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THE WHEEL IS COME FULL FORCE

The GAZETTE wishes to correct certain errors made in its report of the speech by the President of the Council of Students to the student forum last Thursday.

With reference to the various material contributions made by the university to student affairs, the news report stated "these contributions were made through necessity rather than willingness to co-operate." Mr. Moreira's statement was not to that effect. He said rather that "apart from these contributions" the attitude of the university has not been one to encourage extra-curricular activities.

The account also failed to mention the brief to be drawn up during the Christmas vacation by Mr. Moreira and Mr. Alton Lomas, Vice-President of the Council of Students. This brief is to be presented to the authorities for consideration.

The GAZETTE regrets the misrepresentations conveyed by the above error and omission.

The GAZETTE also supports Mr. Moreira in the stand taken in his speech to the students. As he pointed out, Mr. Moreira gained office on the strength of a platform of co-operation with the powers-that-be, but after several months of vain attempts to secure harmony, he can see no alternative but to put the situation before the Council of Students and the students at large, and to present a statement of attitude to these powers.

Some members of the student body who were present at the forum criticized Mr. Moreira on two scores. Firstly, they said, even though his opinions and facts may be absolutely correct, they should not be aired in public. A weaker attitude could hardly be found!!! Student forums are precisely the occasions during which such matters should be brought to light. No man should continually sacrifice convictions to expediency, and to judge by past performance, it is even doubtful that expediency would be served by further sacrifice of convictions.

A great number of students failed to recognize the instances of lack of co-operation mentioned by Mr. Moreira. They point with pride and a secure knowledge that they are on the more powerful side to the various material contributions of the university—renovation of the football field, plans for a rink, basketball stands, and the hiring of a physical director and ground hockey coach. But they have not been told, and have been too disinterested in any but their own affairs, to see the numerous examples of non-cooperation that are all too obvious to others.

The only flaw in Mr. Moreira's argument was his correlation of university attitude with college spirit. He said, "the university, whether on purpose or not, has gone as far as it can to suppress college spirit without provoking it". If a sufficient amount of spirit—and a bare minimum, at that—existed in the first place, any suppression, however, small, would aggravate that spirit and bring it forth in wholehearted resistance. We believe there are more fundamental weaknesses within Dalhousie's organization than university attitude.

Some of that weakness may lie in the general layout of the campus, which prevents the more highly organized, and, in general, the older student groups from being in close contact with the center of affairs. Granted, the more interested of those students still take part in activities on Studley, but spirit comes from the group, not from its leaders.

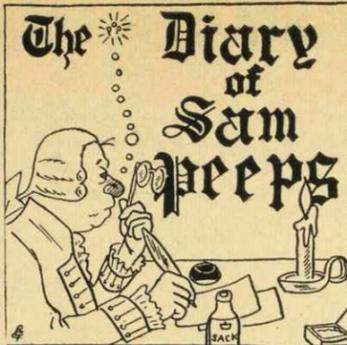
Another cause of weakness may lie in the general administration of sports facilities. The condition of the football field—and that was certainly the university's responsibility — forced college teams to practice and play in fields owned by everybody and his brother. The handling of time allotments in the gymnasium is also unsatisfactory, as has been pointed out. Only these two features are directly attributable to present university attitude.

So the problem breaks down into three individual but overlapping parts:

The general layout of the university—no fault of present administration—is not conducive to spirit.

The administration of certain facilities—definitely a matter of current policy—is not conducive to spirit.

The attitude of the faculty should not affect spirit . . . if spirit existed. And "the wheel is come full circle".



Friday, November 25
A national calamity is upon us! Civil war and strife do threaten the Commonwealth. It doth seem that Less Ozone, the Prime Minister, did rise in Parliament and announce that the lack of patriotism and the low morale of our fighting men was caused by the obstructive attitude of the Upper House, who he did charge consider more the opinions of foreigners than of their own subjects. He did announce that a Petition of Rights will be drawn by himself and the Speaker of the House, Alton Lowmess, which is to be presented to His Majesty Otto I, and the House of Lords. I fear this may lead to another civil strife between Parliament and Lords and none know the outcome.

Saturday, November 26
Endeavoring to put out of my mind the dismal prospects before us, I went a-walking in the town. Everywhere I went I saw young damsels from Marmalade Hovel soliciting funds for the AINT, from those unwary enough to approach them. One of these, Miss Wasabelle Bustle, did wear a bright crimson cloak, and some who approached her did ask if the donations were for Uncle Joe. She did reply "Yes", for Joe Lightdaughter is the head of the AINT, and is a friendly person, and while he is not yet an uncle, the wench of the Hovel do regard him so.

Did hear that Miss Stevesdaughter was giving a kiss for each donation to the AINT, and so did hasten thence to watch the spectacle of silly old men making fools of themselves. There did meet one Murphey Hoggins, and after did go with him to the college on the hill where we did find Lightsdaughter opening the boxes of his assistants and counting the monies therein. His manner was thus: "One for them, one for me, and one for kitty". I did wonder if he could mean the wench I had in mind.

News . . . Views and Jottings

Student's Forum
It has been a long time since there was anything at Dal that was as much discussed as last Thursday's Student Forum. There was a good crowd on hand to witness the first Forum of the year. This could have been due to a number of reasons, and one of them might be that at last there are some decent seats in the Gym. Previous to the forum there had been a lot of speculation as to the subjects to be discussed, and surely no one was disappointed with what they heard.

Book Discount
Toronto—(CUP)—St. Michael's College at University of Toronto is up in arms against the MacMillan Publishing Company. It appears that the company will not allow the students the customary ten per cent discount at the Toronto University bookstore. As a result the Council of Students has been asked to advise the faculty "that they remove from the reading list as far as possible, all MacMillan books and that the college takes any further action that it deems fitting to support the policy of the Bookstore action" The students have been promised the support of the President of the Student Council.

Red Faced Freshmen . . .
There must have been two very embarrassed freshmen at the base. (Continued on Page Three)

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