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## CONTROVERSY AT MEETING



Members of Student Union Executive: Left to Right: John Noonan, Vice-Pres., Victor Scott, Secretary, Dennis Clough, President.

### Chronicle

In the last issue of *Red and White*, we neglected to offer congratulations to Rev. John Walsh, S.F.M., '56, who was ordained to the priesthood in St. Dunstan's Basilica in August by Bishop MacEachern. Fr. Walsh is now completing his theological studies in Toronto.

On Tuesday evening, October 12, a short talk on highway safety was given in the assembly hall by an officer of the R.C.M.P. This was followed by a most interesting film which depicted the "seven deadly sins" of automobile driving.

Small-scale fire drills were held in most of the men's residences during Fire Prevention Week, October 9 - 15. St. Dunstan's has been very fortunate with respect to fire, but it is no harm to be reminded at least once a year of this demon invader which could easily strike a damaging blow to our campus. The residents of Marian College were exempted from this exercise as their building is presumably fire-proof.

The Glee Club is holding vigorous practices several times weekly under the leadership of Sister Mary Pauline. Some very agreeable tones are coming through and the members are beginning to see some results for their efforts. Directing a group like this is a herculean task and members should do their utmost to attend practices faithfully and give Sister wholehearted support in the matter. Without this, the club will of necessity fall far short of its true potential. It is not known yet whether or not there will be a concert before Christmas, but it is believed likely that there will not be any until January.

While on the subject of singing, the month of October is providing ample opportunity for all hands to participate in choir work. With Benediction being held each evening, the College and High School Choirs and the congregation take their turns in singing the hymns. The College Choir has been concentrating of late on part singing and their efforts have not been

disappointing. The High School boys are beginning to blend pleasingly and their first major performance comes when they sing for High Mass on the feast of Christ the King.

Rev. Francis Bolger, history professor, attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association held at Sudbury on October 1 and 2. Father Bolger delivered a paper entitled *The Charlottetown Conference, 1864*. We were pleased to learn that he was elected to the Council of the Association.

A variety program was presented by the "upper class men" in the gymnasium on Tuesday evening, October 4, as a sequel to a very successful field day. A feature of the evening was the performance of the girls' section of the glee club which consisted of group singing, trios and solos. Toward the end of the entertainment, the new Freshman queen, Joan Batchilder, was crowned by last year's queen, Cathy Logan.

The Extension Department has recently announced a number of staff appointments. Urban LeBlanc, B.A., former field man for the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, will now be employed full-time by the Department. George A. LeBelle, B.Sc., (Agr.) will continue his work among the consumer and producer co-operatives on the Island. A. E. Belliveau will work part-time with the Department as an exponent of the co-operative housing program now in progress.

Our Lady of Schools Sodality is holding weekly meetings once again. Jim Morrison has been elected prefect and has a committee of four to assist him. The meetings are well attended and the discussion groups are proving most profitable. Fr. Alyward, spiritual director of the Sodality, recently attended a meeting of Atlantic Provinces Sodality directors at Gardiner Mines, Cape Breton. At this gathering, several important views were voiced and we feel sure our own group will benefit greatly by applying some of

### College Spirit

In this issue, our editor has drawn to your attention a situation in which there appears to be a certain lack of spirit on the part of the students at St. Dunstan's.

There are many effective ways in which nearly all of our students can participate actively in most of the extra-curricular activities operating at present on the Campus.

The interest and function of these activities should not be left merely to be enlivened by our Students' Union or by our class leaders but rather should be the main concern of every individual student. The attendance at Student Body meetings should be mainly our concern as it is only through our co-operation that the Union can function effectively and make decisions that would be beneficial to us.

There are many organizations, groups, and societies on the Campus that are always and eagerly seeking help from us. Each of these organizations, in its attempts to furnish information and solicit our participation, very often meets with little success. A very outstanding example of this is our own College Choir.

The other societies such as the Glee Club, the A.A.A., the Dramatic Society, the M.I.D.L. Debating Society, the College Band, and even our own *Red and White* Staff would be only too pleased to have some sort of assistance from the Students themselves, and it is only fair that they appeal to us, since it is primarily for our benefit that they function as groups.

Of course, there has been some effort displayed on the

these.

Fr. Raymond Gallant, '46, W.F., a native of Egmont Bay parish, celebrated High Mass at the college on Sunday, October 23. Fr. Gallant has recently returned from mission duty in Africa and spoke to the students on the state of the Church in the "Dark Continent."

As *Red and White* was going to press, we heard rumors of the existence on the S.D.U. campus of a new society or club. Rumor has it that a vocation club — Club St. Pius X — is being or has been formed in High School. According to unofficial reports, membership in this club is restricted to High School students who feel that they may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Club St. Pius X is a very practical means, as we see it, to assist the students in High School to develop the greatest of all vocations. The University has its Engineering Society and various other clubs and societies to further the professional interests of a certain segment of the student population. Club St. Pius X is another step in the same direction. Though official confirmation regarding the existence and nature of this club must await another issue of this paper, *Red and White* is very happy to commend the High School students on the formation of this club, and, while wishing it every success, promises to use its columns to further the efforts of so very worthy an undertaking.

### Students Wage Verbal Battle On Important Issues

The first meeting of the student body was held on Sunday, October 23, at 1:30 P.M. After the reading of the minutes, reports from the following societies were given: MIDL by Edward Benson; A.A.A. by Emmett Foely; *Red and White* by Dan O'Hanley; Mission Society by Charles Broderick, and the Sodality by Jim Morrison.

The most important matter on the agenda was the resolution proposed by Dennis Clough that the CFCCS organization on the campus should secede from the national body. This prompted a heated discussion lasting over an hour. Edward Benson first spoke in support of the motion outlining the objectives of the national society and went on to point out that its functions were not in keeping with the true aims of the organization. He spoke of the motion which he as representative of St. Dunstan's had proposed at the national convention in Halifax, but which had been defeated. This motion had in fact been for the purpose of establishing greater power in the executive body, but the other universities seemed to be of the opinion that it should be left to the individual colleges to carry on their own functions. Therefore, he felt that we should have no connection with the national or-

part of certain students, but as in many other cases, too much has to be done by too few.

Some classes have already taken the lead in arranging functions on their own. Noteworthy in this respect was the recent Variety Concert organized by the Seniors and the Socials arranged by the Juniors and Sophomores. But in this direction a great deal more can be done not only to create a feeling of "togetherness" on the Campus, but also to establish further goals of achievement towards which every student can strive.

In bringing these points to your attention, we, of the *Red and White*, sincerely hope that they will serve, not only as a means of stimulating unselfish brotherhood on the Campus, but also to help resuscitate the dying embers of what was once our glorious past.

### Saturday Night

Starkle, starkle little twink,  
Who the heck you are I think.  
I'm not under what you call  
The alchofluence of incohol.  
I'm not as drunk as thinkle  
peep,  
I'm just a little slort on sheep.  
Toe martoonies make a guy  
Fool so feeish — don't know  
why!  
Really don't know who's me yet,  
The drunker I stand, the longer  
I get.  
So dush one more to fill my cup,  
'Got all day Sober to sunday up.

went on to point out that if there were any shortcomings on the part of the members of national executive it was mainly our responsibility as a member of that organization to draw these to their attention and to assist them in rectifying the wrongs. This could never be achieved if we were to stay aloof.

Miss Frances MacDougall rose on a point of order to point out that there were certain contradictions in James Mahoney's report concerning the functions of CFCCS on the campus. To straighten out matters, Mr. Mahoney then read the report as submitted to the Halifax convention. The chairman decided to bring the discussion to a close by asking for each side to give a summary of its arguments.

#### Moderator speaks

Then Fr. Kelly, faculty advisor, decided to clarify the situation. He explicitly stated at the outset that he was neither for nor against the motion and went on to outline the meaning of CFCCS and its significance in Catholic student life. He felt that all Catholic universities should get together on issues in which there was strong public opinion and that CFCCS was the main channel through which this could be done.

The motion for secession was put to a vote and carried sixty-five for and fifty-six against.

#### Motion challenged

At this point Bernard McCabe challenged the validity of the motion on the grounds that it was really an amendment to the constitution and as such the matter could only be introduced at this meeting and be voted on at the next. In this view he was supported by Eric Doucette.

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### Food For Thought

In his struggle for existence here on earth, man has many possessions. He has the earth itself, the animals and the trees from which he obtains the materials necessary for this existence. Each man possesses a share of these in varying degrees. Some are thought of as being very fortunate, for they have a comparatively large portion of the earth's riches. Others are thought of as being unfortunate, for they possess but little of these. But is there one possession which is available to all men who rightly seek it and most valuable to all men once achieved?

In treating the question, lack of possession must be assumed and hence it shall be referred to as a need.

This need, as has been stated, is available to those "who rightly seek it", for nothing is available to one who deliberately closes his eyes to its very existence. Furthermore, once attained, it is man's most valuable asset regardless of his riches or poverty, his education or illiteracy.

Now we must ask at what time there exists for man in general a common need. Is it in time of wealth and prosperity, of success and good fortune, or is it in times of trouble and strife, of failure and ill-

fortune? This need exists for man at all times, from the moment he closes his eyes in death. It is constant.

It is also universal, for it is that which all men require although they may be ignorant of this fact. However, man may not realize his greatest need, especially in time of success and progression in this world. It may take dismal human failure or some catastrophe to make him aware that he lacks that which he needs most. When suppressed, scorned or trod upon, however, he is quick to turn — to turn to the love, understanding and patience of a friend. For, in the words of Joseph Conrad, "where can one lay the heaviness of his trouble but in the heart of a friend?"

Who might that friend be in any particular situation? One may answer that it is his mother or father or wife. Once again however, we must realize the imperfection of human nature. There is a limit in the love to be found even in the heart of a mother. To whom, then, can man turn for limitless love?

He can turn to God who "has by his death given life to the world", and in so doing proved His possession of this limitless love of which man has such a great need.