Due to inclement weather

there was limited action on

THE LOCAL SCENE

the intra-mural sports scene during the past two weeks. However, the football finals were held. The Junior and Sophomore football teams locked horns in a two-game, total-point series. The Junior squad won the first game by a score of 18-6. But in the final game, the fired-up Sophomore team was unbeatable, defeating the Juniors 29-0, and clinching the series with a 35-18 victory. The Sophomore team played excellent ball, both offensively and defensively. Led by their quarterback, Charlie Day, the Sophomore offensive unit ran and passed for long yardage throughout the entire game. Day had excellent running from backs Brian Affleck and Tom Forestell, and on many occasions he went to his ace receiver Bill MacKinnon for long gains. On the Sophomore defensive squad, the standouts were Don MacDonald and Brian McAskill. They stopped the Junior's running backs on every play. For the Juniors, who had an undefeated season, the loss was a bitter one. Although they went into the game with a twelve point lead, the Sophomores were not to be stopped. So congratulations Sophomores, watch out for next

On the softball scene, two games of the final playoff have been contested. Both the Sophomore and Junior teams have one win, and it is hoped that the final and deciding game will be played. (That is, if we can get one fine afternoon.)

year's Senior team.

The rink is now open, and most of the intra-mural and buzzer hockey players have had a chance to "don the blades." League play is not

expected to begin until after Christmas. There will be, however, a few exhibition games before the Christmas recess.

CALLING ALL GIRLS

The Ladies Basketball League is now well underway and our S.D.U. Angels are holding their own with a win and a loss. Behind the sharp-shooting of Margo Gillis, Irene Larkin and Linda MacDonald and the fine defensive work of Kathy Martin, the Angels romped to a 57-39 victory over a strong P.W.C. team. However, we could not get going against the strong Y.M.C.A. lassies, and wound up on the wrong side of a 28-18 score. Next game is at S.D.U. Gym so let's all be out there supporting our Angels!

Intramural basketball is also being organized for the Coeds. Practices are at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. All you girls who have not the time or skill to play on the varsity team have no excuse for that extra weight! Get out and work it off by showing the boys that we can have a successful intramural organization too!

By the way, did everyone hear the cheerleaders at the last game? That's showing spirit, Girls! Keep up the good work!

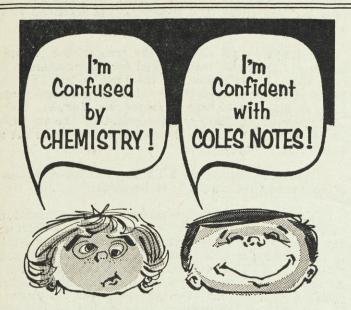
By way of correction concerning the cheerleaders — Betty Gallant is their seventh member, not Marlene Croken as was announced in the last edition of the Red & White. (Sorry Betty).

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FOCUS:

OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY
(Comment by Igor I. Schillich, Associate Prof. of French and Russian)

In the November 7th issue of the RED & WHITE "student who wants to be treated like one" has rather pointedly voiced his or her opinion about compulsory class attendance. Since compulsory class attendance is a favourite topic of discussion everywhere on the campus these days, I feel I must express my own thoughts about it, but in doing so, I too shall resort to the opening lines of the letter to the editor, that is to say, ask myself, my colleagues, the heads of the university and, of course each and every student: "Is this a university or an elementary school?"

If this institution is a university, then every student who attends it must enjoy complete academic freedom, must strive for excellence, must demand of his teachers, as well as of himself, progessively higher and higher educational standards and must scrupulously observe all other academic responsibilit i e s, most of which demand much self-control, selfdiscipline, honesty, courage, perseverance and just plain hard work, without moaning, complaining and excuses.

Personally I am very much for academic freedom in any phase of university life, provided it is accompanied by academic responsibility! The 16th century French writer and humanist Rabelais, in his ideal institution of higher learning — the Abbey of Thélème — insists on com-

plete freedom as an essential requisite to right living, and has no rules except DO WHAT YOU WILL, "parce que gens libères, bien nés, bien instruits, conversant en compagnies honnêtes, ont par nature un instinct et aiguillon qui toujours les pousse à faits vertueux et retire de vice, lequel ils nommaient honneur..." or in other words, well educated, mature and responsible people know how to conduct themselves at all times, even when they are not seen! In more recent years Nikita S. Khrushchev expressed a similar idea quite humorously during a heated discussion between two opposing factions, one wanting more regimented life in schools, the other complaining that by relying on passive learning and strict obedience, the schools equipped students poorly for independent work. He said: "The worst feature is that such a youth feels himself a schoolboy at College too. He is expected to read textbooks, learn by rote, pass tests, attend compulsory lectures, and least of all, to show independence. He is thus taught so much that he leaves college like a stuffed fish. People may have different ideas about its content, but one thing is certain: it cannot

If the students of this institution want to be university students with all the attendant privileges and freedoms and NOT pu-

pils of elementary school (for it is the students who make or destroy a university and its reputation), they should show with actions rather than idle words and complaints that their intentions are serious and meaningful. This means they would not allow the mediocre students of SDU to set the pace and lower academic standards, but would get rid of apathy and ignorance, begin to study French, this second language of Canada, and other subjects earnestly and honestly, and stop recklessly and selfishly walking across the lovely lawns (I doubt if their own fathers would tolerate such trespassing at home, or if they would do the same to their own future properties), scattering their trash all over the campus and throughout the buildings, littering the Coffee Shoppe with their infantile messes, ignoring the regulations for parking of student cars, etc, etc. Then no one in the Administration or on the Faculty would ever try to impose rules and regulations upon them, but would, on the contrary, treat them as responsible adults.

Your protest against certain restrictions is voiced collectively, as a student body, but removal of those restrictions can be realized only when students demonstrate by their individual behaviour that they are mature enough and responsible enough to merit such academic freedem

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