



Miss Simpson Gives Her Opinions On Campus Life

By Roberta Sheps

Miss Maimie Shaw Simpson, Dean of Women and Warden of Pembina Hall, retires on August 31 of this year. Her resignation was first publicized at the Pembina Pypama Party. There was a hint of it last fall when she was presented with a portrait by the House Committee of Pembina Hall.

An interview with Miss Simpson revealed a great many opinions on a wide variety of topics.

Immediately upon contact with Miss Simpson, one receives the impression of an aura of serenity, and at the same time, aplomb.

When asked about her political inclinations, Miss Simpson replied that "because of the type of work I do, I have felt it best not to take an active part in any one party. Ever since I was allowed the privilege of voting, I have not missed voting in one election unless I was out of the country. As a true Pembinite, I give a hearing to all six candidates for Model Parliament." That evening, Pembina Hall was hostess to members of each campus party at dinner.

She was asked: "Many skeptics insist that the Western World is headed for a fall, that it is slitting its own throat by its political actions. How do you feel about the imminent Russian ascendancy in science and in politics?" To this she replied: "Not in any way being a skeptic, I cannot answer that question, but I feel that unless a country basically has a strong religious faith, I really do not feel that it can be too successful. Not only that, but I feel that the salvation of a country lies in education in all lines, especially in the humanities."

On the subject of the insanity of war as we will have to conduct it, if we are forced to, Miss Simpson said that her experience during World War II made her feel that had some of the young men she had had in the classroom lived, they could have contributed so much. On the other hand she said, "those who were spared to come back had such a tremendous contribution to make—their maturity and wonderful desire for peace and an opportunity to go on with their education... and their wives were so patient, going without for so long so that their husbands could get an education."

"Peace", she said, "is something we would all hope for, but as long as

son's daily routine Miss Kelly said that it made her ashamed to think that she herself ever got tired or had problems. She said that a time that she could really call her own was something that Miss Simpson would have to plan months in advance.

Miss Simpson has begun many traditions in Pembina hall. The best known of these is perhaps her entertaining of all the co-ed freshmen on campus at coffee parties throughout the year. She also entertains all the girls in Pembina at Christmas coffee parties. At the end of the year graduating seniors are entertained by her and given good luck pins and other presents.

As a personality Miss Simpson has brought certain values and ideals to those around her. Miss Kelly said that Miss Simpson always "makes an effort to make even the simplest things nice," and believes that you should put your heart into everything you do. If you feel that you are doing your best and striving for the best you will probably achieve real happiness.

In conclusion Miss Kelly said that she herself would want a great deal of experience to ever fill a position like Miss Simpson's.

there's greed and selfishness, I don't know if we can have it... At a time like Christmas, I often wonder if we, as a nation, can do some equalizing—giving some of what we have to other, less fortunate countries."

Leaving politics, Miss Simpson discussed the University student as she has seen them over the years. "My experience has been that students change little over the years. The majority have always realized that they were here for a purpose: to prepare themselves for their life work."

On the education of women, Miss Simpson said that "in spite of being a 'career woman', I still feel that the greatest profession of all for a woman is that of homemaking, and the more education a young woman is able to get, the better her chances are of being the best of homemakers."

Miss Simpson is very much in favor of the coming Varsity Christian Mission. Speaking about religion, Miss Simpson said that she feels that if we have not strong faith, we do not get very far in life.

She was asked: Are students as religious as they could be?

"Sometimes, some students allow the pressures of daily living to crowd out the spiritual side. This is regrettable. But I have found that even sometimes after they have graduated, and especially if they are married and begin to raise a family, their church once again receives more of their attention."

On the much-discussed topic of drinking, Miss Simpson said: "This is something about which I am often

asked, and I think that young people are well-advised to leave it alone until such time as they are mature enough to know what they are really doing. A great many of us, of course, feel it is best to leave it alone, for then we have no regrets."

"I have never wanted to go into something else; if I were to begin again, I would do exactly the same thing that I did—Do you want to know why?—Because I have enjoyed young people so much through the years—their loyalty has meant everything."

I have always had such satisfaction in watching the advance of a child in the classroom: watching the bright ones retain their academic standing, and the slow ones, who so often had happy personalities, try to improve as the days went by—they often did succeed to a point."

"Administration, too, has much in its favor. My position has given me a great opportunity to work with young people outside the classroom; to watch them take greater responsibilities; and as the day of graduation for them approached, one couldn't help but feel that many communities would be benefiting from the education of these young people."

Miss Simpson expressed her feeling on retiring the evening of the pyjama party; one feels, upon hearing her, that her leaving University life will definitely not be a "retirement."

The feeling of most girls is that, whoever takes Miss Simpson's place, if anyone can really take her place, will have a great tradition to uphold.

Miss Simpson's Assistant Talks About Miss Simpson

The public personality of Miss Maimie Simpson, dean of women and warden of Pembina hall is known to many of us, but what is she like to one who knows and works closely with her?

As assistant warden of Pembina, Miss Rosalie Kelly was able to give some answers to this question. This is Miss Kelly's second year as assistant warden and her fourth year as resident of Pembina. She works in close association with Miss Simpson and helps her with many of her duties at Pembina.

"Wonderful" was Miss Kelly's first reply when asked what it was like to work with Miss Simpson. She said that she has found Miss Simpson to be a quieting and steadying influence and that she has made her more aware of the tactful way of going about things.

Explaining this Miss Kelly said "Becoming excited is probably the last thing she would do" and nothing is really too great to perturb her. She stressed that Miss Simpson still

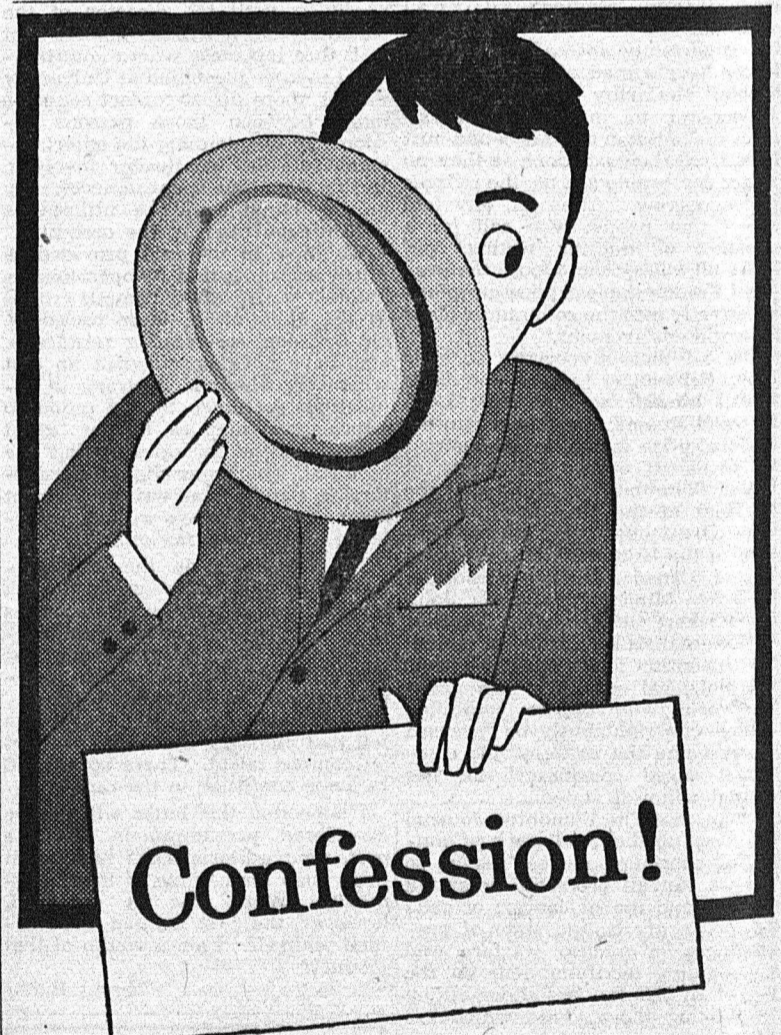
had the exuberance of youth but that this was tempered with understanding and experience.

The assistant warden had particularly noticed in working with Miss Simpson, that she is genuinely interested in each person and problem with which she had to deal.

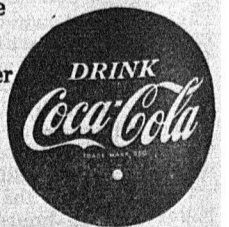
One of the most important points of public relations which Miss Kelly felt she had learned through her association with the dean of women was that she was always careful to keep her problems from burdening others and at the same time was very receptive to all those who needed her help. Any time that she was tired or under stress she made a special effort to be cheerful and take a real interest in others.

As warden of Pembina, Miss Simpson tries to make all the girls feel that the residence is their home away from home. She keeps in touch with as many of the girls who care to reciprocate and has a huge Christmas card list. Miss Simpson especially stresses the importance of the academic side of University, and is more than encouraging when it is time to study. She feels also that there should be time in a person's life to dream and look forward to things and tries to make sure that each girl feels happy with a balance of extra-curricular activities and studying.

When questioned about Miss Simp-



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