

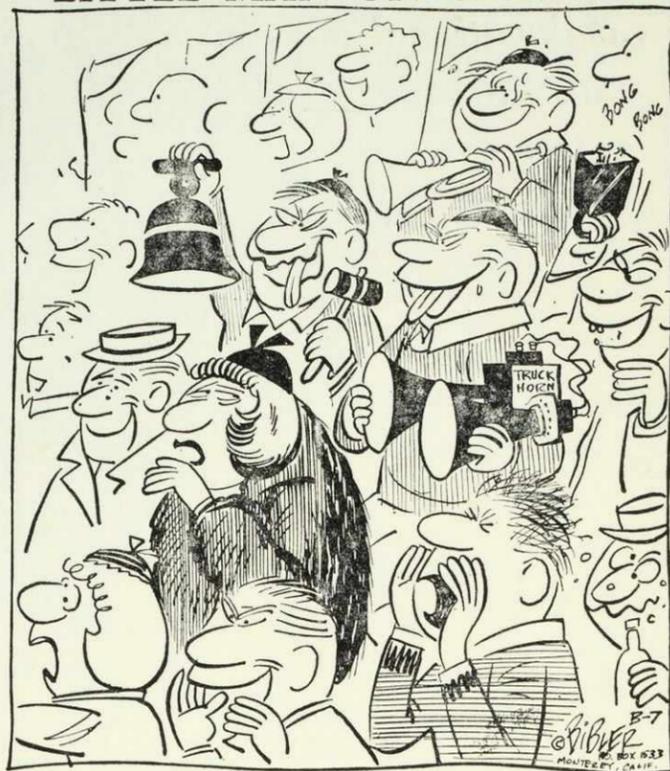


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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"LET'S GO JOHN, WE'RE IN SCORING POSITION AGAIN — I DON'T THINK I COULD GO THRU ONE MORE TOUCHDOWN!"

A Wary Welcome

An another year is begun in the history of Dalhousie, we have the pleasure of welcoming to our faculty many new members. During the summer months the administration has succeeded in obtaining the services of forty-five new professors. To these people we bid a hearty welcome and add our hopes that they will enjoy their stay at the heart of the Maritimes.

Yet we cannot help but temper our enthusiasm, for their arrival with a certain amount of skepticism. We are indeed glad that these men have chosen Dalhousie a place to place to pass on their knowledge to future generations of Canadians. But like all students we learn from experience and the lessons of history have made us only too well aware of the fact that these men may decide to look elsewhere for employment in the not-to-distant future. It is very possible that this years influx of professors marks only a temporary turn of the tide which caused so much concern among the student body last year. It is our sincerest hope that this tide does not go out again.

And so we hope, gentleman, that you will enjoy the associations which you will develop with members of the student body, that you will find Halifax a pleasant place to live, and that you will be able to tolerate our rather miserable climate.

We hope also that you will show an equal amount of tolerance towards our academic climate.

An Overdose Of Sensationalism

Last week C.J.C.H. radio changed their programme format. In an effort to increase their popularity among the listening public they introduced new commercials, singing station breaks, and a host of electronic sounds. They also included among their changes a feature which we consider to be unnecessary and useful only in contributing towards the unrest of the average citizen. We are referring to the radiation level readings which are given with each weathercast.

In recent months the threat of a nuclear war has increased due to the Berlin crisis. Newspaper magazines, radio and television have repeatedly warned us that such a war may soon be inevitable. They point to the Russian decision to begin testing nuclear weapons in the atmosphere and warn us of the dangers we may soon encounter due to radioactive fallout. The effects of the atomic bombs on Heroshima and Nagasaki are constantly being discussed in an effort to make us aware of the utter horror and distruction of nuclear weapons.

The result of this campaign has been to terrify the general public. The average citizen

has become desperately afraid of what will happen if there is a war. Many people have tried to prepare themselves for the worst by building fallout shelters in their basements. Governments too have shown how afraid they are by practicing emergency evacuation procedures. Civil defence corps have set up escape routes which would supposedly help ease the panic created by a sudden attack.

All these things have contributed to unrest and worry among most Canadians, who now fear that they may die very shortly. And now in an attempt to capitalize on this wave of panic we find local radiation level readings being given.

What good will they do? As long as the reading is normal they serve as a comforting thought to our already worried citizen. But in addition they make him more conscious than ever that there may soon be fallout danger right here in the Halifax area. Such thoughts are far from comforting and they serve to create more worry and tension among a troubled public.

And suppose that the reading did change from normal to dangerous. What then? What good would it do to throw the city into a panic when so few people could do anything about the problem. Very few citizens of this area have fallout shelters and very few are well versed in fallout survival. In short a city would have been terrorized, but to no avail.

So we suggest that C.J.C.H. think of the effects of their sensationalism. Let them consider the harm they are doing and will continue to do as long as they maintain these broadcasts. Then hope that they will show their concern for the public welfare by stopping their radiation reports.

An Extreme Decision

An unexpected blow was dealt to initiation proceedings last week when the administration decided to enforce a rule passed in 1953. We commend this action as an attempt to eliminate hazing but we feel that forbidding the wearing of placards, rolled up pant legs, short short skirts, and odd socks is too extreme.

We would like to see the regulation changed so that only those actions, such as polishing the crest in the Arts building and doing push-ups, which single out individuals from the group, would be outlawed. In this way the harmful aspects of hazing would be eliminated.

If such a practice were instituted on the understanding that it would be abolished if it gets out of hand again, then onus for the continuence of this tradition would rest solely on the shoulders of this years freshmen class. As they are the ones who complained most bitterly about the action taken last week, we feel certain that they would do all in their power to ensure that the administration is not forced to take action again.

The Critical Eye

WE DON'T WANT ORGANIZED COLLEGE SPIRIT

Four years ago a new organization appeared on our campus. Known as the Pepcats they established themselves as a body devoted to removing apathy from Dalhousie and turning us all into rah-rah college boys. We question the value of such an organization and are wondering aloud why we continue to put up with all their nonsense.

Take the cheerleaders, for example. Here we have 8 or 9 reasonably attractive young ladies who spend much of each football and hockey game jumping up and down and screaming (as only the true Dalhousie LADY can). They interfere with our view of the game and at times make it very difficult for the spectator to follow what is going on.

Another complaint about these fair damsels which will find much support among the male student body is the way they are dressed. Surely those black leotards are not a necessity and we could be treated to the more pleasant view of bare legs. Indeed, we admit that it may be a little cold and uncomfortable but if the cheerleaders at Acadia and other universities can dress so much more attractively, then why can't we too be offered this extra little bit of pleasure. If we have to put up with all their screaming and shouting then surely at least the view should be made as pleasant as possible.

The band which accompanies the cheerleaders is equally annoying. They play a tune whenever a cheer is started and the resulting din is overwhelmingly loud. This not only tends to give one a headache but leaves one with the impression that there is something awfully juvenile about the whole affair.

But perhaps the chief reason for questioning the usefulness of the pepcats is that we doubt whether a majority of Dalhousie students really want them. One only needs to look around

while the cheerleaders are trying to get some spirit out of the crowd to realize that there are many people just sitting there in silence. This surely is a sign that most Dalhousians are disinterested in college spirit even when it is placed right before them.

We would suggest then that the Pepcats put their time to better use by organizing some form of half time or between period entertainment. This, we feel would certainly be appreciated by all and would relieve many of the spectators who are not interested in cheering from having to suffer throughout the course of the game.

It should also be added that most of this organized cheering has little effect on the players. What they need to spur them on to greater efforts is a large contingent of Dalhousie supporters. Give them this and it is inevitable that there will be plenty of cheering and shouting without it needing to be organized by anybody.

There is an old saying that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. Dalhousie students have been exposed to this form of college spirit for four years and they are still as apathetic as ever. Surely then it is time we stopped trying to drown them in it.

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