

THE BRIMMING CUP

by Denis Stairs

An editorial in Acadia's ATHENAEUM, now being published under the direction of newly appointed Editor-in-Chief, Philip Roberts, has clearly stated the paper's position with respect to the recent firing of Editor Donald Angus.

It called the Student Judicial Committee's decision to suspend Angus from his post "infamous" and "arbitrary", and described the evidence against him as "flimsy". "We are still fighting", the editorial maintained, "for an investigation into both the most peculiar circumstances surrounding the February 9 verdict, and also into the general workings of this judicial committee which seems to throw down its verdicts so arbitrarily." Twenty members of the Athenaeum staff had resigned, temporarily, on February 10 following the Committee's decision.

Editor-in-Chief David Robertson and City Editor Kerry Feltham of British Columbia's Ubysey have been suspended from their posts following investigation into a prank involving the removal of a painting from U.B.C.'s Brock Hall. The student court found them guilty of "conduct unbecoming a student" because of (1) Their demonstrated irresponsibility, and (2) Their disregard for the interests of other students. This brings to four the number of universities that have been involved in the suspension of student editors within the past year: Ottawa, Laval, Acadia and now British Columbia.

McMaster's Silhouette carried a report last week of a gigantic hoax that convinced the Faculty of Engineering its new building had been sold. A group of unidentified students, one of them a double for the university registrar, told the faculty in a private audience that the building had become the property of the Toronto investment firm of Samson and Samson. As the meeting progressed, detailed terms of sale were revealed, and the representatives of the fictitious company announced plans for converting the property into offices and a shopping centre. Messengers from the Board of Governors explained that the university could not afford to pass up the generous terms. Faculty members were completely taken in until the prank came to light when the real registrar was questioned further on the sale.

Five McGill Carnival Queen candidates got right down to splitting hairs last week when they judged McGill's annual beard growing contest. Fondling what the Daily called "each fuzzy entry" to determine its texture, the girls were wide-eyed at the boys' talent. Comments on the growth of winner Malcolm Stone ranged from "Ooooooh, furry!" to "Mmmmm, the shape!" Stone, having out-whiskered over twenty competitors, gleefully accepted his prize—an electric shaver.

It seems that the University of Toronto is literally "falling apart". Toronto building inspectors have told the administration that there are "structural weaknesses in at least five major parts" of the University College Building, and have advised university officials that the city would undertake demolition unless repairs are begun at once. The cost of replacing rotted areas has, according to the Varsity, been roughly estimated at \$2,000,000.

A Do-It-Yourself Project

Dal Medical Book Bureau

by GREGOR MURRAY

Nearing the end of a long season of apathy-combatting, the Dalhousie Pepecats are able to look back on a year notable both for its successes and for its failures. In some cases the results have been better than anticipated, in others considerably worse. Overall, though I think the year may be counted as successful.

Things got off to a good start at the very first football game of the year. The best band to be found at Dal in recent years appeared, leading our now deceased Tiger and a spirited Freshman class, and has continued to make a most significant contribution, albeit spasmodically, at both football and hockey games up to the time of this writing. A particular good performance was put on at the hockey game in Acadia, where they performed well in competition with a larger and more practiced Acadia band.

The year's next major manifestation of spirit occurred two weeks later when a Dalcom sponsored

train carries over 200 loyal Dal supporters to Antigonish, where they valiantly cheered the football team in a losing cause.

With vocal manifestations of enthusiasm reaching a discouragingly low level at the Saturday games, it was decided to hold a street parade on Friday evening November 14. Hindered by wet weather for the second year in a row, the parade, which shall probably become an annual affair, nevertheless was well supported and did much to add fervor to Studley spirits.

The next day's game saw the most successful support-raising innovation of the year put into use. This

simply consisted of abolishing the notorious reserve section on the north side of the stands and thereby permitting Dal supporters to sit in one highly-vocal block. The results, aided in no small degree by the appearance in a group of some of the fraternities and societies, were most gratifying, seeing the fans solidly behind the Tigers as they won their biggest, and unfortunately last, victory of the year. Commendation should also go to the Engineers, who staged the year's first successful cremation.

Anti-apathy activity maintaining itself at a high rate, the next week saw the now-famous Tiger-nappers strike, and our beloved Tiger spirited away. This ingenious stunt, which aroused great interest and publicity around the campus, has certainly been the best stunt of its kind to be performed at Dalhousie in many a year, and its perpetrators despite the frustration complexes which they developed in some, deserve great credit. Final chapter in this tale was, of course, sent to the publisher after Christmas, when the announcement of the donation of the soon-to-be-presented Apathy Award was made. This award, purchased with the ransom money from the Tiger, should go far in future years to promote individual initiative in dealing with our apathy problem.

The saddest portion of the Tiger's long tail was written near the end of January, when he was completely dismembered while trying to divide his loyalties between Dalhousie and Tech. However, it is hoped that a new and more virile successor will be appearing on the scene in the near future, and one-and-all are looking forward to his debut.

Delta Gamma made their big contribution of the year when they produced a Tiger based on female forms. This wily beast, who possesses many talents which could never be ascribed to the late-lamented, has done noble service at the last few hockey games. It is hoped that he (she? it? they?) will perform until the end of the season, for they can wiggle their tail in a manner never approached by our former feline.

And so the year has gone to date. The Acadia trip, our most recent excursion was the scene of more gay rivalry, and much the best enthusiasm of the year was shown. A good example was set for us by Acadia, and we would do well to follow their lead. Playoffs are here; let's get out and cheer.

Dalhousie Combats Apathy

by LIBBY MAYALL

Unfortunately they don't publish pamphlets on how students can run a bookstore on their own. Yet it can be done successfully. Med students may not be noted for their interest and participation in student activities but quietly and efficiently they have organized and firmly established the Dalhousie Medical Book Bureau.

Having catered to the needs of the Meds since 1946, the Book Bureau, although hidden away in the basement of the Medical-Dental Library runs an active business. Established for the purpose of retailing medical textbooks and instruments for the convenience and profit of the members of the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society, it is entirely operated by undergraduate medical students. Each year two co-managers are appointed by the Society's Executive from among the applicants. Continuity in the management has been maintained by the policy of making the junior co-manager the senior co-manager for the following year. The choice of applicants is based upon their ability as a student and their financial needs. Thus two deserving students are given employment during the year which will not hinder their studies.

Originally intended as a means of benefit to D.M.S.S. members through lowered prices, the Book Bureau has never been used as a revenue producer for the Society. At the moment medical students can buy their texts at 10% less than the list prices anywhere else, while a 5% reduction is offered to the nurses and residents at the hospitals. Initially medical instruments and mimeographed lecture notes were also part of the stock. But due to increasing losses on the mimeographed notes, their production and sale

was abandoned as being an unprofitable business venture. Recently the Bureau has branched out by offering supplies of stationery to the students at prices less than those elsewhere. Together with looseleaf binders and scribblers, one can also buy ink, Scotch tape, filing cards and all the other items students deem essential. Although not open all the week, the hours of business have been found to be adequate, being from 1-2 p.m. on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and every day during the first two weeks of the year.

Having an inventory of \$5,000 in 1949 which was considered too high by the auditors for a business concern of this type, it has now been reduced to \$2,500. This reduced level is maintained by means of returning the unsold books to the publishers, who will allow this as the Bureau is a student operation not an established business for profit. The sales during each year average about \$20,000., allowing after the payment of the managers' salaries, a profit of about \$350. which the Society returns to the Bureau for their surplus

account. It has been found that a surplus account of \$2,500 is necessary to avoid the embarrassment from hounding creditors. During 1957, a cash register was added, which greatly facilitated recording of sales and was deemed essential for accurate balancing of the books. Having found that allowing credit to the students was not profitable because of the accumulation of debts, the Bureau is now run on a cash basis.

These few pertinent facts have been offered to illustrate that a student-operated bookstore is possible. The essentials are that the profits should be returned to the students in the form of reduced prices, and that the managers and operators should be paid a salary plus a small percentage of the profits as an incentive for the operation of an efficient business. The Bureau, through trial and error, has found that a no-credit basis, a cash register and the elimination of the production and sale of mimeographed notes are also assets to the operation of a student business venture.



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