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AN "E" FOR EFFORT

A meeting of the gym store committee of the Student Council, in conjunction with the Senate book store committee was held last Tuesday, according to Russ McKinney, President of the Council of Students. And another joint meeting is to be held sometime today or this evening.

Favorable progress has been made, says Mr. McKinney, and students may look forward to an announcement of the committees' findings in the near future. Both groups agree that the present gym store is inadequate, and it is safe to assume that they have seen and recognized the fallacy of a combined book store and canteen, such as we have here now. Mr. McKinney has assured us that action will be taken, and some pleasing changes made. Although adamant in his decision not to make an official statement until final plans were ironed out, he intimated that there is likely to be a new students canteen at Dalhousie in the 1949-50 school year. He would not say where the new canteen was to be located, but the possible locations are few, if we ignore the proposed new Arts building, which is supposed to be completed within the next two years.

As possible locations we can immediately strike off such buildings as the MacDonald Library, the gymnasium, and the Arts building at Studley.

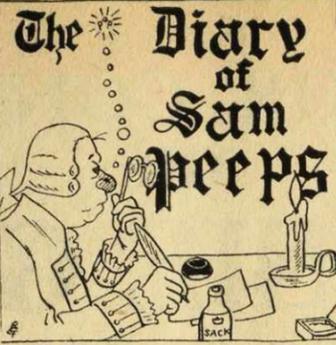
And certainly the canteen cannot be located elsewhere than on Studley campus, for that is where the majority of students are concentrated. Only the Men's Residence is left to consider, and in that there are only two places which could possibly be used. The Study room to the right of the main entrance is too small, and therefore there is only one possibility left—the Men's Common Room.

If the Men's Common Room is selected as the site for a student restaurant or canteen, then the committees have only seen now what the Gazette and most students have seen and talked about for the past three years. But that is unimportant, so long as we may at long last, look forward with optimism to some concrete action in this matter which has for many years been responsible for a deplorable situation which provided a canteen capable of catering to about 20 students at a time, to handle the needs of some 1700 students.

For the past several years there has been a strong feeling at Dalhousie that the University authorities were blind and deaf to the pleas of the students. In many instances, it would appear that this feeling of animosity has been justified. Certainly the present heartening news dribbling from recent meetings between students and faculty will do much to dispel the cloudy atmosphere of bad feeling. A prompt report from the committees, stating in black and white just what is to be done, and when, and where, will be most acceptable to the student body. Having received such a report, we will chalk up an "E" for effort for the university, and look forward with optimism toward their further action in such matters as joint participation in purchasing of bleachers for the gymnasium, finishing off their so-far excellent work on the football field with a fence and adequate stands, a plan for erection of a rink, accelerated construction of the Arts building (which they have decided to build before they erect, or for that matter, consider, a men's residence), and immediate consideration of the erection of the much-discussed men's residence.

The university authorities have remarked that certain actions of student organizations have caused ill-will toward the university, so far as the general public are concerned. They are apparently worried about the answer to the question, "What do the public think of us?" These same authorities might be better employed at seeking out an answer to "What do the students think of us?"

Certainly the students will think better of them if they continue in the present progressive vein—and certainly they might do very well by themselves if they considered that students are not just so many cattle farmed out by parents or D.V.A. at so many dollars per head. Contented cows are a great advertisement for milk producers, and one might almost think that contented students, provided they are exposed to knowledge as cows are exposed to fodder, would be an excellent advertisement for an education factory. There is fodder around Dalhousie, but the farm is falling apart. The cows are starting to think.



The Diary of Sam Peeps

Saturday, Feb. 5—If ever a man was a fool it is this Robert Bobsdaughter who was this day out sliding down a hill on a wooden contrivance called a toboggan, in company with a female called Barbados Netherlands. There were many others too, and all silly, I am resolved. I did see that the intelligent thing was to stay at the bar while they were sliding, so I did in company with the outrageous bartender, "Small Shot" Connely, and a fair maiden named Macksgood.

Did seem like old times with "Stinky" Lessdaughter on hand. Mighty shocked at the appearance of bleary-eyed Winner Stare-At, who apparently had prepared in advance for the dancing party.

Later to another establishment where did hear a humorous report of the actions of John W. "Typhoon" McStrato-Cumulous. He has, in his own way, solved the problem of the next morning's head-ache, by retching before retiring, a method which he will patent, he says.

To bed, later at little Oxford where father Diehard did disturb Alf Hairless in his meditation. So disturbed was Hairless that he raised a great shout, waking "Muscles" Pawford who did threaten to kill him, and even more.

Sunday, Feb. 6—Up at noon, laughing to myself at Less Ozone, who was seen to climb in an upstairs, back window of a house on South Street, and later admitted myself, Hairless and Gordon Southbad to the premises where we did find Milord Stout-One unconscious on a sofa. He could not be awakened so we took it for granted he had suffered a weak spell, and left him there. In the pantry we did eat some cold Italian food, called Macaroni, a most objectionable dish.

Early this morning before retiring, did fall in with a scoundrel at a house on Inglis Street, who was in a violent mood and out to do no good, methinks. He was called Gordon Spiller, and was most tall.

Later did waken Jim Yesterday who threatened dire punishment for our raucous shouting and ribaldry, and said that he was in great need of sleep, having played at quoits at Arcadia earlier in the evening.

Finally, to bed, in cramped quarters.

Monday, Feb. 7 — Nothing but talk today of the great victory of the athletes of the college on the hill over the ice hockey players at Antigroanish. Am resolved to visit the local ice pond when they do play here this Saturday, for there will likely be great excitement.

Great fun today listening to my heart beat with a new instrument purchased by Richard Groin, a would-be and mediocre surgeon of the town, who dotes on two fine aunts he has in the country. He is a fine lad, and the apple of several pairs of eyes.

Have noted with amusement the many letters to the editor appearing in the Spectator (early edition) and am most pleased with those by one who signs himself "McKenna". If he is the coach of pugilism, then he is a wordy one, methinks.

Interfac Basketball

POT SHOTS . . . Commerce was hard hit by the varsity ineligibility ruling. The millionaires have lost Earl Smith, Arp Robertson, and Frank Rogers. . . Alex Farquhar has made Pine Hill look like a new team . . . Tom Foster and Doc Morton might lead Meds to another championship . . . Arts and Science and Meds clash Monday at six. Both are undefeated. . . Interfac basketball goes to sleep this week-end with the arrival of George Washington.

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