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EDITORIAL

In these modern times when the forces of democracy and Communism wage battle in every corner of the globe, we hear and read much concerning the notion of privilege. This notion should bear special significance for a group such as university students.

We, as members of a democratic society, should realize the great privilege of being born under such circumstances as we were. A noted American educationalist even went so far as to remark: "In these days of pagan attitude to birth, life and death, it's almost a privilege to be born at all." However, we must not forget that with privileges go inequalities and with inequalities responsibilities.

The importance of the idea of inequality seems to have given way to the false notion that equality is supposed to be the distinguishing mark of every democracy. We emphasize civil liberty, civil equality and legal equality. But there is a tendency to forget that for all of the equalities to which we are entitled, there are many ways in which we are not equal and never will be.

In any human society there are definite worths, definite values. As an illustration let us consider a football team. It is a democracy in that all members have been equally accepted. Yet there appear vast differences among them while they are at play. The quarterback has special privileges; not all give direction; not all play an equal part. All of the spectators do not sit equally close to the fifty-yard line; not all minority, are demanded. are pleased to the same degree.

Every man has not been endowed with the same capabilities as his fellowman. Some men are born leaders, others followers; some are industrious, some lazy; some are careful of expounding the truth, others give way easily to deceit. Any society must admit these self-evident facts. We were not born equal and will never become equal. It is true that we must do all in our power to insure that the rights of every man be safeguarded, that no man be denied the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." But we must always bear in mind that each man is different from the other man; that he has been given special privileges and is therefore tagged with particular responsibilities; that he must evaluate his own worth and then muster the courage to manifest this worth in all of his actions.

In this so-called democratic society of ours there are far too many citizens who hide behind the false principle of equality for everybody in everything. They are the ones who advocate that every man has the right to do what he pleases, to associate with whom he wishes, to live whatever way he wants to live ... providing, of course, he does not transgress on the "mere" civil rights of his friends. Some citizens in considering right from a purely subjective point of view, fail to understand or to accept the idea of inequality and consequently fail to carry out their responsibilities as rational citizens in a democratic

Let us, in this time of defence against the worms of decay, dig ouselves out of this mire of false thinking. Let us come to grips with reality. We of this talked about "winter works democratic society have been blessed with singular privileges. Let us therefore show that we appreciate

The last paragraph of a recent magazine article presents a terrific challenge to every one of us:

"Dare to be different in this age of socialism and collectivism and reduction to a dead level . . . Dare to rise above common denominators . . . Be conscious of the differences which are yours because you have a fer to the large percentage of soul, in this age of sensualism and then bring them women who today are uninto community life."

Let us then as students who are preparing to become the leaders of tomorrow, keep before us always our human dignity and worth. Let us cease to be satisfied with mediocrity. Let us conduct our affairs in the world in such a way that we shall prove that we appreciate the wonderful privileges that are ours.

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Letters To The Editor

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily the opinions of this paper. Whe ther we agree or disagree they will be published nevertheless subject to necessary editing or condensation.

Speaking Of Representation

I was amused at Mr. Benson's letter with respect to the representation of the Sophomore class in CFCCS. Did he on Feb. 14 let's see a good ever stop to realize the number crowd on hand in the Audi-

Sincerely, William Lawry.

BATTLE CRY

The Editor:

Equality of the sexes is a constant source for word battles on our campus. Just sit in on a meeting of the committee formed to draw up the new constitution for the Students' ation will be necessary. Equal rights, in spite of the female

have developed over the last negative comment, especially few years. To cite a familiar among the exponents of this example, let us look at the situ- form of organization. However, ation of organizing a "class it is this writer's opinion that party." To have a "stag" would the idea of student government not eliminate the females but is now lightly held by the mathey would be horribly outnum- jority of students on our cambered. The only other alterna- pus. What other conclusion can accommodations. For the vari-"couple party" should work but ses the situation here at S.D.U.? that eliminates those who do It has arisen through laxity, not wish to bring dates, which and the blame for this may means a few members of both well lie on either the Students' sexes. Who is against having Union Executive or on the stu-'stags"-ask any Junior.

disadvantages to being a man" swords are drawn. Remember boys" and there may be a Prom in February.

Anonymous

UNEMPLOYMENT

This winter as usual we seem to be plagued with that seasonproblem of unemployment. Many solutions have been brought forth such as the much program" and the "do it now" slogan which appears through our advertising media. This talk of course is not very consoling to one who is out of doubtedly taking jobs from many keen, skilled and Familial men. I am aware of course that many must work to keep the family alive but isn't it true also that many are working only to have that extra car or other luxury in order to keep up to the Jones? Wouldn't it be much better to have the women in the home and the men working in the winter, just for a change?

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Dunstan's debaters Quinn and Bill Dolan will meet a team from St. Francis Xavier University here on campus. The topic for debate will be "Resolved that a rearmed West Germany constitutes a menace to Europe and the world." The St. Dunstan's MIDL team will uphold the negative.

Our college teams have in the past achieved a great measure of success in debating and have been no strangers at the National debating finals. Conse quently, our Debating society is certainly an activity that has merited our fullest support. So of votes his class has in the torium. It will certainly be an evening well spent.

Meanwhile, another debate has be "Resolved that Canada is dents, for proper discounts? becoming too much of a social- | GRIEVANCES - There are ist state." The St. Dunstan's

uphold our tradition of producing top debating teams.

Union and no further explan- Student Government

wonderful thing. This state-On the social level, problems ment will, I am sure, arouse no "couple-party." A be arrived at when one witnesdents themselves.

Since, according to "The In reaction to this, one may Lamb," there are numerous question, "Well, what's wrong with our student government? there should not be any reason Another question may well folfor this battle—the females low from this one: "What has have it won. However, the our student government accomplished in the line of things Does it fall on the shoulders of 'ladies" that "boys will be truly essential to the efficiency desired in student life?"

For those interested and yet shall point out a few items on ative, or is it the apathetical which the Students' Union attitude displayed by the entire should well take action:

CONSTITUTION - For many years we have been running our affairs according to an outdated constitution. In the past there have been many committees set up to revise it with no definite result. How successful will the just announced "new" committee be? We wish them luck for a speedy and decisive outcome of their work.

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chants of their area. If we are in line for such discounts, what Student Body? Regardless been scheduled at Mount Alli- merchants extend them? If wherein lies son for Feb. 9. Representing not, why does not the Students' St. Dunstan's will be Harry Union negotiate with various died soon. There should be Callaghan and Colin MacMil- merchants, whose services or lan. The topic of debate will goods are most used by the stu-

many soundly based grievances team will uphold the negative, being kicked around the cam-We wish both teams good luck pus. Refectory conditions and feel confident that they will could be very much improved, even by the smallest action of having spoons placed in the sugar bowls to prevent supersaturated solutions of sugar, the solvents being tea or cof-

Many of the societies desperately need office space to carry on vital activities and to store records and supplies. The Students' Union acted commendably when it had the common office shaped into an efficient meeting place. However, in doing this no space was left for the larger files or for working pecially has reference to the Staff of the Red & Whitethere should be ofice equipment such as typewriters, desks, etc. in proper working condition in order to facilitate activities.

It can be readily seen that such problems should be taken up by a Grievance committee as provided for by Article 9 in our present Constitution.

Wherein lies the fault? This is the question to be debated. the officers or the Executive Committee? Or is the general Student Body to blame? Does oblivious to the situation, I the Executive lack the initi-

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IT ALIVE? situation had better be reme greater number of Executive Council meetings, than there have been in the past, in order that the existing situation, with all the problems involved, remedied. If measures are no taken soon our student govern ment will quickly grow into static organization and becom

decrepit and of little use.

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