

What has Student Services done for you?

The Department of Student Services is that segment of the University which is primarily concerned on a day to day basis with student life and learning opportunities outside the classroom. The ultimate purpose of Student Services is to facilitate students personal growth, organizational development and exploration of talent and abilities in order that they more effectively express and contribute to the social milieu. The work of all personnel in the department of Student Services serve this purpose either directly or indirectly.

The Department of Student Services was established in 1967 by St. Dunstan's University in an effort to better serve the increasing needs and demands of the students. Since that time the department has expanded to the point where it now includes the following personnel:

- Director - Jim Griffith
 - Dean of Women - Marion Morrison
 - Roman Catholic Chaplain - Fr. Gerard Tingley
 - Protestant Chaplain - Rev. Ian Glass
 - Counselor - Jack Blanchard
 - Financial Aid Officer - R.J. LeClair
 - Manager, Canada Manpower Center - Joe Power
 - University Nurse - Joyce Gallant
 - Head Resident Female Residence - Anne Schurman
 - Two Secretaries - Sheila Gallant and Sandy Gauthier
 - Two Part-time overseas student advisors - Prof. Baird Judson (Engineering) and Dr. Jammu (Physics)
 - Director Health Services, Dr. Charles Brown and four part-time university Physicians (each of which spends one day' per week on campus).
- The services now offered by the department include:
- Carreer planning
 - course selection
 - study habits development
 - personal problem assistance
 - university orientation
 - career information
 - scholarship and financial information
 - reading training
 - placement service
 - health services
 - off-campus housing
 - on-campus housing
 - resident supervision
 - testing

over-seas student organizations services of worship ecumenical programs as well as involvement in many student societies and organizations. (This excerpt is taken from the Orientation Book 1974, page 11)

Many students were asked the following questions "What is student services and what have they done for you". Out of about 30 - 40 people asked, I received 11 replys, with their name or that of a pen name. The other students did not wish to write any reply if their names or their pen names were to be written with their statement. Their replies are as follows:

It is a department in Main Building which may help students find jobs after graduation. They have done nothing for me because I have not sought their services.

- Ralph Daley, B.Ed.
(1 year program)

Ideally the purpose of student services seems to be to counsel the student whether it be socially, emotionally or whatever. They have done nothing for me. Except having to enter the office in Sept. to pick up a 4-day late I.D. card, I have managed to avoid them completely in five years.

- H.B.M. (Education)

Student Services, a department provided by the University has done quite a bit for me personally. They are people at this University who have time to listen to us as individuals. Jim Griffith, Fr. Tingley, Jack Blanchard, Bob LeClair, and Joe Power are people I would recommend to any student who needs someone to talk to.

- Janet Rowe, Senior
(Education)

I don't think Student Services has done anything for me. If they have I am unaware of it. Because I am not completely sure what Student Services is supposed to do for me.

- Rob MacLean, Soph.
(Arts)

Student Services have provided me with a student card...After I was refused having a meeting with Jim Griffith and was told I

was inconveniencing him and could leave his office. I finally got the card after going to the Student Union who called Griffith. The only reason I got the card was due to the viobility of a secretary of Student Services. If it had been for Griffith, I would have waited a month. What has Student Services done for me, sweet f--k all (that I know of) other than my student card which I had to fight tooth and nail to get.

- Charles M. Mills, Sen.
(Arts - Philosophy)

They're a people oriented group whose concern is bringing about the realization of the full potential of students a individuals, and through that, of the student body as a whole. I'm grateful for the specific things they've done for me - like health services, job advice, arranging grad school tests, but I feel I owe them much more for the benefits of the foresight they have contributed to University policy decisions.

- Randy Walford
(Business Admin.)

Student Services are there to aid the student in times of need if the student knows how to find them.

- S.H. Junior
(Business Admin.)

Student Services exists as bodies of institutionalized organizations eager to relieve students of their physical, emotional, academic, spiritual, financial, etc. problems through conventional methods of counselling and/or assistance. No doubt they nave wrought miracles for those who seek such services and on this laurel alone, should be exalted by praise but personally, apart from occasional visits to the medical fac-



ilities, I have not been surmounted by desires to avail myself of their aid in view of their inability to be inovative in the services they represent and their divorce from the reality of the academic experience which gave them life.

- Igor De-Vreeze, Junior
(Science - Biology)

Student Services is a group of people whose main responsibility is to help students. This help is available to those students who seek it.

- Florence Cahill, Sen.
(Arts)

Student Services is a group of people who work for the benefit of the students. They are there to provide any kind of help the student may like to receive. My only contact has been talking with Fr. Tingley during my soph. year.

- Mary-Janet Vandebroeck
Senior (Arts)

Student Services to me is an outlet for personal frustration and problems, there are many! Student Services enabled me to express myself freely and accept my individuality.

-Joe Student, Senior
(Music)

I am interested in receiving replies from those students who have had good and bad personal experiences after dealing with Student Services. However I am not interested in the replies from students who have nver personally dealt with Student Services. Your comments would be based on nothing but hearsay, (for to criticize something you must first have experience with it) and hearsay, in my opinion the CADRE can do without.

Colleen Warren