

- EDITORIAL -

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED RESPONSIBILITY?

Those fortunate people who read correctly the winds of September as the precursors of hurricanes, and the smiles of March as the weddings of August would have a field day in this place. He would note the grump of the Senior or the confusion of the Freshman and conclude, not wrongly, that there was in the air a black electricity of complaint, of frustration, and sometimes of an emotion approaching the ecstatic heights of blind hate.

Covering the last days of his summer vacation like a purple storm-cloud was a little work called "The Student Handbook". Students read it once, and not believing what they saw read it a second time. Some called it the "Force-book" or "Joke-book", others said that it was only meant to scare, which is not a totally unworthy activity. Few imagined that certain prefects would take it all so seriously.

The date I write this on is September 29, I am a Senior. Almost all the men residing on my floor are. Amongst these, beside myself, are the manager of the Coffee-Shop, the editor of the Year-Book, the president and the treasurer of the Student Council, the president of the A. A. A., the manager of the student store, the President of the senior class, the managing editor and the advertising manager of this publication. At 12:15 last night, we all suddenly became irresponsible when our lights were turned out on us.

This situation may be rectified by the time you read this, but this is what I'm getting at: it should have never. NEVER happened. The Senior class of this University has been severely insulted. We are the novices to the professional world of, quite literally, tomorrow. We are

the most experienced class of this university. We are the class most burdened with responsibilities. Many of us, if not most, are adults. Some of us are married and have children.

And Daddy suddenly has his lights turned out at the witching hour.

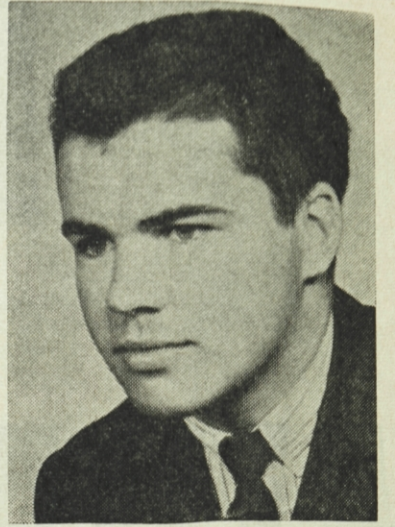
It is not so much that we object to this as a disciplinary measure (though even in that way it is odious) but in that such a thing — this innocuous turning out of lights at ANY HOUR — stands symbolically as an insult to our responsibility. It is as if we cannot be trusted after a certain hour.

How can a plant grow if you sit on it? How can an egg hatch properly under a steam-iron? How can a mind function properly amidst stagnant philosophical waters? How can a PERSON grow if his actions are constantly strait-jacketed by ignorant methods of discipline and stilted intolerant ideas concerning how one should live?

And though, it is the Seniors that complain (and largely for themselves) we now speak for the whole of this student body when we say that what we want, what we wish, what we fervently desire is responsibility, a true, full responsibility, a clear atmosphere of trust and worth. Treat us as children and so we will behave, but treat us as adults and we, possessing all of us all the adult faculties, will correspondingly reply.

The stimulation of challenge breeds creativity. The essence of responsibility is challenge.

Certainly the leaned members of this University have no objection to creative thought, to constructive action, to vision, indeed, to truth?



FROM THE STUDENTS' UNION

By TOM MCMILLAN
Conservative Leader to visit
SDU

The Rt. Honorable John Diefenbaker is coming to St. Dunstan's. Philip Macdonald, President of the Conservative Club on campus, announced that the Conservative leader would make a brief visit to the College Oct. 28.

Though no specific plans were released by either the Conservative Club president or the provincial organization, it is believed that Mr. Diefenbaker, accompanied by his wife, will arrive at the Students' Union Coffee Shop at 4:30 p.m., Friday. After speaking briefly, he will meet informally with the students before leaving for Charlottetown, where he is addressing a political rally that evening.

Mr. Macdonald said that plans are now being made to have all four provincial conservative candidates in the Nov. 8 election meet with the students after Mr. Diefenbaker's departure.

Morton Administration in full swing

The Morton administration is in full swing. On the strength of the largest mandate given to a council president in recent years at St. Dunstan's. Dave Morton has a big year planned for the students' Council, with record high budgets forecasted for Student Union organizations.

This year, after radical changes in the Student Union Constitution last year, there are fourteen members on the Council. Members of the council executive are: President, Dave Morton; Vice-President, Herb Murphy; Secretary, Veronica Swift; and Treasurer, Gene MacLaughlin.

Class Presidents for the '65-'66 college year are: DICK Trotter, Senior; Ted Richard, Juniors; Phil Macdougall, Sopho-

more; Mike Coady, Freshman; and Carl Cheverie, Engineer.

Bob Pelrine is representing the Athletic Standing Committee; and the Canadian Union of Students, World University service and the Debating Society are represented by Tom McMillan under the External Affairs portfolio. Publications, representing the RED & WHITE and the Yearbook, campus affairs, representing the Coffee Shop and Campus Police; and the Social and Cultural Standing Committee, representing the Drama Society and the Glee Club, have not as yet chosen their representatives on the council.

Board of Directors chosen by council

The policy makers of the \$80,000 Students' Union Coffee Shop have been chosen to serve on the Board of Governors.

Chosen by the students' Council for a one year term are: Jerry Dunn, Gene MacLaughlin, Reta MacCormic, Dominic MacGree, and Bob Hickey. Former Freshman Class president Bob Hickey was voted Chairman of the Board.

National Student Day

The Canadian Union of Students, of which St. Dunstan's has long been a member, is sponsoring a national students' day, October 27. The theme of the student day is to be left up to the participating universities. However, in most cases it will centre around the MacGill resolution passed by the CUS Congress last summer. The resolution calls for the abolition of all social and financial barriers to obtaining post-secondary education, with the immediate priority being the abolition of tuition fees.

St. Dunstan's will participate in the National Student Day. However, unlike larger and less isolated universities, no march on the Provincial Legislature will be conducted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '66 A - 1 BLEEDERS

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

September 24, 1964

My Dear Sir,

Deprivation of the numerous amenities of life (such as platable food and livable quarters) being an inconvenience which we share in common with students of any university; the residences of which have deteriorated to such an extent as to render them inhospitable to either man or beast, I may say with reasonable assurance that we growl no more loudly than the average university student.

However, I feel it my duty to inform the administrators of St. Dunstan's University that it has recently become the custom, to perform such . . . operations de toilette immediately in advance of any social engagement.

Gentlemen, it is now 9:00 p.m. of a Saturday evening, I have just tried every shower in this residence, and . . . in every case I was greeted with a veritable Niagara of liquid ice, requiring only the abstraction of 80 calories per square

centimeter to cause it to solidify entirely. Being a morning shower, I was quite insensible to the muffled curses of my fellow students emerging from the . . . washroom every night at this time, clad in bathrobes but still bone dry. That is to say gentlemen, that we are dealing not with an isolated case but with a disgustingly annoying situation that has already achieved a certain degree of permanence.

I therefore make the following appeal to the administrat-

ors: Do your part in the war against poverty and raise the living standard of these residences above that of a cold water flat, in the slums.

Indignantly,
John W. Billingsley

P.S. Assured that this appeal will receive the Reverend Bursar's most gracious consideration, I thank him in advance.

J.W.B.

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