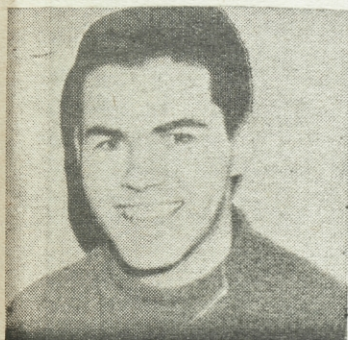


WHAT IS YOUR OPINION

OF OUR VENERABLE
HONOR SOCIETY?



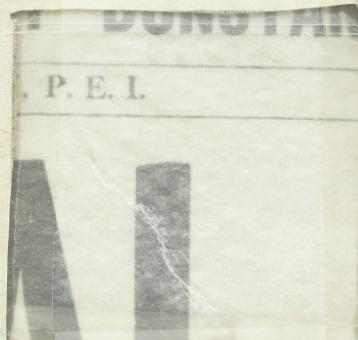
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JOHN COWIE

Though I don't think the Honor Society is perfect by any means, I personally agree with the ideas in principle and feel it is capable of making a contribution to its members and the University as a whole. I would think that it might generate a certain amount of initiative among those students who may be slightly above or below the minimum requirements. In my opinion, the public recognition which the Honor Society has to offer its members is reasonable justification for the promotion of such an institution.

However, it would seem that the optional writing of mid-semester examinations and attendance at class could be a cause of abuse.

TOM McMILLAN

The Honor Society consists of students with an average of 75% or over. These students are given certain privileges which other students do not have such as optional attendance at class and not having to write mid-semester exams. It is questionable at times whether these privileges are advantageous or not.

Honor students are complaining about too much extra work. Is

within the group itself. It is this because of lack of capability or lack of organization? I think in many cases it is lack of organization. If it is a true Honor Society should its members not be capable of extra work?

Being a member of the Honor Society, I can see no advantage at present. The Society is supposed to be run by the members but very few of the members have a clear conception of what it is all about or what they are supposed to be doing. As it now stands the Honor Society is nothing but a name. It has no definite purpose yet and the scholastic year is almost half over.

KAREN KELLY

The Honor Society as it stands now has no true formation. Its members are students of 75% standing or over in academic studies.

The one thing that bothers the honor student the most is that he has too much outside work to do. If he has not the ability to do this work, who has? Certainly not the average student who finds it difficult enough to make the passing grade.

making and maintaining the 75% Should we have for the honor student classes of a higher level? Definitely yes for this specialized work would present all the better a challenge to him. He would find his work more interesting. His initiative would be aroused to work harder and this would result in him getting more out of his education.

The honor student has certain privileges, namely: Choice of attending classes or not and of writing mid-term examinations. Of what advantage is this? None whatsoever, as this work may be left to be covered just a short time before term examinations.

Time, no doubt, will bring us an honor society, and one being more what it should be. Exactly though, just what should the honor society be?

MONICA CLOW

The Honor Society of SDU has a twofold purpose. The first is to give recognition to students with above average achievements in the academic field. This recognition should act as an incentive to all students to work to increase their standing.

The more important purpose is

signed as a group of the better students who will work together, on their own, to further their education in fields which interest themselves, and not covered in the curriculum (eg. current affairs). It will help them to develop initiative, to become more independent, and to take on more responsibilities; thereby better preparing them for life. Because of this, I support the Honor Society, and wish it success in its endeavors.

ANDREW KEARNS

As far as I know the Honor Society was set up to give recognition to those students who have high scholastic ability and to offer them lectures to develop and fulfill their intellects. In order to separate these individuals from the others, an average of 75% is required for admission. Also certain privileges such as exemption from check-in, mid-term exams and classes, are accorded the members. The granting of these freedoms is based on the assumption that honor students are mature enough to use them well.

The Society is actually set up for those who have no difficulty and can readily engage in any

extra activity with no fear of suffering academically. Thus it is a reward for, a glorifying of intelligence. It is not primarily to develop the student of high potential for our scholars could surely be induced to engage in such beneficial activities without the use of formal organization with requisites for entrance.

What of the privileges? Are marks maturity? The faculty would seem to think so since loss of them means loss of privileges. Of course, the marks eliminate those who cannot hold their own, leaving those of higher intelligence. Is then intelligence maturity? Strangely, we have always been assured that the restrictions are meant to build character. Is the hapless honor student to be deprived of such needful aids? Perhaps intelligence is also character. I wonder how long it takes to build this character. Obviously more than four years because the Seniors are almost as "uncharacterized" as our Freshmen, to judge by privileges. To sum up, I cannot truthfully say that I believe the Honor Society is of great use to anybody.

JOHN COWIE

A CALL FOR GENEROSITY

S.D.U. Branch Of WUS Aims For The Sky

If you haven't heard about WUS as yet, you'd better read this article because you'll be hearing about WUS a lot more before the year's out.

The World University Service, better known as WUS, is a joint organization of staff and student which seeks to help students to help themselves. The scope of this intellectual elements. Twenty-six goal extends both to physical and countries from various parts of the world actively participate in this program for the betterment of students in underdeveloped and underprivileged nations. In recent years this group has accomplished many beneficial projects. It has founded a medical centre in Hong Kong which is now under the auspices of the WUS members of Canada; this service continually supplies drugs to a health centre in Madras, and a short time ago constructed and furnished a book shop in Indonesia. The international programme of action for 1965-66 includes the reconstruction of the Algiers' University Library at a cost of seven thousand dollars, the establishment of the Philippines University Village Guidance and Counselling Centre totaling twelve thousand dollars, and a student health centre in Chile costing another seven thousand dollars, as well as many other projects in twenty-three other countries on four different continents.

Saint Dunstan's University has recently received membership into the International Organization of World University Service. Few of our students have shown much interest in this activity so far but with the aim of this group what it is, it seems impossible for it to do anything but succeed. Catherine Duffy has been elected chairman of Saint Dunstan's edition

of WUS for the academic year of 1964-65. Under Miss Duffy's competent guidance this organization has begun to rise from the doldrums of infancy to the height of maturity. To insure the success of this worthy cause on this campus, you, the student of Saint Dunstan's University, you, the professor at S.D.U., and you the member of a highly developed and highly civilized country are requested to show your cooperation and your sense of responsibility. There are students the world over waiting for your generosity, waiting perhaps for something that will not come, but always hoping that you, the supposedly "better-half" of the world will do just a little something to help them help themselves. They are not asking to be given something, they are merely asking to have a chance to obtain those things which are necessary to develop a nation, those things which every Canadian enjoys just by breathing.

So as the festive and joyous Yuletide season approaches, a season of laughter and gaiety and merry-making, a season of good food and good wine, resolve to be generous. And on Christmas morning when you are gathered around the Christmas tree with your family anxiously waiting to see what Santa has left you, stop and think; think about the barefooted student walking miles and miles to school in Asia, think of the natives of British Guiana paddling their canoe for hours to reach their destiny—an open-aided classroom with about ten students sharing one text book, and think about the poor African waiting and hoping that a good friend, an intelligent and kind person, will remember him, and will offer some help.

Every student and faculty member at Saint Dunstan's University will have ample opportunity to

show his generosity and his sense of appreciation by actively participating in the various projects that WUS will make known to all the members of S.D.U. in the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CUS PLANS FOR EXPO '67

Along with thirty other youth organizations, in Canada, the Canadian Union of Students will participate in three big projects scheduled for Montreal's World's Fair in 1967.

The first of the three major enterprises is the construction of a Youth Pavilion which would illustrate the problems confronting world youth. Spaces will be reserved for international youth groups to display exhibits and the building itself, with its coffee shop, dance hall, theatre, and other cultural and recreational facilities, will have a distinct youthful accent.

Second in line is the creation of a permanent youth centre on the Exhibition site. Here both Canadian and international youth groups could hold conferences not only during the Exposition but also for many years to come.

The third endeavour of the combined organizations is the Pierre Duprey International Youth Hostel Project. This is a tribute to Mr. Duprey who initiated the idea of young people taking part in the Exposition. This particular project would look after the needs of young people coming from all over the globe during their stay at the World's Fair.

If all three plans are realized, students can look forward to an impressive showing at 1967's Exposition.

CANADA REPRESENTED

Canada is one of the few western countries observing the proceedings of the Eighth Congress of the International Union of Students (IUS) which opened November 30th in Sophia, Bulgaria.

Douglas Ward, the Canadian Observer, is attending this important meeting on behalf of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS), the representative organization of 120,000 post-secondary students in Canada.

Mr. Ward is a graduate of the University of Toronto in Modern History and Theology. At the present time, he is Director of International Affairs for the Canadian Union of Students, whose headquarters are in Ottawa.

The Eighth Congress of the International Union of Students is the first international gathering of Communist groups since the demise of Nikita Khrushchev. It is expected that highly significant developments in the changing Communist World will become evident at this meeting. In 1962, the CUS observer to the 7th IUS Congress in Leningrad reported on the Sino-Soviet Conflict which is dividing the Communist world.

Before leaving, Mr. Ward stated, "the theoreticians of the various Communist parties can be expected to use this Congress to try out new departures in international policy on a student assembly before presenting them to the forthcoming top-level international meetings of all the Communist parties."

Shortly after the founding of the International Union of Students in 1946, it became apparent that it was dominated by a single political ideology and controlled by forces outside the student movement.

By 1950, most national unions of students in the Western World had broken from IUS to form the International Student Conference (ISC). CUS is affiliated with the ISC, but sends observers to the IUS Congresses in order to ensure accurate information on the activities of this student movement.

The International Student Conference and the International Union of Students have reflected the issues of the cold war.

Canadian students enjoy a repu-

tation for impartiality and genuine bipartisanship in international student affairs, whereby comes their influential position in relation to the Afro-Asian and Latin American nations who are being torn between East and West.

Mr. Ward expects to make interventions into the proceedings of the IUS Congress. He will return to Canada on December 14th.

LETTERS CONTINUED

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

Dear Sir:

Let all the students at St. Dunstan's rejoice that we no longer are forced to think for ourselves. This heavy and bothersome task has been taken over by the Student Council, which I hasten to add, is not only Divinely Inspired but also Infallible.

These facts, so evident to all, make it very easy for us to see the Council appropriate money for uses other than that for which it was specified. For example, of the ten dollars we are supposedly paying towards the Coffee Shop construction, only five is going to be used for that purpose. The first five dollars is being used to cover regular expenses. Of course, we are very happy to pay five more dollars so, that the Student Council can spend \$3,000 more than authorized. But one must consider our campus societies that are of such great benefit to all of us, that we are not even aware of, their existence, except, of course, until it is time for Santa, I mean the Council to distribute their (or OUR) money.

Let no one worry about the new system of financing that our beloved leaders have adopted; it will make spending so complicated that even the presidents will have to obtain order slips for a telephone call.

Well, let's hope that this year don't lose the records of finances anyway. One good point is that the treasurer is competent. Too bad no one listens to him. I must close for now and hope that all will enjoy paying thirty-five dollars next year for student fees. Whoops! Sorry I let the secret out—after all, Big Brother is watching. Better disagree with everything I said, because Big Brother is also watching you!

G. ORWELL