

EDUCATED STUDENTS HAVE DEPT TO SOCIETY

Only four months ago some twenty students graduated from S.D.U. Eight months from now, another seventy are expected to join ranks with the alumni. The number of graduates will doubtless increase from year to year. Yet how many of these ever remember that they have acquired during the process of educating themselves, an enormous debt to the very society which deprived itself of their talents.

It is true that such a period of training is necessary for a proper formation of character, indispensable if one is to improve and increase the talents he already possess. This, the individual has something much better to offer. Yet must not lose sight of the fact that society has gone through considerable expense and sacrifice for this. Experience tells us that such sac-

rificing is profitable. Most graduates do take up considerable responsibility and positions of influence in the world.

We, at St. Dunstan's have something else to consider. We are not receiving just an ordinary education, but a CATHOLIC education. This leaves us, when we graduate, with an even greater responsibility. No matter what we do, whether it be in the field of law, medicine, teaching, politics, we are first of all Catholic. Our actions are guided by Catholic principles. Let us consider at this point how many of us, who openly admit to be Catholic, act as such. How many graduates from this university are sincerely grateful for having received a Catholic education?

Such a question can be answered one way by looking at the number of graduates who are willing to cooperate with their Church in spreading their

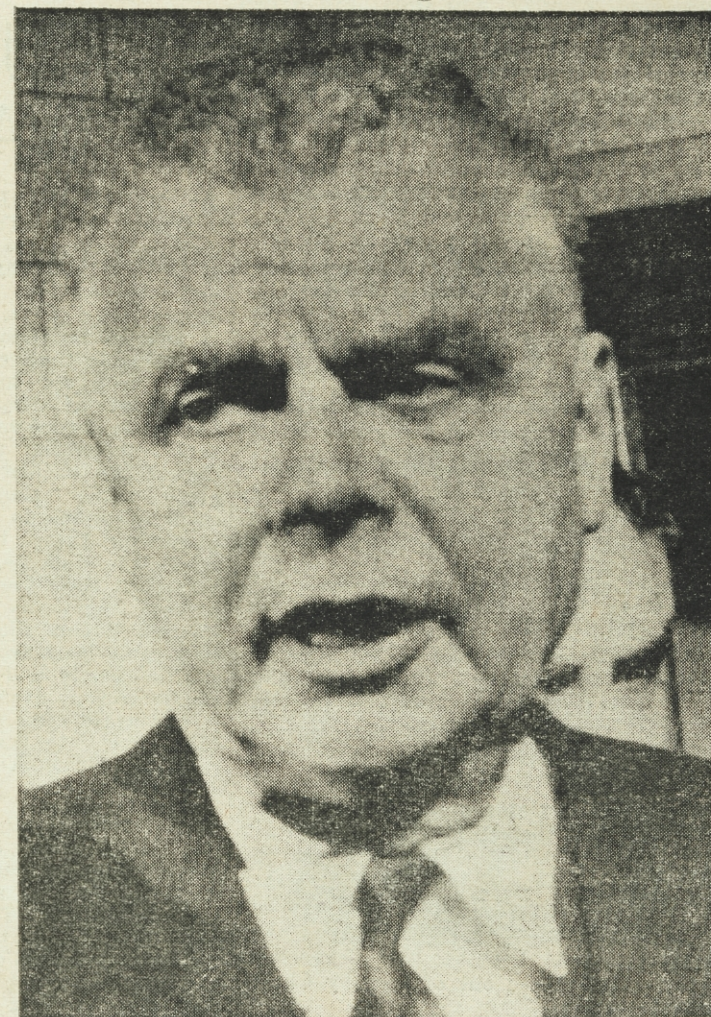
faith. The means used mostly today is participation from the party of the laity. How many graduates this year, for example, will join the lay apostolate and sacrifice a year or two of their lives to spread the faith so dead to them. Would it be overestimating God's generosity to the pagan world to say that one out of every five graduates in a prosperous country like ours is called to give one year of his or her life as a lay apostle? One out of five is not very demanding, yet at this rate, St. Dunstan's would provide the mission fields with at least fifteen graduates every year. Will there be fifteen lay apostles among the members of this year's graduating class? Will there be any in next year's class? How many lay apostles did we contribute last year? Not quite fifteen.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SDU MISSION SOCIETY

POLITICAL CLUB PLAN TO HOLD A MODEL PARLIAMENT



The Antagonists



Conservatives Give An Insight Into National Politics

It has been the custom here at S.D.U. to have a number of political clubs to acquaint the students with the programs of various political parties; well as to help us prepare our future responsibility as members of the electorate.

The St. Dunstan's Progressive Conservative Club is a member of the Progressive Conservative Students Federation, the National Student Organization of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. The dual function of this organization to facilitate an exchange of the ideals of the modern student and the solid philosophy of the party program; as well as to give the student, the leader of tomorrow, a necessary insight into the politics of his nation.

Although the Club is primarily Progressive Conservative, the real aim of the organization is to educate the student politically rather than to intimidate him with partisan or pressure salesmanship.

We feel that the Club offers something for each student. With this in mind, we invite you to participate with the Progressive Conservative Club in the achievement of its aim — an aim designed to prepare the student for his role in a modern Canada.

The S.D.U. P.C.C. accepts the idea that university students of today will form the nucleus of an "enlightened electorate" of tomorrow, on whom ultimately rests the responsibility of ensuring good government for our nation. It is consequently the aim of the S.D.U. P.C.C. to educate and indeed arouse the student politically, so as to prepare us to accept this responsibility in a modern and vibrant Canada.

This the S.D.U.P.C.C. shall endeavour to achieve by

- (1) Presenting to the student body a number of speakers who have successfully accepted this responsibility.
- (2) Making available to the students various pamph-

lets and expressions of opinion regarding the role of the student in politics.

- (3) Committing ourselves to the holding of a Model Parliament, and thereby permitting the student to exercise his political maturity.

THE VISION TO CREATE- THE COURAGE TO RETAIN

This phrase has become the slogan of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation and has indeed become the catch-call of the Progressive Conservative Party itself. It is, we feel, the character of the Party in a nutshell. It expresses our readiness to accept, and indeed initiate, new and sometimes daring ideas; yet it reminds us to exercise caution rather than jeopardize the solidarity of the nation.

The S.D.U.P.C.C. readily accepts this motto and will constantly strive to make ourselves worthy of the ideals it contains.

TURNING THE SOD



His Excellency Malcolm A. MacEachern, Chancellor of St. Dunstan's University, turns the sod for the construction

of the new Science Building. Looking on at the ceremony are Monsignor G.A. Macdonald, President of the university;

Norman MacLeod of Williams Murphy's and MacLeod; and Alfred J. Hennessey, the architect.

At Saint Dunstan's, for the past number of years, there have existed two organized political clubs: the Liberal Club and the Progressive Conservative Club. Each of these clubs are member in a student movement which is nationally organized by the parties they represent.

These organizations are a sincere attempt on the part of the students to learn about and participate in, the politics of the nation. The Senior Organizations react to this attempt with an understanding that is sometimes unexpected and frequently flattering. Students are granted positions on the Parties' National Executives, students are welcomed as voting delegates to the national conventions; in short, students enjoy the prerogatives of mature members in the national community.

The function of the University clubs are to establish a rapport between the philosophy of each party and the ideals of the students. It is left to the individual club to adopt its

own program to fulfill that function.

The parties easily facilitate the task of representing the ideas of the students to the party organization; the difficult task, actually, is bringing the party program back to the student.

The usual way the university clubs have faced this problem is by presenting to the student body a number of speakers capable of enlightening the students on the party's program and the students' role in the party. This activity can be supplemented by distributing pertinent information regarding each of these aspects of university party politics. Other more colorful or dramatic activities may be undertaken, but those mentioned above are the classic programs usually sponsored by the university clubs to achieve these important aims.

The importance of student political activity need hardly be stressed today. The prominent role played by politics in every aspect of national life necessitates the foundation of

an electorate that is both concerned and informed regarding the government of the community. The nucleus of this electorate, as a matter of course, must spring from the universities.

It is the added task of the political clubs at Saint Dunstan's to offer both the political stimulant and the political education to the students called upon to fill the rank of that electorate. This complicates matters for these clubs, but if they are faced with a greater difficulty it is because they are also faced with a greater responsibility. A responsibility which these clubs are bravely trying to meet.

NOTE: A federal election on November 8 notwithstanding, the political clubs at St. Dunstan's have made tentative plans to hold a Model Parliament this fall. Freshmen students are urged to contact members of the political clubs of their choice to participate in this Model Parliament. Further news on this important venture will be published when made available.