

Lawmen in action

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Imagine four young men huddled around a card table, engaged in a hand of bridge. They shift restlessly in their Glamorganshire tweeds and chew nervously on cigarillos, as the game progresses.

Watching the contest is Musquodoboit-born Arthur Miller, 23, a "poker" addict and Dalhousie Law School's answer to Jacoby. During the past three weeks, Miller has organized a bridge competition among 32 law students in the second floor coffee lounge in the gleaming, new Law School.

Affectionately known as Baron Miller of Musquodoboit, he has offered a trophy to the winning team in his Baron's Invitational Bridge Tournament.

Miller is just one of the moving spirits behind extra-curricular functions at the Dalhousie Law School.

Many undergraduates have visions of enrobed scholars devouring the works of eminent jurists from Coke to Denning, and scratching out contracts and wills on red-lined foolscap at the Law School.

Granted, Dalhousie law graduates have been awarded Canada's top law scholarship on more occasions than any other school.

But the law school has also managed to cop the inter-faculty athletic championship, two years running; dominated student government on campus; participate in national and regional law student conventions; lure outstanding Canadian and international professors and politicians to its weekly speaker's hour; establish a Law House (Domus Legis), and begin planning for a spectacular Centennial Year celebration.

Witness this calendar of extra-curricular achievements:

- Spearheading organization of a proposed national Centennial law students conference, Oct. 18-21, 1967 are a trio of second-year students: Jerry Godsoe, Jeff Somerville, and David Newman. There are plans to invite prominent Canadian, American and English jurists to address the four-day meet, sponsored by the Law Student's Society in cooperation with the faculty.
- Third year's Robert Gilmour heads a committee which is programming a weekend convention of Atlantic Provinces law students from Dalhousie and the University of New Brunswick (the third annual) in mid-January.
- Next week, the Law School sends four delegates - Miss Janette Ferguson, Robert Kerr, Edward Raymond and Norman Carruthers to a national conference of law students at the University of Toronto to ponder the problems of the poor man and the law.
- A four storey residence was acquired by the students a year ago, on Seymour Street and a Law House (Domus Legis) was incorporated. The University helped finance acquisition of the building, the alumni, faculty and students furnished the house and contributed to renovations. Domus Legis president Frank Medjuk, Law III says about half the law students are paid members of the law house.
- The weekly Law Hour committee, headed by Leo Barry, Law III, organizes debates and introduces speakers to students.
- Other student committees are preparing for the annual Mock Parliament in February, and discussing the feasibility of publishing a Law Review. Assessing the academic workload, is a committee chosen by Ken Glube articling for graduating students and helping the library staff to police the fourth and fifth floor libraries in the new school. A League Beagle Club, headed by John Stewart (Law III) meets weekly to study investment possibilities.
- The Moot Court Committee, Robert Kerr, Leo Barry and Harry Scott co-ordinated the annual student moot courts.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In an effort to determine opinions on the controversial subject of campus drinking, Gazette reporter Sharon Cook interviewed Dalhousie students, Dean of Arts and Science H.B.S. Cooke, and Anglican chaplain Reverend Don Trivett.

Question: Do you think there is too much drinking on campus? If so, how should it be regulated?

Paul Millington - In most campus activities, no. But fraternities have been reduced to mere booze clubs. Ideally, frats should be broken up. However, the police should at least clamp down.

Dave Andrews - Yes. Bottles can be seen in the windows of residences and fraternities are just big booze parties. There is no solution I can think of.

Kitty and Vicki Murray - Drinking is not done in excess on campus or in fraternities - especially not in girls' fraternities.

Laurie Patille - No. Campus police have to be respected and they wouldn't be if enforcement took place. Drinking is common at all campus activities I've ever attended - except a tiddly winks contest in Men's Residence.

Sherry Bridgewater and Barb Foggio - No. Police enforcement is not necessary because there is no such problem.

Question: Does drinking spoil or add to a party?

Paul Millington - If done in excess, it definitely hinders a party. However, there's no harm in getting high.

Dave Andrews - The presence of liquor doesn't matter.

Kitty and Vicki - It definitely adds something.

Laurie Patille - If people get obnoxious, there is harm, but only in excess drinking.

Sherry Bridgewater - Drinking adds to the spirit of a party.

Question: Should the legal age be lowered? What are your opinions on a pub in the SUB?

Paul Millington - Yes, the laws are outmoded. There is free access to liquor in foreign countries with no adverse effects. The source of the problem is the law itself. A pub in the SUB could be all right.

Dave Andrews - Yes, laws were made for medical reasons. . . (?)

Kitty and Vicki - A pub in the SUB would be great - just wonderful - a co-ed pub, of course. The laws are made for parents' conscience, not for minor's benefit.

Laurie Patille - Lowering the age would automatically lower the amount of liquor consumption because the novelty wouldn't be there.

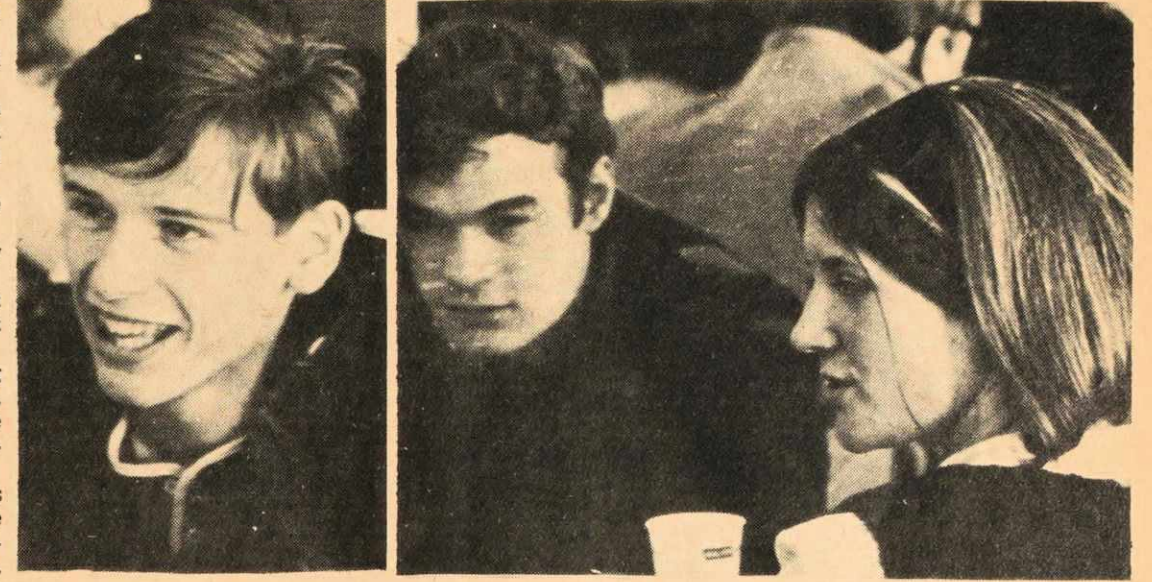
Sherry - The laws were made when eighteen-year olds never left home. Nowadays, from eighteen on, or thereabouts, people are more mature and certainly more responsible.

Question: Do you drink? Have you ever been drunk?

Paul - I drink, but I've never been drunk.

Drinking Attitudes at Dalhousie

Not excessive; legal age should be lowered



DAVE ANDREWS

JOE PUGH and KITTY MURRAY

Dave - I drink very seldom, but I've never been drunk.

Kitty and Vicki - No. I'm an abstainer, except when I'm home.

Laurie - No.

Sherry - No. Intoxication is neither appealing or necessary.

Dean Cooke - The students on the Dalhousie campus have in the past and continue to show good judgment. Their behaviour is entirely reasonable.


Faculty intervention would be undesirable in any case as this would be interfering with student business and the administration tries not to and should not interfere in the lives of the students. However, if violation comes to a point where faculty pressure is warranted, then the only alternative would be taken, as was shown in the beer-bottle breaking incident in Men's Residence a while back.

Personal opinions are generally more liberal than the existing laws, and this is definitely a question of Nova Scotian law. The average student is capable of controlling himself and for the most part has proven it here.

Drinking is one of the social customs of campus life. At the Nova Scotia Technical College dances, there is a bar and it has proved to be feasible within the boundaries of the present law. In other countries beer and wine are sold at campus functions and in Student Union Buildings in a successful effort to cut down on the heavy liquor consumption at these events. Drinking in fraternities is unnecessarily emphasized because of the fact that only students are involved. It is very foolish for minors to drink; but if they are breaking the law, it is best that they continue doing it quietly.

Rev. Trivett - I can see no signs of an increase in the amount of drinking done on the Dalhousie campus. Compared with other campuses with which I am familiar, the liquor consumption is quite minimal, especially at the games.

Drinking cannot be regulated. The arbitrary age depends on the motives of people, but is valid and reasonable. As data indicates that some people are potential addicts, their chances of being introduced to liquor at an early age is decreased. Also, because many are encouraged along irresponsible lines by social pressures, they think it is "hip" to get drunk and consider their image enhanced by booze.



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