

Letters to the Editor continued

FOR A MORE SCHOLARLY
ATMOSPHERE

Dear Sir:

In your editorial of the last edition, you stated that the paper was a voice of the students. Because of this, I present several ideas, which to my belief, are held by many who are interested in engendering a more scholarly atmosphere at S.D.U.

First: Is there any possibility of having the newly introduced Fine Arts course put on in the evening in place of, or aside from, the present placing? Many students who can't fit this course into their timetable do want to take it (just for the sake of knowledge, believe it or not) and would appreciate this move.

Second: Another move which would be much appreciated and benefitted by in many circles would be a late opening of the library. If it could be implemented that someone (it may be that even a student wouldn't mind) open the library for one hour after 7:30 p.m., I believe it would give those who have labs or practice in the afternoon and those working on term papers, research papers, debates, or a thesis, much needed extra time while not causing too much trouble for the administration.

In closing, may I extend my sincere thanks for this opportunity to voice my opinions.

Respectfully yours,
An Opinionated Student.

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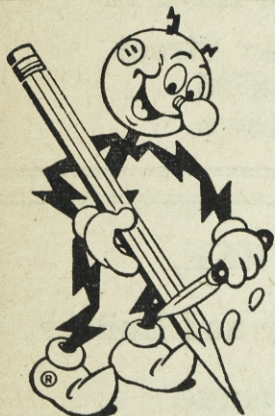
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WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH THE AAA

I asked what "AA" meant, and someone answered "Alcoholics Anonymous." I asked what "AAA" meant, and someone else said they thought it must be Anonymous Athletic Association, (by all appearances, he wasn't too far astray.)

What happened to Field Day? Where was the AAA then? Why was it not advertised? Why no P.A. system? Of course, some will blame it on the rain and the faculty. They might even blame it on lack of student interest. But do any of these provide the answer? Does it take a whole day to hold a Track and Field meet? And why was there no student interest? Could it be that no one tried to create any interest? Could it be that many of the students — especially those new on the campus — did not know what Field Day was all about? Perhaps some of the tactics used to get people interested in campus elections could be used to get them interested in sports events. What have we got an AAA for? Why are they not sponsoring one of the college dances (this question was raised by one of the faculty members closely concerned with athletics)? This question could well have been brought up by the Students Council when the AAA came looking for twelve hundred dollars? Perhaps the Students' Council should be a little more careful with the students' money.

Am I to assume that the AAA is nothing more than a glorified football management. In closing, I say to you O, AAA, "Arise, awake, or be forever anonymous."

An Amateur Athlete

Dramatic Society Well Under Way

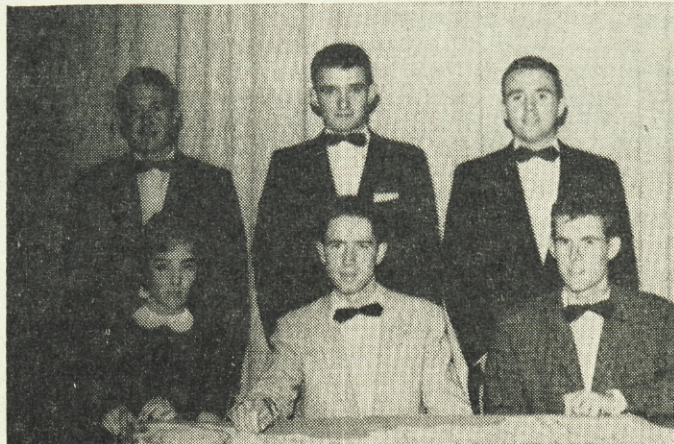
The S.D.U. Dramatics Society is off to a flying start this year. A very competent executive was elected early in the term and has been doing a very commendable job in organizing the year's activities in the field of "show-biz." The schedule is a weighty one indeed. Three plays will be presented, two of which are "Blood Wedding" and "Carousel", the third of which is yet to be named.

Needless to say, Fr. Adrian Arsenault is back in his old chair as moderator of the Dramatics Society. His ambitions for the year include more than the three plays mentioned above. In years gone by, annual inter-class competitions in dramatics were staged on the campus. Due to lack of enthusiasm, these competitions were discontinued several years ago. Fr. Arsenault intends to revivify these competitions beginning this year. Details of this will be announced later.

Let everyone bear in mind that the Dramatics Society belongs to all of the students — not just to a chosen few. Therefore, when castings are being made let's not be shy but let's come forward and give the Dramatics Society our solid support.

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president in charge of membership; Jim MacAulay, vice-president in charge of publicity; and Jim Morrison, vice-president in charge of program.

For A Better W U S

The 16th National Assembly of the World University Service of Canada was held in Ottawa on the October 6-9th week-end. Carleton University was the host for the hundred or so delegates and observers who attended the assembly. Each Canadian university which is a recognized member of WUSC is entitled to send two delegates one student and one faculty member. St. Dunstan's was represented by Patricia Leightizer and Father Adrian Arsenault.

Beautiful warm weather made the weekend in Ottawa all the more enjoyable. The first day of the Assembly was highlighted by an address from His Excellency, Major-General George Vanier, Governor-General of Canada. This first day was also the occasion of the inauguration of Treasure Van for 1961. We were taken on a tour of the Carleton campus which consists at the present of only three buildings. Six more buildings are now under construction. The three completed — the arts building, science building, and the library — are beautiful structures of glass and concrete and quite modern in their concept. After the tour and the address from Governor-General Vanier, we settled down to business. The National Chairman of WUSC, Dean James Gibson of Carleton, gave a report on the year's activities 1960-1961. The General Secretary, Douglas Myers, also gave his report. In the evening, the delegates were divided into three groups to facilitate discussion of particular problems. The group were divided according to university population — those with up to 1,000 students, universities with 1,000-3,000 students, and those with more than 3,000 students. In our group we discussed the organization of our various committees, and the problems we had in promoting interest in WUSC activities. Each campus seemed to have its own particular problems, but these problems are regional and definite resolutions couldn't be made concerning them.

The second day of the Assembly was relatively free from business. The main business of the day was the discussion of the WUSC Seminar. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize preparatory plans for the 1962 Seminar which is to be held in Poland. The closing date for application for this Seminar was set at November 20th. This early date was chosen so that students who were selected would have more time to prepare for the Seminar by way of reading, discussion, etc., and also so they would not commit themselves to summer employment. That afternoon we had lunch outdoors in Vincent Massey Park and the rest of the afternoon was free to do with as we pleased. Some of us went to Parliament Hill intending to tour the buildings but discovered that another group of students had also decided to hold their convention in Ottawa that weekend. These were the students from Vancouver to Montreal who were picketing Parliament in protest of nuclear armament. I spoke with the leader of the protest group and he seemed quite sincere in his concern over the possible consequences of nuclear arms. After our day of "sight-seeing", the evening was completed by a banquet and a get-together at the home of the parents of one of the delegates.

We returned to business on Sunday with discussion of the finances of WUSC, its scholarship programme, and its educational activities. Some of the students who were members of the Sweden Seminar showed their slides to the whole group and gave commentaries on them. For myself, the Assembly provided a great reunion, for about twenty of the students who had participated in the Sweden Seminar were present in Ottawa, that weekend. Also, it was interesting to note that of the five students elected to the National Committee, four were members of the 1961 Seminar group.

The final day of the assembly was concerned with the reaffirmation of WUSC statutes, the recognition of local WUSC committees, and the submission and adoption of resolutions. Most of the delegates left for home on Monday afternoon. It is hoped that some of the ideas discussed at the assembly will be put to work on this campus and we ask your whole-hearted support for any projects sponsored by our WUSC committee this year.

Patricia Leightizer

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Femmes And Fine Arts

The first of the Fine Arts classes, a non-credit course offered this year by Saint Dunstan's University and taught by Father Adrian Arsenault, was held on Wednesday, October 18, in the Dalton Hall classroom.

Considering that the course will of necessity entail a great deal of work on the part of the students who intend to participate, this first class was extremely well attended, at least by the male members of the University. The members of Marian College, however, did not deign to send even one representative to this class which was dedicated to an outline of the course, and which did not in any way bind the student to future attendance.

Father Arsenault devoted the first part of his lecture to the reasons, and, indeed, the necessities for having such a course on the campus. He explained that ours was a generation which would have the opportunities of visiting countries which our predecessors never saw, and that one of the main ways of enjoying these countries was to culture. He also pointed out that we here on Prince Edward Island lacked many of the cultural advantages presented to us in the larger cities of the world. On a lighter side he

mentioned that most of the subjects treated at a university are of such a nature that they would seldom be used as conversation matter at any of the number of social gatherings to which a college graduate would be subjected, and that for such purposes a speaking knowledge of the fine arts would not only be of use, but would also be expected of him.

In the outlining of the course he noted that it would consist of a study of the fine arts (Architecture, Painting, Sculpture, Music, Literature, et al) from Pre-historic Art to Contemporary Art. He further said that the means of instruction would include numerous posters, books, slides, portfolios, and film strips. A type of round-table discussion will also be utilized for the exchange of reactions among the students.

It is ardently hoped that there will be an even larger turnout, especially among the Co-eds, at all the future classes to be held. The lectures will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in Dalton Hall from 10.26 to 11.14. All students are to be reminded that the success of this course and its continuance in the future depends upon the interest with which they receive it.

Should Campus Governments "Meddle" In Politics

Currently, there is a touchy issue confronting the campus government, and many students at the University of Ottawa. The problem, which has apparently aroused a chorus of negative crescendos among students there according to the Fulcrum, involves the campus government officials initiating a political demonstration on their own authority against the American and Russian Embassies. The desired effect of such a demonstration is that it might serve as an inducement to these two powers to return to the nuclear disarmament conference table. (One could be dubious as to the wisdom that would suggest that the United States deserves such a public rebuff. Moreover, one cannot help but wonder if such a demonstration hasn't been doomed to failure beforehand by the fifty megaton explosion that took place in the Soviet Union recently.) To the point, the issue is one as to whether or not a student administration has the right to commit its student body to any political position.

The widespread consensus among University of Ottawa students is against this notion according to the Fulcrum. In fact, the Fulcrum is so determined in the matter that it has

asked all students in an editorial to cooperate in making the proposed demonstration a dismal failure. Students there apparently have little savour for this broad concept of the powers of a campus government. As one of them, Dennis Baxter, stated in his letter to the editor "... when it comes down to political issues where there are differences in opinion, they have no right to represent us without even so much as a referendum. Just as religious beliefs are sacred to the individual so are political beliefs".

When students elect their campus governments, they do not surrender their rights in toto; rather, they permit certain individuals to regulate the campus aspects of student life. Politics is a touchy area, a sovereign area, especially among university students, and it's too much for a campus government to ask of its governed to swallow dictation in the matter. Besides, there are existing on the various campi mediums through which students of identical political thought can exert themselves as a group and, thereby, not taint the disinterested with their convictions.

What's your opinion in this matter? Should campus governments "meddle" in politics?

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