

ST. DUNSTAN'S - - - A UNIVERSITY??

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Most Universities are saturated with a quality known as spirit. Why is Saint Dunstan's University so utterly void of that quality? What's the answer? Nobody seems to know and what is worse, nobody really seems to care.

The attendance at school events can be described as mediocre at the very best. The only possible exception to this is the attendance at the varsity hockey games which may reach the astounding total of fifty percent of the students. The attendance of the faculty at these functions is no better. Certainly they are a part of this university, even if some don't seem to like admitting it.

The participants in these events, everything from debating to football, deserve and need the support of the student body. Referring to athletic events, most people don't realize the despair and discouragement that seize a team when it comes out and finds fifteen or twenty percent of the student body there. It is difficult enough playing the other team when they always seem to be three inches taller and twenty pounds heavier per man, with school support, but it's depressing when you play at home and find practically no support at all. A well spirited home crowd makes a team try just a little bit harder to come back when losing, and it also makes a team want to hold onto that lead just a little bit more when winning. No team ever wants to lose at home especially when there has been a well spirited crowd.

During the recent Model Parliament elections more enthusiasm was shown. Seventy five percent of the students voted. What happened to the other twenty five percent?

No we come to another facet of University life -- rules and regulations. One reason for the lack of spirit at Saint Dunstan's may be certain rules. Some of the rules, now in effect, could break the spirit of anyone who thought about them at all. It all comes down to one thing. The rules now in effect at Saint Dunstan's (especially residence regulations) are the most asinine and childish set of regulations to which college students could be subjected. Once a student has reached the age to attend a University it is usually understood that he has reached a certain degree of maturity. He should therefore be treated as such. For example, if a student wishes to go out any night, all night, it should be his right! Anybody who did this of course would not last very long in a University but this should still be his right. If a student wishes to fail, that is his business. There should be one rule in a residence -- SILENCE! Let a student come and go as he pleases as long as he does not disturb anyone and does not bring discredit to the school.

We have been told that a Dean of Residence at this University has the privilege to go into a student's room, search it and actually remove something without the student's consent or even his knowledge of such actions. Now who would ever expect a real man to take such action? Certainly this is a gross intrusion of a student's privacy. This has happened at Saint Dunstan's University. Is this ethical action? Just where does the individual's right to privacy begin? What other University would condone such action?

Early last fall a move was made by the Freshettes to organize a group of cheerleaders. This would have helped guide the fans at the athletic events. One person wouldn't hear of cheerleaders and as a result there were none. Should this narrow mindedness be allowed to continue? This is not

the only grievance the girls have had with their babysitters. What is to be done?

We don't wish to give the impression that these people are not sincere, for they are probably very sincere, it's just that a few people should not be allowed to show their sincerity!

The students feel they are not given enough responsibility. We KNOW we merit more responsibility. We have not abused the new ruling that allowed lights to remain on after midnight and we feel we would not abuse any other changes in present regulations. We feel that if one gives a person responsibility, that person will act accordingly and if one expects the worst of a person he will usually receive the worst.

While speaking of student conduct we would like to quote the following excerpt from the University of British Columbia:

The University authorities do not assume responsibilities which naturally rest with parents. This being so, it is the policy of the University to rely on the good sense and on the home training of students for the preservation of good moral standards and for the appropriate modes of behavior and dress.

Surely an attitude closer to that expressed the University of British Columbia Calendar could be expected at Saint Dunstan's University. Liberal education is fundamentally education for the intelligent use of freedom in a free society. The student must learn to stand on his own feet. His adolescence should not be prolonged by an unduly sheltered or rigidly group-patterned collegiate existence. How then is this possible at Saint Dunstan's University under present conditions?

Saint Dunstan's is a good school, a very good one. Most of the profs are top notch, reasonably conscientious, and do their best to help the students in any way they can. But Saint Dunstan's could become a better school. Who knows, it is conceivable that it might reach the aspirations intended by its founders. The University Renewal went a long way in arousing spirit at Saint Dunstan's. This awaking was a long time in coming. Are we going to allow this new found spirit to go back to sleep again?

We don't expect to run the show but we do expect student ideas to be heard before vital decisions are made.

FORMER S. D. U. PROFESSOR TO LECTURE



DR. HERBERT JOHNSTON

Dr. Herbert Johnston, a former English professor at Saint Dunstan's University, will give two lectures on April 18th, and 19th at the Alumni Auditorium. The lectures, "Business and Professional Conduct", and "Labour Management, and the Common Good" are scheduled for Eight O'Clock on both evenings.

Dr. Johnston is presently an assistant and associate professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He is well known for his many publications which include two books, "Business Ethics", 2nd ed. rev. (New York: Pitman Publishing Corporation, 1961)

and "A Philosophy of Education" (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1963).

A native of Montreal, Dr. Johnston received his MA from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, in 1936 and in 1938 received his doctorate from the same institution. From 1938 to 1946, Dr. Johnston was an instructor in English at Saint Dunstan's then he served as a Professor of Philosophy and head of department at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Since 1948, Dr. Johnston has been at the University of Notre Dame.

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Administrative tyranny causes conflict in Acadia University

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WOLVILLE (CUP) -- At Acadia University, students recently stayed up five nights in a row to create snow sculptures for the annual winter carnival.

The day before the carnival began, and while students were in class, one sculpture (a toilet bowl) was chopped down by university officials.

The action was typical of the type of administrative control exercised over student affairs at Acadia. It served to enflame a prolonged battle between students and the administration stretching back to the fall term, and highlighted by the co-ed calendar censorship at the university last month.

It is a strange conflict, pitting the administration against the student council, the student newspaper The Athenaeum and a large section of the faculty.

BATTERED IMAGE

One result of this fight has been a surprising amount of public attention focused on the small Nova Scotia university, and a severe battering of the university's image, which was just recovering from the attempt by the region's Baptist Convention last summer to prevent all but Christian professors from teaching there.

A great deal of the problem has to do with student resistance to an overwhelming number of rules, written and unwritten, set up to control rigidly the lives of students.

Students maintain that such rules have no place in the academic community; University officials claim that the university has the responsibility to act in the place of the parents.

The result is that students--especially females--find themselves saddled with far more restrictions than they ever had at high school or at home.

There are rules for everything. Quoting at random from the women's residence by-laws we find: "Students are expected to sign out whenever they leave their residence to be out later than 7:30 p.m. . . ."

"As university organizations provide adequate forms of entertainment on the campus, women are not permitted to attend public dances . . ."

"Women may send long distance calls with charges reversed or over pay telephones. There should not be any outgoing or incoming calls on any telephone after 11:30 . . ."

"Baths and showers shall not be allowed after 11:30 p.m. . ."

"Any young women having a car on campus must register it with the Provost and the Dean of Women."

"Young women are not permitted to visit men's residences nor their apartment."

And girls are not allowed to live off-campus while attending Acadia, unless they are post-graduates. Girls have been expelled from Acadia for violating these rules.

There is an elaborate leave system set up for co-eds which reads like this: "Seniors are allowed late leaves after 7:30 p.m. any night; Juniors three; Sophettes two; Freshettes one, besides Saturday and Sunday nights. Dance leave on Saturday nights does not count as late leave."

There are ways of getting out after 7:30 p.m. and not having it counted as a late leave. Students can work on certain organizations or sit on council and not have it counted as a night out; yet, if a student wished to get to the Library she would have to use a late leave. This means, for example, that Freshettes are permitted, by university regulation, to go

to the library JUST ONE NIGHT A WEEK.

And the rules are sometimes dangerous.

TIGHTER THAN A DRUM

Every night, as soon as the leaves are over, each women's residence is locked up tighter than a drum. Not only is it impossible to get into the women's residence after hours, it is impossible to get out.

Since some of the residences are very old, and since none of them has firebars on the doors, there is a serious fire threat to the lives of the girls locked up in the residences night after night.

The university impinges on the prerogative of the law in some cases.

One rule, printed in the university calendar, states that "all occupants of student bachelor apartments shall agree to inspection of their apartments by a member of the administrative or provost staff if such visits are found necessary or desirable by the latter party in the best interests of the university."

INSPECT APARTMENTS

"If it is found that in the opinion of the administration conduct in any student bachelor apartment be found to be detrimental to the interests and good name of the University said student occupants) shall be ordered to vacate the apartment under penalty of the occupants being dropped from the roll of the university."

There are signs that things are changing at Acadia, how-

ever.

When Dean of Women Ethel V. Kinsman had a girl's motor scooter impounded this fall and announced a new rule that girls were forbidden to ride them, pressure from the student newspaper forced an immediate rescinding of the rule.

The incident sparked a petition signed by one half of Acadia's female students asking for permission to rewrite the women's constitution, and brought to the forefront two girls who took over the fight for women's rights on campus.

One, an American, became disillusioned and left campus. The other, a Quebec girl, has just been elected president of the girls' Propylaeum Society, the organization controlling female activity on campus.

SEXY CALENDAR

Last month's co-ed calendar impounding has also started a chain reaction.

Because of the administration's action, students' union lawyers are studying the whole area of student discipline on campus; the students' union is obtaining a legal brief on incorporation; and the Students' Judicial Committee, used by the University Provost to popularize student punishments, is in danger of being abolished by the Students' Representative Council.

Just as the destruction of the snow sculpture was symbolic of administration action, the reaction of the students involved was symbolic of the new resistance movement on campus; after finding their sculpture in ruins, the students simply rebuilt it.

WOMEN'S DEBATERS

The annual meeting of the Atlantic Women's Intercollegiate Debating Society was held at Kings' College, Halifax on March 18 and 19. Saint Dunstan's was represented by Kathleen MacDonald, Senior Aras student and President of the Women's Debating Society at St. Dunstan's, and Winifred McCordle, Sophomore Arts student, Secretary.

The meeting was chaired by Charlotte Stephenson of Kings' College, Maritime President. Delegates attended from Acadia University, Dalhousie University, Memorial University, Mount St. Vincent's College, Kings' College, Mt. St. Bernard's College, St. Dunstan's University.

Amalgamation of the Women's Intercollegiate Debating

League with the Men's Intercollegiate Debating League was discussed at length. Representatives of five of the universities were totally in favor of amalgamation. They felt that most universities could not sustain interest in two separate debating organizations. They maintained that amalgamation would revitalize the A.I.D.L. A vote was taken on the motion and it passed with a two-thirds majority. St. Dunstan's and Mt. St. Bernard's voted against it.

Application will now have to be made to the executive of the A.I.D.L. for admission. Further arrangements concerning admission and debate schedule will be finalized at the annual conference of the A.I.D.L. to be held next fall.

POEM

Holy smokes — what'll I do ?

It's like being in glue,

I'm stuck in the muck of life.

My mind has been raped,

And now I'm here naked.

Where to go? What to do?

Torandoes of lies and truth,

Make it hard to get my clothes on.

(Sexy girls also made it hard.)

Shall I stand by my intolerance,

Believe in my clairvoyance.

Impregnable to all who call,

Or shall I fall? Shall I fall?

LEON