

## EDITORIALS

### HATS OFF TO JOHN FLANIGAN

All hats are off, or should be, to Mr. John Flanigan for staging at St. Dunstan's one of the finest National Debating Finals ever staged in Canada. St. Dunstan's will long be remembered in a most favorable manner by all those who attended this dignified and dramatic event. It is hardly possible to fully realize the time and effort that this one man alone put into the organization of this affair.

Those connected with the "finals" each year have said that never has such enthusiasm been shown by the local C. U. S. organization and the host university itself. The gracious benefactor of these debates, the Assistant to the President of Coca Cola, has voiced new enthusiasm himself for the continuance of these debates and has already picked the site for next year. This is, in itself, a true indication of its impact.

The debates this year were filled with suspense and keen competition. Our own debaters fought valiantly to the end and did not have to hang their heads as they lost to a true championship team. The National Debates and our debaters stand as a tribute to St. Dunstan's in no small way. We became a bit prouder of our university through the work of John Flanigan and our debaters. We wish to thank Mr. Flanigan for his work on this eloquent affair.

### SUITCOATS AND TIES ARE IN ORDER

The student dress, particularly on the part of the males, is deplorable to say the least, and it is high time that some action be taken on this matter. Old leather coats bearing battered crests, which themselves appear to be holding the garment together, certainly are not proper dress for a college student. Suitcoats, accompanied by a shirt and tie, should be the dress at the college level. As you dress so do you act. If you dress in a disheveled manner so too will you think and act.

The big complaint against the suitcoat, shirt and tie attire was always one of cost. However this is now an invalid argument. If a person wore a white shirt for two days a week the total cost for cleaning charges for the year would be a mere \$25.

It is an utter disgrace to view the dining area in regard to this matter. People attend dinner, classes and other functions in a manner which would suggest that they had just come in off the field rather than from a university. This has got to stop. If a person was working he would be compelled to dress accordingly as his job required. If you are a farmer you dress as a farmer. You who claim yourselves to be the future elite of society should dress therefore, in a manner fitting to your present station.

Action regarding this matter must be put into effect for the coming school year. People have gone around this campus dressed as bums far too long. It is the job of the Student Council and the Faculty to get some action on this matter. All must readily admit that the prestige of the student and the university will be raised by a law regarding this rule of dress.

Provisions will have to be made for the cleaning of the garments in question. Either a coin-operated landromat must be established on the campus or the present laundry must raise their standards so that the clothes will be properly taken care of and white shirts won't come back pink or green or with some new appearance as is often the case now. Local cleaning establishments should be approached also so that a student price might be arrived at.

With these provisions having been made no difficulty remains. The students of St. Dunstan's will be properly attired. Let's have some action on this matter immediately.

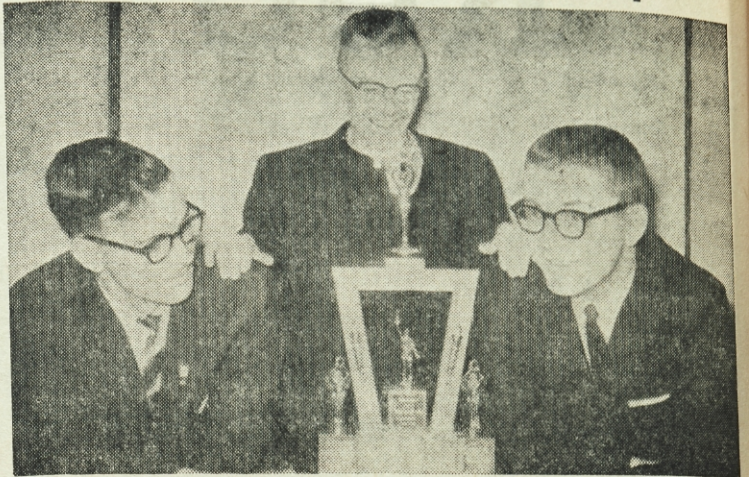
### McMILLAN'S ADMINISTRATION OUT FRIDAY

Friday is the day the change in office takes place at the General Body Meeting. At this time the RED and WHITE would like to congratulate and thank Mr. McMillan for one of the finest administrations in the history of St. Dunstan's. Under the outgoing President, many constitutional changes have come about, a Coffee Shop is to be established on the campus, the National Debating Finals were conducted here and a new air of prestige has surrounded the office of President of the Student Council.

Parliamentary Procedure was at the command of Mr. McMillan, thus facilitating meetings to be carried out efficiently and very swiftly. Many important decisions rested on the shoulders of this man and he came through constantly with sound resolutions. Never did the occasion arise when Mr. McMillan was unable to cope with the situation. To say the least, the campus will feel the absence of Colin McMillan next year.

Gerry FitzGerald takes over from McMillan after being elected President by acclamation. This is unfortunate insofar as Mr. FitzGerald does not know exactly where he stands with the student body. However, it is felt by many, and justly so, that this man is the one man for the job. Mr. FitzGerald has been a member of the Student Council and is fully aware of the proceedings and constitution. Mr. FitzGerald has many ideas and plans for the Student Body and we sincerely wish him the best of luck in this high office.

## A Tribute to M.I.D.L. On Campus



MIDL CHAMPS:—P. Batchilder, Rev. F. Bolger (Coach), C. McMillan

The history of inter-collegiate debating on the SDU campus is not a long one. Even the suggestion that SDU should have a debating team is now no more than twenty years old. But it is a little bit of a glorious story. It is the story of a few men—young, ambitious, intelligent men—who had an idea and who carried it through. It is the story of quality, for these people were out not to build bigger, but to build better. They knew that debating was more than a fancy; it was an art for the mind, and they were out to sharpen keen minds to a finer point. It is the story of young James Kelly and his compatriots who took the matter of debating seriously enough that, even under the disapproving eye of the faculty, they organized, in the school year 1945-46, some semblance of a debating team on campus, and sought admission to the MIDL. At first they lost two of three debates. Success was not to be instant. They had formed the origins though, and the only direction from here was up.

And the story goes on. The next year, Father Ellsworth became moderator of the team on campus, and upped the record to one loss in three debates. And then, we come upon the giant of our tale—the grandest hero of this short story. More than any one else, the story of debating at SDU is the glory of this large and likeable personality. The man who made debating the glory of SDU, Father Cass. From '46-'47 to '59-'60, he was moderator of the society at S. D. U., and during that time, St. Dunstan's never fared worse than winning two of three debates, won the Maritime championship five times and, the Nationals twice. Father Cass had been moderator three years when he won his first Maritime Championship. And this was just the beginning of more brilliant glory for this little college by the tracks. Two years after, the team of Wallace Reed and Allan Macdonald took Canada's first National Championship. From then on there was no doubting the strength of David. It had met more than one Goliath, and was willing to take on a few more. Two years later it took the Maritime Championship again. But, a period of a little frustration set in, for in the next two years we did not take anything. It was most aggravating, and all we needed was time. In 1956-57, Donald Dougle and Leo Peddle, who had to debate both sides of the topic to win, took conquering honors at the Nationals. It was a resounding shout of victory, and in ten years, the dream of the few young men had become a reality. This was St. Dunstan's second National Title, only five years after the first.

The next year was also an extraordinary one, but not because of any championship. It marked a further flowering out of debating activities on campus. For a few years before that, women had debated along with men in the society, but '58-'59 saw them go off on their own and enter the Woman's Debating League under Dr. O'Grady as moderator; their success has been singularly outstanding. But the end of another era was to soon end. Women came out in '59, and Father Cass, carrying home yet another Maritime victory in 1960, retired as moderator that year.

All though, was not lost, for our story now falls upon the witty, dynamic, intelligent young historian, Father Francis Bolger. His record as moderator has been extremely successful so far. In four years, he has seen only one debate lost, and represented the Maritimes in the National playoffs twice (beating out an undefeated Memorial University last year). Last year it was too close, and Fr. Bolger looketh for blood from then on. And SDU looketh for it too. God bless our bloodydebater s!

## A MODEST PROPOSAL

A couple of weeks ago we received the results of our mid-term examinations—to the sorrow of many. Several factors contributed to the very poor showing many students made. Primary among these, of course, was a lack of study. Then again some have a knack for writing fifty minute exams; others quite obviously don't. A considerable amount of students did not have enough time to finish their papers. Possibly one small change on the part of the faculty could remedy this situation to some extent, that is, the marking of the value of each question on the exam paper. This would enable the students to complete at least the questions of highest value and perhaps relieve some of the past exam frustrations —CATHY DUFFY

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