

Chastity begins at home

Father Barry's attitude towards the dances held at St. Thomas is mystifying.

He has warned the parents of his parish of the corrupting influences of the college atmosphere and has apparently laid the blame for all of Fredericton's female misbehavior on the shoulders of the university community.

We, on this campus, have carried a cross for many indiscretions in the past, but charging that it is unsafe for a female high school student to approach university confines is bordering on the ridiculous.

Perhaps we shouldn't be condemning Father Barry for his views, though. It is quite an inflation for our male egos in this day of Bondism, Phallicism and Playboy Philosophy, to hear that we are a dangerous threat to the fair young virgins of the city of stately elms.

On the other hand, Father Barry is levying a very serious charge indeed.

Fine, responsible dance spots such as the Knights of Pythias and I.O.O.F. halls apparently are being by-passed by the high school set. Fredericton's 'bubble-gummers' seem to prefer the well chaperoned and campus policed, although 'unhealthy' orgies at STU.

We cannot see how the problem can be solved, Father Barry. Perhaps fingerprinting of all female high school students would be a help.

How about branding all virgins under eighteen, and forming a 'Vigilante Priest Patrol', as our cartoonist suggests, to prevent young innocents from attending university dances?

— R. R. B.

That time of year again

It's election time again. That means people running for office will be showing excessive amounts of good will and many will be trying to build an image — at any cost — that will swing them into office.

Unfortunately, in the past, candidates have failed to deal with the issues. It seems that in order to win an election around here, all you have to do is have the best looking posters.

We implore the candidates to discuss the issues. Debates may be impossible, considering that there will likely be more than two candidates. But when candidates speak to student groups, students should ask them why we are members of the Canadian Union of Students, how they feel about the administration, about fees, and about the student voice in sports. Candidates should be able to state proudly that they have attended most of this year's meetings of the Students Representative Council, whether as a member or as an observer. If they have not, then they do not deserve your vote, however able they may appear to be.

Candidates should be made to fight for their position. It will strengthen them for their term in office.

The future of the University

Student groups will soon be asked to submit suggestions to the SRC Education Committee for consideration for a brief to the Committee on the Future of the University.

This Committee has been considering briefs presented by all organizations connected with the University, but the submission by the students could be the most important of all, considering our part in the University.

It is imperative, therefore, that every student group make a submission when the Education Committee asks for it.

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"THOU CANST NOT BE FALSE TO ANY MAN"

What this campus needs

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This University needs a strong Students Representative Council. After a few years living at the University of New Brunswick, it becomes increasingly apparent that our present Council structure is inadequate, and something new is needed. The pre-election days seem to be the best time to bring this up, because the structure of the SRC will certainly be discussed by the campaigning candidates for President and Vice-president, and possibly by the candidates for representative (if they take the hint and do a little campaigning themselves).

Council Presidents make no secret of the fact that it is extremely difficult to accomplish anything of any importance to students. We have made attempts at demonstrations (like the national student day) and there have been 'reforms' to financial policies, and to the system of awards to active members of the student body, but there has been little legislation of any value.

The closet the SRC has come this year to passing anything of any use was the interesting but hardly adequate discussion of student health.

This sort of thing will do the students some good, much more good than wild discussions of freezing the fees (which will probably go up again next year) and idle talk about whether a few hundred dollars of a \$50,000 budget should be spent on student coffee parties.

I suggest that we weaken our relations with the questionable organization, the Canadian Union of Students. There seems to be very little to be gained from active participation in this organization. Probably we should remain as members, and should answer their mail, and take part in the many surveys they sponsor, but certainly there is no need for CUS to have a representative on the SRC who (although he cannot vote) can make motions and is given the council member's privilege of speaking in preference to the masses. That the CUS' Committee Chairman should sit on council and that (for example) the Education Chairman should not is beyond logic.

Of course, WUSC should be removed from council, but that goes without saying.

The Council is already thinking about the possibility of reducing its size. This is an excellent idea, put forward by President Carty. It is only unfortunate that it could not have been implemented before the approaching election.

Another useful change, one which is basic to the interests of the student body, is connected directly with the SRC Constitution. The present constitution is a cumbersome body of laws which is changed from time to time, and is very difficult to keep up to date.

The purpose of a constitution is to define the rights of those being governed. Ours, however, also contains

sections on how to count ballots, the duties of the president, and of the vice-president (right down to what notices they are responsible for posting). This is foolish.

All that junk should be thrown into a book of 'laws'. Then the residue, that part which defines students rights, should be included in a brief and clear Constitution, which, and I feel this is of the greatest importance, should be so stable as to be amendable only by a student referendum. Let the SRC change the laws as it wishes. But we must have a strong constitution, not one which can be changed in two weeks hardly in sight of the students.

The reduction in size and the implementation of a book of easily changed laws will lead to a final problem, one which is necessary to the smooth operation of the SRC. That is, the problem of administration. If there is a small SRC, there must be qualified people, other than the SRC members, who will administer the affairs of students.

This new SRC will have to create a kind of Civil Service. This will ensure smooth carryovers of policy from one council to another. When a government changes almost completely every year there must be a strong civil service to maintain stability. (Consider France.)

The solution is simple, if the right person takes on the job. Hopefully, the new SRC President will be such a person. That is, if we make the right decision on January 26.