

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



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Richard the Inexorable, your Editor, has this scribe actually scribbling for deadline before 6:00 a.m. The hour suggests some theme like *Wooring the Muse at Sunrise*; a picturesque one and with its possibilities, but better perhaps we should work in these early contributions at creating an atmosphere or identity for the column — let's make it nautical. (So who says wooring isn't nautical!)

"This day begins with skies completely clear, very light winds at 3 knots from the east, seas calm with the usual spring ice conditions approaching land." So the log for today might begin. That is, in terms of the actual lovely pre-spring day dawning over the campus. But in terms of the metaphorical voyage of our nuclear training cruiser Dunstan in mid-voyage on the high seas, it might read quite otherwise. While not riding out a hurricane at present, we are still in a mighty unpredictable area, and the Stand By For Grave Emergency could sound at any time. In other words, the conditions of travel have not changed a bit since the last report from the bridge. BUT! ... BUT! ... BUT! ... the prospect is completely different, nevertheless! Something of extreme importance has taken place which improves the picture immeasurably! The other is crackling with hundreds of bell-clear signals, there are dozens of points from which we can get our bearings, chances will seldom be better for knowing where we are going! The RENEWAL has taken place, and the lines of communication have been opened to the full!!

The Renewal has taken place. The Good Lord in typical fashion gave us when we needed them a man and a method perfectly adapted for our day. Father Ed Boyce, the Redeemptorist, and his modern techniques of the General Mis-

sion homed-in on the receivers of the student body from the very first signal emitted. And the response matched the invitation; the attendance and the attention were in the very best tradition of our University and don't let anyone tell you anything different. Treating the theme *Can Faith Meet the Challenge of Our Changing World*, Father Boyce drew light and inspiration for us from really very few and very general principles: the fact of God's love ever surrounding us, the one imperative response from us of love of God and loving concern for our fellow-man, the anchor-force of a passionate dedication to truth, and finally an inspiring insight into our dignity as individuals. The principles were few, then; but the joy on the faces and the eager response showed that something vital had been released.

The Renewal as an exercise has taken place. It remains to be shown whether it was a brief, if exhilarating, experience, or whether it marked the beginning of a new and ever-expanding relationship. The lines of communication were opened; will they be opened wider, and kept open? Education draws so very much from the past. But it must also relate the wisdom of the past as accurately as possible to the present. Probably no one has a truer nose, a more dependable feeling, for the present than the generation which has grown up with it and has largely received its shape from it. Education can't succeed, then, without a lively dialogue, a constant feed-back, from the bottom up. So be patient and persevering, crew, and help us to increase and establish this dialogue. Meanwhile, it is obvious, isn't it, that the voyage still depends upon the bridge; and, leaving poetry aside, the real bridge to whom we must show full trust and co-operation -- even as we dialogue -- is our President and Administration.

WHAT CHARLOTTETOWN THINKS OF S. D. U. STUDENTS

by MIKE McCORMICK

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The people of Charlottetown have been putting up with S. D. U. students too long without having a chance to voice their opinions of us-publicly. Surprisingly, no-one, or almost no-one, who was interviewed seemed to have any real gripes. The lone dissenter was a cab driver, who, preferring to remain anonymous, said, "If we told everything that went on in our cars, a lot of guys would get kicked out of school. "However, he was the only one we managed to catch saying anything but good about us. These kind words could be attributed to any one of three reasons; either the people are lying; we rarely do anything wrong; or if we do we never get caught at it. The last reason seems to hold more water than the other two. (Read on to find out how well you have fooled the people of Charlottetown.) ???



POLICE CHIEF STERNS WEBSTER

Chief Sterns Webster-Chief of the Charlottetown Police--I'm glad to be able to say that outside of the isolated case we have had no major problems with you people. A few hitchhikers are about the only St. Dunstan's students that we have problems with.



MR. RALPH MACINNIS

Mr. Ralph MacInnis--Ralph's Men's Wear -- All your students have acted like perfect gentlemen while in our store. We have no troubles with them, no rowdies and what little credit we extend is paid promptly.



MR. A. E. BURNS

Mr. A. E. Burns--The Bike Shop -- One of the bugbears of our business is student credit, a few of them have let us down. I have been dealing with the boys from St. Dunstan's for forty years and this is the only problem we have had with them. Soon we are going to put up a sign saying that there will be no credit extended to students. I hate to do it, but a few have ruined it for the majority.

Mr. Ray Archer--Ed's Cabs--We have never had any real trouble with the students since 1934 when we started dealing with them, except the usual horseplay that doesn't amount to much. At one time they used to take the licence numbers off the back of the window, this was annoying but not serious. One other small problem is that we sometimes get a call for a cab to go out to the college and then we find that the caller has hitchhiked a ride with someone else. No, we have no problems with students that have been drinking.



MR. RAY ARCHER

Mr. Myron Bell--The Old Spain--We have no problems now, of course there are bad apples in every barrel and we have the odd minor incident, but most conduct themselves well. Two years ago we used to have some trouble with bothering the waitresses, spilling drinks on purpose, throwing stuff around, I think that they were mostly High Schoolers. Anyway that is all over now and it is down to a minimum. Any trouble that does arise we always have the utmost co-operation from the powers that be out at the college.



MR. MYRON BELL

Mr. Ed Mullis--Manager, Capitol Theatre -- We have had no trouble for a long time. If everyone acted as well as the college students Charlottetown would have a pretty easy time. It sure is going to be a problem finding fault with S.D.U. kids. The only time we have any trouble is during the midnite show and not many of your students go to that????I've worked in other college towns and S.D.U. students are the best acting I've seen yet.



MR. ED MULLIS

Incidentally Mr. Mullis told us that Thunderball will not be coming to the Island until at least the middle of June. Apparently the New York office wants two weeks guaranteed playing time and right now this can't be done.

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