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Serious Matter

An incident brought to our attention recently should be a matter of concern to the Student Council and the student body as a whole. But to begin at the beginning: A student had just finished playing inter-fac football and was changing his clothing. He left his jacket containing a fair sum of money on a bench in the gym for a period of two or three minutes. When he returned the money was gone.

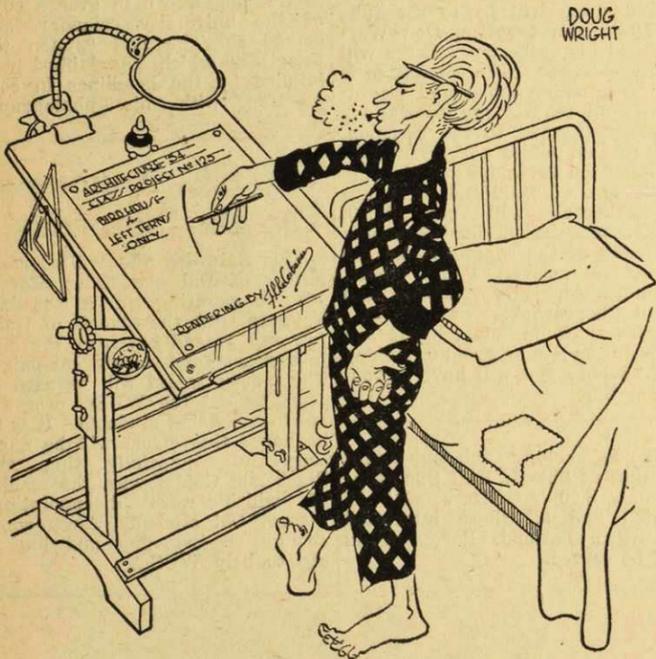
Yesterday morning, for instance, the electric clock in the Common Room of the Men's Residence was found missing. And at the time of writing was still not located. Various photographs have been pilfered from the Gazette office, not a serious loss, perhaps, but wrong in principle. Last year a number of other petty thefts were reported.

Such practices are not expected on a university campus.

Blood Donors Wanted

During the latter part of January the students of Dalhousie will be asked to give their wholehearted support to the Red Cross Blood Donor Drive. In connection with this the various faculties will be asked to do their utmost to secure the co-operation of their students in this cause.

Across Canada many universities participate in the blood donor drives, particularly the University of British Columbia which has an annual competition with American universities for the highest percentage turnout of donors. Something along the same lines is hoped for at Dalhousie where friendly competition between students in the various faculties will be urged. No one will deny the importance of the Red Cross' efforts. Everyone is urged to join in the spirit of the competition.



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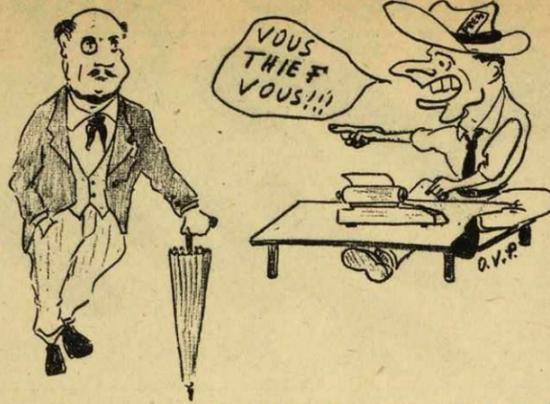
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Do Dalhousie Students Lack College Spirit?

Yes! there should be more inter-collegiate competition to foster college spirit. (Excluding the weekly dart competitions).

Marilyn McIntyre

No! During my stay at Dalhousie I have never seen student interest fail when it was needed.

Helen Scammell

Yes and no! At the present time there are too many organizations within the university and thus the student has not the time to devote his full interest to any particular one. There are also interests outside the university which did not exist a few years ago. On the other hand I have noticed that students today lack organization and are afraid to work hard without material reward. They do not realize that by enthusiastic participation in college activities they are enjoying life, they are getting more spiritually out of the university and they are helping others to be happy with them.

Wally Atwood

Yes they do. There should be more intercollegiate contests; like a Maritime flagpole sitting contest or one to see who can swallow the most goldfish in a certain specified time.

Ruth Greenblatt

Yes they do. I believe that there are only a few students who possess college spirit and the bulk of the students are content to sit by and let others do the work.

Carol Bond

No! I do not think Dalhousie students lack college spirit. We have lost the opportunity of expressing our wholehearted and true

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Current Comment

The Glee Club caused quite a rumpus when it rewrote the front page of the Gazette. Members of the Glee Club believed that publicity was necessary if their play was to be a success (financially, that is); so they rewrote the front page. Graham Day, the sports editor, took part in the proceedings, too. He felt that the Gazette should be giving more support to the efforts of the Glee Club, so he joined in the revision. The News editor stumbled on the proceedings, but assumed that they had been given the authority for this, and therefore did not stop it. The authority for this was lacking, but the will was there, at least in one member of the Gazette staff. So the Glee Club did not exactly "take over" the Gazette, although they came pretty close to it.

Now remaking the paper in the last few minutes is highly irregular, and if it were to become a very frequent procedure, there is no doubt that it would become impossible a paper of any use whatever. There is, however, nothing very serious in a single issue being put together by irregular proceedings. It smacks of revolution, of course, but do we had to be Tories all the time?

While the attempt to support the Glee Club was laudable, if unauthorized, there is less to be said for the Glee Club to be writing its own reviews. It may have been unavoidable, particularly if no reporters were present at the performance (tut, tut) but it does sort of stick in one's throat, doesn't it.

This leads to the whole problem of Glee Club publicity. This is at the bottom of the whole mess. I remember the discussion it created at the Students' Council budget meeting. The Glee Club budget just skimmed through; and would have been seriously reduced, had not Pharos come up with a cheaper method of printing. The dependence of the Glee Club on gate receipts was thoroughly hashed over. Now, according to Mr. Garson, president of the Glee Club, not enough publicity was given to the Glee Club. that accounts for those anguished appeals for space in the Gazette that so aroused the anger of the irate writer who took up the cudgels in the succeeding issue. I have no doubt that, because of the poor sales receipts, the Glee Club will be well in the hole by the end of the year, and next year's council will have to make up the deficit. That being the case, it is fortunate that the Gazette did not give the Glee Club more support, although, in all fairness to the Gazette, it must be admitted that publicity is not its line. Perhaps I should have written an article on the rehearsals, or something like that. It didn't occur to me. It did occur to Graham Day; and now he has resigned. Too bad. Perhaps the Publicity Organization is to blame for this. Not having heard their side of the story, I can't say. Probably somebody "just didn't get around to it"; a familiar malady in the twentieth century.

It is unfortunate that this stirred up so much rumpus. Everybody seems to have been in that uncertain area of human activities between the desperate and the ridiculous. Better luck next time!

Alan Marshall

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