

## EDITORIALS

## FITZGERALD ADMINISTRATION TAKES LAST BOW

On Thursday, April 1st David Morton will officially receive the executive reins from out-going President Gerald FitzGerald. From the outset, we extend to Mr. Morton and his recently-elected Executive our sincere congratulations and wishes for success in their new duties and responsibilities. The task facing Mr. Morton is by no means an easy one, but, as indicated by last Tuesday's overwhelming vote of confidence, the student body has placed its full trust in his hands. As Vice-President, he played an active role in the coordination of campus affairs and is beyond any doubt well prepared to accept any future burdens.

This present year has been a notable one for the Students' Union of St. Dunstan's University. It has witnessed undoubtedly the most stupendous period of transition in the long history of our student government. Under the imaginative leadership of Mr. Gerald FitzGerald, the Students' Union became a legal entity and assumed control of \$80,000 worth of real estate. Itself a testimony to this bold undertaking, is the wide acclaim received from our neighbouring universities. As Mr. FitzGerald indicated in his year-end report, several Maritime institutions have expressed interest in our advanced system and further, requested advice as to the means of implementing similar structures.

Mr. FitzGerald's accomplishments extend beyond this meritorious feat. When last year's executive took office, and despite glorious reports at that time, the projected Coffee Shop was nothing more than an idea. With little ado, Mr. FitzGerald quietly but quickly proceeded to formulate the early designs, which, for reasons unknown, and contrary to general belief, had not been previously ratified. A great part of the summer and early months of the school year were passed organizing these supposedly settled preliminaries. It was wholly through his rapid and efficient action that the Coffee Shop was enabled to open this term.

There did exist during the past months a measure of disagreement between the Students' Union Executive and various other factions. Many asserted that the Corporate By-Laws passed in October did not provide the desired extent of executive representation on the new Council. Unfortunately, the contention that the Executive enjoyed disproportionate voting privileges, and resulting control, contributed little to harmonious relations. On March 12, when a proposal to amend the constitution and lessen Executive power was finally submitted to the Student Body, it was greeted with near-unanimous approval. We are much in favor of the constitution as amended and firmly believe that the Student Council of 1965-66 will benefit enormously through the wider distribution of power it provides.

Any far-reaching change which threatens to tilt a comfortable STATUS QUO immediately subjects itself to a degree of obstinate criticism. However, the real measure of success or failure rests in an analysis of the final record. The Coffee Shop is operating smoothly; the constitution has weathered every storm and won admiring glances from our fellows afar; the treasury is abundantly stocked. In brief, as the FitzGerald administration takes its last bow, we seek a conspicuous seat in the reception line.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

My congratulations to the Administration of the university and the Students' Union for carrying out the plans and making the Coffee Shop a reality and the success it appears to be today. My only regret is that I was not in attendance at the opening.

In the last edition of the Red and White, BISHOP 15165, had a legitimate complaint against those minority groups who are demanding the silence of others while they discuss their individual subject or work out their respective problem. The brief presented to the faculty which initiated the idea of a Coffee Shop expressly stated that this building was to be "a social gathering place where the students, along with the faculty, may get together on an informal basis". The facilities of this building were to be available to ALL students equally. A monopoly or a competitive atmosphere should not exist regarding the use of this Shop but rather a common-ownership situation as each student is paying to help finance its construction.

Bishop 15165 my congratulations to you for taking this stand at the outset. If this undercurrent is not stopped immediately the prime purpose of the Coffee Shop will have been defeated.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. FOSTER, '64

Dear Sir:

I was most happy to see that the Red and White finally gained membership in CUP. This in itself is a move in the right direction.

At this time I am uninformed as to the cost/dues to maintain membership in this organization but judging from the last issue it appeared that the Red and White attempted to get its full monies worth of news from this agency into the first edition. The last edition carried no less than 14 CUP articles which is a bit absurd. The Sport Page is most

welcomed by readers not present at the University but still trying to remain informed as to what is happening at the Alma Mater. One must remember that there is not merely one public but many that are being reached through this media.

Furthermore, if the Class Columns became degrading to the university journal it is simply because the Editor let second class material enter the paper thus stimulating consequent doggerel to be submitted on the basis that it was accepted the first time, why not now?

Sincerely,

PAUL D. FOSTER, '64

ED. NOTE: The process of change is a matter of time.

Dear Sir:

An article in your last edition, "Jungle Inhabitants Hold Carnival", seems to have irked (or shocked into reality) certain individuals. Before I become more involved in an unintended feud, and before I hazard the possibility of making bad friends (if there are such things), I wish to make my position clear.

One evening having completed my studies I imagined some creatures in a jungle were holding a carnival. As the thoughts came to mind, I scribbled them down on paper which I handed to the "Red and White" editor who found it worthy of print. I was later informed by certain individuals that there was some similarity between this article and a real situation which happened at S.D.U. At the time, I was completely unaware that there had been a carnival at Saint Dunstan's, (for who would know, looking back, that there really was one?).

However, what I began to say was this: Any similarity between characters living or dead; and similarity to incidents in the article and incidents which may (but most likely not) have taken

place at S.D.U., and any similarity in the setting of the "Winter Carnival", and S.D.U. "Winter Carnival" are purely co-incidental. guilty would take offence to it.

JOHN D. MacDONALD

## CONCEDES

Dear Students:

I have conceded in the election for the office of secretary, two ballots have been cast and in both instances no candidate received a majority vote. Thus a third ballot was required to determine who of two remaining candidates should receive the office.

It is the objective of the S.D.U. S.U. government executive. In this election, with two ballots cast an approximately equal number of students two candidates qualified for the secretarial position. Only one person can be secretary.

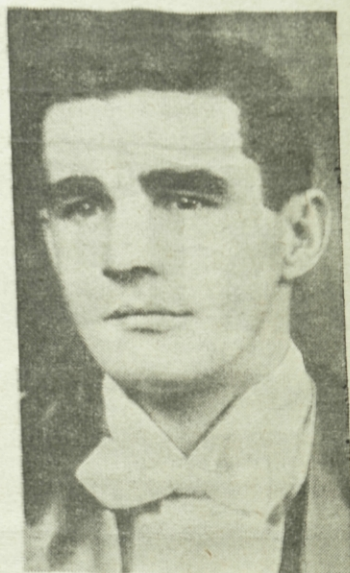
Those students who voted for me, voted that I might fulfill their interests as secretary on the Student Council. Therefore, I have, considering the students' interests, seen this position filled by Miss Vere Smith, whom I know to be competent and well-deserving of this office.

I wish to thank my supporters and to assure them I have fully considered their interests in this move, which I know, is best. By no means am I relinquishing my interest in our student government but will continue to support this body in whatever capacity my ability can aid.

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## ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



GERRY GILLIS

## ALUMNI PLAY HOST

Certainly the highlight of this college year was the winning of the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Championship by the St. Dunstan's Hockey Team, and the subsequent trip by the team to the Dominion Championship in Winnipeg.

One big factor that made the trip such a rewarding experience for the team was the hospitality shown to the boys by the respective societies of the Winnipeg and Montreal Alumni Associations. While in Winnipeg, the local Alumni went all out to make the players feel at home, including a tour of the Manitoba Capital.

But according to team-captain Vince Mulligan, it was Montreal that the boys really got the "red carpet treatment". Like the champions they were, the team, on a fourteen-hour stopover from Winnipeg, was met at Dorval International Airport by a large group of former graduates of St. Dunstan's.

The S.D.U. Alumni Society of Montreal was founded five years ago by its first president and member of the Class of '52, Joe Mahar. Since then the 175 member society has been very active.

Leaving Dorval Airport, the team was chauffeured to the famous St. Joseph's Oratory where the players were taken on a two-hour sight seeing tour of Montreal. The Alumni then hosted the boys, to what Glen Hughes described as, a lavish banquet at the plush Show Mart, owned and operated by Laurende Corporations, headed by Quebec Multi-millionaire and S.D.U. graduate, Jean Louis Levesque. Afterwards Captain Vince Mulligan presented a representative of Laurende Corporations with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the team.

In keeping with the royal treatment, the Society later sponsored a social evening at Lady Fatima Hall where the hockey players had an opportunity to meet the local Alumni, including such familiar names as Mrs. Danny Gullivan, Rev. Dr. Ken Mooney, Miss Mary MacPhee, Eugene Rossiter, Wayne Howatt, Gerry Gillis, and George Kelly.

Bringing the visit to an end, the team was chauffeured to the airport where President, Frank Mullally, presented the team with a five hundred dollar cheque on behalf of the Montreal Alumni Society to help pay the expenses of the trip to Winnipeg.

Since the Red and White is sent to many of the St. Dunstan's Alumni in both Montreal and Winnipeg, Alumnews wishes to express on behalf of Jack Kane, Vince Mulligan, and the hockey players, their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Winnipeg and Montreal Alumni Societies for helping to make the trip out West such an interesting and memorable experience.

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