

Return To M. I. A. U. Competition?

Let us face it, we are the black sheep of Maritime intercollegiate sport. Dalhousie is the largest university in the Maritimes and it is indeed a sad state of affairs when the largest institution is unable to support and compete in a Maritime Intercollegiate Union and when we withdraw entirely from the Union after being a leading member for many years.

The time has come for Dalhousie students to examine the position of their varsity teams in the light of present competition and achievement. To question the quality of our teams is in poor taste because the athletes of Dalhousie have proven their natural abilities to all of us. And yet — you find the teams receiving very mediocre support from the general student body. Why? That is easy to answer. For example, who cares if the hockey team is playing Waverley Goldiggers of the Suburban League or Stadacona Navy of the present Halifax City League? What college students want and enjoy most is competition with other Maritime universities. We refer to those spirited contests where a student really gets behind his school and ardently supports his team—a team that is playing on its own level, playing other Maritime universities.

Surely the older students of Dalhousie will recall the enjoyable trips to Acadia and St. F. X. when large numbers of the student body accompanied their varsity teams. To our way of thinking these experiences form as important a part of university training as any scholastic endeavor.

It is not the purpose of this column to review the pros and cons which precipitated the regrettable action taken by our delegates at that M.I.A.U. meeting. Rather we would challenge the average Dal student to give the matter some careful thought—thought that is directed towards our return to the M.I.A.U. in the immediate future. In fact, it is not untimely to suggest to an alert Student Council candidate that a goodly number of votes can be assured by nailing this important plank into his campaign platform.

Let us shake off the lethargy that surrounds our activities in intercollegiate sport. Let us put Dalhousie's name back in its rightful place in intercollegiate circles. Finally let us show the other Maritime universities that we are big enough to realize our needs and that we possess the courage to effect a return to the M.I.A.U.

Letters to Editor

Editor, Dalhousie Gazette
Dear Sir,

We think Ron Stevenson's suggestion of providing for campus-wide participation in the election of the mock parliament an excellent one, but we don't agree that Law students should take the lead. It is true that in the past law-trained politicians have dominated the political scene but it is high time this situation was brought to an end. This will not be easy, however, as the rules, laws, and constitution have been written in the language of the Legal profession. This makes a very effective code protecting the group holding the key. For a layman to break into this situation means he must learn practically a whole new language.

It is perhaps significant, that New Brunswick, with the highest per capita provincial debt, has had a succession of lawyer premiers which has lasted for almost thirty years. Not only has New Brunswick thrown off the Liberal millstone, but also the Legal chain—there are only three lawyers in the new government. The people are back at the helm.

We as Progressive-Conservatives are proud to know that even the Liberal opposition has come up with a good suggestion and hope that they are beginning to think (It is amazing what a short period in the opposition will do for a party.) Campus-wide participation in mock parliament would do much to help attain campus-unity and help conquer "student-apathy".

Two Progressive Conservatives.
Ollie Millard, Med. '55.
J. D. Hines, Med '56.

Dear sir:

Joe and me want to thank wroever was responsible for sending over those Pre-Med students for us to observe. We always wanted to know what a doctor acts like before he gets that way over here, and now we have had the chance to find out. Unfortunately we thought that these kids were almost typical of what most college students should act like and that confused us immensely. Joe sez he didn't like that guy who offered him some peanuts, but Joe is a little too sensitive about his cage.

You can't imagine how much sunshine you have brought into our otherwise rather drab lives. Instead of looking at ourselves all day long, we had an opportunity to watch normal (?) people. Joe sez here that at least when he gets out he will have a certificate that says he is sane and he promises that if some of these students ever get in a jam he will lend them his diploma. He said that there was no need for them all to wear Dal jackets because the only ones they could get mixed up with are all kept in the back wards.

We were wondering if there was anyone else over there that you could send for us to see. This is a busy place over here and now that we have been visited by pre-meds, medicals and students from the Maritime School of Social Work, I wonder could you oblige us with a few engineers and maybe one or two Kings students on the next tour. Joe sez we may as well get a real cross section of university life.

Ora et Labora
Sam & Joe

Time for a Change—

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ments, and can treat his patient as a whole individual with a distinctive personality. Are we as medical students being taught these things? If we are, I will take back anything I have said about the specialists who teach us, but if we are not being taught these things, and I do not think that we are, then, I say again, "Its time for a change."

A WISH—

I wish I was a little rock
A sittin' on a hill,
Doin' nothin' all day long
But just a sittin' still.
I wouldn't eat,
I wouldn't sleep,
I wouldn't even wash;
I'd just sit still
A thousand years
And rest myself by gosh!

MEDS HAVE BANNER SPORTS YEAR

RUGBY

For two years in succession, a spirited Med team has won the Inter-fac championship. For two years in succession, the intrepid Forrest Men have been unbeaten and unscored upon in Interfac competition.

Composed of thirteen stars with a couple of substars, the team has combined a water-tight defense with a lightning fast offense. Led by "Steady Eddie" Kinley and Ross "Twinkle Toe" Parker, the boys tied Law 0-0 and in a convincing playoff triumph, downed Law 5-0. Star for the day was "Smilin' Jack" Fairweather, who, despite heavy rains and a field which resembled a lake, swam across the line. As for next year, the team will be practically unchanged and are expected to cop the title. Many fans attended the rugby games, a tribute to the rock 'em, sock 'em tactics employed by the Med Ruggers.

HOCKEY

Bursting with corpuscles (red) and bubbling over with oxygen, the Meds slaughtered all Interfac competition. Led by coach Johnny "The Rocket" Williston (of pugilistic fame), the boys won all seven games and scored 53 goals with only 8 goals scored against them. The team boasts three well-balanced forward lines and a Rock of Gibraltar defense with "Leaky" Lund capably handling net chores. The closest any team has held the red and yellow was Commerce, who lost 5-0.

Two weeks ago, minus Rocket Williston, the team whipped Saint Mary's interfac champs 9-1. With so much balance, it would be difficult to single out any outstanding players. They're all good. Last year, Med-Dents won the Interfac title, but this year, Dents entered their own squad. This loss of talent was offset by a strong representation from first year medicine. Looking to the future, only hard-driving Dennis Wolfson will probably be missing from the line-up due to internship, so look for us to be on top of the pack again next winter. Providing the boys take the play-offs, you will no doubt have the pleasure of witnessing a crowd-pleasing Med team versus the Inter-fac All Stars or some reasonable facsimile come Munroe Day.

PING PONG

Arts and Science won the Inter-faculty ping-pong tournament this year under the fine leadership of Burpee Hallet. In a not too inauspicious second place were the Meds sparked by Ben (Blackjack) Goldberg, Tiny (Flash) Boniuk, Gordie (Cisco) Dimock, and Merv (Fumbles) Vincent.

Apparently some teams weren't interested to show up for their matches (or were they afraid of the Meds?) Though the Meds came second, we were the victors against Arts and Science by a convincing 5-1 score in games. This was their only defeat. Our few losses are explained by the absence of our stars when the call of study took preference over play.

To settle the issue we would like to challenge Arts and Science to a playoff series, to the winner the glory, and may the better team win!

BADMINTON—

The Med badminton team managed by Stu Huestis had a very successful year and all those taking part found it very enjoyable.

Various students represented the Med school on different occasions thus giving quite a few fellows a chance to play. Charlie Hutton came out one evening, but after one of the engineers showed him the finer points of the game, decided he would stick to his dancing. The one and only "BIG MIKE" Delory played a couple of games, displaying one more of his many talents.

Most of the fellows were playing their first badminton in three or four years. With a little practise the Meds should floor a team next year which will carry on the good reputation set by the other medical interfac teams.

Those players taking part were: Don Weir, Bob Campbell, Ev. Smith, Stu Love, Doug Brown, Charlie Hutton, Mike Delory, Stu Huestis, Cal Avery, Gordie Dimock.

BASKETBALL—

The keen interest that seems to be shown regularly by the Meds in interfaculty affairs was carried again into basketball this year. Because of an extra-large turnout, two teams were formed for competition in the interfac loop. The

players on the Med A team were: Jim Louder, Ollie Millard, Rug Pritchard, Ed Kinley, Ross Parker, Jim Wickwire, Doug Brown and Dave Janigan. The members of the Med B squad were: Stu Love, Al Drysdale, Bob Miller, Ross Langley, Rod Berg, Hans Epstein, Gordie Dimock, Jim Cruikshanks and Bernie Kanter.

For the first time in a number of seasons, we were fortunate enough to secure the services of a coach. Dr. Gordon Kaplan, of the Department of Physiology, who handled both teams during the season and a great job he did. Our thanks to him.

In spite of the eagerness to play and a good coach, the Meds were not successful in continuing the winning ways of other years. A few old hands on the Law teams were able to turn the tide against us. Besides Law, the Engineers were able to bridge we doctors. At the time of writing, Med A has a record of 6 wins and 3 defeats. Med B sports a 4-4 record. During the year Ross Parker and Jim Wickwire were standouts on Med A, while Stu Love and Rod Berg starred for the Med B team. When the judges sit to choose the outstanding player of this year's interfac basketball, we recommend they keep in mind the names of Parker and Wickwire. Looking ahead, we see that the Meds will not lose more than two players through graduation. As the Trolley Dodgers say, "Wait till next year".

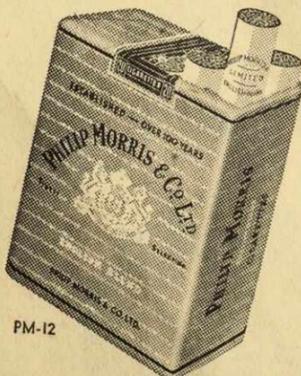
In due respect to the leagues organizers, the schedule was well planned. But as far as refereeing went the setup was not what it should have been. There were many games which had to be delayed until referees could be found. We feel that the league should ensure having competent referees appointed ahead of time and see that they show up on time. Another point that was a sore spot, at least with us, was the timing of the games. No time out was allowed for foul shots or change of players. Surely the gym schedule is not so crowded that an additional ten minutes could not be given to each game! These few minutes would mean much to the players, most of whom have no other form of exercise, and certainly it would lead to better scores.

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