

## RED AND WHITE

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### EDITORIAL

Often we, as citizens of a free country, tend to take for granted our rights and freedoms. We seem at times to forget that those rights we today enjoy were purchased at supreme sacrifices and that we have the obligation of preserving and maintaining them. This hold not only in matters pertaining to society in general, but also to the particular society in which we as students play a leading role, namely, our own university.

We are all aware of the fact that a General Student Body meeting had been called for Sunday, October 16. When the time had come for opening the meeting, it was readily apparent that a quorum was lacking. Even after efforts were made to solicit more support, there was still not a quorum.

Many will attribute sparse attendance to the fact that the hour of meeting was not convenient so far as day students were concerned, that there was not sufficient publication of notice, and the rest. But even with all of these factors taken into consideration, together with experience from the past, we can not but admit that there is an over-all lack of interest on the part of the students in the general welfare of the student body. And we have no need of calling a general body meeting to verify this fact. We have only to take a look at common, everyday activities of campus life to be convinced of the truth.

Of course we know that it is of no benefit to any body to simply spend our time noting the lack of student interest, of deploring this lack and of standing helplessly by while this germ burrows deeper and deeper into our student lives. What we should be concerned about is why such a situation exists, how it came about, and most important of all, what we as students can do to counteract it.

The first two questions would make interesting studies. Maybe some of our readers could present some views on why there is an over-all lack of college spirit and how this has come about. The third question — remedies for the existing situation — is being dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

What we would like to suggest is that there is really an urgent need for lively interest in student activities. We, in this university, are functioning as a democratic organization. We elect our societies to manage our affairs. Surely then we must want such an arrangement. And it is true that such a system, properly controlled, and fully supported, can provide for each and everyone of us a type of campus government second to none.

Then let us show that we really understand how we as a student body are governed. Let us make a sincere effort to become more appreciative of this wonderful system of democratic rule. Let us show that we really do appreciate democracy by giving nothing less than our fullest support to every effort made for our general welfare. Let us remember always that we are not performing an act of charity when we lend support to our organization. Rather, we are only carrying out a right and proper responsibility placed upon us as a price to pay for a democratic system.

Students, to the fore. United we stand.

### Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:

In writing this letter I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations on your first edition of the Red and White. I believe it will usher a new spirit of enthusiasm into S.D.U.

However, I would like to remind you that "variety is the spice of life", and this adage could very well extend to your paper. I believe that a school paper should also have a lighter side to it — something along the lines of a humor column would, in my estimation, go over fine.

Again, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Staff and yourself on a job well done, and I hope that each future edition will be as well composed as the first.

Sincerely yours,  
An Interested Student.

#### THE EDITOR,

I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts taken by the writer of "The Bongo in the Congo", and also to add a few words about this article.

First of all, we all detest the idea of any African Independent State being under the leadership of a Communist-inspired "dictator". If Mr. Lumumba is such a leader as it has been suggested, we are not with him because it would not make sense for any African people to substitute one form of Imperialism for another. The fact that African States do not want to be involved in the East-West conflict has already been plainly expressed. Let us hope that no mistake is made about this all-important stand.

Secondly, how about attributing the entire chaos in the Congo to the bankruptcy of the former Belgian colonial rule? Is it unfair to inquire if these able administrators established those conditions — social, economical, and political — upon which self-government can be soundly founded? Why is it that after eighty years the highest record of higher education is (16) graduates?

Finally, I would suggest that after discussing what is going on in the Congo or any other part of the world, we would do well to be a little bit less technical, bombastic, unrealistic, and sensational. The main idea is to examine the facts objectively.

Very truly yours,  
C. M. Mwangi.

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it was decided that a committee of four be appointed to examine the constitution and to decide whether or not the motion should stand.

The final item on the agenda was the introduction of an amendment to article 13 of the constitution concerning the number required for a quorum

at a general meeting. This amendment will be discussed at the next meeting.

Fr. Kelly then closed the meeting with a prayer.

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