

POLITICAL PARTIES FORMED

SDU Students Join CULF

On October 18th, 1961, history was made at St. Dunstan's. In the evening of that date, students gathered in the Science building to be present at the largest political club meeting since the founding of the University. A group composed of approximately seventy-five students was present for this, the organizational meeting of the Liberal Club on the campus.

In addition to a small group of young Liberals from Prince of Wales College who were invited to attend, five guest speakers were present.

Chief guest speaker for the event was Mr. Peter Cadeau, secretary of the National Association of Young Liberals. He spoke on the ideals and principles of Liberalism today and gave very sound and very sincere answers to many questions.

The other prominent guests who spoke at the meeting were Bob MacLeod, the originator of the Young Liberal Association on P.E.I.; David Walker, president of the Young Liberal Club in the 5th Queen's district; Ken Jenkins, Vice-President of the Young Liberal Club for 5th Queen's; and Dr. Douglas MacDonald, Chairman of the Young Liberal Association for Prince Edward Island.

Before the meeting closed, the students organized their club as a member of the Canadian University Liberal Federation. Eugene Quinn was elected president of the club and it was decided that the rest of the executive should be chosen at a later date.

Dr. MacDonald invited the club to send a representative to a meeting of the P.E.I. Young Liberal Federation which was to be held on October 19th at the Charlottetown

P.C. Club Active Again

The first meeting, for 1961-62, for the St. Dunstan's Progressive Conservative Club was held on Monday, Oct. 16, 1961. This club has been active on the campus for a number of years, and was the only political group functioning during the past university year.

The members of the executive for 1961-62 are: Joseph Gallant, David Ellsworth - Vice president, Elaine Green - secretary, and Winston Pineau - treasurer.

The Club was honoured to have as its guest speaker, Mr. Walter Shaw, Premier of Prince Edward Island. Mr. Shaw gave an analysis of the politics of his party on the national and provincial levels. The Premier discussed in particular, the government's program on education e.g. regional high schools, vocational schools, improvement in teaching standards; public works and highways e.g. the enormous increase in paved highways, the construction of wharfing, the acquisition of a new boat for the Island mainland run; resources; development of tobacco in industry, establishment of new industries e.g. the new processing plant at New Annan, the expansion of tourist facilities; increased loans

Hotel.

The following evening, October 19th, two members of the club attended the meeting of the Young Liberal Association. This delegation listened to the business of the Young Liberals being discussed and expressed some of their own views as members of C.U.L.F. and supporters of the Liberal Party.

The next evening, the executive of the S.D.U. club was formed, and plans are now

SDU Student Democrats

Until the eighteenth of October, 1961, Prince Edward Island was the only province in Canada wherein students had not officially formed a New Democratic Youth Club. On this night, however, the political consciousness of the campus was awakened, when those

made available for construction of housing, increased loans made available to farmers, and many more programs, the elaboration of which would in itself constitute an entire volume. The most striking thing about these projects, especially on the provincial level is the originality, both in administering and in the establishment of new industries, formally non-existing as far as the provincial economy was concerned.

There is, this year, an increased interest in politics, due, no doubt to the fact that next spring the University will conduct a model parliament. Also, in the air, are rumors of a provincial and federal election... The results of this interest, are quite evident within our club, for, less than a week after our first meeting, we have some forty "signed" party members. In view of this, the Club can truthfully say it has the largest membership of any political club on the campus.

being made for the Club Program.

As a member of the S.D.U. Liberal club, as a member of C.U.L.F., and a young Liberal, I extend the following invitation to each and every student on the campus, to come and listen to us. Ask us your questions. If our answers are not satisfactory to you, then go to some other party. We firmly believe that the Liberal Party has the answers. So, just ask us the questions.

interested gathered to found a Student Democratic Club.

Based on the same principles as the New Democratic Party of Canada, the aim of the club is to make students more conscious of their political responsibility, and to promote an awareness of the national political situation and its needs.

An historical footnote, the New Democratic Party was founded in August, 1961, with the largest political convention ever held in Canada. The enthusiastic 2,000 delegates almost unanimously elected Tommy Douglas as their leader. This dynamic premier of Saskatchewan was acclaimed by one leading newspaper, as "a breath of fresh air in Canadian politics", and the same ovation is perfectly applicable to the New Democratic Party.

At the first meeting of the "Student Democrats", a highly informative and clear outline of the party's stand was delivered by Mr. Leo MacIsaac. His talk was enthusiastically received by the democrats, as was displayed by their numerous questions.

After the discussion period a provisional executive was elected, with the following members: President, Patsy McNeill, vice-president Barry Costello, sec'y-treasurer, Frank Corcoran. A permanent executive will be formed in the near future.

The purpose of this article is not to outline the party platform. This will be made public soon. However, anyone desiring more details, will be provided with additional information on contacting any member of the provisional executive.

Students Keen For Politics

Could it be that there is an election in the offing? An observation of the keen interest which the student of St. Dunstan's University are showing this year in political affairs might well lead one to believe this to be true.

Party organization on the campus has started off this year with a bang. Already, three political clubs have been organized.

The Conservative club, being the first to organize, held a meeting on October 16th. Present as guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. Walter Shaw, their party leader premier.

The Liberal club on the campus were organized on October 18th. as a member of the Canadian University Liberal Federation. Its guest speaker on this occasion was the secretary of the Canadian Young Liberals' Association. Other guests were members of the various young Liberal clubs on Prince Edward Island.

The following evening, October 19th, another political club was formed on the campus. This club is affiliated with the New Democratic Party which has been recently organized in Canada. The New Democrat, had as their guest speaker, the New Democratic Party organizer for Prince Edward Island.

Heading the three clubs as

presidents are, for the Conservative Party, Joe Gallant, a Senior Commerce student, from Souris, P.E.I. for the New Democrat, Patsy MacNeil, a Senior Arts student, from Summerside, P.E.I. and for the Liberal Club, Eugene Quinn, a Senior Arts student, from Cardigan, P.E.I.

Attendance at the various party meetings is indicative of the great and ever growing interest which the students of S.D.U. take in the politics of this Island and of this Country.

It is evident that many students have already become confirmed party members, while others are still searching into the beliefs and principles of the different parties. They are "on the fence"; and, where they will fall no one knows.

If an election were to take place within the next eight months—and this, the Liberals claim, will be the case — there would be some two hundred students, presently attending S.D.U., of voting age.

Because of the supposed election in the future, the potentially numerous votes, a theory has been advanced to the effect that the latter reasons are the main cause of the political activity. Others deny this saying the assertion is preposterous. Whatever the case, the leaders of each student political group have set a pace of much activity.

NFSCU Role Outlined

Walter McLean, national president of the 90,000 member National Federation of Canadian University Students stressed the importance of the federation in terms of national affairs during the course of a recent two-day visit to the university campus.

Speaking to a group of students, Mr. McLean sought to clarify the aims and accomplishments of the organization with a view to stimulating increased activity by the local NFSCU committee.

The fifty cent fee paid by each university student to the national secretariat is extremely advantageous, the speaker pointed out, due to the significant bargaining power the federation possesses. Some of these advantages are reduced rail fares, university student exchange programs, art shows,

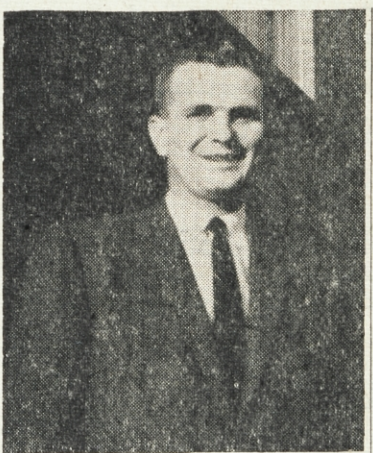


photo contests, low life insurance rates, and a special student travel department.

Besides these tangible results NFSCU has been successful in its bid to influence the Federal government to eliminate the tax on tuition fees. By

obbying at the federal capital it is hoped that Ottawa will increase its contributions in the federal-provincial tax - sharing agreements thus enabling local calls to (demand) seek increased financial help for higher education from provincial education departments.

With such an organization as this, Mr. McLean continued, the student's first thought should be what he can contribute rather than what can be obtained from the organization. As university students, he stated, we are obliged to take responsible roles in Canadian Society in all pertinent questions of the day.

Apropos, the number of universities in the federation, the president said that the present membership of 38 did not include Ryerson Institute of Tech-

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Grievance Thrown Out

Residents of Dalton Hall were not long in voicing a grievance to this year's Students' Union executive. Freshman males of Dalton circulated a petition to the effect that only forty of their group were notified of the impending class president election.

The yearly grievance committee was appointed to study this question and others likely to appear in the course of the year. Headed by the Union's vice-president, Vibert Rosemay, it is composed of class representatives and one day-student.

Following the formation of the committee, Chairman Rosemay called for a meeting to clarify the stand taken by the Freshmen. The chairman outlined the functions of the group and asked the members to deliberate objectively and honestly, keeping in mind the purpose of the committee.

Maitland McIsaac, freshman representative, read the grievance to the members, and brought up the matter of quorums for class-president elections. After consultation it was pointed out that quorums were not necessary for the

SDU Sends Two Delegates To Congress On Canadian Affairs

S.D.U. has been invited to send two delegates to the first annual Congress on Canadian Affairs, to be held at Laval University from Nov. 15 to Nov. 18, 1961. The theme of the Congress, to which over 80 delegates have been invited from every university in Canada, is "THE CANADIAN EXPERIMENT: SUCCESS OR FAILURE?"

legality of class elections.

In continuing his case, the freshmen member stated that indications showed that 55 ballots were cast although only 40 class-mates were present. However, Chairman Rosemay called into question the validity of Mr. McIsaac's statement noting the apparent lack of substantial evidence.

Members of the committee voted unanimously that the question be turned down as it read. Following this turn of events it was suggested that a Dalton representative be chosen to act as official spokesman for the residents whenever conditions merit a faculty-student caucus.

Eight well-known Canadians will address the first four plenary sessions of the Congress; the fifth session will feature a panel of five outstanding public figures. The keynote address and the closing address will be delivered by two of the nation's most prominent political leaders.

The Congress will concentrate on an examination of the unity and dualism of modern Canada, and of the contemporary evolution of relations between French and English Canadians. Its basic objective is to enable student representatives from universities across Canada to examine current problems that are of general interest and importance to all Canadians, with a special emphasis on the French Canadian point of view.

The Governor-General and the Prime Minister of Canada, as well as the Lieutenant Governors and the Premiers of all ten provinces, have extended their honorary patronage to the Congress on Canadian Affairs. The Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Quebec has granted \$1,000 to the Congress to help defray its expenses.

Financial Agreement Settled

On October 20, a budget meeting was held by the student council to grant allotments to student organizations for the coming year. Members of both university and high school councils were present. Animated discussion arose over the first order of business, the deferment of the high school

quota from the university funds. Ray Monihan, president of the high school council stated that the high school wished to withdraw all of their money and to retain the remainder as due on university services for this year. A unanimous vote carried the motion which may be considered part of the high schools transition to self-government.

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