

everyone happy, including the motorist, so he picks up the hitch-hiker. A dull day makes him moody and dissatisfied with the world, so he drives along and stops for nothing.

Hitch-hiking is like everything else. There is a right and a wrong way of doing it. You aren't bothering anyone since the motorist does not have to pick you up. If he does he usually enjoys it very much. So during the next summer take a day off and go hitch-hiking. You will enjoy your day immensely and you will be a happier and wiser person at its end.

—LLOYD LAWLESS (Gr. XII).

WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT THE N. F. C. U. S.?

Any movement which has as its aim the furtherance of unity and integration among Canadian students through co-operation and greater understanding, is worthy of consideration in this age of division and misunderstanding. Those who have travelled in the different university communities across Canada or who have had an opportunity to live with students from various sections of the country, are surprised at the barriers which, although superficial, are nevertheless sufficient to be the cause of a great deal of ignorance and lack of true fellowship among Canadian students. Some of these barriers are due to geographic separation, some to language, religion and racial stock, while others are due to varied economic interests of the historical relations of one section of the country with another. The following paragraphs show what the NFCUS has done to overcome these barriers, what it is doing in a more positive way to promote better relations among students and why we should lend our support to its efforts.

UNITY IN UNDERSTANDING AND PURPOSE: The The National Federation of Canadian University Students was organized to foster a solid and lasting unity among Canadian students through integration and promotion of interests in the university community. Not only does it promote the interests of Canadian students generally by acting as a student "trade union," but at international and world conferences of students, the NFCUS is able to present the Canadian opinion in many important matters, such as voicing disapproval of South Africa's racial policy. In international student affairs it is important that Canadians be represented by a valid and representative group such as

the NFCUS, rather than by a Communist-dominated body which claims to be representative yet comprises only a few members and presents the usual dog-at-heel opinion. Thus does the NFCUS perform a necessary function on the international level.

DIRECT BENEFITS: More important still are its functions within Canada. For direct benefit to students the NFCUS has been instrumental in securing lower text book prices, lower street-car and theatre rates and lower fares on trains which all students make use of during the year. As a means of attaining greater unity it sponsors national writing and painting contests, it supports considerably and helps organize regional debating leagues such as the M.I.D.L., has a National Assembly each year at which students from all over Canada come to discuss problems and suggest policies for the coming year. Recently NFCUS has entered the travel-agent field and again this year is offering students and professors low rates on travel to Europe and inexpensive organized tours through Europe.

STUDENT WEEK: We would call attention to two other very important efforts of the NFCUS recently. One of these is the declaring of a "Student Week" in Canada in March during which time a public education scheme will be carried on by the universities to inform the people of the nature of Canadian education, its cost etc. This idea has great possibilities and we hope our local committee will carry it into effect.

SCHOLARSHIPS: In the field of scholarships the NFCUS has initiated a plan whereby students from one region of the country may attend university in any other region at a cost no greater than that paid at his former school. This is done through the co-operation of the different university heads who waive a part or all of the fees according to circumstances of the two-way exchange. Thus if the students of St. Dunstan's are interested, the local committee would approach the Registrar to have the College take part in the plan. When the plan is in force, a student or students from here may attend university in Quebec, Ontario or any of the Western Provinces with fees no higher than at St. Dunstan's. In turn, students from these regions would come here. Is anyone interested?

SUPPORT OF MASSEY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: The most significant undertaking of the NFCUS

at the present time is that of promoting interest in social and government circles concerning adoption by our governments, both Federal and Provincial, of many of the recommendations advanced by the Massey Commission on the Arts, Letters and Sciences. Already the NFCUS has joined its voice with those of other groups in promoting the Massey recommendation of Federal Grants to universities for administration and maintenance. St. Dunstan's like other universities across Canada has for the past two years benefitted by this grant and will do so in the future.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOU: We at St. Dunstan's are in a unique position (unfortunately most of us do not recognize and appreciate this), and having as we do probably the lowest rates of tuition and board in North America, are not harassed by exorbitant costs met by the average student. Considering that the average cost per year for university education in Canada is about \$1,000, there is no doubt that our situation is most remarkable. However when NFCUS and other university organizations succeed in having another phase of the Massey Recommendations implemented, that of Federal grants for scholarships for university students, we will stand to gain with other students much worse off than we. However a more adequate scholarship plan is most needed here to help worthy students now at a disadvantage because of the few endowment-bursaries available at present. In order that the NFCUS may attain this most necessary improvement, we must add our voices to the others.

WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT? At the present time each College student at St. Dunstan's pays 50 cents per year to the NFCUS, most of which is spent to finance the National Assembly held each Fall. Some students favor this expense, some do not, while others are blissfully unaware that such exists or why. Recently the National President of the NFCUS came to our campus, as guest of the Students' Union, to explain to the student body the importance of the organization as well as to settle misunderstandings and answer questions concerning its effectiveness, structure, etc. Because only about a half-dozen came to this general meeting called by our Student Union President, it was sheepishly called off. Now whether this poor showing expresses implicit approval of the NFCUS or not is open to question, but it does express discourtesy towards the President of a national student group, a devil-may-care attitude toward the spending of a considerable portion of our Union budget,

as well as an immature mentality and dangerous apathy concerning matters of vital concern to us, first as students, secondly as university people and thirdly as educated men and women who are expected to take a leading role in solving the difficulties facing education today.

Furthermore it is important to stress the necessity of having a Catholic voice in student affairs. This is something which does not require elaboration and is also something in which we have no other choice than hiding our light under a bushel.

For the above reasons we endorse support of the NFCUS in spite of the cries of ineffectiveness and inadequacy. It is a living organism motivated by people like you and me and is therefore only as good as its members. If we have something to offer, and we should, then we must make our voice heard.

—EDITORIAL.

OUR GUARDIAN

On a cool and tranquil evening
When the wind a song did bear,
I watched my loved one closely,
As she sat a-brooding there.

As the evening sun shone 'round her,
She seemed like a fairy song;
And the times I had spent with her,
Now seemed to be all gone.

I was within the door of manhood,
On the threshold of the world,
And it appeared I'd never forget her,
As my memory there unfurled.

I could see her now of long ago,
When she led me on my way,
And taught me the path to follow
For a reward on Judgment Day.

If one wonders who this could be,
Feel assured there is no other,
Who can guide you through the ages,
Like your loving-hearted Mother.

—R. J. M. '56.