

## THE RED & WHITE

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# EDITORIAL

## A TIME TO BE RELEVANT

As the first semester draws to a close it is fitting to review briefly just what life at St. Dunstan's University has achieved in the past three months. The conglomeration of buildings, faculty, students, classes and extra-curricular activities could imply a flourishing of activity. But one might ask where has it all led?

It would seem that thinking has developed in two main directions during this time, although there is not a general consensus on either. At least the most vocal groups are those who advocate political activism on campus on the one hand, and academic advancement on the other.

Regarding the first, there was a fair amount of agreement by both faculty and students on active co-operation in policy making, between the two bodies as evidenced by the number of joint committees now in operation. Students were urged to participate in student government by their fellows and faculty. Both groups were dialogue — conscious and seemed to communicate more than ever.

On the side of academic advancement, the production mania ruled supreme. Numerous term papers, essays, reports, reviews and readings were required by each individual students to enhance knowledge in all areas. The students reinforced this mania by their plea for discussions which necessitated individual research. Lectures were pushed to the position of the commercial in a lengthy show of papers.

Hail emancipation in every aspect of university life. These changes appear to be as a fresh shot of bold political commitment and intellectual rigor. It is a time for change and reform. But it is also a time to be relevant.

These reforms, commendable though they may be in their individuality, miss the main point. The point is the future of the human being. He has been pushed along in two directions — political activism and academic advancement. If the latter has not made the former impossible or vice versa, then a minimum or less has been contributed to both. As a consequence the university has oriented itself to sloughing off the cream to graduate school and sending the bulk as skim into the consuming jaws of the industrial-technological age. A plea must be made for moderation. This university should not allow itself to turn out men proficient in short cuts, contributing a little to everything and not much to anything. Nor should it proceed in the opposite extreme.

This plea becomes all the more important in view of the position of St. Dunstan's as an undergraduate university. Its function, briefly, is to provide a broad orderly basis of knowledge designed to provide meaning and understanding in all areas of life. This is not to deny its function of preparing those who may wish to go on to graduate school. However it does bring the mixture into proper proportion at this level. Without this balance this community cannot purport to be an undergraduate institution.

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We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone at St. Dunstan's, a happy CHRISTMAS and unfrantic, peaceful NEW YEAR.

Editor-in-Chief . . . . Eric Milne

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letters are published with permission of the writers and are the response to the following motion:

"That each and every member of the Council write down those parts of the front page story 'Budget Plan Axed' in the November 17 edition of the Red and White which they considered untrue and unclear..."

Dear Sir:

I desire no clarifications, explanations or apologies.

Robert E. Donahue

Dear Sir:

The reason why I voted for the censure motion was that I thought your front page article and headline were rather misleading and it did cast an unfavorable light on the S.D.U.S.U.

I believe it was a just mistake and anyone can make mistakes. I still have confidence in you as editor of the Red and White and I feel that this whole issue can be cleared up by properly clarifying your article of November 17 in the next Red and White.

Sincerely yours,  
John McQuaid  
Pres., Sophomore Class

Dear Sir:

Much unnecessary discension has been caused in the S.D.U. Students' Council because of a misunderstanding of what was included in the Budget Plan as submitted to the Student Council by the Financial Committee. The result of this misunderstanding was the front page article of the November 17, 1967 edition of the Red and White. Some members on Council feel that they have been badly represented to the students and wish the Red and White to clarify the situation. At the Council meeting on Wednesday night this issue was hotly debated. The result was the passing of a motion asking the Red and White to clarify what had happened at the meeting. My reasons, and the reasons of others, I feel, supporting this motion were as follows:

1. The Budget Plan, as such, did not include the recommendations given by Mr. Duffy to Council;
2. Mr. Duffy's recommendations were given, as an individual and not as a representative of the Financial Committee;
3. The Student Council accepted Mr. Duffy's recommendations insofar as the Secretary was asked by the President to record them in the minutes;
4. The Student Council committed a parliamentary error by not having these recommendations tabled for future discussion since it was not the proper time to discuss them (the recommendations) while they were discussing the Budget Plan;
5. The Red and White understood that these recommendations as given by Mr. Duffy were included in the official budget plan, which was, in fact, not the case;

6. Because of the above understanding they felt it necessary to print the article in question. However, since these recommendations were not included in the official Budget Plan, I feel that the Red and White should clarify the issue for the benefit of the entire student body.

In conclusion, I, as a member of the Student Council or the Executive, am not questioning the integrity of the Editor or his ability to publish a newspaper. I feel rather, that this issue has caused considerable dissension in the Student Council and, unless the matter is clarified, the Student Council will be split into parties. This will hinder its ability to carry on the business of the S.D.U.S.U. Incorporated and, thereby, affect its ability to serve the students of S.D.U. which it represents.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary McInnis  
Secretary, S.D.U.S.U.

Dear Sir:

Re: Article in November 17 issue . . . "Budget Plan Axed."

The article, I feel, deserves a degree of clarification to the extent that it has placed the S.D.U.S.U. in a bad light as regards to the students' opinions of their elected council. The average student, upon reading the article, could have been lead to believe that the Council did not consider seriously the question of budget. This average student is not going to consult Webster to get the exact meaning of budget, budget plan and such financial terminology.

The article reprimanded the Students' Council for its failure to, at least, table the recommendations as presented by Mr. Duffy on his own, and not as the official voice of the Financial Committee.

As far as I see it, there have been attempts "to make mountains out of mole hills" (the Red and White) in expounding upon details to the extent that it gave priority to these minor details over major issues — Deans' Conference, individual budgets; the Council, in taking two and a half hours to discuss this issue, which could well have been dealt with in a shorter period.

Rita Curran  
Sorority Representative

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform the editorial staff of my objections to the November 17 edition of the Red and White.

I do not agree with the headline as it read. I don't feel Mr. Duffy presented a Budget Plan; however, he did state some five (5) suggestions or recommendations which he felt would aid the financial arrangements of the S.D.U.S.U. I don't feel these recommendations were a budget plan, and I might add, Mr. Duffy stated that he did not feel they were a budget plan.

I do not feel these recommendations were axed, they were not given in as part of the Finance

Committees report. They were Mr. Duffy's own recommendations, and undoubtedly deserved consideration at some future time. It is for this reason that I specifically asked the secretary to put them in the minutes.

Yours truly,  
Philip MacDougall  
Student Council President

Dear Sir:

I found nothing objectional in the November 17 edition of the Red and White. With regards to the headline story:

1. No Misleading Terms
  2. No Unjust Criticism
- Criticism is good as long as it is constructive; and I feel this was constructive criticism because it offered a challenge to the Union by pointing out to them a mistake. Also, it created interest in the Union, something rather rare around this campus.

Pres., Freshmen Class  
Sincerely yours,  
Bill Tully

Dear Sir:

I have no objections to the Red and White headline and article of the November 17 issue.

Yours truly,  
T. A. McGarragle

### Malfunction on Both Sides

Dear Sir:

Well, here I am sitting in the Library lounge writing out this complaint. As I look around me, I see Rubble strewn across the floor, finger marks on the wall and rad. I might add that the floor has been this way for eight hours today, and the finger marks have been there indefinitely.

If I want to use the washroom outside, things get even worse. Doors are defaced with notes and names; paper and water over the floor. If I desire to wash my hands, I have all of two sinks to only one use out of a possible four, of which has hot water and, there is no soap.

Whose fault it is? Initially, I would say the students. If we could only grow up a bit more things wouldn't need as much maintenance. This brings up the second half. Who is being paid through some part of student tuition to maintain this place?

Need I say more?  
Signed,  
Willy Change (?)

Dear Editor:

The yearbook staff takes this opportunity to say "hats off" to the faculty for their excellent co-operation in having their photos taken on Nov. 21. This year for the first time group pictures were taken of the faculty in an effort to update the faculty section of the yearbook. Thank you faculty members, for making this effort successful.

Yours truly,  
Yearbook Staff.