

-GAZETTE CHALLENGES ATHENAEUM-

- EDITORIALS -

Athletic Administration Change

The Athletic Administration of Dalhousie University needs re-organization. It is not that the present system is disorganized but rather has been found inadequate to suit the needs of an expanding university, and to accommodate suitably the bulk of the students on the campus.

Now, two elected bodies, the Dalhousie Girls' Club and the Dalhousie Amateurs Athletic Club, the DGAC and the DAAC look after the administration of athletics on the campus. Both organizations are guided in policy by two persons selected by the Board of Governors as Physical Director and Physical Directress with an assistant Physical Director. Basically the physical directors look after coaching but they nevertheless guide the elected members. This whole set-up depends upon the Dalhousie Council of Students who allocate a portion of the Student Council fee for the organization and administration of athletics on the Dalhousie campus.

For a number of years the Presidents of the Athletic Club have been searching for more independence in the handling of their athletic affairs. The Students' Council recently appointed several of its members to look into the problem but as yet no definite solution has been tabled.

The fundamental problem is purely and simply an economic one—with every expenditure made by the Athletic Clubs dependent upon the assent given their budget in the Council meeting. Every further incidental expense over and above their budget must be brought before the council and be passed upon by members who perhaps have neither the experience nor the interest necessary to understand the peculiar athletic problems. One solution would be to set up the athletic administration separate and distinct from the Students' Council.

It has been suggested that an Athletic council be instituted. Such a council would have two faculty members, from the Senate athletic committee preferably, two student council members appointed to it, both presidents of the Athletic club and the possible introduction of some alumni members. Further members might be added at the Athletic Council's discretion and the chairman would be selected from the faculty members.

The idea of such an athletic council is sound. To increase the interest of faculty and alumni in the athletic endeavors of the university is a worthwhile task which could be accomplished this way. Primarily athletics at Dal would be under the direction of those interested and better able to understand athletic problems than at present. If the council had their separate budget granted from the university through the business office on the basis of a per capita grant the athletic council would be able to carefully plan a program on a five-year, or longer basis. Any capital expenses such as new uniforms, varsity and inter-fac equipment could be planned in good years when the student enrolment, or the athletic receipts were exceptionally good. The control of their own destiny would give the athletic clubs a greater incentive to better their programs with the interests of all students in mind.

One of the big benefits to student life is a sound athletic program—one constituted to enable those guiding the athletic activities of this university to freely and wisely plan an enduring and continuing athletic program. Only by re-organizing the present athletic set-up on the campus can an all round program designed to benefit all the students be created.

Do We Want A Campus Queen?

One of the current fads that has crept across the border to blight our fair land is the strange idea that everything must have a queen. We have queens of the May, queens of the campus, queens of the kindergarten, and queens of the Lower West Pubnico annual beer-drinking and ox-pulling contest, to name but a few. Unless you have a queen for your special form of activity, you have nothing.

Royalty is an ancient and well-established institution, despite the rumblings of the Canada First Party. But just what place its lesser forms have in our life is a question that should occasionally be examined, lest we lose our perspective and run headlong into the situation where every female is judged by the titles she holds.

There have been suggestions made, even here at Dalhousie, that our Campus Queen contest should be run strictly on the lines of beauty. This is the case of many universities, and now "The Canadian University Post" is beginning a contest to find Canada's prettiest coed. This, to our mind, is nothing more than another instance of our succumbing to the propaganda of the cult of the physically attractive that rages so blatantly in North American civilization today.

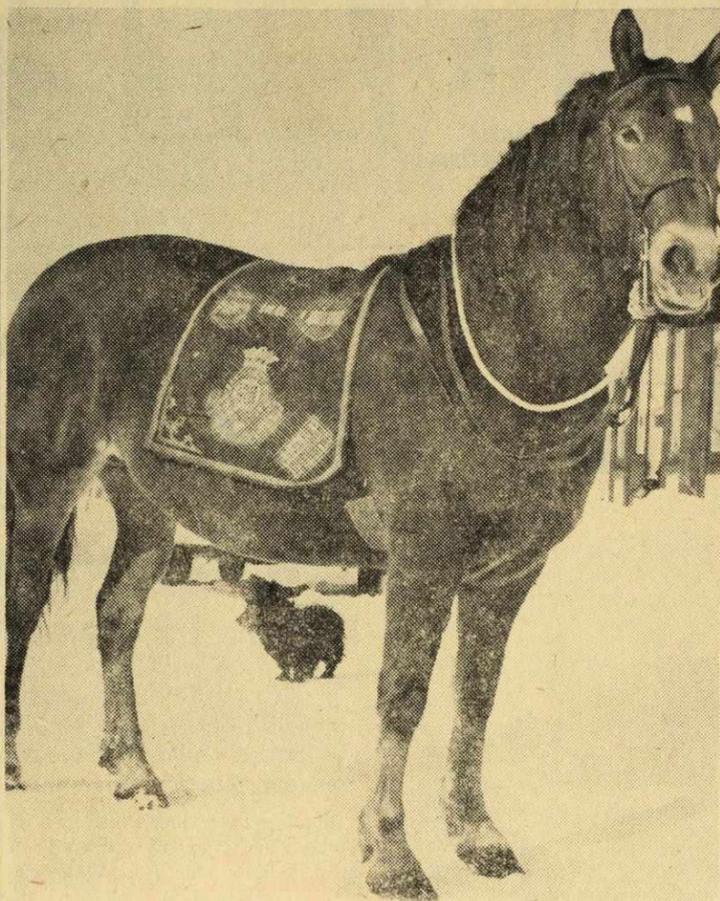
What is a queen? Is she not a person, first and foremost, who commands our respect? And she commands this respect because of what she is and does, not because of how she looks. She is a symbol toward which her subjects look with pride and happiness.

There is certainly nothing objectionable in our custom of having a Campus Queen at Dalhousie. Past holders of this title have been girls chosen for their contribution to campus life, their grace, and their personality. If girls feel that this is an honour, then we are happy to bestow it upon them. There does not seem to be any atmosphere of cut-throat competition that will damage the outlook of the candidates who are not selected.

But if we bow to the will of those who would urge a beauty contest upon us, if we begin to glorify the physical among ourselves, then we are well into the decadence of which we so loudly complain in others. And if we highlight the contest before the girls, then we are on that road.

Let's have a Campus Queen, but let's keep her in perspective.

Will He Play Basketball?



TOM SMITH, EDITOR OF THE "ACADIAN ATHENAEUM" has received a challenge from the "Dalhousie Gazette." He and his staffers have been dared to a game of basketball (?) by the "Gazette" members. Whether or not the Annapolis Valley paper will accept was not known at press time, but book-makers on this campus were laying 4½ to 1 against. The horse? Tom Smith rides him to classes every morning from the Gaspereaux Valley.

Game Challenge With Acadia Paper Causes Excitement

The editors and staff of the Dalhousie Gazette have issued a challenge to the poor illiterates who are responsible for the publication of the Acadia Athenaeum. The challenge—basketball!

It is a well-known fact in literary circles that people who turn out the copy that fills newspaper pages often do not have much talent in athletics. It is also a well known fact that the Gazette's sports dept. is crowded with basketball champions. Taking the chance that this is not the case with the Athenaeum, the Dalhousie paper got brave.

If the apple-pickers from the Valley college have the nerve to accept the challenge, the game will probably be played within the next two weeks. The date and site will have to be arranged following Acadia's reply.

Peter Bennett, well-known local basketball spectator, said when asked for comment, "Acadia, Shmacadia!" His remark echoed through the halls of the men's residence where Gazette staffers were frantically trying to learn which end of a basketball was up. Carolyn Potter, local

ping-pong star, said she was willing to play against the Athenaeum if some one provided a rule book and medical aid.

The possibility of the game sent shivers up the spine of many another Gazette worker. Grace Hogg and Joanne Diachuck were noticed dribbling on the steps of the library, and Alan Fleming was fouled while making an illegal pass at an unidentified features writer. Editor Dave Peel, who mentioned in passing that he played two weeks on the third team in tenth grade and hasn't

Delegates Leave For WUSC Meeting

Dalhousie delegates to the Atlantic Regional WUSC conference leave tomorrow morning for Acadia University in Wolfville. Delegates are expected to attend from 12 universities in the four Atlantic provinces.

Pat Walsh, chairman of the local committee of World University Service of Canada, expressed the hope that the conference would show concrete results. Attending with him will be Pat Fownes, Ed Harris, and Dennis Madden. Prof. Antonio Garcia-Lopez, who with Madden attended the national WUSC conference in Montreal in October, was also expected to make the trip to Acadia.

The conference, third of its kind, will last for three days. The agenda will include local organization and program, regional activities, scholarships, faculty participation, and liaison with the national organization.

Previous regional conferences have been held at St. Mary's and UNB. Acadia WUSC chairman, Florence Ernst, who attended the 1955 WUS seminar in Japan, will be responsible for the organization of the conference.

World University Service is an international organization of students and faculty with headquarters in Geneva. Begun as a relief organization, it has progressed to a point where it endeavours to aid students the world over in many ways, both materially and educationally.

National Art Contest Open

The annual national art contest, sponsored by NFCUS and this year arranged by Mount Allison University, is again open to Dalhousie students.

Rules for the competition have been posted outside the Council office, and entry forms may be obtained in the office or from Allan O'Brien, NFCUS Chairman.

All students, with or without formal art training, are eligible to participate, but there will be no distinction made in judging works submitted.

Entries may be submitted under four classifications: oils, water colors and tempera, drawings, and prints. Deadline for submissions is March 2nd.

looked at a basketball since, started training by drinking tomato juice instead of coffee after first class.



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