

Fourth National NFCUS Seminar

The IV National NFCUS (National Federation Canadian University Students) Seminar was held this year from September 1st - 8th at MacMaster University which is set in the beautiful Botanical Gardens of Hamilton, Ontario. The theme of the Seminar was: "The Individual and Society", a rather broad topic but most aspects of which were given consideration by the 20 speakers and panelists, as well as by the 140 delegates from across Canada. William Dolan and Robert Quigley represented St. Dunstan's at the Seminar.

The purpose of the Seminar was not to arrive at any solutions to the problems of the individual in society, but rather to provide the group with some food for thought, which through discussion would shed some light on these problems. Something I consider to be almost as equally important as this is that at such a Seminar a person meets a cross-section of the students from Canada and is, thus, afforded the opportunity to talk over mutual problems and when he returns to his own University to be a help in student government or to his fellow students.

It was indeed inspiring for me to get together with students from Memorial University of Nfld. right across to the University of British Columbia and to get their ideas and opinions on such things as the extent of student government control on the campus, the role of the University student in society, as well as the old reliables, religion and politics. One argument on the former was recorded to have lasted over eight hours.

The food for thought that I mentioned above was given in the form of lectures and panel

discussions from such competent scholars as: Dr. Karl Stern, University of Montreal, author of *The Pillar of Fire*; Dr. G. H. Seaton - Watson, University of London, author of *Neither War nor Peace*; Professor J. R. Seely, York University; Professor Sidney Hook, New York University.

These men spoke on such topics as the "Fundamental Relations and Problems of the Individual in Society," "Freedom and Authority," Man and the Economy: The Economics of Affluence and Poverty," Culture and Conformity," "The Social, Economic and Cultural Implications of the Soviet Challenge," and so on. The treatment of some of these topics was so influential on the group that the speakers received a standing ovation.

In the evening discussion groups, the delegates reshaped what went on at the day's lectures, which were given in the Council Room of The Arts and Administration Building. These talks were translated simultaneously into French or English, depending on the speaker. Each delegate had his own set of earphones.

The Seminar Committee saw to it that the social life of the delegates was adequately looked after. A trip to Stratford-on-Avon was arranged where we saw the play "Loves Labor Lost." It was such an inspiring performance that many returned the following night to see "Coriolanus." An excursion to Niagara Falls gave many their first glimpse of the magnificent Falls and a chance to go into the States. Many availed of this opportunity and went over to N.Y. to buy curios and eat pizza pie. The delegates received the deluxe treatment when they were given a banquet at Fischers' Hotel in downtown Hamilton.

The week was most profitably spent and it was an experience that was beneficial to the intellectual, cultural and social formation of those who participated.

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Paper Has New Home

Another step in the growth of Red and White was realized last month with the result that our First Anniversary Edition comes to you from our new press room. Formerly the Day Student's Room, it was given to Red and White by the College officials late in September.

The new office largely eliminates the inconvenience experienced last year in sharing the Common Office and should do quite a bit to smooth out the work of production. Though we have only been in operation for one year, we have such an accumulation of material, records and the like that a bigger and better space was needed. The new room also provides ample space for the staff to get together regularly to work on the actual piecing together and layout of Red and White. Red and White is grow-

ing up, though not without its growing pains, and looks forward to another successful college year.

In watching the paper grow, we are keeping in mind its aims, one of which is "to provide a medium of literary expression for the students of Saint Dunstan's." In this connection we remind you that since contributions from the Student Body are a major concern of Red and White we invite and urge everyone to take advantage of this. You may leave your article, or letter or whatever it may be — even a cartoon — at the Red and White office at any time.

We might at this point also suggest that, if you have an aptitude for writing, you would do well to look into the point system by which the Literary D is earned. It is really worth while and a real challenge.

Beginning Of A New Trend?

Notice has been taken during the past two weeks of the Senior class sporting shirts, ties and sport coats, and much speculation has been cast over the whys and wherefores of this action.

Some appreciation has been voiced by several members of the faculty. One eminent member of the Philosophy Department remarked that the dress of an individual must affect his thinking and general outlook. He went on to say that, usually, one who worked well dressed properly.

When asked about this new trend, many Seniors expressed the idea that slovenly dress was becoming too common in many universities, and that one of the effects hoped to be achieved from this action was the reestablishment of the "Shirt and tie" standard of dress for classes. Another idea expressed was that improved dress would add to the dignity and prestige of the college student.

Whether or not proper dress is a necessary item for the college student, is a debatable question, but it is certain that this action has brought attention to the idea.

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"To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

How hypocritical these words have become! The United Nations is perhaps today one of the greatest contributors to World tension. It is nothing more than a glorified debating society, where delegates gather to waste money, socialize, and pass resolutions which are about as much as an ultimatum from the Grand Duchy of Liechtenstein to the Republic of Germany.

How is it that man thinks he

can obtain peace in this forum when by his own declaration he has divided himself into three camps. One camp is diametrically opposed to the other, while the third sits on a fence with the cry "we want peace" yet, contributing to international tension by fear and indecision.

To those who stand before us as statesmen and tell us that the only hope of mankind is the UN, I say to them, they are fools! If this is the hope of mankind, then we are doomed.

The ineffectiveness of this exhibition of hot air and shoe rapping has been proven over and over, since establishment of the UN in 1945. The Arab question, the Korean War and the Congo situation are only a few examples of its failure. Ever since medieval times this idea of international co-operation has proven itself of no avail, including the League of Nations and the United Nations. So, I say to our political scientist what makes us so different from ages past, when man's hatred of his fellow man is greater than ever!

No! let us not put our hope of peace in the hands of the UN, and the hope of mankind in its fickle statesmen. Yes, let it be abolished, and let those who believe in the rights of man work together, in a determined cause, to abolish totalitarianism and to let freedom prevail.

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