

- EDITORIAL -

THIS IS OUR FIRST

"Winds of Change" have hit the RED and WHITE. The editor, Tom McMillan, and his staff have stepped aside to give the new Editor-in-Chief, Eric Milne, and his new and expanded staff a crack at campus journalism in this year's final edition. We thank Mr. McMillan and the staff for their help with this issue and are grateful to them for their improvements in this paper over the last year.

Changes are inevitable, for each new editor and staff put the mark of their personality on the RED and WHITE. What changes do we foresee? The first move, already accomplished, is setting-up an editorial board, the power of whose members is carefully mapped out.

New columns are in the making. FOCUS, a student-faculty-outsider platform of comment and criticism on any topic of "Saintly" interest, hopefully, will prove provocative. We'll keep you in touch with Student Union action through another new column, COUNCIL REPORT. (We expect a lot of noise from this column.) We'll go academic with another addition, BOOKS. Suggestions as to what is new and very IN will keep this column topical. Some OFF THE CUFF comment will hit you with the latest sins on campus. It will satisfy the offended and let the offender know that "big brother" is watching. There you have it; four new columns aimed at YOU.

Our most ambitious project is ACTION. As now planned, ACTION will be a special supplement appearing in every third issue of the RED and WHITE. It will, by interview, by research and by speculation, cover any problem that demands ACTION.

This is the kind of paper, we are aiming at. Only you can make it a reality. Your active participation and communication can make the RED and WHITE'S confrontation with campus life a viable commitment.

Laurier Lapierre In A Nutshell

CANADA: Are we celebrating the realization that a country is the sum total of its willingness to live and build together? Are we trying to live together, or are we fixed on regionalism and sectionalism? What we are after is a society that is alive and a community that is made up of people who are committed to something more important than the maintenance of obsolete and outdated values and concepts. We must realize that one does not live alone, that one shares, that one pulls, that one depends for one's fulfillment upon others who make up this world.

ECONOMICS: There must be first of all an economic reconciliation. Eighty-five per cent of our collective economic soul is owned essentially by people who live to the south of us. Political and constitutional power cannot be exercised in a vacuum, and the only way in which one exercises power is through the effectiveness that one has in controlling one's own economic development.

EDUCATION: We are now in the process of training countless young men and women who are going to go out in the world of Canada, very well trained capable and efficient. What are we training them for? What sort of creativity can we allow them, except

being the clerks of industrial enterprise and of American foreign ownership in Canada. We are a warehouse in a way that it is our special function in life to screw together the cars, the radios, and everything the Americans produce and determine that we shall produce. What sort of creativity is there, to give to the generation that we are training today in our universities?

THE FRENCH: Whether one likes it or not, there are six million people in this country who speak French. That's all there is to it. That's a fact of life. You cannot possibly prevent it. There is in North America a country called Canada, and in that country, there are six million people who speak French, who came here to live and develop themselves. Canada is a communal experience, lived by men and women who express the communal life of sharing the country called Canada in French or in English. That's all there is to it.

BILINGUALISM: Do you think that if we had the will to live and build together that we would be questioning today the extension of the French language? We teach languages so abominably, and so terribly that our children cannot at all speak it nor read it when they come out of school. If it is in

the minds of the English speaking Canadians that Canada be not a bilingual country, people are saying that there is a reserve ground called the province of Quebec, where an aborigine people may speak French.

POVERTY: One third of our people go hungry and naked, and live on a subsistence diet. The aged and those who receive the pensions of the government on a month to month basis find it difficult to eat meat more than once a week, and they die in loneliness, deprivation and abject misery. And, for countless thousands of young people in this country a university education is far above the horizon.

VIET NAM: There are people who look upon us as being long haired beatniks because we despise the war in Viet Nam. They will perhaps remember that it is the first time in our lives that we have seen war and understood it in all of its ugliness, human degradation and loss of life. It is the first time that we are being asked to commit ourselves, morally speaking, to peace. It is the first time that we are being asked to commit ourselves to an action which is based upon a vision and an understanding of mankind.

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HEAP BIG CHIEF, HEAP BIG STAFF, MAKE HEAP BIG PAPER.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In retrospect, our first year at SDU has been a circus of confusion. Freshman week was the proverbial bust. Unorganized and meaningless, student orientation couldn't have achieved less. You'd expect a better showing from a university. Disorganization (prevalent all year) caused nothing to be learned. A definite plan with definite aims should be enforced. A committee chosen at the end of each year for the next year should decide what activities (i.e., games, to ours, dances) would benefit new arrivals the most.

The different societies did not try to attract new members. Everybody was in the dark. We didn't know what the different societies and clubs offered, who to see, where to go. There should have been an office at least, where we could have learned these things. (Of course, then the office wouldn't be advertised.)

We are always reminded to be mature, responsible young adults yet to have to follow certain paths or face the consequences. For example, a certain number of skips per term. Ridiculous! If a student wants to fail, it should be his right. It is better to learn this lesson early in life. This directing doesn't train people for after university. If he interferes with the education of others, fine, do something, otherwise, he should decide his own future. Maturity and diapers don't mix.

And now, for the administration. Inept is the adjective. Not in all matters, but in enough to make it difficult for all. Exam schedules, holidays, administrative rulings, etc., show their lack of thought.

However, the worst offenders are the students themselves. Those in charge leave the rest uninformed and therefore inactive. You can talk of student apathy, but remember that not everyone is a leader; most are followers. Those who are in

charge are guilty of not properly advertising many, many things.

When SDU was deciding whether to leave CUS, or not, we read about it for the first time in the Red and White. Another example was the presidential elections. Everybody said "vote for me." But, no one said when. We found out the day before. (We had to ask around). Not too many people knew when it was.

Definitely more signs and announcements are needed.

These are a few criticisms of things that have been very noticeable. We hope it will change next year.

—A.M. & R.D.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to the administration! The idea of having an Anglican minister on campus is an excellent one. It is a move towards ecumenism, understanding, and compatibility. Two religious outlooks are certainly better than one. The next step should be a course in comparative religions.

—Two Catholics

Dear Sir

This is a letter that I received that I would like to pass on to you.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend,

We have the distinctive honor of being members of a committee to raise \$50,000.00 to be used for placing a statue of Lyndon B. Johnson in the Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C.

The committee was in quite a quandary about soliciting a

proper location for the same. It was thought that it would not be wise to place it beside that of George Washington who never told a lie, nor beside that of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who never told the truth, since Lyndon B. Johnson would never tell the difference.

After careful consideration, we think it should be placed next to the statue of Christopher Columbus, the greatest Wheeler-Dealer of them all, in that he started out knowing where he was going, and in returning, did not know where he had been, and did it all on borrowed money.

Five thousand years ago Moses said to the children of Israel, "Pick up your shovels mount your asses and camels and I will lead you to the promised land." Nearly 5,000 years later, Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Lay down your shovels, sit on your asses, light a Camel, this is the promised land." Now, Lyndon B. Johnson, is stealing the shovels; kicking your asses, raising the price of Camels and taking over the promised land.

If you are one of the few who has anything left after paying your taxes, we will expect a generous contribution for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,
Committee Member
A Junior.

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