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EDITORIAL

Is The Rink Situation Boiling Over

Complaints galore have been aired concerning the operation of the Dalhousie Memorial Rink. Few of these objections hold water; several merit discussion.

The cold, stark truth is that the rink has been a losing proposition financially. Much of its saleable ice-time, is, of course, devoted to student purposes, but that which is not, fails to compensate for the financial loss incurred by this loss of marketable ice-time. Always keeping in mind, rightly or wrongly, that the rink was established for the benefit of those who could best utilize its facilities, that is, the students of the University, and not as a money-making proposition, the following observations are made.

Why not shift the alumni skating session to another night, perhaps Saturday. Friday night is a popular night as far as students are concerned. Why not cater either to the Intercollegiate Hockey League or the City High School Hockey League on this night. There are many seats in the Dalhousie Memorial Rink which are not being filled, and at the same time the students complain here and there that they have not proper or enough ice-time. But if the Dalhousie students wish to have more time to themselves in their own rink, then the time which is now being rented to organizations foreign to the University must be made to produce a higher financial yield, so that the University will be convinced that it can sensibly afford such a re-allotment of ice-time. Maybe such a change would enable the thoroughly overworked Interfaculty Hockey League to commence operations in November. But if this is to occur, then those students in the position of directing such policy must ensure that such events as the Intercollegiate Hockey League games and other equally important occasions are highly publicized.

The second major source of rink revenue which urgently requires a shot in the arm is the skating sessions. In this respect, the Council of Students, assuming that it would put a little thought on the subject, could very easily increase its revenue in this manner by at least \$2,000.00 yearly, and probably more. Whether the Council realizes or not, they are sitting on top of a proverbial gold mine. The University has generously, and I repeat, generously permitted the Council to control the collection of admission for such skating sessions and to a 50% share of the profits (approximately \$1,000.00 yearly). Publicity is non-existent for these sessions which at the present time are principally attended by college students, high school students and nurses. Yet the skating sessions are never crowded. The only people who pay a reasonable admission price are the general public. Yet they are not openly invited to attend, at least not through the medium of modern advertising, even though their presence is financially required by an overcrowded rink.

The third bone of contention which should be raised in this connection is the controversial operation of the Rink Canteen. Any rink official will tell you the gigantic effect the operation of an efficient canteen has upon the attendance. Now since the operation of the canteen comes directly under the jurisdiction of the Council of Students, this would certainly seem to be an ideal plank for someone's platform in the approaching student elections.

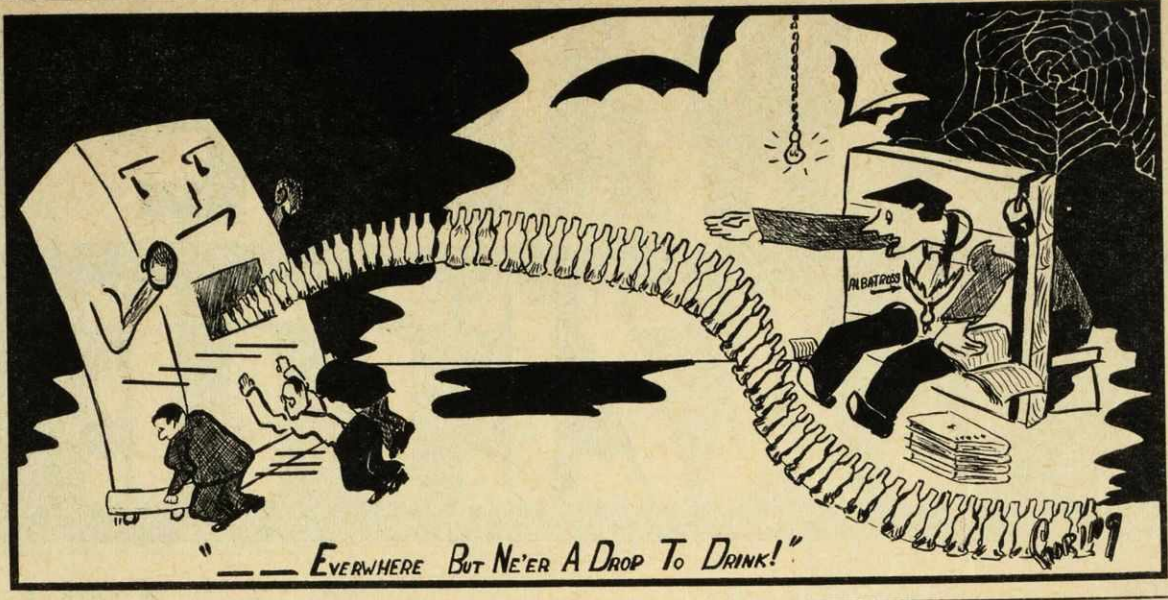
To recapitulate, would it not be practical and in the interests of both the University and the students to have:

- 1) a more judicious allotment of the ice-time with a view to increasing the revenue of the rink.
- 2) a well publicized Dalhousie Hockey team.
- 3) spirited direction of the skating session program.
- 4) an efficient canteen.
- 5) (oh Yes!) some skating music.

D. B.

Anonymously yours

A letter was received by the Gazette signed as above, plus the words "A STUDENT, ARTS 4". It is the custom of average newspapers to allow only letters bearing names (or name) of the sender. If this be the custom of average newspapers, how much stronger a custom it must be for the newspaper that is acknowledged as the oldest student publication in the nation. We will publish your initials, or the like, if requested, but the Editor must have your name.



DAL HONoured BY DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Louis Baudouin, Q.C., D. Jur. (Paris), Professor of Civil and Comparative Law at McGill University will be Visiting Lecturer at Dalhousie Law School tomorrow January 26 and Friday, January 27. He will deliver the following lectures in the Reading Room of the Law School Library:

- Time: 10.00 a.m. Thursday.
- Subject: The Spirit of the Law of Quebec — (The originality of Quebec law. How it resembles and differs from the common law of England and the civil law of France.)
- 3.00 p.m. Thursday — The Law of Contracts in Quebec.
- 10.00 a.m. Friday — Family Law in Quebec.

Reception

On Friday evening at 8 p.m. an informal reception will be held at Shirreff Hall by the Dalhousie Law Society. This is designed to enable the students and faculty and their respective wives and husbands to meet socially with Dr. Baudouin and Madame Baudouin. After refreshments are served students will be given an opportunity to question Dr. Baudouin freely concerning the law of Quebec and of France.

Dr. Baudouin is an interesting speaker who is fluent in English. He was born in France, and received the degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Paris in 1928. Before joining the McGill faculty he was Assistant Attorney-General of the Court of Paris, Master of Conference in the Faculty of Law of the University of Paris, Professor of Law at the University of Strasbourg, and Professor, Hautes Etudes Commerciales, University of Paris. He has recently published a comprehensive book on the law of Quebec, and is the author of many articles on comparative law. He is presently Chairman of the Section on Comparative Law of the Canadian Bar Association, and a member of the Academy of International Comparative Law of London, England, and the Institute of Comparative Law of Paris, France. During the Second World War he was on active military service.

NEWS OF THE U'S

by Garry K. C. Braund



U. OF MANITOBA (MANITOBAN)
Debating "Resolved that the Graham method of Evangelism is necessary in our age."
ED.—A religious subject is too touchy for ideal public debate.

U. OF T. (THE VARSITY)
Batting Bob Masterson . . . Varsity coach since 1947 . . . has 3 championships . . . signs up as General Manager for Calgary Stampeders.
ED.—Indeed a boost to the West. A man that provided teams that played for the game's sake.

QUEEN'S JOURNAL
A new fat men's club is being formed to prove that fat men are more cuddly, and make better husbands. Members are urged to look happy and cuddly at all times.
ED.—Often the results of good beer (O'Kreep's). Trace a glass and see . . . mouth 10 seconds . . . throat 20 seconds . . . stomach 30 seconds . . . on ramp for rest of life.

U.B.C. (UBYSSEY)
NFCUS condemned by campus liberals . . . Att. Gen. Bonner was sponsored by NFCUS to give political speech . . . such political speeches should be under the auspices of the political clubs.
ED.—Such a boycott by Liberals will not doubt boost the LPP party. From the Atlantic to the Pacific we say "Easy, Grits".

CENSORED

In closing, (un bon mot to the censors of the above)
The butterfly may kiss the rose,
The shoe may kiss the lovely hose,
The lips may kiss the frosted glass,
And you my friends—Farewell.
Good night, Carolyn from—Halifax to Florida.

Letters To The Editor

January 16, 1956

Editor
Dalhousie Gazette
Dalhousie University

Dear Sir,
I submit the following to be printed, concerning the new Dental School Building.

"DE NEONATURIS NIHIL NISI BENE"

I consider it a special privilege to congratulate my friends from the Dental School to their prospective new headquarters, and I am confident that my medical colleagues will share in their joy even if they had no more unselfish interest in the project than that of seeing the grim frontal aspect of the archaic Forrest Building with all its austere memories, concealed — or rather beautified — by such a marvel of local architecture built exactly to match.

My most unambiguous compliments to whoever was inspired with the revolutionary idea of not following the disgusting example set by McGill and many of the major universities in the U.S.A. in their heretic attempts to amalgamate those soulless modern concepts of design with what few of venerable old edifices they may happen to possess. No, nothing of that sort of materialistic coldness here; of that profane, purpose — dictated rationalism; of such uncritical subscription to unprincipled modern trends. Our building will stand as a living testimonial, that there are after all still people living in this sublime corner of our base world, — true philanthropists willing to run into great financial and esthetic sacrifices for the cause of a suffering architect in the name of harmony.

Just visualize this impressive ornamental design of deeply suggestive symbolic significance: As the whole building will convince the most ignorant stranger as being conceived under the weighing influence of a century-old tradition in its happy union with the aspiring attitude of our Dental

School (of which the ascending window lines are representative), so the prolific arches over the entrances, being so strongly reminiscent of a symmetrized dental plate (all symbols are simplified) will emphasize as the third element the Art of Dentistry being carried to its practical perfection.

Yet, on closer inspection of the plan, it will become apparent that even practical considerations have by no means been neglected, and that futuristic foresight has prevailed in the dreaming-up of this architectural masterpiece up to its finest points. For example, does it not comfort us with the promising assurance that — should the dear old Forrest Building some day collapse — the alumni funds to which we hope to be able to contribute will again be used in the construction of an edifice built exactly to match?

To claim, however, on the basis of the reproduction shown in one of the last issues of The Gazette, that this imaginative contraption has no fundamentally modernistic features would just be confessing one's own ignorance of Modern Art. For I am sure it will be general knowledge that for the proper appreciation of its more progressive examples, not only should a certain degree of abstraction be employed, but also should the object in question be contemplated on end! And that our piece of monumental design truly conforms to those two postulates, is in my humble opinion conclusively demonstrated in the picture above.

Hoping to have contributed to the appreciative understanding by the indulgent reader of the forthcoming seventh Haligonian wonder, I remain

Yours faithfully,
F. R. Sennewald

Translation of F.R.S.'s parody to the latin saying: "De Neonaturis Nihil Nisi Bene" — "nothing bad about the new-born".

Editor,
Dalhousie Gazette
Dear Sir,
Through the medium of our Campus newspaper, we of the Student's Council would like to congratulate heartily the hockey team that represented Dalhousie in Lynn, Mass. We understand that they are to be commended not only for their winning ways on, but also off the ice.
Douglas Brown,
Pres. Students' Council.

Students' Union Building,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:
In common with Students' Councils at several other Canadian universities, the Alberta Students' Council has appointed a committee to reconsider its relationship with the National Federation of Canadian University Students. Alberta always had and continues to be a supporter of the principle that Canadian students need a national organization to speak for them in

WUSC Caravan Boosts Income \$500 Over '54

WUSC Caravan sales are up -500. dollars from last year reports Don Young, Chairman of the Dal Committee of the World University Service of Canada. A total of \$3200. was raised in the three day stand of the Treasure Van, which is currently on its annual nation-wide tour of Canadian universities.

The very popular and successful sale was under the direction of Miss Ann Wade and consisted of goods from India and six other countries, Greece, Egypt, Japan, Hong Kong, and Pakistan. Sale of these goods was handled capably and efficiently by Shirreff Hall students.

The opening ceremonies of the Caravan which were televised over CBHT in Halifax were attended by Lieutenant-Governor Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, Premier H. D. Hicks and Mrs. Hicks, Mayor Kitz and Mrs. Kitz, Dr. A. E. Kerr and Mrs. Kerr and Brig. H. V. D. Laing.

Held in the gymnasium, the sale was very successful. The Caravan now moves to Laval University and from there to various other Canadian universities. Funds raised by the sale are used for university relief, scholarships and seminars.

C.O.T.C.



If you didn't notice any news in last week's edition, you were right; no news is good news, they say. Lectures in all phases are progressing satisfactorily and smoothly, and all is quiet on the western front.

Things weren't so quiet a few nights ago at the R.A. Park Officers' Mess, though, as a goodly number of the Contingent danced to the delightful music of the Royal Canadian Artillery Dance Band. All had a very enjoyable time, and of course, the food was delicious. Naturally a dance wouldn't be successful without the young ladies and someone commented that "our young officers-in-training always escort the loveliest of ladies".

The reception line was graced by the following: Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lederman, Major and Mrs. Ryan and 2/Lt. R. Hatton and Miss Josephine Wakefield.

Canadian affairs, to represent them in international student affairs, and to promote their common-well being.

We are concerned, however, by the fact that some 15,000 Canadian students at the universities of Acadia, McGill, Manitoba, and Montreal are not members of our National Federation, thereby believing its very name. We are also concerned by the fact that a great deal of dissatisfaction with the organization has been expressed by the student leaders at some of the member universities.

The purpose of this letter, then, is to call for an expression of opinion from our fellow students through their representatives as to what our National Federation should be doing, how much it should cost, and, indeed, whether it should exist. We are particularly interested in the opinions of those who presently are not members of our National Federation — whether they would consider belonging to any sort of national organization to speak for them in

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