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Why Dal Left The M.I.A.U.

Dalhousie has at long last announced its intention of withdrawing from the M.I.A.U. (Maritime Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union).

This decision was reached after the Annual Conference of the M.I.A.U. at Sackville last Wednesday. Dalhousie went to this meeting with the intention of introducing several motions to remove the existing restrictions placed on Dalhousie athletes by the M.I.A.U.

There was apparently a great deal of bad faith on the part of several of the delegations, who seemed obviously out to "limit" Dalhousie, because Dal has the largest available supply of potential athletes of any Maritime university.

At the end of the conference, the Dal delegates took stock of the situation, and found that, out of a total enrollment of 1,555 students, 1,237 of the male, they could enter only about 600 male students in inter-collegiate competition.

King's College, on the other hand, with a registration of around 200 students and an enrollment of around 100, could enter all these students in competition under the M.I.A.U. rulings, and, though it is hard to believe, could also enter any Dal students who happened to be resident at King's College Residence.

Here is how Dal's athletic strength is cut down by the M.I.A.U. rulings:

Students registered at Dal but enrolled at Kings	102
Students in professional schools and graduates	158

Total ineligible by these two regulations 660

At the conference the King's delegate, Dr. Dysart, proposed a resolution whereby students enrolled at Dalhousie but registered at King's College, could play for King's only. Hitherto, under the terms of the Dal-King's Agreement, students in this category could elect to play for either Dal or King's as they wished.

The proper way to amend a treaty, such as the Dal-King's Agreement, is to propose amendments for the consideration and approval of both parties, and then, and only then, to ratify the amendment.

King's has invented a new way: to go to some inter-collegiate organization and propose a resolution inconsistent with a section they dislike.

The Dal-King's Agreement was written to be observed, and if it is not observed in every respect it is useless. It is true that certain portions are badly in need of amendment, but that amendment should be by mutual agreement, not by unilateral action.

It is unlikely that the move of the King's delegation will find favour with the majority of the King's student body, and there should be some method of easing the tension such a move creates, should a similar incident occur in the future. An inter-student Council committee would give the students of one university an inlook into the thinking of the other, and prevent such tragic affairs before they happen.

Consideration should be given to the immediate set-up of such a committee composed of representatives of both Students' Councils to iron out such difficulties and solve outstanding differences before they reach the stage that one college will actually break the treaty between the student bodies at an intercollegiate conference.

Letter From the Editor

Gazette Office
Mar. 16, 1951

Dear Reader:

It's only fair that the editor should be allowed to write a letter instead of having them all written to him at least once in the year and the last issue is a safe enough place (no issue for retaliation).

I've six more gray hairs than when I took over this page in October and my nerves are non-existent but the doctor assures me that with the exam period to relax in I should recover sufficiently in order to lead a normal life once again.

There's one thing about this job and that is that it's broadening. You meet up with all kinds of people, from the perennial griper, (Continued in column five)

The Wavering Flame

"Out! Out! brief Candle"

Alone she stands beside the window bars,
 And in her broken eye a wistful star
 Of light, reflects the rising sun.
 Her's was the hand that for one thousand days
 Held England's royal sceptre when it played
 For Europe's fate . . . and in the gay
 Court of Henry, watched monarchies succumb.

I think her heart was shattered like the trees
 That in Epping wood stood withered by, as she
 And the great King lay in a tryst alone;
 Hearing his songs of love, while in her brain
 She thought of her unborn child again—
 Dreamed, perhaps, how it would humble Spain,
 Or of their love defying even Rome.

Hers was a mighty heritage of pain,
 A flagrant life, unsteady like a flame
 That burned in the iniquity of sin.
 The price of glory did not even dawn
 Upon her mind. There is no pawn
 For power's violence. Down
 Is the axe—and willows weep: "Boleyn!"

Conflict

Oh God why should we not
 With passion overcoming reason,
 Depart from all the cares of this earth?
 An earth wherin dwells all evil and little good.
 Where cruel beauty reigns
 And sweet simplicity is enshrouded by the dark of Hell.

What weakness clutches at the soul?
 What thought of freedom lies within?
 And yet what cowards men become
 When the thought of casting off the troubles of this world
 Do enter in their hearts.

Some it is through the depth of debt
 That weighs so greatly on their mind.
 Others tis the shame of some foul deed
 That sends them to a suicides grave.
 With me it is the pangs of despised love,
 Love that is so beautiful, and yet so cruel,
 Love that is laughed at, scorned at,
 Despised and loathed.

"What is love," they say.
 "What place hath such a word in a reign of maternal
 ecstasy?"
 "It is not a thing by which to set the standards of life
 and death.

"What is love, tis not of matter?"
 Oh fools, how great is the unconscious misery
 That you bestow on others,
 Others who hold dearer to their hearts
 A single star while you
 Engulfing all the heavens in your knowledge
 Sweat and toil for something that you know not of.
 You who have no time for happiness
 You indestructable initiators of loveless sorrow.
 Oh God what hidden evil didst thou leave to burst forth
 from man your creation?

A single star
 What love and happiness it can send into one's heart,
 And yet what destructive cruelty can be enforced upon it
 By the multitude of other glistening pools of radiance
 in the heavens.
 The darkness that enshrouds it,
 The evil in its midst,
 The materialistic world,
 No God no soul no love
 All is lost.

T. B. R.

who is continually wondering when Gray that was Henry VIII's third wife. A very nice lady I found something decent is going to be published to the person who think that well—it hasn't been a bad paper on the whole, but please don't quote him on it. You get serious articles and they wonder when you are going to run something funny, you run humorous articles and the brains ask for something with some meat on its bones. It's a strange world and the customer is always right.

Yes sir, I've learned a lot in this year. In fact, I've learned so much Journalism that I can now write jingles.

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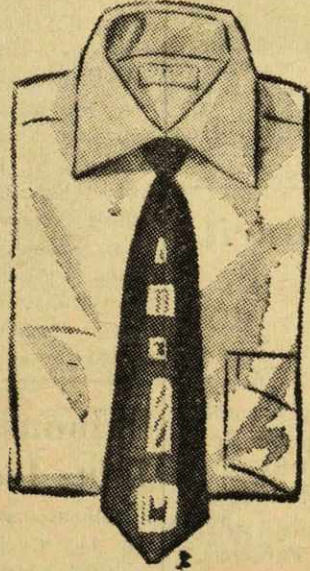
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