

EDITORIAL:

WHERE ARE THE MEN AT ST. DUNSTAN'S?

The SDU Students' Union has inherited a financial mess, courtesy of the wonderful class of '66. The Coffee Shop, according to the Manager, experienced a good year, making profits while giving its customers more for less. It carries a \$2,000 deficit. The Students' Store experienced an \$1,800 loss, while the manager reported "everything paid up, money in the bank." The Red and White Business Manager quoted a figure of \$1,000 as advertising revenue, but he never even billed its advertisers. These kind gentlemen left after graduation to give the world the innumerable benefits of their talents, while the new executive was left here to float a \$2,500 loan in order to pay off irate creditors.

How could this have happened? It is true to answer that these people were incompetent, but the matter runs deeper than that: they just didn't give a hell. People such as these are the glory boys. They get very keen at election time when the prospect of being Big Men on Campus draws the jackals out of the underbrush to the carcass. They all have very good intentions when they accept a position in a Students' Union enterprise, but good intentions do not evoke the same results as does practical ambition. The Students' Union does not need students who will accept a position because someone has to, and there aren't many in the running. What the Students' Union does need is persons who know exactly what a particular job involves, have experience in the operational side of the position, and have the strongest determination to see a challenging task completed.

All of the blame for the current crisis does not fall on the heads of the three managers. The former executive, and the Students' Union as a whole, are in great part responsible. Neither the Red and White Business Manager nor the Students' Store Manager kept a detailed recording of each transaction in which they were involved. They did not do so because they were not obliged to by the executive. Persons in charge of Students' Union enterpris-

es are required both by law and by the constitution of the SDUSU to keep a set of books which are to be audited by a professional auditor. No Students' Union books were ever audited primarily because the size of the operation did not warrant the expense of hiring an auditor. However, the managers of the Store and the newspaper, since they kept no records, should have been made to produce a bank statement justifying their declaration of profits on their particular operations. It was the duty of the S.U. President to make them account for their claims. I ask you, Mr. President: How can you justify allowing the Coffee Shop Manager to walk out of here with the books of his enterprise? When the Treasurer read out the Students' Union financial statement at a general meeting last spring, were you certain his figures were exact?

A university exists not only to implant a quest for knowledge in its students but also to mould better human beings. It appears that St. Dunstan's is failing in the latter capacity, for last year's graduating class produced some fine specimens of immaturity and irresponsibility. Perhaps St. Dunstan's has failed in the past to give a well-rounded education to its students, but the administration has realized some of its mistakes and is making great strides forward. The administration finally realized that it cannot be a small college, secure on its traditions, acting stubbornly independent in its old ways. St. Dunstan's is becoming a big university, a real university. The university is trying to instill a sense of responsibility in its students; however, the success of this undertaking depends a great deal on we students. How can a person claim he is a mature person when he can't succeed in student government?

The SDU Students' Union is growing rapidly and it needs good hands to keep up the work. And it is work, hard work. To all I say: Don't be afraid to accept the numerous challenging positions the Students' Union offers, but be determined you will do the job right.

WE GET LETTERS

Kind Sir,

A reliable source has informed me that some of the shadier elements on campus wish those over twenty-one to be allowed to keep intoxicants in their rooms. What can these poor demented souls be thinking? Do they not realize that alcohol has been the downfall of mankind since it was invented by an order of monks hundreds of years ago? Can't these wine-sopped minds grasp the true gravity of their insane flights of fancy? Why if beer or any other such sinful beverage was to flush just one Saint Dunstan kidney the entire history and tradition of our school would come tumbling down about our ears.

It is tragic that this University is located in such a sinful province, one where even the government sells liquor in all its fearsome forms. Oh what a hard core sellout of humanity! Such apparent lack of concern for the citizens of this province saddens by sober heart.

Wake up world! Open your bloodshot eyes. Cleanse your beerstained hands. Embrace the life of the enlightened ones, stand erect, walk the straight line to the good clean life. Drink Tea.

Yours in sober truth,
(Miss) Carrie Nation

Dear Sir,

I am appalled at the conservative, apathetic attitude which seems to pervade this campus. In the beginning I want to say that I am in no way accusing the faculty or administration for this condition, but rather it is a reflection of the society in which we are situated. I use the word condition with care but with sincerity because it somehow gives one the feeling of an illness.

I often wonder if the students here have an opinion about anything, because if they have they sure keep it to themselves. I suppose living in a society such as ours we learn to keep our mouths shut, but surely some of us are courageous enough to speak our minds. There are many issues in our world today about which we must have some opinion. What about the appalling situation in Viet Nam? The hungry 80% of the world's population? The whole area of Ecumenical affairs? Surely we have more responsibility in these affairs than just to passively read about them in the paper and then lackadaisically lay the paper aside and say "Oh-hum."

It seems to me that we, the youths of this country, need to be interested and concerned about more than just getting more education so we can make more money. I agree that money is important but also feel that there are other priorities which deserve our attention. If this country is ever going to be anything but a "rich get richer" nation, and more particularly, if Prince Edward Islanders are ever going to be shocked out of their traditionally conservative, apathetic, uncommitted way of life it is we at this university who are going to have to lead the way.

Finally, to make this letter more than just a conglomeration of words, I would suggest that any who are interested in discussing some of the prevalent issues of concern might arrange to form a club or political party. At the present time I am not ready to put my specific views and ideas into print, but would be very interested in discussing some issues with concerned students. If you are interested, please contact me at your leisure.

Yours Truly,
Errol Sharpe

Dear Sir,

Is our Coffee Shop in trouble? What is going on? Just what is the purpose of having the doors locked until 9:30? There seems to be a widespread disagreement with this policy. I believe that a reasonable explanation from the board of directors would be in order

on this new plan. I sincerely believe that the student body would be more co-operative in aiding the Union out of its difficulties if these difficulties were made known. In that way success will be that much closer. Colin J. McMillan, President, St. Dunstan's Students' Union, 1953-64 wrote in the 1964 issue of MNEMOSYNE, the following words: "...eventual success (of Coffee Shop) will only be achieved if the students attending St. Dunstan's in the next few years unite under their executive officers to make the project a profitable and worthwhile contribution to the University." It seems that so far the enterprise has not been profitable. Just how unprofitable has it been? Why has it been so unprofitable? What can we do to remedy the situation? I am certain that the enterprise has been worthwhile as I am sure the majority of the student body will agree. Please, let us have a full report of the difficulties, and a constructive list of what must be done by all of us, the students of S.D.U., so that we can do what we must to keep this most valuable asset on its feet. And let us try to do it in as reasonable and as intelligent a manner as possible.

I am Sir, etc.
Hugh MacDonald
Junior Arts

Dear Sir,

One of the more disturbing aspects of campus life at Saint Dunstan's is the ban on booze in all shapes, sizes, and proofs. The administration has a blanket rule that no student may have alcoholic beverages in his possession. This includes everyone, even those of us who have attained our majority. The administration certainly could not condone imbibing by minors on the grounds that the R.C.M.P. would have a fit. However, by preventing an adult from enjoying an ice cold beer in his room the administration is not being fair.

The provincial legislative authorities have, in their wisdom, provided liquor outlets (power houses, grog shops, etc.) around the province. These fine establishments sell to the public a varied assortment of wonderful beverages, the most popular of which is called beer. The law permits adults of the province to consume these marvelous liquors in the privacy of their residences. There are a few adults who are a few exceptions: Indians, lunatics, and residents of Saint Dunstan's. These three groups of adults are judged to be unfit to handle demon rum. When an Indian gets a snootful of firewater he attacks the settlement. When a lunatic gets some sauce there is no telling what will happen. When a Saint Dunstan's snafles some ambrosia he gets kicked off campus.

As a result, the Indian abstains, the lunatic is locked up, and the college student mingles into the Brace, BIS, and/or Legion. When (if) one of these students returns from an excursion he is usually in a state of, what has been called, inebriation (i.e. he is smashed). One other effect has also been noticed, he is broke. This is also the time that is picked to slap him with a fine.

Had this poor soul been allowed to his constitutionally guaranteed right to the pursuit of happiness, and been permitted to drink in his room he would have had a deeper knowledge of alcohol and its uplifting effects. He would not consider it wrong to have a drink. Imagine this guy at a cocktail party ten years hence slipping behind a chesterfield to polish off his martini.

SDU should relax its rules regarding liquor by permitting adults to drink on campus. We should strictly (?) prohibit minors from having access to intoxicating beverages. They should not tolerate the getting smashed of any person. A strict penalty imposed on abuses would pull people into line. Yet, it would help us all to have a more mature grasp of some of the more powerful influences on society.

Thank You,
Bacchus

MORNING YOEDLER

When I awoke this morning,
When all sweet things are born
A robin perched upon my sill
To signal the coming morn.
The bird was carefree, young,
And sweetly it did sing;
The thought of peace and joy
Into my heart did it bring.
I smiled softly at the song
And as it paused—a lull,
I gently closed the window
And crushed its bloody skull.

D.C.

A THOUGHT

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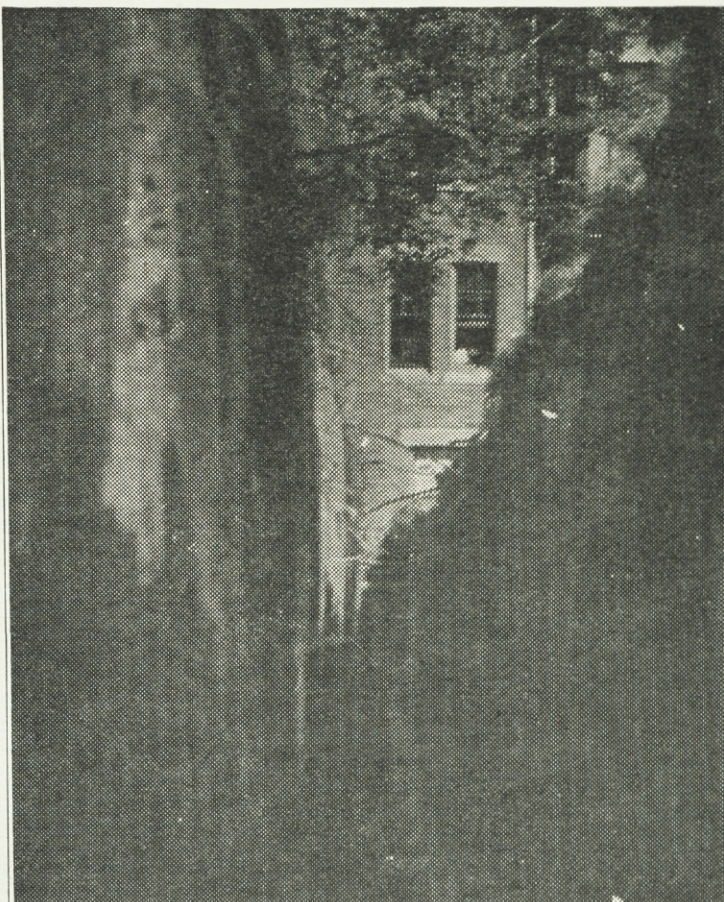
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THE BRAIN DRAIN?



The Brain Drain? No, but a sprinkler system for both Dalton Hall and Main Building for protection in the event of fire. At \$46,000, it's an expensive bit of water. Plans call for its completion by October.