

- EDITORIAL -

THE SPIRIT OF DUNSTAN

Timothy Dwight, former president of Yale University, had a little saying that should be the delight and consolation of each and every University student. "A happy man," he would say, "is a man who thinks the most interesting thoughts." If thinking interesting thoughts was Dwight's formula for happiness, he would find this place desperately sick and incredibly unhappy.

Our patron, the Blessed Dunstan, was one of Our Lord's most beautiful disciples. Humble and yet learned, he succeeded in mastering the arts and crafts of his time, and in shining a bit of intellectual light on an age of darkness. The tradition he left us is one of intellectual as well as practical activity, of courage to teach in the face of overwhelming opposition, and of a great love of the truth. In light of this, we may call ourselves either bastards or delinquents. We are either bastards of a foul lineage who have deceptively taken on a great name, or the true sons of this great man, who have neglected his patrimony.

When was the last time, you had a novel thought, a *crise de foi*, or a discussion on matters philosophical or artistic? How long has it been since you took stock of the age in which you live? How many lectures have passed by as dry and lifeless things in a world where the forces of error are far from lifeless? How strongly has your mind, your creative mind — (not your memory, which gets Olympic training at exam time) been challenged, seriously and deeply challenged in this place?

As University students, we must all take our responsibilities to heart. Some of us are here to get an education, others are here just because they are here, others were sent, and others still are striving to help increase their future pay. Who is here to think? Who is here to question? Who is here to dive into the very meaning of life, and try to see what is really meaningful in life? What does wrong or right mean to you? What should it mean? Is that job your going to get the right job for you? Is what you are doing what you should do?

This is the the time to think.

Now that your mind is fresh and active and your resources are prac-

tically limitless, is the time to think. You will have a hard time thinking in that factory, or in that office. That job of yours won't give you much time to read or study, to find out. There'll be other things then, even more than there are now. Do not lose this opportunity to think.

You Artsmen, what do you all want to be? Did you just fall into this because you flunked your high-school Chem? What are you going to do — teach? That's what going into the cavalry or the Foreign Legion used to be in the old days — a human garbage-pail. Teaching is for teachers.

You people in Science, what are you doing there? Can't stand Keats. Science is "in" now. Lotsa money. Enjoy fooling around with test-tubes. Keeps you from thinking, does it? Well! it shouldn't!

As for the Commerce people, what is this all about? Want to know a few tricks about fooling around with the books? Like to make a pile, live an easy life — like a vegetable? Is this a faithful stewardship?

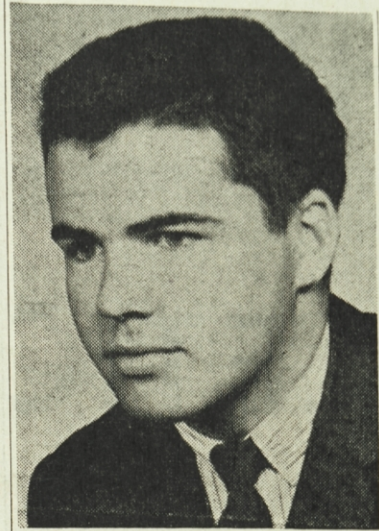
And as for you Engineers, nice isn't it? Bright future and everything else, isn't it? When did you people stop building the city of God and started building the city of sand?

We all stand guilty under the light everyone of us. When the Maker of all things comes to judge the nations at the end of time, he will divide us this way: on his right, in bliss, shall be the people who have thought the interesting thoughts (the children of Light) and on his left, without any consolation, shall be the human garbage Artsmen, the machine-minded Scientists, the pig-faced Financiers, and the bubble-fingered Engineers.

It is up to us, here and now, to make of ourselves what we should be. Status Quo is the road to hell, the path to everlasting discomfiture and frustration, the plunge into the obscurity not made for that mighty child of God, namely, Man.

It is up to us to make the spirit of Dunstan live or die. Remembering the words of Dean Dwight, it is up to us whether we be happy or damned.

FROM THE STUDENTS' UNION



by TOM McMILLAN

"We have watched with interest the many developments in education in Canada and on Prince Edward Island in the past few years... but although we have never taken a stand on the problems of higher education - nor have we been asked to do so - we feel it is now an opportune time to go on record and state our views."

These are but a few of the sentiments expressed by the SDU Students' Union brief to the Government of P.E.I. for National Student Day, Oct 28. The brief was but one of ten briefs submitted by students to the provincial governments across Canada to emphasize the tremendous problems facing Canadian students in financing their education and the need of more government assistance to meet the rising costs of education in Canada. The St. Dunstan's brief was submitted to the Government of Prince Edward Island by Dave Morton, President of the Students' Union; Tom McMillan, SDU CUS Chairman; and Charley McMillan, who read the brief to the Executive Council.

The brief emphasized that students across Canada, and particularly in the Maritimes, have in the past few years faced "unparalleled costs to attend university. Now we have reached the point where such escalation is in most areas beyond the students' means to pay the price." The brief went on to say that the students of St. Dunstan's are of the opinion that "academic ability should be the only factor in determining who should and who should not be admitted to university."

While it was pointed out that "we are fully aware that our Provincial Government has never 'refused' to assist our university but has claimed it is unable to do so, we must... find the means. For with the increasing stress on higher edu-

cation, we can not sit back while the rest of the country strides ahead."

The Students' Union brief made two recommendations: "That the Provincial Government assume a greater role in financing of higher education by adopting a plan for financial assistance," and that, "until such time that our educational structure at the university level be more definite, the Provincial Government absorb any rise in fees beyond the present level of \$400.00."

The success of St. Dunstan's participation in National Day will be determined in no small way on the course of the Prince Edward Island Government in the field of higher education. However, Student Council President Dave Morton described the program of activities as "very successful. I think the press, radio, and television coverage we received from the local news media and the interest shown by the student body indicative of the success of activities."

At long last it has been decided: there is to be a Winter Carnival at St. Dunstan's. The big question in the minds of most students has been whether or not the Students' Council should risk a repeat performance of last year's comedy errors.

Last year's Carnival ended with an \$800.00 deficit as compared to the 500.00 surplus the previous year. The ineptitude and alleged embezzlement within the Carnival committee presented the possibility that no Carnival would be held again at St. Dunstan's University.

Then last week, after deliberating the question for some seven months, the Students' Union made a move to decide the issue. After a heated and rather stormy session of Council Nov. 10 regarding the possibility of putting on a Carnival at this late date, a decision was made.

After much deliberation Council appointed Charley McMillan as Chairman after only applicant, John Rodger, withdrew his application.

Called to the meeting, McMillan, accepting the position on a conditional basis, said he would spend the next two weeks lining up features and entertainment to determine the feasibility of having a successful Carnival with so little time to set up a Carnival committee. It has been customary at St. Dunstan's to have the Carnival the last few days of January.

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- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Dear Editor,

I would wish to express in a few lines a general air of dissatisfaction concerning one of our prefects in Dalton Hall. Ugly is the well found name, coined on him in Volume 5, No. 8 of the Red and White.

I am beginning to wonder if this country is at war? In this building martial law is constantly being imposed upon us by this colourful character. On the other hand if we are not at war then we are to be considered as children. Little does he realized that many of us are older than he and possibly are more capable of regulating our lives without his assistance. He is the child while we are the toys or possibly he is

a cat while we are the mouse. At present we are as mice, powerless, but wait, dear friend, your hour has not yet come. Reverse the situation. Put yourself in our place and imagine how life would be under a childish tyrant.

We have come to St. Dunstan's to procure an education. This education or training emphasizes the formation of habits in culture and courtesy. It is certainly not our association with you that will help us in this respect. You show discourtesy to us when you enter our rooms without even waiting a second to be asked to come in. Your eavesdropping is not particularly impressive, since we are consid-

ered as children and that children look upon their superiors for guidance; it is highly possible that we will leave this building being instructed but not educated.

I am positive that the U.S. S.R. would enjoy having a person with all your qualifications. If you were with them do you imagine you could court-martial us and execute us instead of fining us?

A (Dissatisfied) Daltonian—

November 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Editor;

I was one of those simpletons who read your weighty ten lines under the title of "Joke" in the last edition. In all due respect, I should like to

paraphrase your statement in that I believe only that it is bad taste to include bad jokes in a publication. To quote from G.K. Chesterton: "A good joke is the one ultimate and sacred thing which cannot be criticized. Our relations with a good joke are direct and even divine relations."

If concern for gravity is such a predominant aspect of your policy as editor I suggest that those ten lines would have been much weightier had they been filled with a good joke. Wasn't it the saying of an ancient sage (Aristotle even) that humor is the only test of gravity and gravity of humor?

A Simpleton, M. Cullen
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