

EDITORIALS

THOSE AMBITIOUS PLANS

The ambitious expansion programs recently announced by St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College pose a serious threat to the possibility of the two existing universities federating or amalgamating. The time has come when the government of Prince Edward Island must decide whether or not it can afford the wasteful duplication of personnel and facilities that are inherent in the proposals for expansion.

Prince of Wales, for example, has stated emphatically that it will not federate or amalgamate with St. Dunstan's. Instead, it has proposed an expensive program of separate expansion. St. Dunstan's, on the other hand, while offering to participate immediately in discussions aimed at federation, has also proposed a multi-million dollar building program. In other words, in the event that Prince of Wales does not reconsider its present position, St. Dunstan's is prepared to forge ahead independently.

Unfortunately, if both universities embark upon separate programs of development, the point will soon be passed where a federation or amalgamation will eliminate the waste and extravagance of two universities for our tiny province.

Neither institution is in a financial position to decide by itself whether or not there will be a union. Both are heavily dependent upon the provincial government for financial aid. The final decision, therefore, rests with the government of P.E.I.—not with the university presidents or the Boards of Governors.

Let us hope that the government soon decides that it can not and will not subsidize the construction orgy that both universities are presently preparing.

THEOLOGY AT MEMORIAL

In a headline news story, the MUSE, student newspaper of Newfoundland's Memorial University, reports that a department of theology is being set up for next September at Memorial. Normally, this would not arouse much interest, particularly at St. Dunstan's, where theology is taught on a compulsory basis. Memorial University, however, is a secular institution.

No head for the department has yet been chosen, but the article states that the department head "will be the best scholar that can be found, regardless of his religion." The courses offered will be interdenominational and will be offered as electives. Apparently, the plans for the theology department at Memorial have been approved by the three major denominations in Newfoundland, the United Church, the Roman Catholics and the Church of England.

CANADIAN TUITION FEES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reveals some interesting comparisons between university tuition fees across Canada. The fee at St. Dunstan's, of course, is \$400, which, compared with the fee at other Canadian universities, is lower than one might expect.

The tuition at Memorial University in Newfoundland is the same as that of St. Dunstan's. But in New Brunswick the lowest is \$425-505 at the University of Moncton, with a high of \$635 at Mt. Allison. Nova Scotian universities range from \$525 at Mt. St. Vincent to a high of \$600 at Dalhousie and St. Mary's.

Strangely enough, as one travels west, the tuitions are surprisingly lower than at many Atlantic universities. The tuition at Sir George Williams, for example, is about \$450; the tuition at Bishop's is between \$580 and \$645. McGill's, of course, is the highest in the province of Quebec at about \$670.

In Ontario, the picture looks something like this: Brock (\$515); McMaster (\$515); the University of Ottawa (\$450-\$500); Queen's (\$480); and York University (\$550).

The tuition fees in the western provinces are the lowest in Canada. At the University of Manitoba, for example, the fee is only \$375. In Saskatchewan, the tuition is about \$300, and in Alberta it averages \$330.

In the province of British Columbia, the fee at Simon Fraser is \$428. It is \$428 as well at the University of Victoria, and at UBC the tuition is \$457.

The tuition at St. Dunstan's, therefore, though not the lowest, is among the lowest in Canada.



THIS WEEK THE STUDENT IS KING

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SDU-PWC QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Sir:

Congratulations to all the people who had anything to do with the recent questionnaire on higher education in Prince Edward Island. It is high time the students of St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College took action against two universities in this province.

If we unite our two universities, we will have better professors, better and more courses, and hopefully a breakdown of the religious barrier on the Island. Moreover, one university for the province is sound economics. People in our province receive more than 20 million dollars in pensions each year. Can these people afford to pay for two universities?

I'm sure the questionnaires will help convince those in au-

thority that the young people of our two universities favor union. I, therefore, congratulate those responsible.

--An interested SDU student

THE MISSING PAPERS

Dear Sir:

For the past few days, Prince Edward Island's number one newspaper has been missing from the Coffee Shop. Rumours have it that a bill of \$150 is owed to a certain meat store. After the fiasco last year and the present situation, perhaps the words of a recent Jerry Lewis movie are appropriate: WHO'S RUNNING THE STORE?

--Disgusted

THOSE UNPAID BILLS

Dear Sir:

I understand the Guardian office has cancelled all papers delivered to our Coffee Shop. Why weren't these papers paid for? Last year all students received their papers in the Coffee Shop for nothing — and every day.

Many students at St. Dunstan's look forward to the paper; in fact for many a morning paper is a necessity. Why doesn't the Board of Governors check into the bills of the Coffee Shop and see that they are paid for?

We, the students, own the Coffee Shop and want it run properly. This includes paying all our bills.

--Voice in the Wilderness

A JOB WELL DONE

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to congratulate the WUSC Committee at St. Dunstan's for conducting their successful Share Campaign in such an efficient and orderly manner.

I did not attend the Slave Auction held in the Coffee Shop, but I understand it was highly successful and earned more than \$100 for needy students in other countries. The response that the WUS people at St. Dunstan's received from the students during the campaign certainly indicates that they care for the welfare of other students.

--A Freshman Arts Student

ON RESERVE

Dear Sir:

May I make a suggestion to those in charge of the Kelley Memorial Library. The Library at St. Dunstan's is efficiently managed, but I find that there are far too many books on reserve, books which many people need to use for their term papers and assignments but which can not be taken out for any great length of time.

I realize that there is a necessity for reserve books in many cases. However, many books are on the reserved shelf which are not being used but which some people would like to take out if the books did not need to be returned the next day or so.

--A Sophomore

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Plea

Man with collar, man with dog,
The wide sky darked daily
grows,

Please lead the sunshine
through the fog,

That ever fills your upturned
nose.

You're victims of an old dis-
ease,

Though you may produce some
symptoms new,

Why dopes and bigots must you
please,

When better things are surely
due?

By being two you'll soon decay,
Into a worthless shallow mass,
(A relic of a weaker day)

And watch with envy others
pass

You, smiling as they go.

And swallowing your stupid
pride,

Too late, you're bound to know,

Your chance, once born; neg-
lected, died.

By being one you'd cut down
cost,

And stop all senseless, scandal-
ous waste,

And having seen you've noth-
ing lost,

You'll build up something nob-
ly traced.

By holding hands that long you
slapped

Against your faces one for one,
You'll have a brighter future
mapped,

For those who'll ask you what
you've done.

Hugh MacDonald