

petition is engaged in. Yet this is as important to a college as intercollegiate debating, or the exchange of ideas between colleges. It promotes spirit, it stimulates interest in athletics, it brings attention to the college, and it benefits the players in many ways, these benefits not being able to be obtained from other means.

As to whether Saint Dunstan's can produce Canadian football teams that will be on a par with those of the other colleges, we'll have to let past records be the judge. In the last five years Saint Dunstan's, with an average of one hundred and fifty college students attending each year, has won the Canadian Debating Championship once, reached the finals once, has won the Maritime Rugby Championship twice, and has won the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Basketball Championship twice. Does this sound like a college that would let lack of numbers make a difference?

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### WHO'S BLUE?

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Who's Blue? That question is a little misleading; for I do not mean the "blue" you are thinking of. There are "blue", "blue" and "Blue". Let us say the first "blue" is the word used to designate the colour—as in 'navy blue.' The second "blue" is commonly used in reference to a mental or emotional state or an "attack of melancholia". (The second "blue" when in the plural is sometimes the title of a "musical composition".) The third "Blue"—and the one I use—is a family name - - - well not exactly a family name, for I have only heard of the one person with the surname of Blue - - - then again I suppose it is permissible to say Blue is a family name, for there must be some (though not a multitude) who have personalities similar to that of Mr. Blue.

The New York Times has called Mr. Blue "a human paradox"; and all will admit, I'm sure that The New York Times is anything but a sensational newspaper. The Jesuits printed this in America: "Mr. Blue is different, so gloriously different that dull witted people would think him fantastic and even grotesque." Somebody wrote in Commonweal that Blue's life was "a fantasy". (My intention was not to accuse that "somebody" of being dull witted; the Jesuits could have been wrong.) Yes, J. Blue "made" all the periodicals that



are worth "making"; that's puzzling, because Blue was the person who least wanted to "make" the magazines—he was a strange man.

J. Blue could have been called a capitalist when he was in possession of his large fortune; but he wasn't a "good capitalist, for his investments gave him no financial returns. He certainly was not middle class, if by "middle class" you mean "bourgeois"; yet he was much like St. Therese of the "bourgeoisie", in that he liked the things around him (kites, bands, skyscrapers, colors, etc.). He was usually poor (in a state of privation); though he was not like the poor, for he seemed rich, and above all, happy.

Blue, although a layman, was like Charles de Foucauld and, thus, not unlike Foucauld's Little Brothers of Jesus. In fact, if I remember correctly he became a "little brother" before the Little Brothers were founded. Blue was an expert in the apostolate of example. His project for the organization of the Spies of God was a daring plan for his time—for our time. He dared it, and in winning the dare he lost his life.

If you would like to meet Mr. J. Blue, I suggest that you read the 119 short pages of the biographical sketch, **Mr. Blue**, written by Myles Connolly and published as an **Image Book** last October by Doubleday & Co.

—J. P. W. '56

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The best portion of man's life,  
His little, nameless, unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love.—Wordsworth.

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Truth is its (justice's) handmaid, freedom is its child,  
peace is its companion, safety walks in its steps, victory follows in its train; it is the brightest emanation from the gospel; it is the attribute of God.—Sydney Smith.

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The house of everyone is to him as his castle and fortress, as well as for his defence against injury and violence, as for his repose.—Sir Edward Coke.