



## CHRONICLE





As we commence the College Chronicle for the first 1955 Edition of RED AND WHITE, we are scanning the small but beautiful campus of St. Dunstan's, now beginning to reveal the arrival of an early spring. Although "Jack Frost" has sought to "cool things off" here on the campus, he hasn't succeeded very well in "freezing" the activities of the various societies on the campus. Why not take a brief look at some of the co-curricular activities that have been occupying most of our spare time.

First of all we would like to announce the election of our new President of the Students' Union. We experienced with regret the leave of absence of our popular and capable President, Aquinas Ryan, who due to personal unforeseen circumstances withdrew from college, but whom we expect to return to S.D.U. next year. Vice-president Urban MacLellan assumed the presidential duties until an election was held, which took place on January 15. The candidates for president were Andre Dorais and Lloyd Gaudet, with the latter being elected as the new president.

Mr. Gaudet is already on his way to a successful and fruitful term of office, and RED AND WHITE would like to extend its congratulations to "Sanka" and wish him success in his duties.

#### M. I. D. L.

The M. I. D. L. is, as usual, still hustling and bustling under the leadership of Fr. Cass and Alton Craig. The three regular season debates have been held, of which S.D.U. won one and lost two. In the first debate of the year Charles Roche and Ian Gilles, representing St. Dunstan's, were defeated by an experienced UNB Law School aggregation on December 7. Charlie and Ian upheld the affirmative of the resolution, "Resolved that labor should share directly in the profits and management of Industry." Although they lost, our debators did gain the vote of one of the judges, but were defeated on a 2-1 decision. The debate took place at the U. N. B. Law School in Saint John, N. B.

The second debate of the year took place at Antigonish, N. S., where Mary Farmer and John Walsh upheld the negative side of the resolution: "Resolved that Capital Punishment should be abolished." Our team gave a splendid performance but was defeated by the St. Francis Xavier University team on a split decision.



The third and final debate was held in the Alumni Gymnasium at St. Dunstan's on the 11th of February, where Thomas McGaugh and Alton Craig upheld the affirmative of the resolution: "Resolved that a Peaceful Coexistence between the Soviet Bloc and the Western Powers is possible." In this the final debate of the year, St. Dunstan's won, on a split decision, its first and only victory of the season. The two debates that we did lose were lost on split decisions, so we can assure ourselves that the debating year was successful to a certain extent. We extend congratulations to our debators and to their coaches, Dr. Brendon O'Grady and Rev. F. L. Cass.

#### W. U. S. C.

Thus far W.U.S.C. has been showing all the signs of having another great year. On November 15, our W.U.S.C. committee again sponsored its Indian Handicraft sale as a joint project with the Prince of Wales W.U.S.C. Committee. The sale was held at P.W.C. Under the direction of a hard working committee headed by Richard J. H. Wedge, the W.U.S.C. mid-winter formal was held in the gym on January 31. Although a tremendous snow storm made the presentation of the formal very doubtful for awhile, the storm subsided and the "go-ahead" sign was given. Although there were many who couldn't attend because of unfavorable road conditions, about two hundred couples braved the snow and sub-zero temperatures to have a "real ball."

#### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

On November 22 the Dramatic Society sponsored the annual college Drama Festival with each of the four classes presenting one act plays for the evening's entertainment. Judge Pius Callaghan adjudicator for the evening's activities, gave top honors to the Junior Class for their presentation of "The Doctor From Kilmuir". Congratulations to the Junior Class and also to Grade XI who won the High School drama festival, presented the following week.

The thespians of the Dramatic Society have distinguished themselves this year in their performances. Under the direction of Fr. Adrian Arsenault, the society has presented the modern rendition of the ancient Greek play "Antigone" starring Maureen Beagan in the title role, with John Stevens and Arthur Seaman. Congratulations are in order for Maureen, whose superb acting won for her a scholarship to



study dramatics in Halifax next summer. We know this is only the beginning of a very bright future in Dramatics for her.

When presented in competition for the Island title, however, the S.D.U. play was excelled by the "The Whiteheaded Boy", presented by the experienced and well polished Charlottetown Little Theatre group.

Fr. Arsenault and his cast also mastered "Romeo and Juliet" which was presented in Charlottetown on March 7-8th. Grace Seaman and Billie Cameron starred in the title roles.

#### GLEE CLUB

Our singers got off to a fast start this year by providing the vocal entertainment for the annual drama festival. The Glee Club continues to provide superb instructive lectures on Music Appreciation on Sunday evenings.

The musical talent on the campus this year is super-abundant as was shown in an amateur night which was presented on the evening of St. Dunstan's Day, February 2. Judging from the music talent displayed that evening, Lib-erace, Don Messer, Eddie Cantor and Eddie Arnold had better make room for Laurie Richard, Dave King, Dave Gallant and Al Keays respectively. Frank Zakem was the capable master of ceremonies for the event.

#### A. A. A.

With Andrew MacDonald presiding and Russell MacInnis taking the minutes, the meetings of the A. A. A. have been those of a very busy but efficient society. Keeping the senior football, basketball and hockey teams in full swing, as well as the intramural sports and rink, the A.A.A. has had its hands full, but is keeping everyone happy.

To supplement its allotted funds, the A.A.A. has sponsored a few fund raising and highly entertaining events. On February 5, a skate was held in the college rink under the auspices of the A.A.A. which proved enjoyable not only for the students, but for so many of our friends who came from town for the event. On February 8, the A.A.A. sponsored a "Basketball Dance" which was attended by over 300 dance fans at the Rollaway Ballroom.



## VISITORS

On January 22, we welcomed to our campus Lewis Perinbam, the Executive Secretary of the World University Service of Canada. Mr. Perinbam who remained with us for three days, gave a brilliant lecture to the student body. The topic of Mr. Perinbam's lecture was "The Menace of Communism." Having been behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia, while on tour last summer, Mr. Perinbam spoke authoritatively from experience. He said that the first step the Democratic World must take in combatting Communism is not a military one but a social one. We must, he said, rectify our social evils, and improve the living conditions of a great part of the lower class of people in the Western World. Otherwise these people will despair of Democracy and exchange their freedom for food, clothing and employment.

RED AND WHITE sincerely thanks Mr. Perinbam for the informative lecture on the nature of Communism, and look forward to a return visit from him next year, under the auspices of W.U.S.C.

## MEETINGS ATTENDED

St. Dunstan's was represented at the Maritime Regional Conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, (N.F.C.U.S.) by J. H. R. Wedge, Thomas Kane and George Mullally. The Conference was held at Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N.B., on the 12th and 13th of February. The more important discussions centered on government scholarships for undergraduate students, student reduction at local stores and national chain stores, national athletic championships, weekend exchanges, and the benefits derived by the students from the N.F.C.U.S. These projects will be investigated both by the local committees and by the National Office of the N.F.C.U.S. The Delegates returned with the firm conviction that St. Dunstan's has derived far more benefits from N.F.C.U.S. than N.F.C.U.S. has derived from St. Dunstan's. The delegates also felt that far more benefits than we are now receiving could be obtained by the students through the support of N.F.C.U.S. We believe that N.F.C.U.S. is now proving its worth to the students.

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Be to her virtues very kind  
Be to her faults a little blind.—Prior.