Capable New Council Will Tackle Athletic Question

• FROM THE REPORTS carried on the front page of this issue of THE GAZETTE, Dalhousians may be able to grasp the fact that they now possess one of the strongest and most ambitious Students' Council the University has known in many years. Energy, enthusiasm and ability were the key-notes of last Sunday's meeting, and the new Council is determined not so much to expand Dalhousie's already lengthy program of activities as to effect a greater working efficiency among those now in operation-no mean task.

They want first of all to wrestle with the much criticized athletic situation, and endeavor to raise our standard to the level enjoyed during the roaring twenties, the glorious position that, because we are the largest and wealthiest Maritime university, rightfully is ours for the asking. Then the power in Maritime senior sporting circles, Dalhousie recently has proved less than a weak threat in mere intercollegiate

To those who believe that the lack of a men's residence, a swimming pool and a hockey rink are handicaps whose surmounting alone holds the key to this task, it should be pointed out that Dalhousie never had these facilities in the past and yet was able to produce great teams. Rather we contend that the whole situation resolves itself into three particular problems, concerning which much can be done NOW in time for next year.

The first of these is the system of appointing coaches. The D.A.A.C., an incorporated body, have always had complete authority to hire and pay coaches, an authority that has given the executive of this organization control over coaching policy. Currently it is being argued-with considerable justification-that a shident executive is not competent enough teld this authority wisely, and that it is y unfair to any coach to place him at

these alternative is, of course, the one empl cor by most colleges in Canada, namely to breve the University appoint all coaches th 194th the medium of a physical director. The visit yetem is ideal—PROVIDED that the U hoursity is able in the first place to secure Cervices of a competent physical director. just anyone will do. He must have the wing three quantities:

1. Leadership: He ought to have made a creditable showing among his peers as well as have sufficient personality to inspire the men he is working with to respect him as their natural leader. Unless he can persuade them that he is their superior, any attempts at discipline, team-spirit and devotion to the coach will fail miserably.

2. Ability to teach: Regardless of how much

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in Parliament, and no police force to see that those

laws were enforced. What would you do if your

be like if instead of the simple act of dropping

he himself may know about sport, unless he can transfer this knowledge to his prospective players, his value as a coach is insignificant.

3. Knowledge of sport: He should preferably be an athlete of considerable repute, yet the best athletes do not necessarily make the

Assuming that the right man can be found, even his appointment will full powers to handle all coaching independent of D.A.A.C. would not entirely solve the problem. At the present time, in view of the many fields of athletics in which Dalhousie participates, this task plus his duties as physical instructor amounts to far too much work for any one man; and he would be forced to appoint other coaches to work under him. Unless the University gave him an assistant, these coaches could only come from the Alumni; ex-Dalhousians who not only possess the three qualities listed above, but also understand Dalhousie spirit. There are several such men available, but they have found it impossible to leave their full-time jobs to attend practices during the hours they are currently held.

And this is the second of the three problems. The present practice hours not only involve the heavy expense of meals for the players, but also are extremely inconvenient for many of the students on the campus—to the extent of prohibiting their participation in athletics—as well as for potential Alumni coaches from off the campus. Granted it will not be an easy matter to redraft the time-table of classes so to permit more convient practice hours, yet we are not satisfied that any serious attempt has yet been made to investigate the possibilities. Dalhousie has too much at stake to shrug her shoulders and declare herself helpless.

The third problem is that of organizing student support for these athletics. This support has fallen down in the past, not through lack of spirit so much as lack of organization; and as the new Council fully appreciates this fact, there is every reason to believe that the present unhealthy situation will not be allowed to prevail next year.

This Council is meeting this coming Wednesday to consider this and other matters. They are determined to do their utmost for you, but to achieve much real success they need your assistance. Council meetings are open to all members of the student body. It is your responsibility as well as your privilege not only to instruct your representative in your particular views, but also to attend the meeting and ensure that these views are properly presented.

Next year could prove the greatest in the history of Dalhousie. It rests with each one of us to make certain that it will.

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University Book Store Enjoys Successful Year Despite Short Supplies

· YES, THE PAST YEAR has been a successful one for the University Store, in spite of the fact that with the opening of college, members of the Faculty and Administrative officers of the University are confronted with a problem of considerable magnitude.

This year the enrolment was unpredictable, and both University authorities and publishers of text books failed to anticipate the substantial increase in the Freshman Class. Due to the shortage of supplies this presented quite a problem to the management of the University Store which is responsible for student classroom supplies; and the situation was aggravated by a greatly increased Freshman class In the face of all these difficulties, the splendid cooperation received from Faculty members is largely responsible for the very successful year of the

Students who patronize the University store find in it a great convenience, and without appearing to register a complaint it is felt that as a matter of good business, certain phases of the store activity should be brought to their atten-

While it is true that the estimates of the present year fell short of the demand, due to the abnormal enrolment, it is only reasonable to assume that when books are brought in to supply an individual order, the student responsible for the purchase will endeavour to meet the obligation he has incurred by its presence.

It is regrettable that this is not always the case; for this year the offence is much greater than usual, as two hundred dollars worth or more of these valuable books are still reposing on the shelves at the University Store.

Council . . .

Continued from page 1 the standard of the gold 'D', and the latter be given only for two silver 'D's; that a scheme of awarding points for executive work be devised to eliminate many of the honorary 'D's now given; and that the Awards Committee of the Council set up a card file where the point records of every student might be kept, thereby permitting an accurate account to be preserved from year to year despite changes in executive personnel.

Agenda to be Published

The Council also decided to publish the agenda for all Council meetings in The Gazette the week prior; to invite the heads of all societies financed by the Council to these meetings; and to refuse to consider any of the business presented by these societies unless the president or his representative is present.

Other business the Council discussed but shelved for this Wednesday's meeting were: instructions to the Freshmen's Representative to prepare a Freshman's Handbook and an elaborate questionaire listing all their interests and abilities for the incoming class next fall; amendment to the constitution limiting the major campus positions held by any one person; and provision for providing the students continuing during the summer months with funds and organization for conducting their activities.



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house caught fire, and you could not call the fire department? Would you rather everyone simply removed garbage from their homes by depositing it in the street? Ridiculous you say. No organized society would tolerate such inconveniences, nor permit such condi-

tions to prevail. And yet organized society didn't just occur. It was the result of a natural evolution. As man's needs grew, so also did his governing body expand to meet those needs. Although this gradual evolution represents on the one hand an increase in benefits for all, it also repre-

sents a sacrifice of certain rights and privileges on the part of the individual. Rather than enforce our individual rights by stealing up on our debtor in the dead of night with a club, we have agreed to permit a court of justice to deal with the matter. For all the benefits which we receive, we agree to be taxed in proportion to, and in accordance with, our ability

And so the small village becomes a city, and cities permit a limitation of their powers of government so that a provincial government might carry out measures for the common good of all. In the same way a sacrifice of provincial powers is made in favor of a federal authority which confers benefits more or less in proportion to the sacrifices made by the

This process has of course been going on all over the world since man first looked about himself. It is purely a natural process in view of the needs of

THE question now arises, how far will this process go? Will we stop at national boundaries, refusing to make further sacrifices of our national powers for the benefits to be conferred upon the several states by a world tribunal? The economic history of man wags a knowing finger at us and suggests that perhaps we don't know what we will be willing to do ten or fifty years hence. What is more, the various stages in this process represent the

World Government a Reality? reaching of various stages of maturity. We cannot expect all nations, young and old, with varying degrees of prosperity and prestige in the world of nations, to submit to a world government, anymore than we can expect a child to think as an adult. But it is a rare source of delight to see a child thoughtful enough to see itself in relation to the world around it.

> to decide upon should we agree to adopt world government? To achieve a truly world government we should be required to view the world not as a collection of political entities to be represented on a basis of international power, but as a collection of living, breathing, human beings of varying nationality and ideas, to be represented on a numerical basis. We should, in other words, be represented on a basis of population so that all men all over the world would have equal representation. The peoples of India and China would therefore send more delegates to, and have more votes in, the world tribunal than Canada or the United States.

> Startling some say, to think that measures could be proposed and adopted that would involve us in great efforts, even armed conflict, without our being able to say no. Our power in matters of international import would be limited to the votes we could cast in a world legislative body, and those votes in proportion to our population. This fear made it easy for such men as Lodge and Johnson to persuade the American people not to ratify Wilson's proposals after the last world conflict. It takes big spirit in people to overcome the tendency to cling to whatever personal security they may possess. To relinquish that doubtful personal security for the greater good of all is to become mature.

> On the individual will depends the national will. If we as individuals are ready to make this sacrifice, our government will necessarily reflect that readiness. The question mark over world government becomes a mark for us as individuals to remove, or leave. If we remove it now we will confer upon ourselves the benefits of a peaceful world; if we leave it we simply postpone its removal until unity grows upon us through absolute necessity, and probably at the cost of another world wat. What we the individuals in all nations over the entire world-believe in, we can have. But it takes personal thought and personal sacrifice to make anything-especially world governa reality. D. L. V.