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Letter to The Editor

Dear Sir:
May I reply to Mr. G. H. Gray's letter printed in your last issue of the Gazette? Personally, I think it is a waste of time, but I do not want to disappoint the gentleman who has kindly invited me to reply.

Dear Mr. Gray:
Your questions assume that I advocated incorporation of Bermuda and the British West Indies into Canadian Confederation. This assumption is unfounded and erroneous.

You neither heard nor read my "especially interesting speech", and you recognized (how amazing) the great probability of misinterpreting a passage read out of context, yet you proceeded to pronounce as biased and unfair MY VIEWS of which you had no knowledge. This reveals stupidity.

You spoke of struggling for your "freedom"; of the right to govern ourselves... of the purposelessness of "exchanging one MASTER FOR ANOTHER." Does Canadian Federal-Provincial relationship suggest a denial of your right to freedom and self government? And how do you read into it this idea of MASTERSHIP? Then you tempted to draw an analogy between this proposed incorporation and a man about to form a company. How can you?

This shows that you do not have the vaguest of the meaning of Canadian Federalism. This might be excusable, but why did you have to display such competent ignorance.

I should refrain from discussing purely West Indian affairs in a Canadian campus paper, but did you hear the Quebec Christmas for the islands? So the people live comfortably, eh. Well, well... There should be no need for the "bloody sacrifices" (of which you spoke in your letter) to ensure a change of administration, should there be. You must be careful Mr. Gray and not fall victim of these emotive expressions so characteristic of the old line radicalism.

You spoke of authority. I could refer you to two works of Dr. Eric Williams (a native Trinidadian) on: 1. Capitalism and Slavery. 2. The Negro in the Caribbean (a less technical work). However, I suggest that your time could be more profitably spent on your courses.

Your letter revealed the ebullience of the West Indies. Take 5 points of this. With respect to the rest of it, I say: "Blow Trade Winds Blow".

Surely, I doubt the propriety of the proposed incorporation, but I certainly do not do so for the reason your letter suggests.

Thank you kindly, kindly,
Be. Th. Douglas

Letters to The Editor

The Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette.
Dear Sir:

Although two telephone numbers are listed in the directory, there is but one telephone in the Men's Residence which the resident students can use—that in the vestibule of the front entrance. It is only through this telephone that the residents can receive calls and since the residence is their home it is but common courtesy that they be notified when called. Many incoming calls are received by non-residents and dismissed with a curt "I'm sorry I don't know him" or "he isn't around"—without taking the least trouble to inquire.

On Tuesday night a telephone call came for a resident—a call which was answered by one of the Dal "girls" attending the Sadie Hawkins' bridge party in the Men's Common Room. When asked to tell him that he was wanted on the telephone, she replied with a "cute" little giggle and then had her several companions add their equally intelligent gems of wisdom. After five minutes of this, one of the many boys standing in the hallway was asked to transfer the call to the resident. This incident would not be out of place in a school for children of twelve years and under, but it is hardly to be expected—or tolerated—in a university. Perhaps these "girls" were using Dogpatch manners for the occasion of Sadie Hawkins' week, but it is doubtful whether they know any others to use. To these girls we offer the suggestion that their next purchase be a book of etiquette lest they give to everyone else the impression that they were "drug up by the scruff of the neck"—to use language that they should readily comprehend.

On behalf of the residents I wish to thank all those who have cooperated in the past in making this inconvenient system work as smoothly as possible and to take this opportunity to solicit the help of everyone in making it still more convenient.

Bill MacPherson,
President of the House
Committee,
Men's Residence

Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette.
Dear Sir:

Allow me space in your esteemed paper to protest against a custom that has grown into great popularity in recent years. That custom is printing letters to the editor. It strikes me as hardly fair to your readers to take up space with trash contributed by a cynical public who usually have nothing to say.

Most of the people who write letters to the editor don't add anything to any issue. They merely say what everyone else is saying but in their own, usually illiterate, way. The others go so deeply into a matter that they can't extricate themselves and as a result spend hours thinking of an impressive name to sign, with hopes of giving their story some dignity in origin which it doesn't possess in logic.

Now, Mr. Editor, printing letters to the editor belies the fact that you haven't other matter to fill up the space with. And as no one reads either the letters or what otherwise would fill up the space, why not print what would otherwise fill up the space thus making the letters to the editor the material that would otherwise fill up the space.

Thanking you for your space,
I remain,
Yours truly,
Sunova Gunn

P.S.—I also have no patience with people who don't give their proper name.

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On Pakistan Films

About 30 people ignored snow and gales Wednesday night to see four films in the Arts building describing the five-year-old state of Pakistan.

Among those present were Dr. A. E. Kerr, president of the university; Prof. Aitchison of the Political Science department and Prof. Hendry of the Faculty of Law.

The films depicted the tremendous development in industrialization and rapid social and educational strides which the country has made since it hoisted its national flag on Aug. 15, 1947.

The films were shown by Mr. Ahmed, native of Pakistan, who is presently a post graduate student in law in this university.

Huge irrigation projects, jute mills, sugar cane factories, pulp mills, imposing and magnificent buildings revealed the dynamic drive for development which exists despite the fact that 62 per cent of the nation's goes to defense. After the showing of the films and listening to Indian songs and music, Mr. Ahmed spoke to the audience for a few minutes. He explained that the showing of the films was an attempt to introduce his country to Canada.

Mr. Ahmed extolled Canadian hospitality and warm friendliness making specific reference to the Canadian embassy in Karachi, the immigration officials at Dorval, Quebec, and Dean Read of the Law school, who, said Mr. Ahmed, "was at the station to meet me although I arrived here at the dead of night."

Mr. Ahmed spoke briefly on the reason for the partition of India into Pakistan and India and expressed great hopes for the combined development of Pakistan as an independent State. He commented that communism had found no fertile ground in Pakistan. He thought this was because communism is regarded by his people as a goddess creed while the strength and hopes of his people are basically of a spiritual and religious course.

Fred Cowan, second year law student, was electrician and projectionist for the evening and Ned Cyr, president of the Law Society, was master of ceremonies.

February 2, 1953

The Editor of the Dalhousie Gazette,
Studley Campus,
Dalhousie University.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial on the Health Service, issued Friday, January 30, was a timely one and should go far in acquainting the students with the benefits as well as the limitations. Unfortunately, your information regarding hospital benefits was taken from an old issue of the Dalhousie Calendar.

Ward rates, at the Victoria General Hospital, are now six dollars per day and the student is reimbursed at that rate for five days covering any one illness.

The hospital also charges ward patients a nominal laboratory, x-ray and operating room charge, if these facilities are used. At the present time these nominal charges are the responsibility of the student.

Apart from the minor correction the service is outlined accurately.

Yours sincerely,
W. A. Murray, M.D.,
Students' Health Service.
Director.

TIME FOR EVERYTHING

"People sometimes say to me, 'You must be so busy that you can't have a moment to yourself'. Well, I always answer 'One can always make time'. I don't know whether you'll agree with me about this, but I've always believed that for the things you really want to do, there's always time. — (Lady Tweedsmuir, M.P.).

A REMINDER FOR THE VICAR

"One delightful item of the archives is a large hour-glass that was installed around the middle of the sixteenth century to regulate the length of the vicar's sermons. The Verger tells me that when that glass ran out the congregation left whether the sermon was finished or not." — (Stanley Maxted, the well-known Canadian broadcaster, speaking over the BBC.)

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This coming Monday, the 16th the Med Society will be holding their second Annual Banquet at the Nova Scotian Hotel beginning at 6.30. This was a new venture last year and proved very successful and we hope to make it more so this year. All Med students should plan to attend and we hope there will be a large representation from the faculty. Besides a delicious turkey dinner an attractive programme has been lined up. Major W. C. Borrett of "Tales Told Under the Old Town Clock" fame will be our guest speaker and Dr. R. J. MacDonald, the oldest doctor in general practice on P.E.I. will be the guest of honor. Gordon Crandall and the famed Pine Hill Quartette will offer musical selections. All this and more for the sum of \$1.00, so come on Meds, make this a MUST next week. Tickets can be obtained from the Dean's office or your class president.

With the social activities of the two Medical Fraternities over for the year, our attention is more towards the books. The first year are getting over their Anatomy paper, a big hurdle while the second year plugs away at the Pathology. "Willard, ha' you got 'hat now" has been a familiar cry in the lab of late. Third year are content with their lot as they usually are, and fourth year are busy preparing for their Dominion Councils. Unlike a number of universities, Dalhousie does not confer a degree until after the intern year though the Dominion Councils papers which if successfully passed enables one to practice anywhere in this Dominion, are written at the end of the fourth year.

Sports: This week the Meds defeated the Engineers 7-2, this being the best opposition we have encountered this year. Phil Jardine was the pick of the forwards with three goals and one assist, this in spite of a wrenched shoulder. Smith and Weir were outstanding on defence.

Law "A" nosed out the Med "A" team in a closely contested, fast game on Wednesday. Henderson picked up 12 points for Law while Wickwire was high scorer for the Medics. Med "B" lost 32-23 to Law "B". McConnell with his 16 points was "hot" for Law and Bob Millar played an outstanding game for the locals netting 8 points.

Let's Be Serious

Every day on the radio and in the newspapers there are stories about the many troubled areas of the world. Very few listeners or readers know the history, life or culture of the people living in these areas, or the work done by United Nations to help them. A very easy and pleasant way to learn is provided by the motion picture and the filmstrip. Six new filmstrips, produced by Life Magazine, recently added to the library are Yugoslavia, Iran, New Indonesia, Israel, Korea 2333 B.C.-1951 A.D., and South Africa and its Problem. The geography and culture of other parts of the world can be seen through many of the motion pictures available. The work of the United Nations can best be illustrated in the series entitled "The United Nations Screen Magazine", of which vols. 1 to 9 are available. If you wish to study any of these areas why not let us help you?

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY

"I never found anyone in America make disparaging remarks about England, except jokingly. Of course, many people are very ignorant of it. When my husband's secretary got married, at the wedding, her mother said to me: 'You're foreign, ain't you? Did you study our language before you came over?' I said: 'Yes—do you think I'm making progress?' — (Monica Dickens, the well-known author and great grand-daughter of Charles Dickens).

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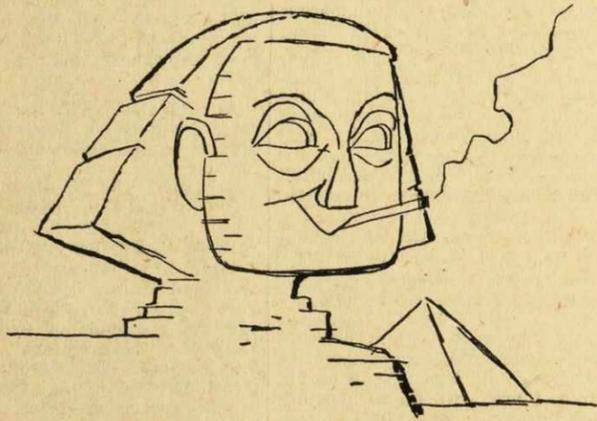
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