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Pain or Pleasure

When you read this editorial all male students will be flooded with invitations. For five whole days the matriarchal society is re-established. The girls dominate the scene. The phone in the Men's residence hardly stops ringing. Intriguing schemes that have been planned for many months are now brought into action. Our co-eds can now simply ring up the giant of their dreams and ask him for a date. They lead the brilliant conversations in the Students' Centre when they have nailed Mr. X by inviting him for a cup of coffee.

Possibly some co-eds have been disappointed. They have found out that tall and handsome So and So, who always smiles so wonderfully but never said anything did not do so because he was not interested, but simply because he does not have anything to say; that some men talk a lot but never do anything about it; that some guys shake hands when they say 'good-night' and then disappear inside when you still have to wrestle home through the snow storm.

Ah yes, those co-eds finally realize that it is not so good to be in charge, that footing the bill may be fun for five days a week, but that five days is also more than enough.

With a sigh they will think on Saturday night: "Thank goodness, that's over". Well, quite frankly, so do we. G.B.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Sir:

Is an unstated, implied idea valid in an S.D.C. decision? This question apparently was not pertinent to the majority of S.R.C. members last Wednesday night when the S.R.C. recommended that the re-election of the President and Vice-President of the Drama Society be rejected. The S.D.C. recommended that they act thus for it had stated that in meting out punishments last fall it had ruled that the offenders resign from the Drama Society Executive. They also admitted that they had made no statement concerning the ineligibility of these two students for re-election. They had merely requested them to resign.

In the S.R.C. meeting it was revealed that the S.D.C. had 'intended' that they were not to hold office for the remainder of the college year. It was said that this was simply understood; that the Drama Society was trying to trick the S.R.C.; that the S.D.C. deserved the official backing of the S.R.C.; that the reputation and authority of the S.R.C. was at stake; and that a dangerous precedent would be set if the election were approved.

Good intentions are fine but the fact remains that the original decision of the S.D.C. gave no time limit whatsoever. The Drama Society President and Vice-President complied, with many a murmur, to the S.D.C. decision. It would seem that the S.D.C. made a slip? Now they are denying this — unwritten unstated intent is apparently sufficient.

This in itself sets a dangerous precedent. How is any student to know to what extremes the S.D.C. and the S.R.C. will go in interpreting a punishment? The S.D.C. is not a court of law and should therefore state facts as facts and refrain from judicial interpretations of the principles involved.

Perhaps they did intend that the officers of the Drama Society were to be uneligible for the remainder of the academic year. However, they did not state this and it would seem to me that if they are to be a respected and reputable disciplinary body they should recognize their error and attempt not to repeat it in the future.

Perhaps if the S.D.C. would recognize its fallibility and more, admit and rectify an error of its own, they could gain far more than they could lose!

Yours sincerely,

Joanie Young, Arts '59

Bureaucracy Without Sense

by Gino Blink

What is the purpose of applying for jobs? This is a question that seems ridiculously simple but maybe many of us are under the wrong impression. The obvious answer of the students is, of course: "To get a job, to earn a living, to apply what has been taught at University, to make a career, to earn enough to pay off the debts incurred in getting a university education", to pick just a few of the possible answers.

It appears, however, that the people in industry, the place where most of us intend to start our life, have a different idea. It goes something like this: "Well we have personnel departments, and they must have something to do, so we arrange interviews. If we have five openings in a particular field, then we interview about five hundred prospective graduates. A hundred to one is a fair average. At the same time we help the country by relieving the employment situation in the field of secretaries, because for every opening that is filled, ninety-nine letters of refusal have to be written. At the same time we have a good chance to pick the best of the crop".

A question arises in the mind of the student. Is it quite fair to give so many prospective graduates hope for a job if they have no chance on a job at all? They are forced to skip lectures to go to these interviews, they fill out miles of application forms for nothing. They have to go to considerable expense to provide pictures of themselves, something the majority of companies ask for. That the company likes to select the best man from among fifteen or twenty is understandable, but is it possible to select the best man during a ten or fifteen minute interview, if a hundred or more candidates are in the market?

This situation has resulted in shopping around by students in a way that cannot be profitable

Prizes

Will interested freshman and sophomore students please take note of the fact that applications for the Khaki University and Y.M.C.A. Scholarships should be sent to Professor R. J. Love, Room 207, Arts Building before January 25, 1958.

Let all students, including freshmen, check the university calendar for possible scholarships and prizes which may become available between now and May. A number of highly valuable prizes is usually available for high or highest standing, essays, poetry, etc.

SLABS 'N EDGINGS

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graduated from college with only a few debts and immediately get a job and a wife. In about ten year's time, in addition to the same job and the same wife, they have more debts and five kids. That's why Foresters are so happy.

District Forester MacDonald
Dept. of Lands & Forests,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

to industry. It has forced the prospective graduate students to apply for practically all the openings advertised by all companies that come to a campus to hold interviews. Since there are always a few students that stand out, it is they who are selected by a relatively large number of companies for the few openings that exist! As a consequence these students will have to refuse all but one of the job offers. As soon as a job is refused the next man on the company's list will be offered a job. He may have accepted a job elsewhere already, although he may prefer the job that is being offered to him now. This can be continued ad infinitum.

A last matter in this issue concerns the letters of refusal that are sent out by the companies. Presumably a company has reasons for not wanting to employ an applicant. Why are these reasons not specifically mentioned in the letter? Here are some examples:

"As regards the outcome of your interview we want you to know that your qualifications rank equally well with those students to whom we made offers of employment."

No job — no opening
"You have many of the qualifications we require, but our vacancies in your field are limited"

No job — no opening
"Although we were impressed with your qualifications and have seriously considered your application, unfortunately we are unable . . . etc".

No job — no opening
"Since your interview on your campus I have had the opportunity of matching currently available openings . . . etc".

No job — no opening
"Competition has been keen this year and it has been necessary for us to pass by many well-qualified applicants".

No job — no opening
After reading a few of the "sorry-no-job" letters one gets

the feeling of being a tremendously well-trained, highly qualified person, a sort of demi-god. There is only one trouble, the demi-god has no job.

He does not only not have a job, but he does not even know why not. Cannot the companies change their system and limit the number of interviews, giving applicants to understand that the number of openings is only very limited? Could they not specify more clearly what type of person they require, giving a clear description of the type of work that is requested from the successful applicant before he makes the appointment? Could they not, and this is perhaps the most important point, make it clear in the rejection why the applicant was not accepted; in which qualification his application was ruled out and why, or in general, give sound and clear criticism. Only in this way can the student at least benefit from the interview-experience, and perhaps even redirect his thinking in terms of what he is expected to know and think.

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