

EDITORIALS

AT A SINGLE GASP

All registered students at St. Dunstan's University are now members of a legal body—namely, the St. Dunstan's University Students' Union Incorporated. We may now, also, assert proudly "that our Student Government is the most advanced, in the Maritimes."

Precedence was indeed broken when the Students' Union Constitution was eliminated in favor of a set of corporate By-Laws. The action itself was inevitable and we do not dispute its necessity. Under the old constitution, the Union could not legally perform the functions of ownership and control necessary in operating the New Coffee Shop. Though we recognize and support the idea of incorporating the Students' Union, the manner in which the By-Laws were presented, and passed, must be greeted with something less than unrestrained applause.

Both the Union President and Vice-President merit praise for their efforts in outlining the sixteen By-Laws upon which the corporation rests. Many long hours of preparation undoubtedly preceded their presentation of a final draft. Yet, the methods employed in revealing and securing passage of these laws remain questionable. Without doubt, many Students' Union members would have desired to pursue THEIR constitution before passing a final judgment, but this privilege was reserved for the Executive alone.

Would it not have proved more favorable if the student body were permitted to investigate the details and implications of such an important and extensive transition? The very individuals who would constitute this legal body were not given the opportunity, but rather than post or distribute copies of the proposed changes prior to the General Meeting, the Executive deemed it more convenient to simply usher these complicated measures into law at a single gasp. The student populace and the Student Council itself were suddenly requested to "rescind the constitution, to replace the constitution by a set of By-Laws, to incorporate these laws, to approve these laws in principle... and to approve the transfer of power." How the Executive could legitimately seek to effect these complex changes, solely on the basis of a single, lengthy and often interrupted reading, stands beyond our conception. It is seemingly more incredible that forty percent of the student body (the Freshmen Class) were expected to rescind an entire constitution which they were never given the opportunity to read.

When questioned about these obvious discrepancies, the Executive, without any attempt to deny their existence, meekly explained that time necessitated immediate passage.

The eventual results are history. And although in complete disagreement with the tactics of the Union Executive, we cannot help but stand aghast, in awe and admiration at our group of precocious freshmen. We dare to venture that never before have such short-term members of any institution wielded such absolute power and influence.

Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily the opinions of the editor and staff. Whether we agree or disagree, they will be published subject to the availability of space.

The editor strongly urges all students to make the best use of these columns.

SALEM, 1690 —

Dear Sir,

I am a member of the Ladies Temperance Committee and I am in quite a flutter. How could you allow a letter from one of those wretched bootleggers into your heretofore respectable paper. The very 'deal' people are likely to get the notion of installing legal emporiums to contaminate the innocent children and parents of this Island. Goodness me, why, if such a thing happened the incidence of alcoholism and drunkenness might decrease and people be led to erroneous conclusion that liquor is not an abomination before God! Land sakes, why I have even heard tell that in some places the dread liquid is no longer feared by even the clergy and has come to be viewed as natural as grape juice! Let us begin a crusade to bring enlightenment to these poor, degraded, ignorant masses and even in all of Christian charity attempt to force prohibition of this devil's brew by all means at our command. Let us remain the last bastion of virtue in this land, this continent, this depraved earth. Abstainers arise!

Snauzola McCluck

WRONG OPINION —

Dear Sir:

To the lower classmen, it appears that the seniors are snobs, not to mention another dozen names which we cannot mention.

Last edition included a number of interviews from the freshmen and freshmen, and one individual had the gall to state that, "EVEN the seniors — a feeling of friendliness..." This leaves everyone except seniors, which includes the seniors or seniors, — with the opinion that we are not friendly.

Before the year goes on, however, it is time to straighten this matter.

We are not snobs, we will speak if you speak first, and say, "Sir". Perhaps a courtesy or a bow would be appreciated also.

When a senior is talking he is not to be interrupted by a lower classman under any circumstances.

When having a peaceful, wholesome sing-sing at the Brace or any other establishment which you lower classmen illegally frequent, we are not to be joined in by any noisy, profane, party crashing lower class.

When travelling from class to another class the seniors have the right-of-way. (Except seniors, for whom the male seniors should get on the grass.)

When seniors go to the canteen, the lower classmen should form a line on both sides to permit the senior to purchase his goods first.

Seniors also have priority, entering cars on route to town. Since the lowerclassmen are practically all wet anyway.

So you see, oh inferior ones, we do not want you to feel unwanted, or to feel that we are a group of superior snobs, for as you can see we are a friendly bunch, aren't we?

A SENIOR—of course

RUMOR HAS IT —

Dear Sir:

Concerning higher education in this province and with reference to last edition's lead story and

editorial, rumors, which come from usually reliable sources, foresee this province with two universities. Prince of Wales will be given degree granting status, and Saint Dunstan's, which received its in 1917, will remain as is, but will probably expand to meet greater demands.

This expansion will come in due time, for we at S.D.U. do not intend to rush into things without due consideration of the future. Expansion will require additional financial aid. Since, as the editorial states, S.D.U. is the only university in Canada which does not receive provincial assistance, and since P.W.C. will receive favor from the provincial government, our petition to the government should be recognized. Who in all fairness and veracity can deny it?

The high schools will be removed from both P.W.C. and S.D.U. This will leave the former with two years, and few students, but will make little difference at S.D.U. Students from these institutions will probably be placed in five new additional regional high schools which will possibly be erected at Summerside, O'Leary, Charlottetown, Montague and perhaps Souris. This, I believe, was in a recommendation presented the government and for which the government paid thousands of dollars to complete. However, like many other reports on which both the government and our city has spent the tax-payer's money, it was not completely followed—if at all.

Mr. Editor, I do not intend this as a criticism of your editorial, but am only being an accessory to the facts — the facts that these rumors are prevalent.

VIVE LA S.D.U.

— John B. MacDonald

ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



DR. J. C. SINNOTT

S.D.U. Alumnus Hits Jackpot
Charlottetown physician and St. Dunstan's graduate, class of '52, Dr. J. Cyril Sinnott, made newspaper headlines as a ticket holder on Santa Claus, winner of the Irish Derby at Curragh last Spring. It was the first time in the history of Prince Edward Island and the first time a St. Dunstan's graduate drew a first place horse in the sweepstakes.

In an interview with the Red and White, Dr. Sinnott said "a large part of the money will go to paying off the money I had to borrow in financing my way through medical school. The remainder will be divided among my six children and invested for them." The Sinnott's, who live but a stone's throw from the University, have six children.

ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL

Past Editor in Chief of the Red and White and a powerhouse behind the proposed Coffee Shop, Paul D. Foster, was in town during the Thanksgiving Week-end. After seeing the Mount A. — St. Dunstan's football game in Sackville, Paul spent most of his time checking on the Coffee Shop and visiting old friends.

"Absolutely wonderful" is how he described the way a returning graduate is treated on a week-end return trip to the campus. "The faculty and students alike treat one most cordially and actually seem glad to see one of them back again. Both the students and the faculty make one feel very much at home and I am sure that this atmosphere does not prevade over many campuses unless a donation is expected." With Paul D. on the trip to the Island was S. D. U.

quarterback, John Driscoll's father and brother. John's brother, Danny, took his Freshman and Sophomore years at St. Dunstan's.

WE GET LETTERS

Alumnews has received several very interesting letters from Red and White readers and S.D.U. alumni. Though space does not permit us in this edition, we hope to include some of these in future publications.

CLASS OF 64

We don't have information on all the members of last year's graduating class, but what we have and didn't include in the last edition, we'll pass along. Basil Haire is teaching in Labrador. Bas was President of the Band Association, chairman of social committee, popular variety concert drummer, and "Punch Imlach" of the Co-ed hockey world while at St. Dunstan's. Keenan Marr is in Connecticut with a part-time teaching job while furthering his studies. Keenan was married in August. Our congratulations. Also teaching is Bill Dibella who was very active in intramural football, buzzer hockey and basketball, glee club and choir. Lenny Ellis, coach of Varsity Football, Business manager of proposed Coffee Shop and Red and White, is in business in Fredericton.

Next week, some startling rumors.

BAND CONCERT

Negotiations are now underway in regard to the possibility of a concert by the S.D.U. Band in Souris on November 11th. Details will follow in the next issue.

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