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## THANKLESS JOBS

In the midst of hubbub created by the introduction of a newly-elected Students' Council an important group of students is often overlooked. Hence the GAZETTE, in behalf of the many students who have voiced such thoughts, takes the opportunity of expressing appreciation for a job well-done to Ross Hamilton and the outgoing Council.

Often it happens that students who undertake such responsibilities are faced with so many difficulties that their efforts, to themselves, seem scarcely worthwhile. This year's Council is no exception, and many long, tedious hours have been spent over the council table pondering seemingly insoluble problems. That their efforts may not go unheralded the GAZETTE wishes to say to every member of this year's Council—WELL DONE!

## HOME GAMES

We are going to encroach upon the preserves of the Sports Editor and vent our grievances where sport is concerned. At the Dal — St. F. X. game we found ourselves contemplating a situation that has existed for a long time here, and which is getting worse. The Dal team was playing what is called a "home game" in a decidedly hostile rink, where, it seemed to us, half of Halifax's great unwashed gathered to make insulting remarks about Dal players in particular and Dal in general. Students were scattered here and there, and their support was largely genuine and whole-hearted, but lost in the noise emanating from the general public. This would be quite funny somewhere else, but it is appalling if we ourselves can regard the situation with equanimity. If the University will not build us our own rink, and if the Alumni or the Council cannot raise money on their own for the project, the least that we and the team are entitled to expect is decent seating for all the students in one block, where they can support the team.

The same situation arose last term at the Wanderer's field and will undoubtedly arise again next year. The people in charge of obtaining rinks or fields for Dal games must reverse a section for students. The least a team should expect is support and how can they get it if the student spectators are lost in a crowd of people whose attitude suggests that they look on Dal and the Devil (in order of merit) as the two great evils in the Universe. The new Council should investigate the situation NOW, and the very least they should do is ensure a Dal section at every hired rink, field or any other place we may use for athletics when our teams are playing.

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## Czech Students Hope For War

Note: The following letter is reprinted from the University of Saskatchewan SHEAF.

During the recent crisis in Czechoslovakia hundreds of students from the ancient Charles University established in Prague in 1348 marched to the residence of President Benes singing their national anthem as a protest against the threat of communism to their government. They were disbanded by police but succeeded in issuing a formal proclamation of opposition. This is the first letter to be received by a student on the campus since the crisis.

Czechoslovakia, Feb. 25

"I hope that you are well informed about the present situation here and that you know what will happen here is not based on democracy any more. I hope that you really believe that many of the people here are democratic and that this you will realize also in the future whatever may happen here.

Has the proclamation of the Czech students reached you,—it was one of the last voices of freedom. Several of the students are already arrested.

I don't know at all that this letter will reach you. For the future please quote in your letters only that you have received mine and in which state, but do not refer to its contents. I will no longer sign my name or give my return address.

What is the world political situation like according to your opinion. We now hope that the new war will come soon, it is no avoiding. But of course it will be a terrible solution. The Russians need still Austria and their position in Europe will be safe.

As I have heard the French minister of foreign affairs realizes that the situation is similar to that one which was nine years ago when the Germans invaded Prague, which is key to Europe. I think that he is right and hope that the consequence will be the same. But nobody can survive here such long war any more, especially because of the food conditions which are worse than in 1939. The rations were cut down still more and a starvation is expected.

### EDITORIAL NOTE:

An article in last week's GAZETTE entitled "The International", was a personal opinion of one of the members of the GAZETTE staff, and as such should have had a by-line. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial board of the GAZETTE.

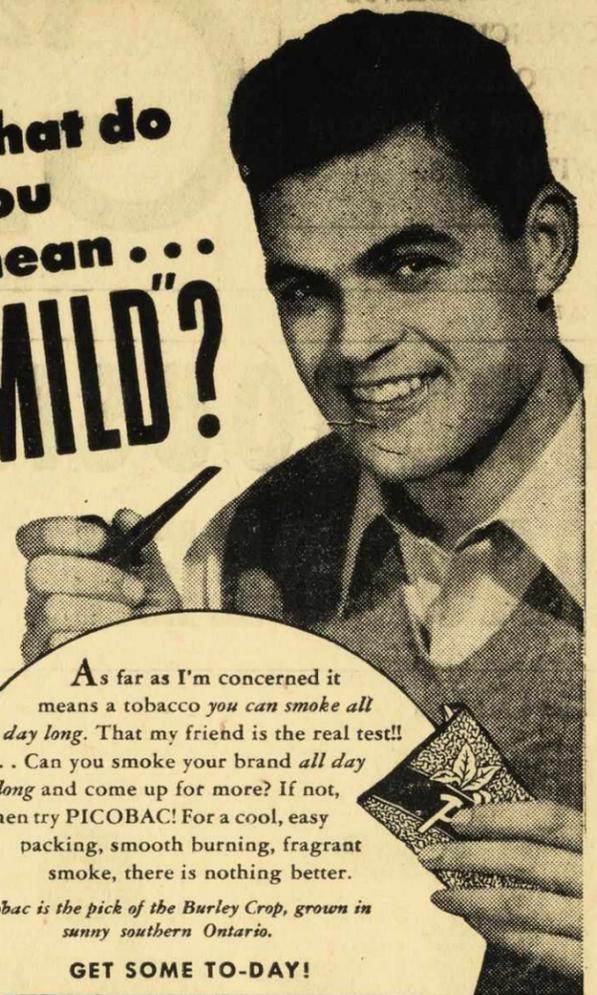
### NOTICE

The Dalhousie Council of Students is now calling for applications for the position of summer manager for the Dalhousie Personal Services. All applications to be sent to M. M. Rankin, 98½ Edward St., not later than carries a salary.

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FLASH — The Dalhousie protest on the game which St. F.X. won in overtime on Saturday has been allowed and the game will be replayed.

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