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# PUT UP OR SHUT UP

These words are not intended for those who have already decided to east ballots in the coming council elections. They are, however, quite definitely intended for the surprisingly large percentage who will avoid the polls. Among those who will remain absent there will be a small percentage not interested in campus affairs. For such conscientious objectors there will be some small excuse for abstinence. But for those who take part in extracurricular activities, and who wish to have anything at all to say about campus administration, there is little excuse for not voting. To such abstainers we say,, Don't vote! After all, it is your right to choose. But to them, also, we wish merely to say, Keep quiet next year!

## EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

An open letter to the Students

Last week, Student's President Hamilton issued the statement that a plebiscite to raise the Dal Student's Council Fee to \$17. would go before the student body on election day. At first glance the natural reaction is one of disfavor -- the thought of having to pay \$7.00 more to attend school next year, but on investigation, any student who views with pride the accomplishments of the Glee Club, the Gazette. The Student's Council, Sodales, the D.G.A.C. and the D.A. A.C. will become an ardent supporter of the raise.

In the report made by a joint committee of the Senate A)hletic Committee, after an exhaustive study in which every Canadian unversity was contacted, it was shown that Dalhousie's present fee was the lowest figure in Canada -- in fact, the proposed advancement would still leave us amongst the lowest!

That we have been running on a shoe string is no secret to anyone active in campus affairs. It is no secret to anyone who has had to endure the night-long meetings cutting down budgets to keep them within our sparse limits. Before the current price rises it was possible to carry on a restricted programme, now it is impossible. I hesitate to think where the athletic programme would have been this year, if the students had not passed the

extra \$1,700. from the sinking fund, for the replacement of equipment, in the plebiscite held last year

The students of Dalhousie must pay for their coaching services, 3100.00 a week for ice during the hockey season, and next year may have to pay for an athletic field --- at any rate, we can't play our games on our own field, which puts an added burden on the Students. At other Canadian Universities these services are supplied by the univers-

If the present standard of Student Activity is to be maintained this plebiscite must pass with not just a majority but an overwhelming majority. The future of the name of Dalhousie is in the hands of the present students let us hope that they investigate the matter, and act wisely.

Sincerely,

T. B. (Windy) O'Neill, President, D.A.A.C.

Dear Sir:

I have just read the "Campus Roundup" column of February 20 in which your correspondent advocates a revision of the "D" system. He states that glee club awards should not be placed in the same classfication as athletic "D"s which require "a

lot more in sweat and effort."

His arguments are both unjust and unreasonable. Your correspondent is unjust to the many energetic glee club workers who put so much "sweat and effort" in their many achievements. He complains that glee club awards are gained in the "warmth and cleanliness of gym basements" as opposed, perhaps, to the cold, muddy atmosphere of Studley field. The writer did not mention practice in a stuffy, unhealthy gym basement as opposed to football drill in the invigorating afternoon air of Studley.

Your correspondent is also most unreasonable. He cites the "Blood and Guts" and "nervous and physical" requirements of athletics on the one hand, and the glee club atmosphere of "cajolery" and "non-urgency" on the other: football is a nightmare of nervous tension, dramatics a veritable picnic. If the glee club practised "As You Like It" and "Dear 'Ruth" amidst mere fun and laughter, their perfermances are even more remarkable than was at first realized.

The writer places a premium on physical achievement or mishap. Is this the yardstick of the coveted "D" award? The award is granted for manifesting a high degree of college spirit of which athletic display is only one means. Your correspondent would award the highest recognition of college spirit to those who succeed in sports alone. The most enthusiastic and perseveing glee club member would have to take second place to the "spirited" Studley stalwarts.

The glee club has most certainly done its share to promote college spirit. Let its most energetic workers be recognized to

> Sincerely, John P. Martin

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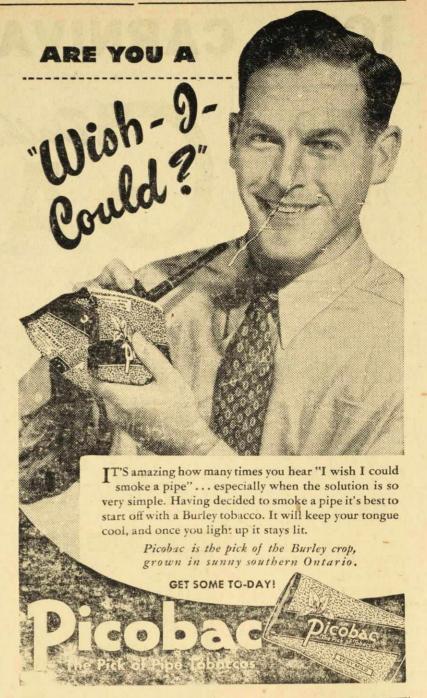
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