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GAZETTE, ATHENAEUM PLAY TIE BASKETBALL (?) GAME AT ACADIA

Last Wednesday night in the cozy confines of Acadia University's Memorial gym, made more cozy by the plaided personalities there present, two arch rivals, the Acadia Athenaeum and the Dalhousie Gazette, played to a 33-33 tie in a game that was called basketball by its inventor, James Naismith. "Pinwheel" Naismith it is now, as he has hardly stopped turning over in his grave after this farcical spectacle.

The game drew a large crowd to witness the friendly rivalry between the college weeklies. The Acadians, who imagined themselves tops, never had a chance against Peel and his tartaned dandies of both sexes, though at some stages of the game you couldn't tell which was what from who.

Kilts for the occasion were loaned to the Gazette by Nova Scotia Tartan Limited, and the sprightly appearance of the Dalhousians threw terror into the hearts of their opponents.

The hosts were mystified by the Gazette's style of play, and when they unscrambled themselves to distinguish who had the ball, Dal had already pulled into a 13-12 half-time lead. Dave Moon, with his skirts swishing proficiently waltzed through the Athenaeum squad to the muted strains of muffled laughter and horrendous shrieks to notch up six baskets, or six points, or something. In a game like this who keeps score?

Editor Peel, looking on the affair with a jaundiced eye (the other was on his four female mates) nonchalantly looked about, spotted the basket (the right one) and hooped up two points, which was as far as he could count at that stage of the game.

Loanne Young and Betty Murphy, wearing their skirts to much better advantage than either Peel or Moon, netted two and one points respectively—if that was the way it was done (Star reporter Dig Nichols wasn't looking, and you know these Acadia men from the Gaspereaux Valley!)

Jim Goring, lacking only a brogue to make him a Scot, managed to squeeze in between Ted Withers and the girls and net (or grab) two points through the hoop.

In the second frame of this craze contest, the Acadians put on the pressure and momentarily stopped the Bengal brigade (into the valley of death!) as they tried to play serious basketball (that was serious basketball?) but we fooled them, boy. The referee, who was Acadia varsity player Jim Mosher, notched his two points and the Ath was well into the lead—one point. Nancy Lane and her all girl team for an instant distracted the men on the other side as she attempted to make the ball go into the basket. With such poise and stamina no wonder the Acadian crew was tired out.

Dalhousie won hands down as far as beauty was concerned; what with John Nichols' legs, need we say more?

But back to basketball. Acadia scored a few points on our girls by

using he-man tactics—editor Tom Smith tied them all up in the corner while the others threw the ball at the basket. It was a nip and tuck them under the chin, but Acadia would have none of it, and stuck to basketball, or so they said.

In a hectic finish Moon and Pete Bennet froze the fans with fear as they reached higher and higher heights in dropping the ball by the basket. Were those kilts held up by tradition or were they not? Tune in next game.

A free-for-all finish which included a stampede of Dal girls and Acadia's two extra players along with some over anxious spectators led one to believe that with the score tied 33-33 good will if nothing else came out of the game.

At a party following the game the Acadians were extended an open invitation to come to Dalhousie for a like encounter, if the boys could keep the kilts torn away by exuberant souvenir hunters—well, that's what they said they were.

Acadia also scored.

Dalhousie Gazette 33: Bennett 8, D. Nichols 8, Moon 10, Peel 2, Goring 2, Young 2, Murphy 1, Withers, J. Nichols, Bogart, Morse, Lane, Kerr (not Dr.), Diachuk, Eaton, Davies, Millar, Levine. Whew!

Acadia Atheneum 33: Buckley 5, Angus 10, Cameron 5, Olsen 6, Clements 6, Ref. Mosher 2, Crowe, MacIntosh 1, Smith 0.

OPEN LETTER TO STUDENT BODY

Fellow Students:

The question of an increase in Student Union fees on this campus is one of long standing. Always the question has been, "Do we need an increase?" The answer is, as I see it, "yes and no."

The Council of Students, being the top administrative student body, supplies organized extra curricular activities to the student population for spare time interest, recreation and relaxation. Such activity is regarded as beneficial because it is healthy, builds character and provides experience in a variety of endeavours. Properly conducted student activity not only contributes greatly to the community life of the University but is a desirable means for good public relations with those off campus interested in University life.

If the Student Body does not wish the Council to continue to foster such student activity or if they wish the Council merely to operate on a year to year basis with strong possibilities of curtailment of some activities in the near future, then the answer to the need for student increase in fees is, of course, no.

However, if the Student Body wishes extra curricular activities to not only be maintained but put on a proper basis for future operations than the answer to an increase in fees is very definitely yes.

Operating on the assumption that we wish to continue student activity we must decide how much of an increase is needed and to what uses the increased revenue will be put. This presents and allows for a variety of solutions.

When the Dalhousie Memorial Rink was built in 1950 the students here at that time pledged to the Rink Fund the sum of \$10,000. To date, approximately \$2000 of that debt has been paid. It would thus appear that a portion of the increased revenue should be earmarked for the purpose of paying the remaining \$8000 and honoring the student pledge.

At the same time, provision should be made for the possible construction of a student union building. The erection of a Union Building where students can gather for various campus activities is essential. The stimulus and initial support for such a building should come from the students themselves. The building would include as a start, cafeteria facilities, reception rooms for visiting teams, delegations and general student use, offices for the various campus organizations, and eventually even an auditorium could be added for Convocation purposes, Glee Club productions and the like. To some this may seem like wishful thinking but it is possible and with the proper financial foundations being laid now it is indeed probable.

The present Council organizations are existing but are in need of reorganization and, most important, considerable capital expenditure must be made to put them on a sound, efficient and productive basis. It should be realized that the cost of maintaining organizations has risen considerably over the past few years, while our union fees have remained unchanged. It is therefore apparent that an increase in fees must be forthcoming or a curtailment of some activities must be expected.

As it can be seen there are three important uses for the increase in fees. Recognizing these and incorporating them into a plan, the following suggested source and application of funds is submitted for your opinions and comments. This is NOT the only way but it is one way and with improvements and suggestions by next year's Council students on this campus can look forward to greater benefits from the activity point of view.

Figuring on a basis of 1500 students at an increase in fees of three dollars, Council could expect to receive an additional revenue of \$4500 per year.

Suggested application of the increased revenue:

Rink Debt:

Apply \$2000 per year for three years, this together with contributions of the Rink Rats and a percentage of the Gate Receipts during that time would eliminate the rink debt completely.

Activities:

Three years at \$1500 per year would allow for organizations to make necessary capital expenditures such that students would be able to enjoy with greater benefit their chosen activity. In addition after the rink debt was cleared additional funds would be available so that Council could provide free or at reduced rates activities and events that students must now pay for such as skating, Glee Club productions and some dances.

Student Union Building:

Three years at \$1000 per year after which \$2000 could be applied to this fund. At the end of 10 years this fund would be approximately \$15,000 and with accrued interest would very likely be \$18,000. This together with the present reserve of \$16,000 and accrued interest would provide the initial money required to start a union building. By this time too, a fund for such a building might be started. Some students may object to the proposed use of funds for a student union building but it must be realized that this is a long term view and at least the students now attending can feel that they were instrumental in laying the financial foundations for such a building.

It is hoped that this brief might be used as a basis for constructive opinions on the value and need for, and the application of, an increase in Student Union fees.

KEN MOUNCE,
President,
of the Student Council.

Elections for All Major Campus Positions on Tuesday, March 5th

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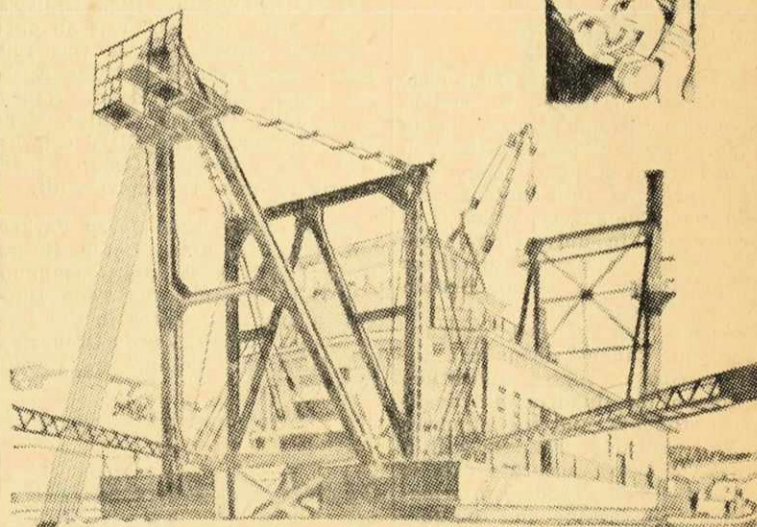
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