

WORDS FROM THE WISE ...

To the GAZETTE:

Without unduly prolonging our disagreement regarding the irresponsibility of the new GAZETTE, I make the following points:

(1) Supplemental exams will take place in the Faculty of Arts and Science in August, 1973, as outlined in the 1972/1973 Calendar of the Faculty.

(2) The new regulations regarding supplemental exams which were passed in January by the Senate will take effect in academic year 1973/1974.

(3) The GAZETTE's assertion regarding the implementation of rules is wrong. "Changes of (Faculty) regulations become effective when designated by Senate; usually this will be upon publication in the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts and Science." (pg. 7, 1972/1973 Calendar)

(4) Discussion in the January Senate meeting made it clear that the changes — whether or not amended — were to be introduced in the usual manner, i.e. effective in September of the following academic year.

Yours truly,
Paul B. Huber,
Secretary of Faculty
Ed. note: What puzzles us is not the interpretation placed on the regulation by Professor Huber, but his contention that the general

feeling of the meeting was that the regulation would not take effect this year. All of the student senators were of the impression that the regulation was to take effect immediately. So, for that matter, was Professor Bingham, Secretary of Senate, whose duties, among others, includes interpreting Senate regulations.

We will also draw attention to the fact that there have been several students complain to us that some members of the Faculty of Arts and Science did not even bother to offer supplementals to their classes LAST year, when there was no question as to the interpretation of the ruling. We are currently investigating these complaints.

However, without prolonging the argument, we will attempt to strike up some sort of agreement with Professor Huber, who just happens to be President of the Faculty Association: if Professor Huber can guarantee to us that ALL professors in the faculty are prepared to agree with his interpretation of the ruling, and that Senate will bring before its Discipline Committee any member of the Faculty who violates this ruling, then we will be prepared to correct our misinterpretation of this particular ruling. Is that fair, Professor Huber?

Student financial aid said discriminatory

To the GAZETTE:

It seems that when a female student gets married at Dalhousie University, she immediately loses her independent status, at least her financial independent status. Since September, 1972, I have been applying for financial assistance, first from Nova Scotia Student Aid, then, when that fell through, from Dalhousie Student Aid. In both cases I was refused aid on the grounds that 'my spouse should be contributing a certain amount of his salary towards my educational expenses. Furthermore, when I asked if I could apply as an independent student, I was promptly informed that I could not, no reasons given.

I had never felt more humiliated in my life as I did last week when I left the Dalhousie Bursary Office after an exasperating interview with the loans officer. During the length of the interview, I was accused of everything from being a poor wife or not too bright to being greedy because I did not want my spouse to underwrite all my bills.

It was calmly suggested that if my husband refused to foot my bills then I should use gentle coercion by not giving him supper that night. Oh wow: One meal in return for two or three hundred dollars. That is an insult to my husband's intelligence.

When I argued that my husband is not legally responsible for any debts that I had accrued before our marriage, I was told that, firstly, my husband had married me "for better or for worse" and secondly that "the university is not here to pay my husband's expenses." Meaning that since he married me he has to pay for the luxury of keeping me. What the university is in fact suggesting is that I am a kept woman now and I had damn well better accept it.

To add strength to the judgement handed down to me I was told that "the university does not go along with this women's liberation stuff that a woman should be financially independent of her husband." Oh no: I was enlightened to the fact that if my husband was aware of my intentions of attending university when we got married that he should automatically assume responsibility for my debts. Otherwise, I should not be in university.

The final and most demoralizing reason for the refusal to grant me funds was that old faithful and nearly worn ragged excuse, the last and utmost plea to human rationality: "As a taxpayer, I'd hate to think that I was paying money into a university fund just to supplement the income of, say for example, a doctor's wife, when her husband could

well afford to send her to university." I am afraid with that pompous remark I was ingraciously shown the door. Case shut! They are probably still patting themselves on the back for that one.

But I do find it rather unfortunate that the people doling out the money to students in this province are living with their heads in the sand. Never once during the months I spent trying to wade through the heaps of bureaucratic excrement was I asked about my credit rating. In all that time, I waited on pins and needles to see if I would be turned down as a "poor risk." Nothing! To the contrary, I was told by a naive secretary that my chances for receiving aid were excellent because I was married. But in the end I was turned down and flatly told that my hubby was a welch.

For two years now, I have stolidly refused to ask my husband to pay my pre-marital debts or my education expenses. Now, I am told that I have been little more than a fool. I am being forced against my will to accept hand outs from my spouse, to be a coniving woman, forced to deny the man I love his supper because I need his pocket book.

Do you know what the irony of all this is? My husband can cook! I taught him how.

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To the GAZETTE:

I did not say anything at all concerning the teaching loads of Professors Nicholas W. Poushinsky and Rolf E. Schliewen to Mr. MacDougall, who asked me several questions about these matters. As far as I

am aware, both faculty members have carried their share of the teaching load.

Donald H. Clairmont

Editor's note:

Perhaps Professor Clairmont did not mention Poushinsky and

Schliewen as professors carrying slack course loads. If this is the impression created in the Department, then we apologize for this misconception.

The question that we asked Professor Clairmont was "why are professors being let go from the Department?" He replied that enrollment was down in the Department and that certain courses were carrying below normal numbers of students in them.

Professor Clairmont proceeded to mention the two courses that Professor Schliewen taught as examples of courses that are under-enrolled. We then assumed that the circumstances also applied to Professors Poushinsky's and Grady's classes.

You will have to admit that, considering what Professor Clairmont said, this could be a reasonably valid assumption to make.



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