

## EDITORIALS

## FORMAT CHANGES

Last week RED & WHITE was officially recognized as an Associate Member of Canadian University Press. With the CUP news and feature service now at our disposal, we need no longer, as was always the case, be subjected to the whims of fickle contributors. Our coverage, moreover, will be extended to include original dispatches that should prove of general interest to Canadian university students.

RED And WHITE was founded primarily to afford the student body a forum for the expression of their personal observations and sentiments. In maintaining this objective, we continue to encourage individual contributions and assure their precedence over other copy. Unfortunately, too few have taken advantage of this ready means; the result has repeatedly been a series of nerve-wrecking battles to preserve RED and WHITE from permanent desolation.

Further, with the addition of CUP releases, we are enabled to discontinue the sometimes infantile class columns. Despite contrary opinions ("that's all I read") such doggeral is decidedly degrading to what claims to be a university journal. These articles were initially adopted for the sake of sufficient text, which we now trust, can be otherwise provided. If in the future, however, classes or organization wish to announce or review pertinent events, available space will be always at hand. In passing, we gratefully acknowledge the services of the several staff columnists.

It was stated in September our intention to publish RED And WHITE twice monthly. Due to the facts, however, that absurdly high printing costs, among other considerations, render a comprehensive edition impossible, and that a barrage of adverse criticism greeted or initial four-page effort, reconsideration was forced. Our present compromise goal is an eight page issue at three week intervals. We again exhort all to lend a helping hand to make RED & WHITE worthy of St. Dunstan's.

## COMMENDATIONS IN ORDER

Red and White, on behalf of the students and faculty of St. Dunstan's, commend all who contributed their time and energies toward the success of the Coffee Shop. To Messrs. Paul D. Foster and Colin J. McMillan, who initiated and activated the early plans, we are especially indebted. For expanding the frameworks to their successful completion, we extend our highest praise to Mr. Gerald FitzGerald for a task well done.

This week's official opening of the long anticipated and much appreciated Students' Union Shop marks a milestone in the history of St. Dunstan's. Considerable concern had been expressed in the years immediately prior to the building's inauguration over the conspicuous lack of facilities for everyday student activity. Our new Coffee Shop, aside from its obvious recreational benefits, promises to enrich and extend the campus social atmosphere.

Only a few years ago, when the enrolment here was relatively small, their existed a unique fellowship among the students of Saint Dunstan's. Often have we heard our professors recall, during their tenures as undergraduates, the vivacious spirit that evolved from the then integral association. Though time and growth have since diminished this desirable aura, and ever increasing numbers obstruct its return, our haughty new edifice will perhaps restore a measure of that bygone unity.

## Letters to the Editor

## A COMPLAINT

Dear Sir:

Please allow me space in your "Red And White" to enlighten students on the disappearance of our J. V. hockey team.

Last year St. Dunstan's appealed to the sympathy of the executive to enter a team in the Charlottetown Junior League. The Saints claimed they had a large number of players who weren't good enough for varsity and not eligible for any other league. After serious consideration and feeling for these boys, the league decided to allow the team in the league. As we all know the Saints won the title.

This year S. D. U. again entered a team in the league and played three games before Christmas exams. The team could take the measure of all teams except one. The team was happy because they were lucky enough to be playing hockey. The team had no Billy MacMillan's but had great spirit and desire.

During the holidays some "bright people" got the idea of withdrawing the J. V.'s and putting in the high school team. Did these people talk it over with the players? Did they promise the J. V.'s they would play somewhere else? No, they couldn't care less what happened to us.

The executive asked the "bright ones" what would become of the J. V. players. They carelessly replied "they might find positions on other teams." As much as to say "that's their problem, we only want to get into the league."

The high school players are eligible for the high school and juvenile leagues. Why didn't they stay where they belonged? Why should they deprive junior players from playing in a junior league?

I keep asking myself how could anyone be so inconsiderate and selfish? Could it be that they are getting tired of the same old trophies and desire a new one? Or could it be they are merely puppets on the strings of their "little boys"?

Is the trophy worth the price you are willing to pay for it? A good

junior team sitting by the boards watching juveniles and high school players skate by, who don't even belong in the league.

The change in teams could mean the difference between winning the championship and finishing second. It the title really worth it? A lot of good talent wasted, but of course: "we won the league!"

I heard it said recently that "S. D. U. will not play unless they win", at all costs. I might pass on that P. W. C. has been losing for years but never knew when to quit.

Well, let the chips fall where they may and let each person responsible answer to themselves.

The act of the "bright ones" can be summarized in three statements: 1. You ruined a good league. 2. You forced a lot of eligible hockey players out of their league. 3. Your act points you out as stupid, inconsiderate and selfish.

Of course, you might win the league.

The league executive suggested the three weak teams be given a line from your team. This way everybody would be playing hockey and happy. Also this idea would balance the league and it would be perfect, instead of a mess, thanks to you.

We hope you are satisfied.

A J.V. MEMBER

P. S. Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for a chance to express the facts. Keep up the good work!

## ABORTIVE MESS

Dear Sir:

There appeared in this column, in the last issue of this paper, a letter entitled "Constitution a Failure", which attacked the Students' Union executive and the recent process of incorporation. It was a nasty letter, to say the least, full of back-biting sarcasms, ill-informed statements, and other samplings of the cesspool mind that spewed it forth. The part that rankles however, is not the above tidbits, but the fact that

the creature who wrote this abortive mess did not sign his name, did not possess the strength of his convictions to say "I wrote this excretory letter!" but instead hid behind anonymity.

No one will deny, the Students' Union, Executive included, that constructive criticism is a part and a means to improvement; but who among you will agree that criticism for the sake of criticism alone, criticism that intends to slander and destroy rather than create, is a necessary part of the means to a better end?

To the Editor of the Red and White, for allowing such poison to premeditate and degrade our paper under the guise of anonymity, I offer the following suggestion: that henceforth all letters appearing in your paper be signed with the name of the person submitting it, so that we students might give credit where due, disparagement where necessary.

CHUCK McEWEN,

Class of '65

EDITORS NOTE: To require such would surely discourage contributions. Our policy is to encourage—and in line with this policy, all legitimate opinions, controversial or otherwise, are welcomed.

## ON SENIOR SLOPS

Dear Sir:

We have been informed by rumor that the class columns are to be discontinued. In protest of this move, representing ourselves and the students of other universities across the country who receive this paper, we issue a strong defence on behalf of the high moral and intellectual standards expressed by the column, Senior Slops.

The following is a poor and inadequate presentation of examples of the more important contributions made by this column to the moral and intellectual advancement of searchers on the path to

## ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



FATHER GEORGE MacDonald

## DOMESTIC PRELATES

Four prominent alumni of St. Dunstan's University, including Very Rev. George MacDonald, President of St. Dunstan's University, have been elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Along with Father George, Fr. P. F. MacDonald, Fr. J. P. O'Hanley, and Fr. William O. Simpson were invested as Domestic Prelates by Most Rev. Bishop MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, in a ceremony at St. Dunstan's Basilica January 10th.

Father George was born in Annandale, P. E. I. and attended school at Cornwall, P. E. I. Prince of Wales College, and graduated with a B. A. at S. D. U. in 1928. Ordained a priest at St. Dunstan's Basilica in 1932 by Bishop J. A. O'Sullivan, he has been on the teaching staff at St. Dunstan's since then. After heading the physics department for 30 years, he was appointed rector of the University in 1963.

Fr. Simpson was born at Fort Augustus and graduated from St. Dunstan's with a B. A. in 1937. After attending Holy Heart Seminar in Halifax, he was ordained a priest in 1941. From 1951 to 1959 he was Director of Extensions at S. D. U. until being appointed rector at Morell. In 1963, Fr. Simpson was appointed rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica.

Fr. P. F. MacDonald graduated from St. Dunstan's in 1941 after attending school in Grand Tracadie and Prince of Wales College. He was ordained to the priesthood at Corran Ban on January 10th, 1945.

truth, including the university alumni. A recent survey shows that the writer of this column has kept, for our benefit, a record of all the missing "undies", "kidney ailments", and the "regularity" of students this year. We are more than certain that this information is of deep and abiding concern to that segment of our student population who study anal characters and mental retardation. Also, surgeons will be pleased to learn that Gene Kinch's toenail is available for experimentation. Word has leaked out that a leading

by Most Rev. James Boyle and has been recently appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Charlottetown.

Fr. O'Hanley was born at St. Peter's Bay and attended school at St. Peter's and graduated with a B. A. at St. Dunstan's in 1928. Having studied theology at St. Augustus Seminary in Toronto, he was ordained a priest in 1935. Fr. O'Hanley was on the teaching staff at St. Dunstan's University from 1937 to 1951; and during that interval, he furthered his studies at Cambridge University and Catholic University of America in Washington. In 1950 he completed a major piece of work in translating Grenier's edition of four volumes of Thomistic philosophy from Latin to English and his translation is now widely used in universities in many countries. He also collaborated in writing a book on hospital ethics which is widely used in Canada.

Alumnews extends on behalf of The Red and White its heartfelt congratulations to Fr. George, Fr. Simpson, Fr. MacDonald and Fr. O'Hanley.

## ALUMNI GATHERING

While on business for a few days in Toronto, Fr. Edmond Roche, head of the Mathematics Department at St. Dunstan's, attended a gathering of more than sixty S. D. U. Alumni. Fr. Roche, who is at present very busy in the process of editing the Annual Alumni Bulletin in his capacity as Secretary of the Alumni Association, informs us that the gathering was quite informal and he had the opportunity of showing films of Teddy Kennedy's visit to St. Dunstan's last May.

North American scientific journal is showing considerable interest in the astute observation made by the author concerning "big hairy muscular legs". In conclusion, we must in justice note that the column has been one of the greatest sources of humor on campus this year and we recommend that the Editor give this gentleman space in future issues in which he might continue his frank, genial, whimsical, and secondhand humor.

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