hand when they were so unacquainted with each other, and because everything about Dalhousie was so new to them, whether they knew it or not. Willie told me that the Freshmen had lots of class spirit, and he thought that this would be the class that would abolish the use of the term "student apathy" from the campus for all time.

Next week when difficulties in this department have been settled, Willie will likely tell me something else that is going on at Dalhousie, and because I know Willie, I will tell you just what he says.

Missioners to Hold Interviews

The missioners will be in the following rooms from 2 to 3 p.m. for the duration of the mission, in order that students so desiring may have interviews with them:

- Mrs. Scott—Room 151 Arts & Administration Building.
- Mr. Gordon — S.C.M. Office, Men's Residence
- Canon Isherwood—Room 337 Arts & Administration Building.
- Dr. Graham—Forrest Building Arrangements have been made to follow up results of the mission in discussion groups.



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