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**Sunday Skating**

Skating enjoys a popularity throughout our country unequalled anywhere else in the world and we acknowledge it to be the main winter-time recreation and exercise of our young people. Generations of Canadian girls and boys have virtually skated their way into vigorous, healthy adulthood. The desire to enjoy this activity lingers on in the early years of maturity and, where facilities exist, it is usually gratified.

Facilities exist at Dalhousie. The University has an arena. It is apparent from general comment, however, that the students are not getting all the skating they want. The Student Council is aware of this and has raised the matter with the University administration and the rink management.

Permission was sought from the administration to have skating on Sunday. It was refused. Why? Is Sunday skating being treated as a moral issue? It is a precept of the Christian faith that Sunday be kept holy, but this precept is a watch-dog against unnecessary labour. It is not concerned with pleasures whose character is not sinful, i.e., which would not in themselves offend God. If skates are an instrument of sin, so are shoes. How can it be more sinful to go skating on Sunday than to go for a walk?

If the reason for the administration's refusal was not moral, then what was it? Surely the students are entitled to a statement.

Faced with the refusal, the president of the Student Council asked the rink management what additional time during the week could be made available for student skating. The answer was none. When the Council President asked to be shown the rink's schedule and a statement of its finances, his request was refused.

No one wants the arena to be a financial burden to the University. Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that the University arena exists first to serve the student community which, at Dalhousie, happens last year to have paid about \$6,000 in meeting its obligation to cover part of the arena debt.

**An Award For Apathy**

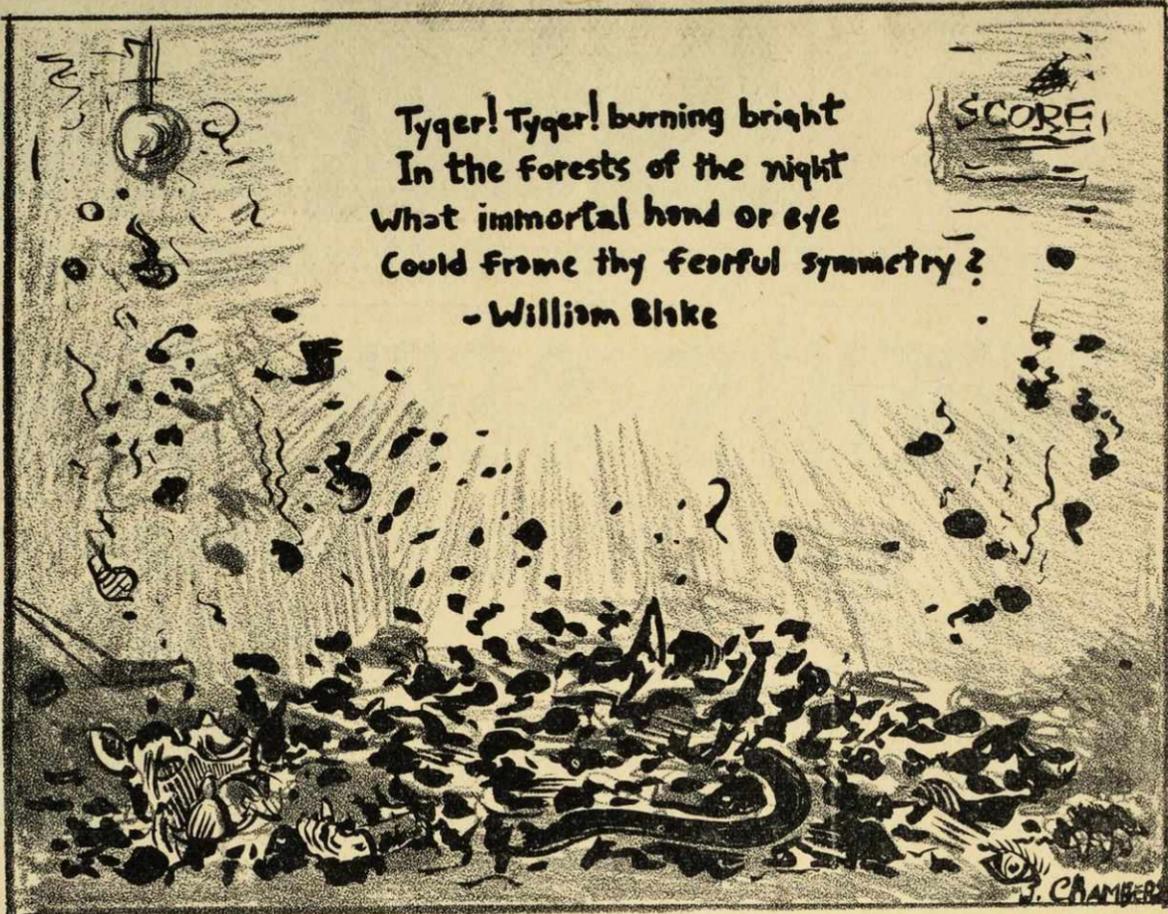
Dalhousie students have been presented this week with yet another award for distinction in service. The plaque, a beautiful rectangle of mahogany with a gold plate inscribed with "APATHY AWARD—To Him Who Combats Apathy", is one which will become dear to the hearts of every Dalhousian.

Competition for the award (pictured on page four) will be keen this year. Several applications have already been received by the judges, three members of the *Gazette's* editorial board, and many more are expected to flow in following this official announcement.

The judges' task will be hard for spirit on campus is improving. In a packed rink two weeks' ago, Dal's hockey team defeated our old rivals for the second time this year, setting a new record. Last Saturday in the same crowded rink, Dal tied Tech; and the poor old tired tiger was once again disturbed from his peaceful repose—to be torn to shreds by enthusiastic supporters. Plans are underway for a trip to the Acadia Winter Carnival where the hockey team will again have a chance to show its strength. Indications are that the trip will be even more successful than the St. F.X. football trip this fall.

Let us not, however, become over-confident. Several organizations on campus need more support. DGDS, whose success last year was tremendous, has sent out a plea for males to take part in this year's musical. Start working.

**FEARFUL SYMMETRY**



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**On Sunday Skating**

Madam:

Your last issue of the *Gazette* was read with great interest, as usual, but when one finishes to read it when is one cup of coffee is still warm, one might be tempted to wonder if you haven't missed the entire issue. Sitting in a large comfortable easy chair around the edge of a huge room in the Arts and Administration Buildings, I heard a shout impeding in the sprawling space, 'DAVE'. I knew the meeting had started. (My apologies to the Student Council President, I've got acute editorialitis and flat knees...)

I was seriously disturbed when Dave Matheson reported on his interview with the University Authority in regard to the opening of the rink on Sundays for students. Dr. Kerr has refused to give his permission to open the rink on Sundays. After asking the Student Council President if there was a serious reason for refusal, I was left perplexed. I had come to the meeting especially for the purpose of finding facts about why the rink stayed closed on Sundays, I found the council in favor of opening it but apparently in a strangely tangled position.

One would be inclined to wonder if Dalhousie is suffering from an over-dose of "paternalism", the same kind that Ottawa and Laval are suffering if we look at it from a student point of view. When our Student Council vote in favor of Sunday skating and that the majority of the students are backing them, I believe it is time to ask, **Why did Dr. Kerr say no?** It is not a matter of arrogance but of plain common sense. If, as some believe, it is because of religious reason it is an infringement on student's freedom in our non-denominational university. Whatever reasons there are let us hope that President Kerr will tell us, students have the right to know what concerns them.

One who read your editorial of December 3, 1958, knows that courage and persistence are some of the characteristics that will save the prerogatives of the Students' Council. Capitulation spells doom and Dalhousians do not lack of courage and persistence... so, hope to see the busy *Gazette* staff on the ice next Sunday.

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**Student's Directory**

Madam:

The purpose of the Students' Directory is to provide the student body with information about the students attending Dalhousie University or King's College. This year the Directory was issued in November. Since the famous book was compiled, reports of changes of address have reached the editor via the usual grapevine. The changes plus any errors or omissions should be reported to the *Gazette* office **PRINTED LEGIBLY ON PAPER**, with former address plus new address if a change, and with the "frightful" error plus the correct spelling. The error, change or omission may also be sent or telephoned to Editor of Student Directory, David Bogart, 17 Watt Street, 2-2025. The supplement containing these errors, changes and omissions will appear in a later issue of the *Gazette*. The sooner these are handed in and reported, the sooner will the supplement appear for further edification of the student body. Also, any organizations and their officers which had not elected at the time of compilation, would be requested to report their administrating officers.

This Directory has been made possible by the local firms whose advertisements appear on its coveted pages. Some offer discounts to students and all are worthy of student patronage.

In closing I should like to thank all those who aided me in this publication of the Dalhousie - King's Student Directory, 1958-59.

DAVID BOGART,  
Editor Dalhousie - King's  
Student Directory, 1958-59.

**Correction Necessary**

Madam:

I fail to see why the *Dalhousie Gazette* is still printing one-sided propaganda on the *La Rotonde* affair. So, I am enclosing an article from the *Carleton* which, though it is not conclusive, ought to clear up a few points. It states that the Report Lacharite had been printed by editors, clearly aware of its insulting contents, without any consultation or warning to the Students' Council. May I further say, that it is your job as an editor, to look into such matters. Since Ottawa University is located in your own

home town, I am disgusted with your handling of the situation. No body else would have such opportunities as you to gain first hand knowledge, and it is a great pity that you have failed to do so.

GRETEL BATES,  
Arts 2

**Editor's Note:** The Editor is not altogether unversed in the situation. She has discussed the situation at some length with Marcel Prud'homme, ex-president of the Student Federation at Ottawa U., Louis Cliche, deposed editor *La Rotonde* and now president of the Student Federation, and Normand Lacharite, deposed editor of *La Rotonde* who started, with Jean David, the whole controversy. She also attended one of the special Student Federation meetings of Ottawa U., called to deal with the situation.

The following is the letter received from Miss Bates and printed in *The Carleton*.

Dear Sir:

This letter concerns your headline news article in the December 2 issue of *The Carleton* which was entitled "Marcel Resigns."

Being that this article directly involved me, I feel that the students of Carleton University should know the matter as it really is, and believe me, the situation is not exactly as reported in said issue.

First of all, M. Prud'homme did resign in the dramatic manner described, but the fact of the matter is that this entire situation would not have developed had M. Prud'homme carried out the initial order given him by his council at its very first meeting following the ill-fated issue of the *La Rotonde*.

At this council meeting, which was held the day after the NFCUS Congress finished, a motion passed in a special executive meeting was put on the table.

This executive motion read in effect: Be it known that the executive council of the Students' Federation of Ottawa University deplors the publication of the Report Lacharite in the October 3 issue of *La Rotonde* before the student council had had the opportunity to read and discuss this report.

It should be mentioned that there were two for and two against this motion in the executive. In all cases of such a vote, the president is