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WELCOME TO ST. DUNSTAN'S



Father MacDonald

PRESIDENT GREETES STUDENTS

G. A. MacDonald, Rector of SDU

The academic year 1964-65 is an important year in your lives. It marks the transition from one system of study to another. From high school to university is a definite step in your educational progress. Whether this step is a real advance depends, in great measure, on your own personal efforts.

Whether you give your best, or whether you are satisfied with half measures, or whether you decide to loaf, your choice of one of these three paths in 1964-65 will determine, to an extent much greater than you may realize, to your success or failure in the years to come. Needless to say, I urge upon you the need to adopt the first approach, one which will give you the maximum chance of future happiness and success.

ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS

The mere fact that you have been accepted for freshman year means that, for at least ninety percent of your numbers, there exists a potential, the development of which will assure you of success in carrying out the programme of studies and other activities which you will accept or choose during your college career.

There will be many calls on your time during this year. Some of these may seem important to you at the time, but, you must develop in yourselves that faculty of being able to judge between what is important and what is not. Develop that faculty now, because much of your future success and happiness will depend on the wisdom of the decisions you make this year.

I extend to each of you a sincere welcome to St. Dunstan's.

I hope and trust your university career will be a happy and profitable one. You are a cosmopolitan group. Make friends freely dur-

ing your college years and you will have done something which will bring you a real reward in later life.

PLAN TO YOUR NEEDS

May 1964-65 be for each of you a year worth while, a year to be remembered. My advice to you now is for each of you to plan to have a good time at St. Dunstan's. By that I mean, plan your program of study and recreation to meet your needs and your abilities so that you will not become a physical and nervous wreck due to overwork, nor an academic failure due to the lack of it. You can have a good time and still do well both academically and socially. To all of you I extend best wishes for success in both fields.

NEW DEAN OF STUDIES APPOINTED

Reverend Vincent G. Murnaghan has been appointed new Dean of Studies, it was announced recently by Rev. G. A. MacDonald, President of the University. Father Murnaghan replaces Rev. Owen Sharkey, who resumes his former role of full time teaching and counselling.

A graduate of SDU in 1945 with a BA, Father Murnaghan took his theological training at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. After his ordination in 1949, he taught at St. Dunstan's High School for two years, and then took up post graduate studies in business administration at the University of Toronto. Upon receiving his MA in 1953, he returned to St. Dunstan's to head the commerce department.

For the past several years he has been University head of the St. Dunstan's contingent of C.O.T.C. Army Cadets, as well as several other University activities.

DIFFERENT ROLES

Father Murnaghan joins with the rest of the faculty in welcoming both the old and new students to the campus. He assures all stu-

But knowledge, on the other hand, is something that—in this place at least—meets you half-way. One half again is yours; the other, the College's. But let me tell you something of each half.

The other half is a number of things. It is those little black men in reverse collars that will soon be drooping about you twenty hours a week. It is that desk in your bare room with shelves gaping for books. It is that modern library with books gaping for people. It is that little blank spot in your head you want to fill. For if one has not come here to learn, one might as well leave now in deep shame. For want of knowledge was this place built, and for want of knowledge does it live on — your want of knowledge, and your desire to learn.

PROSPERITY OR THE BOOT

The athletics here, you will discover, are some of the best in the Maritimes. Our debating is the best in Canada, and our drama the best in the province. Our Glee Club sings prettily and our band plays well. But if you have come here only for these, you will soon find yourself 'right' shocked. This is a university. A good student prospers and a bad student gets kicked off the Varsity squad. This is a university. You are students. Wear the title with honour.

But enough for the undergraduate sermon. The academic grind (the word, I assure you, is well chosen)—and which is mostly your half—will not always please. It wasn't meant to. It is meant to build. You will be shoved into

boring classes and various masters will there load you with ponderous, complex, incomprehensible assignments and will dare you with treacherous exams. The exams come in the form of quizzes at mid-term and finals at term's end (December and May). These exams will take the most from the vast majority of you.

BOREDOM AND BOOS

You will let your beard grow long and drink coffee by the potful. You will copy and you will pore. You will run around frantically for last year's paper in English and Philosophy. You will worry and you will damn. Some of you will flunk. Many will barely pass on. And some—those who have really applied themselves — will achieve great success. The Library will be suddenly filled around exam time and perceptibly empty afterwards. Lectures will get more boring with the passing of time.

There will be days (for some of you, weeks and months) when a lecture room is the last thing you can bear to see. You will be tempted to compose nasty songs about Father This and Doctor That. You might even 'indulge' after exams. Lectures will cut into your sleep and sleep into your lectures. (The prefect then cuts into you—and this too is part of the grind.) And so it will go on—the eternal life of a scholar.

But perhaps I've said too much already (a curious upperclassmen's disease) and in parting leave you with a wish . . . a simple wish: Good luck and God bless you.

Murnaghan explained the differences in the roles of the Dean of Studies and the Registrar (Mr. Hennessey).

He said that the chief duties of the registrar were these: to look after admissions, to keep student records, to supervise registration, to issue transcripts, and to look after the transfer of credits.

The Dean of Studies, on the other hand, controls the course load, makes up the class timetables, and has control over course changes, examinations, and class absences.

If doubts arise concerning anything with regards to courses or class scheduling, Father Murnaghan will be most happy to render assistance.

FRESHMEN CORONATION

The candidates for the Queen of the Freshman class will be elected this week. The Coronation dance will be held at the Basilica Recreation Centre Saturday night. For details see page 3.

Message From Students' Union

By GERRY FITZGERALD
President Students' Union

On behalf of the St. Dunstan's Students' Union, I wish to extend a most cordial welcome to both the FRESHMEN, who are about to embark on a new chapter of their student lives, and to the UPPERCLASSMEN, who are returning to St. Dunstan's to continue their university education.

MAKE TRANSITION

FRESHMAN students are about to make a transition from High School to University life, and I feel certain that the UPPERCLASSMEN will do their utmost to make this transition as pleasant and as easy as possible.

JOIN ACTIVITIES

Because of the large number of student organizations and of the relatively small student enrolment, students at St. Dunstan's enjoy the enviable position of being sought after to join in the various activities, and at this time I would urge all FRESHMEN to take advantage of these excellent opportunities to develop themselves socially and to develop qualities of leadership.

This year, these opportunities will be greatly expanded in a vigorous program, designed to give more to the individual student for the money he invests in the Students' Union. It will be our endeavour to expand our relations with other universities in the Maritimes and across the country as well. It will also be our endeavour to provide the stimulus necessary to increase student interest in student government, organizations, and activities. In all of these areas I encourage this year's FRESHMEN to take an active interest.

CALL ON US

The Students' Union executive is elected by the students; if there is any way in which we can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to call on us at any time.

Once again may I welcome you to St. Dunstan's, and I trust that the years that you will spend here will be worthwhile and enjoyable for you, the University, and your fellow students.

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Father Murnaghan