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GRANTS AND/OR GIFTS

In a recent address to the members of the University of Toronto Club, Dr. A. W. Trueman, President of the University of New Brunswick, commented on the growing need for federal government assistance to universities. He based this necessity upon increased enrolments and higher operating costs.

At first glance, it would seem that increased enrolments were a thing of the past, and consequently an invalid reason for federal grants. University statistics throughout the country show ten to fifteen percent student declines. But most of these are caused by the graduation of veterans, and increased civilian enrolments are with us. A country with an ever increasing population and, at the same time, ever increasing educational standards, cannot but expect to see more students desiring higher learning.

In the years immediately following the war, universities were required to cope with vastly increased student bodies, with no comparable increase in revenue. It is a well known fact that fees alone do not cover the costs of a university. And yet, only fees reached college coffers . . . there were no compensating government grants. Now, with even this source of revenue withdrawn, our universities must meet higher operating costs, in salaries, maintenance, and deferred maintenance expenses.

In the days of large fortunes, low operating costs, and fewer students, universities could be expected to subsist on endowments. But the above facts reveal the impossibility of continuing this method of sustenance.

Dr. Trueman is President of a government supported university . . . the provincial government of New Brunswick, and his statements would indicate that even that is insufficient.

There are many objections, we know, to state subsidized education. Perhaps these objections were responsible for the delegation of educational matters to the Provinces in the British North America Act. After all, it was drawn at a time when the slightest suspicion of government control was odious to the individualists who planned it. But times change, populations shift and increase, competition and therefore educational requirements become stiffer, and yet the field of education seems to be the only one in which national government has not recognized the fact.

As has so often been proven in Canada, there is nothing incompatible in private and public entities pursuing similar endeavours. Why, then, should it be amiss for the government to aid endowed universities, or run a few of its own? We would not be submitting ourselves to a yoke of state-dictated theories. We would be availing ourselves of funds collected in proportion to ability to pay . . . funds which would reach the universities in a steady flow and permit long-range and integrated planning.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Sir:

Everyone has at some time or other wished to have his or her say written up in print. Being unpossessed of the knack of writing in journalistic style, I choose this method of having my say whether you print it or not. My name is Gus. Otherwise I'm not a bad egg. You'll find that Gus has a lot to say about what he likes or doesn't. How about that?

First I'd like to comment on a current topic hereabouts—football. Seems to me it's just about time the die-hards (that grawnd auld gaime, you know) got a little more support from the student body. They've got poor equipment and little publicity but lots of spirit. That's what counts with old Gus—spirit. Speaking of spirit, let's

show a little more of it at the Canadian Football games, especially if our team is having a tough go. That's when they need our support most, not just when they're winning. Bouquets to the cheerleaders and band for noble efforts under sometimes feeble support.

Don't forget to save a little dough for the Acadia trip on October 29th. It's a worthwhile effort down to the last drop.

A plague on this year book schmozzle! It's good to see that our worthy Council is investigating.

Other things I've heard around the campus!

Disgruntled rumblings concerning King's athletes (football and basketball) who were informed in ominous terms that they were not

Coffee, Please!

The dispensing of food at Dalhousie has undergone a big shake-up this year. And something got lost in it. No longer can the hard pressed workers of the Gazette, or any other organization for that matter, whip out for a quick smash of coffee.

We like efficiency and progress. We're all for it. But we sincerely believe that this New Deal will wreak havoc on those groups that have in previous years subsisted mainly on coffee. Coffee was the mainstay of their (and our) universe.

Now, it's history that for every coffee bean in Brazil, at least two cups were drunk on Dalhousie campus last year. Which just goes to prove that, whether because of overwork or overdrink, fully 127.3 percent of the Dalhousie student body were coffee addicts last year. With overwhelming figures such as those in support of re-introducing a coffee shop to Dal, won't some enterprising individual sell coffee?

If somebody doesn't start soon, the Gazette may have to install its own distil . . . ah . . . percolator, to the everlasting detriment of all beverage salesmen in sight.

Dental Notes

Here it is only our second attempt and our second week at reporting. Already it becomes difficult because of lack of news. Don't forget now, boys and girls (by the way, there are two girls in Dentistry now—must get some details on that if you know something we do not know, tell us, and we will tell everyone.

Mr. Arthur has a broken finger. Now, there would not be anything unusual about that, except that it is the little finger, "the boss" that he has broken. The theories on just how this could be done are as varied as they are colorful. But in the meantime, the little finger, in the splint, will not arch delicately from a glass, as was its habit, but will continue to stick out like a sore thumb. Mr. Arthur maintains he jammed the finger in a door. Well, it is possible, I suppose.

The main body of Dal students, have by now, gotten into the swing of things. We have been at it a month now. The first year boys have already seen a neurolemma they are really living now. The seconds are underway with their second base plate. The third years have recovered from their first day in the clinic—and the fourth year boys have realized they are fourth year boys.

But as we dentals say, it's a long grind.

to try out for Dal teams. Does this controversy have to go on year after year?

More grumbings about the high prices and poor meals at a certain restaurant which gets about 75% of its patronage from students. What remedies can you offer?

That the fraternity row is giving new students the once over as rushing season gets under way. Be on your best behavior, young men!

High praise for the efficiency and methods of "Vitamen" Vitalone, our new Physical Director.

That the track team is working out regularly for the meet at U.N.B. in a couple of weeks. Best of luck to the boys!

That the girls ground hockey team is rapidly rounding into shape. (Is it possible here?)

Hoping to hear from me again
I defy Sam (whoever he is)
and give you Gus

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Hereafter, all letters to the Editor must not exceed 200 words in length, and must also be signed, unless good reason for not doing so can be shown the Editor. Neither anonymity nor length add materially to the quality of the Letters to the Editor section.



"Congratulations, Mr. Clout N. Putt! Your admirers wonder if you were always confident of winning?"

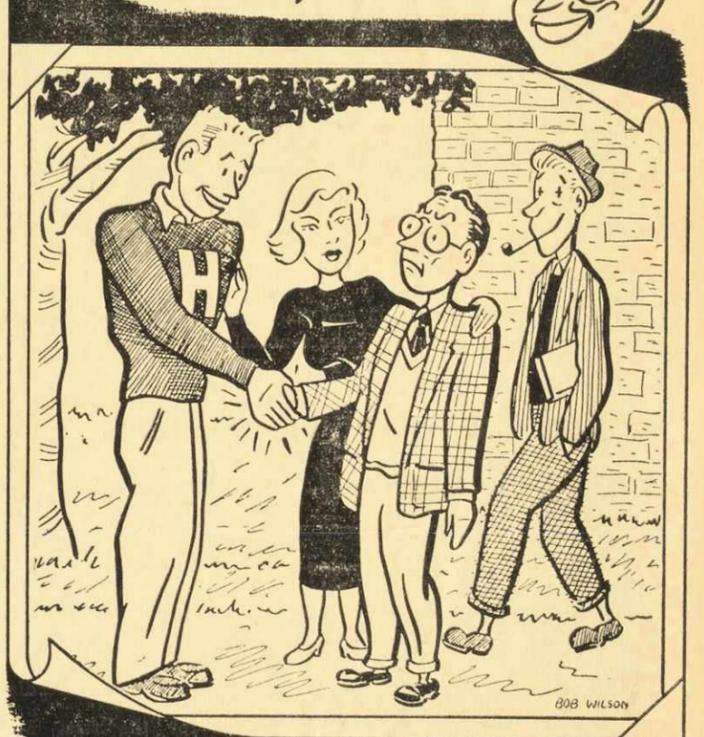
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Around the Campus with Egbert . . .



Egbert says "Is THIS your 'little' brother?"

Egbert's promised his best girl to take her "little Freshman brother" under his wing and show him around. Now he's wondering just who's going to show who around!

But it's a cinch. Egbert can put those Frosh straight on plenty of things, especially money — and how to have enough of it to enjoy college life. Ever since first year Egbert's been practising money management at the B of M. Now he's a Senior, he knows what he's talking about when he says — "Steady saving at 'MY BANK' pays off — but good!"

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