



THE RULES OF RESIDENCE MUST CHANGE

The past week at Saint Dunstan's University, students have again been prosecuted by the Prefects for violating the rules of residence concerning "permissions" and "daily checks" as set out on pages 20 and 21 in the "Student Handbook". Many students in all three buildings were fined and at least two had to sign releases from residence.

Doubtlessly, those who were fined did in fact break a written and well known rule and do deserve the punishment imposed on them. This is looking at the question from a strictly legal viewpoint, however.

There is another way to look at this question also, and in this case we feel that the second way is more important by far than the first. The second approach is to judge the situation with a little charity. Students at S.D.U. are not on the whole either stupid or childish but in many instances we are treated as if we were.

There is a rule which states that we must be in residence at 11:30 p.m. But are we governed by over zealous fanatics or just men? Should one be fined because a movie let out late? Rules are for fools to obey and for wise men to be guided by.

Saint Dunstan's University is a Catholic university directed by the clergy. We came here and or our parents sent us here so that we would, be trained to enter the professional world with modern knowledge AND Christian principles of honesty and fair play. So tell us: shall we practice the theory or shall we practice cutting corners?

Equally, important is the question of whether or not we should have the two particular rules cited above or not. We think not.

Consider first the "Daily Checks" rule. The greater majority of us have not been kept in the house after 11:30

or even 12:30 on nights when we had something to do since our early high school days. Then we arrive here and find that although we are older we must stay in. Obviously, this is an infringement on our liberty. And completely unnecessary! The only possible justification for such a rule would be that quiet and "a studious atmosphere" (Has this ever been defined) would be maintained. We wonder, is it quieter now than it would be if those who didn't wish to study were off to town? Finally, we are fairly certain that the students would on the whole display considerable maturity in the hours they kept.

As for the ruling titled "Permissions", we believe the same arguments apply as in the foregoing paragraph. Let us come and go as we wish with the stipulation that we first tell the Dean of Residence where we'll be and how to reach us in the event that we must be located.

EDITORIAL BOARD

The Red and White has formed an Editorial Board. "The task of any member of the editorial board is to help in deciding the policy of the paper, what opinions it will express and what attitude it will adopt towards controversial subjects. Almost certainly, every journalist will find himself in a number of awkward situations during his career, and although mine has been very short, it also promises to be very awkward. In the circumstances, an even temperament, a sense of humour and a sense of proportion are now necessities of life. Work on such a newspaper as ours calls for persistence, thick skin, some imagination and a fundamental sensitivity for the feelings of others. Self-confidence is a prerequisite, but so is a willingness to go on learning all through life.

Often, through necessity, an editorial is written hurriedly, but once printed will be remembered a long time. The opinion it expresses should always be consistent with any previously expressed, and founded on a sound knowledge of the subject at hand. At times, the knowledge is not so sound; at other times, it is too sound, and only part of the truth can be printed for the protection of concerned parties. Such are the facts of life. Yet readers expect firmness and decision from their newspaper. In spite of this, the opinion expressed in the editorial should always represent a reasoned argument, define clearly the issues at stake, and draw a solid, logical conclusion." (Quoted from the Fulcrum, Thursday, October 14, 1965.) This is precisely what this paper will attempt to do.

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the semi-annual meeting of the S.D.U.S.U. will be held in the Alumni Gymnasium of Saint Dunstan's University on Wednesday, the ninth day of March, 1966, at 6:45 p.m.

Students are asked to refer to Article 9 — sections (1) and (3) and (5), and Article 16 of the S.D.U.S.U. By-laws in the Student Directory.

Dated at Charlottetown this first day of March, 1966.

"EVER LOVIN' MACHINE"

Hey, boys, you know once I was took in
By a girl with a twinkly eye
And the first time that I wasn't lookin'
She run off with a handsomer guy.

But I'm an ingenious feller
And as soon as my brain got uncured
I tiptoed right down to my cellar
And I built a mechanical girl.

(Chorus)

Oh her arms are iron, her legs are steel,
Her hips are on wires attached to a wheel,
And her spine is a coil, that I now and then oil,
She's my ever-lovin' machine!

She never complains when I stay out all night
She never complains I'm not rich
And each time I want her to cuddle me tight
I simply turn on her switch.

She has no trouble making her mind up
For I didn't give her a mind
And her heart is a clock that I wind up
So I know that she'll love me on time.

My love is completely electric
And she gives me a shock with each hug
And when the romance gets to hectic
I simply pull out her plug.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Many readers must wonder how the six hundred students at Saint Dunstan's University can organize, finance and run such an imposing institution as the Students' Union. Everywhere one sees our leaders, Princetonian types all, moving confidently about the campus, taxiing to town, financing innumerable campus societies, putting up posters for more, and jotting on personalized stationery.

Surely the readers are safe in trusting these good men.

Unfortunately this isn't the case for no one knows exactly what your money is allotted to. That is, no organization within the S.D.U.S.U. knows exactly what its budget is at the beginning of any given year.

Well students, your opportunity to correct this situation is fast approaching. In the forthcoming Student Union Elections, vote for the representatives who promise that they'll (1) give no money to our various societies until each one has submitted a budget to Student Council Scrutiny; (2) approve a petty cash fund for each organization to cover such expenses as taxis and postage stamps; (3) review the present policy of expense accounts; (4) publish a financial statement as soon as the various committee budgets are passed, accounting for every student dollar.

We are sorry we couldn't fill every page

We don't know why we couldn't But we must have had a good reason

Because we didn't

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Red and White has a new staff, all of whom are starting from scratch. We, knowing nothing about the newspaper business, need your help.

Many people on campus have tremendous ideas concerning university affairs and everyone forms opinions of the major issues which arise periodically. There is only one sure way of making your thoughts known at S.D.U. — by contributing to the "Letters" column of the Red and White. Everything from brilliant suggestions for the betterment of the campus to complaints will receive our consideration and if the editor considers the material fit, it will be printed.

It's easy; simply write a letter and give it to any Red and White staffer.

Dear Number Checker - of-fer,

Your voice is commanding; your appearance overwhelming; your courtesy appalling. Who are you? You are the man who checks the numbers off at the Cafeteria.

Please sir, don't get so wrapped up in your work -- the Third Reich has fallen and the S.S. Troopers have lost their power to hard people into long lines.

For the most part we are adults and as adults we do follow behavior patterns, we do not need your parading around our tables telling us what and what not to do.

Thank you,
A Number

She always did what she was supposed to
Right up to this evening but then

She had an affair with the toaster
And they ran off and left me again!

(Chorus)

SHELL SILVERSTEIN

UNIVERSITY OF P.E.I.

"Your Commission makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Governors of Prince of Wales College and Saint Dunstan's University -- after sufficient study of their own interests and their particular needs, proceed to initiate planning with the government of Prince Edward Island to develop a University of Prince Edward Island so set up that its historical components, St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College, while suspending all degree granting powers in favor of the new university, would remain individual entities within it."

The above is the first recommendation of the Royal Commission on Higher Education in Prince Edward Island as submitted to the Provincial Government on January 20, 1965. The Recommendations of the Commission were so logical so full of self evident truths that opposition to it seems ludicrous, yet to say that the institutions involved sprang into action after reading these recommendations would be the overstatement of the year. It cannot be denied that some action has been taken, but has it been enough? Have definite steps been initiated?

Granted, federation is a radical departure from the status quo but it seems to be the only path open to S.D.U. and P.W.C. How else can the greatest value be derived from dollars spent? What service is done by the construction of two libraries or two science

buildings when one of each is sufficient? The money saved in federating the two Universities could well be used to subsidize students from P.E.I. who might not have been able to attend university otherwise. Duplication of university facilities in a province with a population as small as that of P.E.I. is absolute madness.

Alumni from P.W.C. & S.D.U. probably cringe in agony when they hear any mention of federating the two into a U. of P.E.I. "What of our proud history?" The answer to this objection is contained in the Royal Commission's report. If you read the first recommendation carefully, you will have already noticed that the U. of P.E.I. is to be so set up that S.D.U. and P.W.C. "would remain individual entities within it". This is not such a radical concept. Both Oxford and Cambridge, two of the greatest Universities in the world, are federations of many smaller colleges, each of which maintains its own identity and traditions. The vast majority of the larger Canadian universities have smaller colleges on their campuses.

We must not allow higher education on Prince Edward Island to fall behind the rest of Canada and the world. We must not allow petty prejudice and blind sentiment to cloud our reason. We must get the most and best education possible for our university students in the years to come. In light of the considerations involved the best way to achieve this ideal is in the federation of S.D.U. and P.W.C. into the University of Prince Edward Island.

STAFF TURNOVER

Another cycle has been completed at S.D.U. After spending a year keeping the Red and White alive, Lawrence Don Elysyn has been forced by scholastic pressure to resign his position as editor of this publication

Unfortunately, many of that staff principally seniors, have had to resign also, for reasons similar to Mr. Don Elysyn's.

We, the new management of the student newspaper, have been working this past week at a furious pace trying to meet the deadline. In this endeavor we have had tremendous co-operation from Mr. Don Elysyn and his aides. They have taught us all we know up to this point. For this we are very grateful; our hope is that we can effect an equally smooth turnover next year.

Which brings up a point. Obviously, the strain of Senior year is too heavy to allow a person to properly apply himself to the time consuming

duties of newspaper editing. Wouldn't it be better to have an annual changeover early in the second term? This way each new staff would have the benefit of the last ones experience for at least one issue -- much better than starting from scratch.

In this we would not be setting a precedent, for a mid-year change is already the custom at many universities. (The Gazette of the University of Western Ontario rotates before Christmas.)

Now that we're on the subject, why doesn't the S.D.U.S.U. vote that the entire Students' Union be replaced each Spring?

Well anyway, the new staff has accepted the honour and responsibility of publishing the Red and White. WE hope to present you with a fair to middlin' sheet. To do this, we need those people who pull paper through efficiently -- reporters, writers, typists.

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