

Dr. Tatham hires judo expert for Mac residence crackdown

by Steve Gilbert

McLaughlin residence students got the word from the man last Thursday night.

The word was the introduction of stricter rules to govern the residents. The man was Dr. George Tatham — the college master.

Tatham informed the students that because of too much revelry and resulting malicious activity, a crackdown was deemed necessary.

He hoped the rules (the first in Mac — there were no official rules before) would help to establish a more scholarly atmosphere and encourage everyone to get down to serious work immediately to prevent any unnecessary failures in April.

Four basic statutes were initiated:

- Residents must inform their dons whenever they intend to hold a party, telling them the time it will begin, the time it will end, and the number of guests they intend to invite.

- Residents will be held totally responsible for any damage done by their guests.

- Drinking is strictly "verboten" in residence corridors and must be done only in common or private rooms.

- Visiting hours are specifically spelled out.

Mon. to Thurs. — noon to 10 p.m.

Fri. and Sat. — noon to 2 a.m.

Sunday — noon to 12 p.m.

Because he saw a certain immediacy in the situation, Tatham bypassed the normal mechanism of residence council government and called an emergency meeting on Monday Nov. 11. He got unanimous backing for his proposals. In fact, some of the more responsible students wanted him to take a tougher stand than he did.

When he read out the rules Tatham also introduced Mac's new porter, Mr. Scully, who, would you believe, is trilingual and holds a black belt in judo.

"Mr. Scully has devoted much of his time in the past to teach-

ing retarded children how to swim", said Tatham, "and now he has come to us to teach retarded children how to behave."

The Master went on to emphasize the possibility of police intervention on the illegal sale of drugs and alcohol and the flagrant violations of the fire alarms and extinguishers.

He said in future fines will be levied against all the people on any floor where an alarm is pulled and anyone caught peddling naughty stuff "will be turned out" with "no mercy" shown.

Tatham concluded by referring to the lack-of-restrictions attitude which he had pursued when

he addressed the various houses at the beginning of the term. He said he held high hopes for more profitable all-round activity in the coming weeks and months.

Loud applause followed his closing remarks. Mac students seemed to be fully behind his new policy. When some of them were questioned afterwards, they generally agreed that they deserved such strict rules. However it is notable that more than one student felt a small group of troublemakers might again ruin things.

On Friday Dr. Tatham expressed a fervent desire for the House Committees to carry out the regulations and put a stop to

any trouble. Should they fail to do so he is relying on the Residence Council to step in. He would only involve himself as a last resort, if all the student bodies failed to control matters. He also made it clear that he would not have acted in the beginning without the support of the Council.

Dr. Tatham is definitely not anti-social. He sees nothing wrong in friendly residence gatherings and feels it is the students' failure to control their guests rather than the students themselves that has caused most of the trouble. But he emphasizes that a person can't get an education by attending one long party.

Elites go to Inquisition

by George B. Orr

Once upon a time, as the saying goes, there was a university named York.

Now this university had a student council which it lovingly referred to as its very own "YSC". This august group of elite student representatives decided one day that since campus reform was in vogue, they should reform their campus.

It happened that upon their campus grew wretched little metal poles, with signs on them that told the world that to be able to park your car at York University is a privilege, and not a right.

When the YSC perceived the inequality brought about by the mean menacing presence of these signs, they withdrew into dark chambers, and discussed over coffee how they should go about ridding the campus of this most fearful scourge.

Late one night, when all the shades were drawn, and the frosh safely tucked into their books, these heroic protectors of student-dom set out to reform the campus.

Stealthily they crept about, seizing the malevolent signs wherever they grew, and collecting them in a bunch in a cohort's room in one of the colleges.

But all was not roses, and the story does not end here.

Eventually, note was taken by the keepers of the university that their beloved signs were missing.

"Something must be done!" they said, and so little circles were run around until it was decided by special decree that there should be a notice that all who had anything to do with the murder of a whole bunch of parking signs would be called forward to the inquisition.

But the members of the loyal order of the YSC were not to be 'one-up-ed'. They drafted a strident letter to the keepers of the signs saying that the YSC indeed took some of the signs, and did them in.

Eventually, a meeting was called under the Keeper of the Faith, Henry Best, whereby he would select a group of august campus personalities and non-entities, who would sit in judgement of the poor YSC.

The committee thus formed met in the den of Best on Nov. 14. Here it was decided that they should find out what they could, and run to the Almighty President with their report, so that he might act, and the gods be appeased.

It was noted that five members of the YSC admitted taking some of the fearful signs, but not all. It was proposed that the offenders be dragged forth, to answer for their deeds.

So they broke for lunch and reconvened three days later.

At this point in the inquisition, a secret letter was brought forward by an anonymous person, stating that there were others in on the crime of the campus rape.

The others had been dragged out, and were faced with their crimes.

Some broke down and confessed. Some bit their tongues and held their peace. And John Bosley dropped out of the blue and threw his name into the noose.

Points of order were made and broken. Members of the committee started to crack from the strain, but Best held fast, and the hateful committee still lives.

Should the committee succeed it will stamp out those only true disciples of freedom. YSC will be vanquished in the dust, and foul frousty Establishmentarianism will once again rise out of the muck.

What will happen next? Will new signs mysteriously sprout forth? Will more people be dragged upon the rack to confess their sins?

For you who really care, the next meeting of the Inquisition will be held in the Vanier Committee Dungeon on Thursday, Nov. 21. Be there at 6:00, and watch with dreadful fascination.

The members of the YSC executive, and several others are being tried by a committee formed under Henry Best. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to the President concerning their punishment. The committee is composed of the student presidents of each college council, MBA, Grad and Atkinson council, one professor, and administrator Henry Best.

These people have been accused of stealing the reserved parking signs on campus, and have in fact admitted this, claiming that they were acting on behalf of the student body.

Two meetings of this committee have already taken place, and the next is today in Vanier room 256 at 6:00 p.m.

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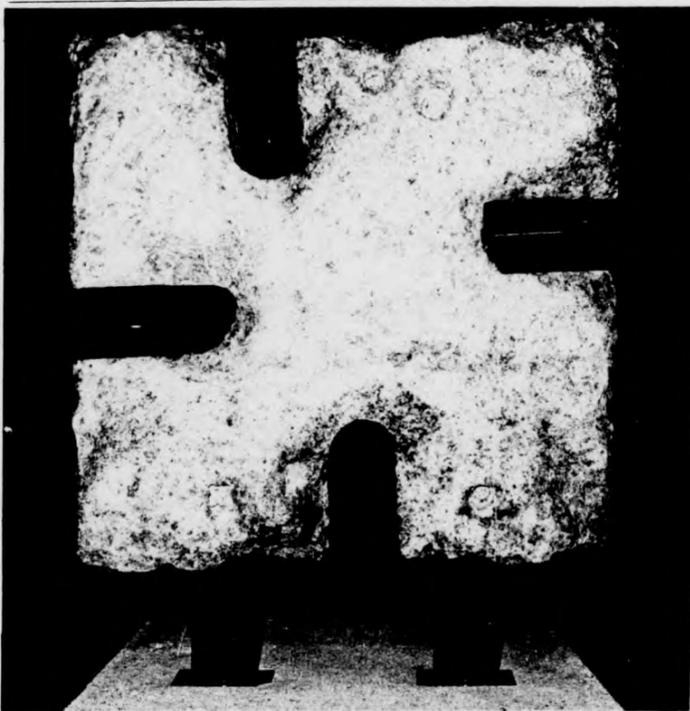


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Aach, something is strange, is it not, that when you look at the new five-ton stone sculpture "Presence" from the ends, instead of a side view, you see more than just a big hunk of stone. What was on Armand Villancourt's mind when he created (found?) the new piece for the mall in front of lecture hall A?

War companies

An open student meeting to decide the fate of on-campus recruiting will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in the Winters Junior Common Room.

Henry Best, director of student services, asked Hawker Sideley to postpone their visit after a request was received from the York Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

Best then suggested a student referendum on the question, and that's what's happening tomorrow.

Last year, the students took no real action when this occurred, and the recruiters were allowed to come on campus. They were faced by an anti-Viet Nam committee picket line, but there was no direct interference.

The students have been given another chance to decide this issue for themselves. Be there, Friday at 11 in the Winters JCR.

will Student Services cough up?

by Elliott Musicar

"No, said the man behind the desk. "We haven't compiled your cheques and unsold books for you yet, and we'll have to wait a while longer as the books have to be balanced."

I met this same reply twice on my visits to the Student Services Unlimited building on Finch Ave. Since the story goes back a little further, I must enlighten you so that you will be able to understand the crux of the problem.

In June of this year, I filled out a consignment sheet and handed them over about eight books to be resold. I didn't think I was being too greedy when I asked for 55-65 per cent of the retail value as my books were in good shape. As I said before, this was June; it's now November.

The consignment sheet offered me four alternatives under the word (in capital letters) PAYMENT, and they were as follows:

1) I will collect payment and all unsold texts at Student Services between Oct. 1 and Oct. 14

2) I wish unsold texts to remain in stock for next season and a cheque for items sold sent to the above address

3) I wish payment accrued to be applied against my order cost and unsold texts to be included in my pick up . . . Pick up date . . .

4) I wish payment accrued to be applied against my order cost and unsold texts to remain in stock.

Being in a hurry to collect my money and unsold texts, I accordingly checked off the first alternative and waited until October.

The summer passed, registration, the buying of books and before I knew it, bang-o, it was the beginning of October.

Taking my consignment sheet with me, I went to the Student Services branch store, 3199 Bathurst St., to claim what was mine. Upon approaching the building, I read a sign on the door — "Office Sapce to rent". I wondered if this was the SS building and upon checking the directory I saw that there was no such coloured animal.

The next day I drove over to the Finch branch and related my experience to the man in charge, and asked for my money and/or unsold books. To this he replied that his books had to be balanced, and that he'd be able to

send out the cheques in approximately a week. I waited, and by the time the week had expired, I was beginning to grow annoyed and went back to the Finch store. I spoke to the same man and was told that I'd have to wait a little longer because the books had yet to be balanced and that their store was very busy. As I looked around the store only one lone customer did I see browsing through the shelves.

I told the gentleman that I had better get my money and/or unsold texts or else I'd take action. His cashier replied that I shouldn't be so anxious, and that the building would always be there. To this I was tempted to retort whether the books and money would always be there?!

It's now the second week of November, and there's no sign of SSU. From talking to some friends of mine, I have learned that I'm not the only one waiting for the books and money.

It is hard to believe that such an establishment has the sanction of the YSC — for what purpose? In my opinion this is not being very fair to the many first year students who trusted SSU

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