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WHO RULES THE ROOST?

A recent article in the Toronto Varsity laments the fact that students (through the Student's Administrative Council) have no word at all in matters concerning student discipline. The article, partially based on a survey made by the Toronto committee of the N.F.C.U.S., points out that most other Canadian universities permit a certain amount of student discipline to be handled by the student governing body. Bearing the head, "Comparison Proves We Lag Behind", the story read as follows:

"Although some students on this campus feel the Students' Administrative Council as presently constituted represents student government in a comparison with the systems in force in other Canadian universities shows that the University of Toronto is sadly lacking in the degree of responsibility which it allows its students.

Recently the Toronto committee of the National Federation of Canadian University Students sent a letter to all Canadian universities asking them what degree of control over student activities and discipline their student councils were allowed.

There is no course of conduct over which the students could not exercise control," says a letter from The University of British Columbia. "The students have complete control over all disciplinary questions", at Macdonald College. At St. Francis Xavier a Student Committee on Discipline "sits on all faculty meetings concerning student discipline." At The University of Alberta disciplinary action in the form of fines up to \$15 and the right to make recommendations to the university administration for stricter measures is exercised.

At The University of Toronto the Students' Administrative Council has no word at all in matters concerning student discipline. It is interesting to compare this situation with some other Canadian universities.

The University of British Columbia: At UBC a complete system for the regulation of student discipline has been set up under the Alma Mater Society, which corresponds to our SAC. The degrees of control extends to recommendation to the University authorities of expulsion.

Responsibility for discipline is in the hands of a Judicial Committee, composed of students. Provisions are made for speedy trials, which hear all cases first. If either prosecutor, defendant or the Court asks for a Full Court trial it is held.

The Full Court acts as "a judge and sentencing body." It has the power to impose fines up to \$5, and impose such penalties as the court may see fit. Appeal may be made from the Full Court to the Student's Council, only at the request of the defendant.

McMaster University: "The regulation of discipline in the University is delegated by the Senate to the Chancellor and Faculty, and by them is entrusted largely to the Student's Council . . . aided where necessary by members of the faculty . . . The students council may summon, hear and discipline any member of the Student Union for a misdemeanor. Any member so summoned shall be confronted by those bearing testimony against him. All decisions in such cases shall be referred to the Chancellor."

The University of Montreal: Here a by-law gives the Association of Students the right to judge the conduct of a student and to recommend to the Vice-Rector of the University "l'imposition d'une sanction qui peut aller jusqu'à l'expulsion de l'Université."

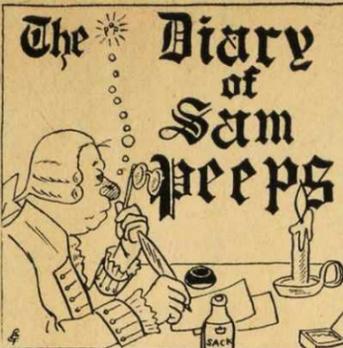
The University of Alberta: "General student discipline is, in the last analysis, under the control of the University Administration. However, for some years in the interests of responsibility and student self-government the University authorities in conjunction with the Student's Council have set up what is called a Student Discipline Committee . . . The Disciplinary Committee has the power to adjudge in all matters involving the welfare and good conduct of its members." The Committee has the power to hear cases, and impose fines up to \$15.

Dalhousie University: The Council of Students has the power to "deal with students who conduct themselves in an unbecoming manner on or beyond the premises of the University . . . (and may) recommend to the Senate a specific punishment for any student found guilty by them of conducting himself in an unbecoming manner."

Queen's University: The set up here is much the same as at UBC. Control is vested in a student court. Unlike the court at UBC, there is no appeal from the Court's decision.

University of Western Ontario: At Western jurisdiction over the conduct of students, individually and collectively is invested in The Arts and Science Council. Western has a "Code of Student Discipline", which stands as the authority for disciplinary decisions. Any matters not dealt with under the Code are decided on the basis of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Mount Allison: The students of Mount Allison are "very proud" of the system of discipline. "The Councils exercise control in almost every field and the decisions they reach are invariably backed up by the University authorities," writes our Mount Allison correspondent."



The Diary of Sam Peeps

Friday, March 11—This day, up early and to the library at Marma-lade Hovel to join the line-up. There were gathered numerous girls and one or two male scholars from the college on the hill, all dressed in their distinctive costumes with the powdered wigs. There is a great making of talk and noise at the Hovel these days as it seems the Keeper of the Keys, Milady Plowit, has donated a book about bees and flowers to the library. Some say it is most skilfully printed in the new manner by the printers of Careless House, with mighty fine illustrations and sketches of technique. As I am greatly resolved to learn more about the bees and flowers I shall make every effort to gain access to the pages of the notorious book.

Finally I have reached the library only to find the book has been withdrawn by the donor, or has been stolen by some knave. I shall write to the printer for a copy. Later did meet Mammie Steves' daughter, who did remark I should write a book myself as I know all about insects. This is not quite true—there are many things I don't know (about insects).

Back later to the coffee house at the Gym Inn where I did observe Professor Masseur telling Deadwood that he was resolved to change the books for the Spanish course for next year. He would write a book himself and sell it as the one required by the scholars. Which same is a great means of adding to one's income, methinks.

Later to the school of medicine where I did perceive "Angus De-Groan" peering inquisitely at my pate, and chuckling to herself as she rubbed her hands together. As she is to be a brain specialist, no doubt she observed something noticeably fine about my head. I did not inquire, however, and went home to bed.

Saturday, March 12—Am resolved this day that a shall never drink coffee in the Gym Inn again as I was most ill last night. My wife did say it was merely an attack of Ourgraine—a severe headache of sorts. She says it is common to senile old fools, at which I smote here in the eye with a warming stone from the bed. She did wail mightily, and I see she is becoming old and soft.

Off, in a fine rage, to the office where I was not fit to do anything but mope, and curse, saying "Damme, Damme, Damme," over and over again. Interrupted in my soliloquy by Cholly Beanut who did say, "What are damming?" I did reply, "the Thames, of course, what else?"

At this, Cholly, who is a fine student of English did tell me a great joke, at which we both laughed. It was like this:

First Londoner—I hear Smith drowned himself in Paris.

Second Londoner—Yes, he went in Seine.

So home to bed, chuckling.

Sunday, March 13—This being our third anniversary for my wife and I, we did stay to home and talk most lovingly and enjoyed a pleasant day talking of the many fine times we had together at dancing parties, and social events, and living in our little home. She did remark, however, that I was not a faithful husband at which I mentioned the dancing master. She began to weep, I to swear, and so to bed, alone again.

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