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## Basketball(?) Game Set for Next Week

The Acadia Athenaeum has accepted the Gazette's challenge to a game of what newspaper writers loosely call basketball. The game will be played at Acadia some time next week.

Copies of last week's Gazette in which the challenge was issued were circulated on the Wolfville campus by Dalhousie delegates to the WUSC conference there. Tom Smith, "horse-faced" editor of the "Apple Pickers' Ath," was too embarrassed to decline, and shame-facedly admitted his staff had forced him into an acceptance of the challenge.

In graciously inviting the Dalhousians to his historic campus, Editor Smith wrote the following letter:

February 11, 1957

Mr. Dave Peel,  
 Editor,  
 Dalhousie Gazette,  
 Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

It is with extreme pleasure that the Acadia Athenaeum accepts the challenge of the Dal Gazette (Canada's Oldest Newspaper) to a game of basketball.

Since the staff hasn't been told that this sort of activity was considered by other universities as being an essential qualification in editing newspapers, our team is somewhat out of practice, but with the innovation of the daily practice of running around the Athenaeum office 30 times before breakfast every morning (except Sunday, when 29 times are sufficient), and then throwing the ball through the Athenaeum office door 10 times without missing, we feel we will be completely in shape for the event which, we hope, will take place within the next two years.

Since it is extremely doubtful that we would be able to find watering stations for our horses in that fine old "fishing village," we feel duty bound to invite your massive staff to partake of our hospitable hospitality in this fair community of Acadia.

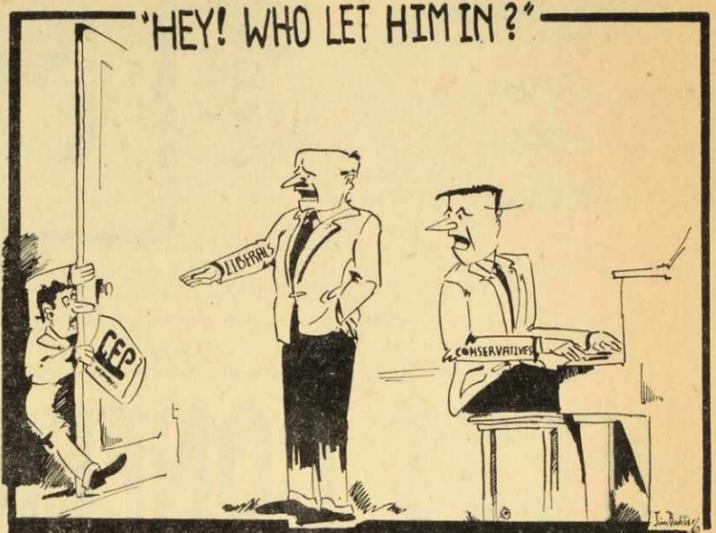
There is, of course, the problem of reading highway signs, and, since we are illiterate, we feel it unfair to be expected to travel any distance.

Sincerely,

TOM SMITH, Editor,  
 Acadia Athenaeum.

P.S. We shall try to provide a hearty meal of fish scales for you after the game.

Last information from Acadia indicates that the game will be played on Wednesday, February 20th. Interested staff members who have not signed up for the trip are asked to do so immediately.



## Student Health Service Outlined

A two-dollar raise in students' health fees has been recommended by the Student Council.

At present, the service provides for free medical and x-ray examinations at the start of each college year. Minor ailments are cared for at the Public Health Clinic, from 12:15 to 1:15 daily, except Sunday. Those too ill to attend the Clinic may call 3-8438 for advice. Prescribed medicines, except certain preparations, and dressings are available free of charge. Diphtheria and smallpox immunization clinics are held each Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Students entering hospital for observation or treatment may receive reimbursement at the rate of \$9.00 per day for ward rate, up to six days per session, upon presentation of a receipted bill.

Laboratory or x-ray investigations up to \$30.00 will be paid for if ordered in advance by the Health Service.

A raise would bring the total student health fee to \$7.00 per year per student.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dalhousie Gazette  
 Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the childish, inconsiderate actions of a few students on this campus.

As chairman of the Engineers' Ball I was very disturbed to learn that one of our Ball posters had been ripped from its place a matter of hours after it had been hung. This is very discouraging to the individuals who put so much effort into creating such posters and in general to the Engineering Society which is counting on such publicity to make the Engineers' Ball the success it has been in past years.

I hope that there will be no recurrence of a similar action until the posters have at least served their purpose.

Yours truly,  
 (Sgd.) JIM McNEIL.

## It's Our Problem

The report of the Gordon Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects has focused attention on the future development of this country. In the past few years the rate of Canada's development has increased rapidly and there is every indication that this great expansion will continue in the years ahead.

Canada is most fortunate in having an abundant supply of natural resources which if properly developed, will more than provide for needs for many years to come. When speaking of our natural resources, which are most varied and extensive, we usually think of minerals, water power or of the forests and the soil which form part of Canada's geographical inheritance. However, in this materialistic age, we often tend to overlook the fact that the youth of a nation is one of its most important resources. In fact, one of Canada's most initial resources is not yet in existence. This is the future generation.

In the past decade Canada has expanded and developed very rapidly with the result that at the present time there is a great shortage of university graduates. The reason is clear. The expansion of universities and other educational institutions had failed to keep pace with the overall development of the country. This shortage of university graduates, men and women of ability with well-trained minds, is perhaps one of the most serious handicaps to the progress of this country. Unless we make adequate provisions for the future now, this shortage of graduates will become acute in the years to come.

The universities have a great responsibility, namely, to educate the youth of today for the Canada of tomorrow. Canada has a responsibility to the universities, as well as to herself, not only to recognize the importance of universities but to aid them in every possible way. The universities must be expanded, not only materially such as providing more buildings with classrooms and labs, but even more important, to provide ample funds for salaries so that the universities may compete with industry in attracting some of the most able persons to their teaching and research staffs.

One might well compare the future generation to a growing forest. In the field of Forestry, the importance and success of Conservation Programs has been demonstrated and are now generally recognized and practiced. However, when we consider one of our other natural resources, the future generation, we have failed to meet the challenge of providing for tomorrow's needs. With regard to education we are just beginning to realize that our facilities are inadequate for our present day needs. The demand for university graduates is continually increasing. Unless we conserve and "replant" to provide for this increasing demand our supply of trained men will soon be woefully inadequate for the requirements of the future.

The real responsibility of providing for these needs of tomorrow rests with the graduates of yesterday and the university students of today. The responsibility is two-fold. First, those who have had the opportunity to get an education have a moral duty to make the best possible use of it. Moreover, the university students of today will soon be in positions of authority and their's will be the responsibility of providing the necessary university facilities to keep pace with this demand for trained minds in the future.

Our universities must not lag behind the times, but rather, should be up to, or even ahead of our time.

-T.W.T.

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