

## EDITORIALS

## STUDENT-FACULTY COMMITTEE

A widely acclaimed Faculty announcement last spring detailed the formation of a joint committee, consisting of both student and administrative representatives. The basic purpose of the body, as expressed in the administrative release, was to provide a means of liaison between students and faculty and thereby effect improved relations on matters of equal concern. Faculty approval of the committee's formation seems in itself to indicate the Administration's belief that some form of joint cooperation is wanting.

At the opening session, after agreeing on the format and procedures of subsequent meetings, several topics of mutual interest were frankly and informally discussed. Those in attendance expressed unanimous satisfaction with the progress of the conference and all indications were that future encounters would prove of tremendous advantage.

Unfortunately, and for no apparent cause, the first sitting of the Student-Faculty Joint Committee was the last. Monthly meetings, supposedly to commence with the reopening of the University year, have yet to materialize. Is it possible that the worthy objectives forwarded in the administration's communique of last April are no longer deemed necessary? Have a few idle months so improved student-faculty relations that this meritorious plan can be justifiably abandoned? Whatever the motives may be, we urge those in authority to take immediate steps towards the committee's reorganization.

There exists at present no official link between the Student Body and the Administration. This wholly unnecessary lack of communications may result in serious complications, which could otherwise have been easily avoided.

We trust that remedial action will be soon forthcoming and that the many avenues to improved understanding will not remain needlessly detoured.

## WHO'S GOT THE SONG?

A movement began last winter, among sources unknown, to provide the University with an official school song. It was obviously felt that a colorless version of "Satchmo" Armstrong was hardly representative of St. Dunstan's. The objective was to establish a symbol of unity whereby the spirit of S. D. U. could be more adequately expressed. To effect this noble end, and to facilitate imagination, a contest was sanctioned with \$35.00 offered the winning entry.

An early October Student Council meeting announced the selection of two pieces as official representatives, and at the same time voted to increase the prize money to \$50.00. It was assumed by the majority of those present that such action was most worthy and would ultimately benefit all. Yet, two months have since expired and not a further word has been uttered.

Whether or not there exists an urgent need that we be stimulated by a cheering chant is a question in itself. The fact remains that the Student Body contributed \$50.00 for the sole purpose of establishing such a chant. If the song has been chosen and more importantly, the money awarded, where is the product? We rather believe it would be nice indeed if someone, somewhere, would raise his voice.

## Letters to the Editor

## CONSTITUTION A FAILURE

Dear Sir:

In the past, the students of Saint Dunstan's have been noted for their lack of interest in student government. The sorry results of this trend are represented by the new Student Council and its unpublished constitution. We offer the following facts to show that the new constitution has not proved up to par:

1) According to the present Constitution, if our memories of a single reading serve us correctly, but one General Body Meeting is to be held each year.

2) The President has the only copy of the Constitution.

3) The copy of said Constitution passed at the last General Body Meeting was incomplete, was not properly promulgated at the Meeting, and has not as yet been released to the Student Body.

4) The Executive Meetings and the Council Meetings are held in private and students are permitted to be present only by invitation. This is an abrupt, unnecessary and undemocratic method of transacting the business of the entire Student Body.

5) The Committee System as established through the new constitution is a failure. Committee Chairmen are appointed by the President to represent various societies in the Council. In many cases, these appointed representatives are not qualified to represent; they are in no way associated with the organizations they supposedly oversee and consequently lack knowledge of the technical problems of their respective societies. i. e., Winter carnival, Drama Society, Debating Society, Campus Police, Photograph-

ers Club.) When appropriations were being considered, the society representative on the Council was in several instances unable to present his own brief because he was totally unfamiliar with his respective organization. This fact alone clearly indicates the failure of this aspect of student government.

6) At Council Meetings, the voice of the ordinary student cannot be heard; he can neither question nor be questioned.

Completely aside from the constitution itself, let us examine the government of our new Coffee Shop. The normal incorporated business is managed by a Board of Directors, elected by the stockholders of the Company. By virtue of the fee paid by every student at the beginning of the year, we are all stockholders in the ownership of the Coffee Shop.

Two points should now be considered:

a) The directors of this corporation (to be—ED.) were not elected by the stockholders, but merely appointed by the Executive of the Council and consisting of the Executive itself!

b) Funds assessed from each student at the start of the school year were misappropriated and used for general expenditures.

Please note that in both the above actions, the students had no voice. Again the new constitution makes no provision for expression of individual student opinion. Our rights as individuals are being imposed upon. Recall the words of a great eighteenth century statesman: "If once the people become so inattentive to the public affairs, you and I and Congress and assemblies, judges and governors, shall all become wolves."

WE ARE CONCERNED

## THAT EXTRA HALF HOUR

Dear Sir:

At approximately seven o'clock each morning, Monday through Saturday, a bell rings several times. Throughout campus, students awaken from their sleep and decide whether or not to go to Mass. It appears that most of them often decide in the negative as such a small group attend Mass. Each day it becomes increasingly evident that most students do not give this matter enough serious thought, or surely, the number would be much larger.

Perhaps some keep putting it off saying, "Oh, I'll start tomorrow and I'll go every day after that." But, does such a person realize that for many tomorrow never comes?

Some students may feel that the extra half hour of sleep will do them much more good than getting up and attending Mass. However, one must get up one-half hour later to nourish one's body with breakfast. Why not start one-half hour earlier to nourish one's soul? If God is so kind and merciful to give us twenty-four hours in the day, can we not give back just one-half hour. Sure, those thirty minutes of sleep might be just great for a while, but life is so short, and most certainly, when the Last Judgment arrives, we will not be judged too benevolently on the hours we slept — especially those extra half-hours.

If a sign were placed in the library bulletin board stating that at tomorrow's Mass someone very special was going to appear I'm quite sure students would trip over one another to get into the chapel. But, my friends, there is a special person at Mass every day. Christ is there, and who could be more special than He? To whom do we

## ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



CYRIL BYRNE

In the first column of Alumnews, published in the October 9th edition of Red and White, it was pointed out that we would attempt to keep S. D. U. students abreast with Alumni and Alumni activities. In keeping with this policy, we thought it would be interesting to review some of the things done by the Alumni when they were at St. Dunstan's.

The College year of '59-'60 brings to mind many exciting events. Debating captured the limelight at St. Dunstan's that year. In the men's division, all three teams were victorious, earning the Debating Society the chance for the Dominion crown in Edmonton, which was subsequently won by the Universite de Sherbrooke. The St. Dunstan's Girls Debating Society brought home the M. I. G. L. crown.

It was that year that Rev. Adrian Arseneault directed a group of students in the presentation of Oedipus Rex, winning three out of five awards in the Prince Edward Island Drama Festival.

In March, a mock parliament was conducted on the campus. The Liberals were headed by Cyril Byrne, the Conservatives by Lorne McGuigan and the Peoples Democratic Party by Claude Rondeau. With Judge St. Clair Trainor as Speaker of the House, Mr. Arthur McInnis as Clerk, and Mr. Wilfred Driscoll addressing the speech from the throne, the government was in the hands of a coalition of Liberals and the Peoples Demo-

cratic Party. During the last session, Prime Minister Cyril Byrne and his coalition government fell to the Progressive Conservatives and Peoples Democratic Party, with Lorne McGuigan as the new Prime Minister.

In January, St. Dunstan's played host to a regional conference of the National Federation of College Students with Premier Walter Shaw as the guest speaker. In a Canada-wide Latin contest with twenty-three universities participating, Freshman student from British Guiana, Vilbert Rosemay, placed fifth for St. Dunstan's. Mike Lieu, third year science student at St. Dunstan's, won first and second prize in the Fourth National Photographer's Contest.

In Sports, S. D. U. had a somewhat dismal record that year, with the football team then coached by A. J. MacAdam, winning only one game in four encounters. Father Charlie MacDonald led the basketball squad in an uphill battle against Mount Allison and U.N.B. However, faced with the loss of some of the squad via umpires and the pressure of studies, the team failed to win a game.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . .

During a religion class that year, Father Roche asked George McMurray to quote a verse from Scripture. Pensively George answered, "... Judas went out into the garden and hanged himself." On being encouraged by Fr. Roche to quote another, George responded, "Go ye and do likewise."

owe more devotion than to Jesus Christ who died to save us? He, who stayed up all night and prayed until his sweat became as drops of blood and who on the following day offered the greatest sacrifice of all—His own life. Yet, some of us can sleep all night and cannot even arise at seven to live again this most wonderful of sacrifices—Holy Mass. Are we being fair? After all, a life given up for us should be, and is, worth much more than an extra thirty minutes of sleep.

No one is excused by saying he

does not hear the bell. Many of those who say they do not hear the bell seem to manage to get up in time for breakfast. So is this a valid excuse? There may be some who, in all sincerity, do not hear the bell, but, the neighbour down the hall would be only too glad to knock on such a person's door. So, you see, one has all the reason in the world to be at Mass each morning, but no excuse for remaining in bed.

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