

YDN, A GOOD EXAMPLE

ON THE UNIVERSITY RIGHT

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Mankind, for the civilizing of human-nature, and rendering life agreeable and happy, none appear of greater advantage than that of printing; for hereby the greatest genius of all ages and nations, live and speak for the benefit of future generations.-

"Was it not for the press, we should be left almost entirely ignorant of all those noble sentiments which the ancients were endowed with."

"By this art, men are brought acquainted with each other, though never so remote as to age or situation; it lays open to view the manners, genius and policy of all nations and countries, and faithfully transmits them to posterity--the benefit of a weekly paper, must in particular have its advantages, as it is the channel which conveys the history of the present times to every part of the world" (Hartford-Connecticut Courant)

Nightly pretentious words from a paper whose readership (in 1764) was pro-

bably little more than this noble journal. During the past summer, whilst I busied myself with study, I also had the opportunity to examine various North American university-student papers, and found much of the sampling I viewed worthy of the utmost admiration. Chief among this category was the Yale Daily News. Even if one extracted all faculty and professional staff writing and labour, maintaining only the student contributions, the YDN would remain a first-rate university paper. For the student contributions consist of insightful, thought-filled essays and articles touching upon not only what contemporaneously is "in", so to speak, but also upon socially relevant and historically important events.

As is implied in the words "daily news", the Yale journal appears throughout the campus for free distribution each morning, 5 days per week of the academic year, besides which there are often special editions printed on a topographical basis. Thus, unlike our own Sun

the YDN is able to allocate a great amount of press-space to events almost as they occur. The nature of a weekly paper, unfortunately prevents this. Being well aware of the financial burden upon a university in the publication of a weekly paper (as well as the disparity in financial resources between Yale and ourselves), I realize it would be unrealistic to advocate adoption of some of the YDN's other qualities of hubris. Unlike the Sun, the YDN not only appears at various campus distribution centers, but also reaches out into the surrounding community, thereby, not only increasing its readership, but in the process allowing for an even greater sharing of the ideas within its pages while simultaneously demonstrating a concern for the greater community beyond the ivory tower. Being a New Havener myself, I can give honest testimony to the value of the YDN as a supplement to the other papers available to the news-hungry

pilgrim in search of printed gratification in that marvelous New England port city. On the stands next to the Washington Post, the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe etc., you will find the Yale Daily News; surely then The Sun can find a spot near The Guardian and Patriot?!

First, however, The Sun must become a forum of lively discourse, debate, critical thought and commentary; an intellectual mozaic in which students of all disciplines and beliefs will share ideas freely.

This is more than simply an admonishment for cosmetic improvement of The Sun; this is a plea for the newspaper of our Student Union to live up to its obligation as a functionary for an academic institution. This also is in no way a criticism of the editorial and managerial staff of The Sun, for they are doing a very fine job. But let's face it - without student input the management is helpless. I for one am sick of mediocrity and if you are as well, contribute to The Sun.

WHO SHOT THE JR. CLASS ?

Yes this question was asked by the 10 surviving members of the third year class who showed up for our meeting last Sunday night. My guess is that the other 265 juniors were gunned down by that old UPEI Apathy but... Sue Ellen or Cliff Barnes could've done it! Well on to other events.

On October 9, we will have the drawing for the 2 sets of tickets to all FallFest events. So if you haven't picked up your tickets yet, get them.

We also need lots of help to put on our activities, so

if you have some extra time we sure would appreciate the help. Contact any of the following people to lend a hand:

Phyllis Norring - Poster Committee

Jackie Doran

Nancy MacDonald - Door Committee

Sharon MacDonald

Hope to see you all at our next meeting so keep a look out for our poster. See you all next week.

by Nancy MacDonald.

ARE YOU A GUZZLER ?
IF YOU ARE, SEE YOU AT
THE THANSIVING MAIN EVENT Oct 9
Sponsored by: Junior Class

Commerce Final Year Students

Today, the chartered accountant is not only an auditor but a valued business adviser. Challenge, opportunity and responsibility are all part of the career path of those who choose to enter this demanding and exciting profession. Discuss career opportunities with Clarkson, Gordon representatives, on campus

Nov. 6

Arrangements should be made through the Student Placement Office.

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