

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

In petitioning to the Provincial Government the administration of St. Dunstan's University should be encouraged and thanked. For those who don't appreciate what they are doing just try banging your head against the wall and see what it feels like. The faculty is not petitioning the government for this money to use on themselves, hardly. They are unselfishly trying to acquire the needed funds to run St. Dunstan's in a fitting manner, a manner becoming to each and every one of us. In petitioning the government the administration has as its primary objective the betterment of the students of the university.

Money is needed to expand the existing facilities and the faculty alike. The present situation could exist for another one hundred years and the faculty would be none the worse. As it is now the non-lay members of the faculty are being paid a sum that was considered good about a hundred years ago. However, these men fully realize the competition of the world today and consequently have to take the proper steps to insure us of the facilities which will make us more capable of surviving in this competitive existence. In petitioning the government the administration has as its primary objective the betterment of the students of the university.

The tuition at St. Dunstan's is unbelievably low as all will readily admit. Nowhere is it as inexpensive to attend a university. Why the low charge? Of course, so that each and every one of us may have the privilege and opportunity of acquiring a degree of higher education. Frequently one asks why doesn't the university have this or why don't they do that. What would be more appropriate to ask is how do they do as much as they do with the little money available to them? Too often we take things of this sort for granted.

Unlike most other universities grants from philanthropists or other sources are at a minimum here at St. Dunstan's. The college works for every cent it acquires and anyone who has ever had anything to do with the collection of money will quickly admit that it is neither a pleasant nor easy task.

We must further state that it is St. Dunstan's University that contributes MOST to the betterment of Prince Edward Island. One cannot survive without knowledge and the Island could not survive without the university. The university will have a hard time surviving without the proper funds. Administration, we thank you and support all your efforts in this unenvied task.

ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH

"Anything for a laugh" is usually a phrase attributed to a fool but in this case it may be applied to a group. During the Winter Carnival we witnessed, with pleasure, professional entertainment which had in its performance a pleasurable note for all. The group of course was the New Christy Minstrels who recently had the privilege of performing for President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House. These people offer clean, wholesome entertainment and are assured of a full house each and every time they perform. They are a quality group.

On the other hand, an audience at St. Dunstan's witnessed the "anything for a laugh" group also. To say the least, they are a mediocre, amateur, folk-singing group who apparently would stoop to any low to get a laugh or a hand or perhaps a reaction of any sort. The audience at the university has been insulted—if you were there—you most likely were both embarrassed and insulted. One must remember, that the invitation was extended to all friends of the university to participate in the events of the festive occasion. With this in mind, the auditorium was crowded with students, guests from town and the faculty. However it appears that the group in question was trying to appeal to a small section of the "Hook and Bullet" Club representatives. Should the dignity of the mass have suffered for this despicable group? Certainly not.

This group should not be given the privilege to perform at the university again. In performing for us they are not doing us a favor but a gross injustice. There is a time and place for everything we are told. Indeed there is no time anywhere for them, but places one could recommend. The Christy Minstrels played for President Johnson, it has been suggested that the other group try for a booking in Dallas, Ruby could use the money.

THE HONORED SOCIETY

Hurray, hurray, those attaining some degree of academic excellence are finally going to get the public acclaim they have so long deserved. Just as those engaged in athletics, drama, debating, or entertainment of any sort get their reward by public acceptance, a pat on the back, or a hand shake, so too should those who have done well academically.

However, some questions remain regarding the newly formed Honor Society. Why should such a plan or formation of such a society be announced at such an inopportune time? If an announcement is to be made regarding such things as not having to write exams and disciplinary action it should most certainly come at the beginning of the year, at least at the beginning of a semester, not two weeks before a set of exams. First those with an average of 75% or better are informed they have the privilege to write the exams or omit such a writing. Names were to be posted so that those with the proper credentials would know if they had been accepted into the society in question. The following week, one week before exams, yes, one week, they are told they too have to write all exams. Really!

It seems that the person or persons drawing up the plan for an Honor Society rushed into action without the necessary thought needed to initiate such an important plan as some of the privileges leave much to be desired. Have we not been drilled in the necessity of academic excellence and discipline since our first days at St. Dunstan's. Have we not been told that academic endeavor and discipline go hand in hand as a complementary couple? Now it appears that because of ones academic superiority he is going to be given a "carte blanche" for discipline. Really!

Since the February organization of the Honor Society we are now endowed with two societies with the same name on one campus. When may we ask was the last time that the organizer of the newly formed society for the students read a copy of the Student's Union constitution? What is the purpose of Article 16? Just what was the big rush all about? Why wasn't it followed through as was mentioned? Honor Society? Really!

IN MEMORIAM

Eulogy On

President J. F. Kennedy

By Rev. L. W. Landrigan

The belated "IN MEMORIAM" is appearing in this edition due to the fact that circumstances that we are not aware of prevented the former editor from making mention of this tragic event.



To the memory of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States. Delivered at the Solemn High Memorial Mass in the St. Dunstan's Basilica by Rev. L. Landrigan on November 24th, 1963:

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus. Our purpose in coming together at this hour is to worship in the Holy Liturgy, and in our worship to mark, in the best way that we know, the passing of John Kennedy, President of the United States.

We admire his selfless, courageous dedication to the public service of his country in the bitter anguish of violent battles and in the exquisite agonies of Cold War tensions. Whether or not history will call him one of the great Presidents, history alone will tell, but we know that he had strength to give and leadership to offer when we in the Western world needed them, and that he was generous with both far and above and far beyond the call of all obligation.

In his public commitments to the causes of human freedom and human dignity in his own country and in countries far removed from it, we find other claims upon our admiration. Finally we must admire to the point of emulation his consistent fidelity to the principles of the Faith which he cherished and practiced in his eminent exemplification of the ideal Christian husband and father.

We know that his martyrdom cannot go unmarked and unrewarded. The values for which and by which he took his stand cannot but be strengthened and made more secure. This must be our consolation.

The God we think will, we know in response to our earnest prayers strengthen with sustaining grace the distraught and lonely loved ones John Kennedy leaves behind. Let us through the medium of the great Eucharist prayer in which we are now engaged express the honor of the lowly by our admiration for the departed friend and leader, beseech God's blessing on the work he left unfinished, and on those who must take up his tools, and pray that those who suffered most by his passing may be well comforted.

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