

# EDITORIALS

## THE UNION IS IN TROUBLE

The St. Dunstan's University Students' Union is in a financial mess. More than \$6,000.00 is owed to creditors. Payments are long overdue on the Coffee Shop. The Board of Governors of the University is conducting an investigation into the operations of the Union. A general austerity program has been launched by the SDUSU executive. Nevertheless, what is needed is more than a University investigation and an executive austerity program. What is needed is the full support of the student body.

It is not sufficient to sit back and blame last year's President, last year's executive,

last year's council, or last year's Students Union. Granted, the situation is the result of mismanagement and inefficiency of past administrations. But this diagnosis will not mend the financial wounds. What will solve the situation is a concerted effort on the part of the entire student body, particularly on the part of those directly involved with student organizations, to back the executive in its campaign for financial stability.

If this year's executive, with the help and co-operation of the student body, does succeed in solving the financial crisis, even at the expense of doing little else, then it will have justified its mandate.

## COOPERATION, A NECESSITY

The RED AND WHITE has rarely been a credit to St. Dunstan's University. A genuine effort should be made by the students to revive their College newspaper. Only when the student body actively supports this objective will the paper become a credit to the students as well as to the University.

It would be ridiculous to suggest that with the appointment of a new editor and with the recruitment of a new staff, the RED AND WHITE automatically becomes a new paper. Nevertheless, it is our hope that the students of St. Dunstan's will join with us in a campaign to make the paper worthy of its colors.

To Richard Martin, who as past editor opened the way to a fresh, new, realistic approach to journalism on campus; to Tim MacGrath, who as managing-editor injected a genuine enthusiasm into the student publication; to Steve Kirby, whose energetic circulation campaigns brought the RED AND WHITE closer to the alumnus; to Jerry Jones, whose advertising drives made the production of the RED AND WHITE possible this year; and to the rest of the former staff we express our sincere appreciation for their help and encouragement. The type of initiative taken by this group is necessary from all the students if the RED AND WHITE is to become a credit to us and to our Alma Mater.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Kindly lend to us this opportunity of using your newspaper as a media for conveying a message of utmost importance to the lower classmen at this university.

This matter concerns a particular college cheer which has been heard frequently on our campus for several years. We are referring, of course, to the cheer beginning, "Bonita, Bonita..."

For the information of those lower classmen who have not as yet been informed, this cheer is not a school cheer, nor a football cheer, nor a Rhinoceros cheer—but a Senior Class cheer.

As you doubtless know, this esteemed song has been heard at many various times and in many various places. This does not mean that anybody may chant it. So, a friendly reminder is in order to those ignorant of the facts. This cheer is to be used only at the discretion of the members of the Senior Class; others may join in only at the invitation of a Senior.

We remain, sir, etc.

B. D. '67  
& T. R. '67

Dear Sir:

I would like to use this tabloid to bring to the attention of the students, and perchance, the administration of this university, a most serious and MOST inconvenient situation existing in the lavatory on first floor Memorial.

Last year the administration spent a considerable amount of money installing a ventilation system in the washrooms of that building. This was done to remove the billows of steam emitting from the showers,

which are housed in the same rooms. Strangely enough the control switch was installed on third floor, with the result that abolitionists on first floor are dependent on the generosity, and indeed on the inspiration, of the inhabitants of third floor to activate the fan that prevents the nightly pea-souper that develops in the first floor washroom.

Not only are we met with sufficient steam to droop our permanent-creased slacks, but also with wilted toilet paper and a film of moisture over the whole room and its furnishings.

Speaking of furnishings, there are two that are lacking and badly needed. Proper toilet tissue holders are an unknown commodity (presently the rolls are precariously hung on that most versatile of all human inventions - the wire clothes hanger). There is a frequently, startling lack of locks, catches, or what have you in the toilet area itself. Being naturally modest, the Seniors rather than experimenting by trial and error, endeavour to see if a cubicle is occupied by searching for feet under the doors - this is very difficult for two reasons: 1) visibility is restricted by steam, and 2) for this observation, it is necessary for these upperclassmen to assume a pose that is not infrequently damaging to the solar plexus (would you believe sacroiliac?).

If this situation continues, we run the risk of sending graduates into the world who have been in turn, gassed, drenched, "rashed" and forced to assume the physical stature of a cromagnon man.

In the name of health and sanitation, if not progress, give us this one comfort -- a properly fitted and DRY washroom.

Sincerely,  
RASHED

Dear Sir:

What is the Sigma Delta Sorority? What are its aims, or does it have any? Are the meetings run democratically? These are questions co-eds have been asking themselves since October 11.

The Sigma Delta Sorority is a society on campus which supposedly includes every co-ed at St. Dunstan's, but you would never know it by the attendance at the meetings.

Rumour has it that the aims are outlined in a paper which was passed out at the first meeting; so if you weren't there, I guess you do without.

Now, are the meetings run democratically? This is the burning question. Well, let us take for example the meeting held on October 11. To prove our point, we must go back to the first meeting held on October 7. At this meeting a vote was taken on a certain matter. A committee acted upon the results of this vote. This committee was to report back on October 11. At the meeting on October 11, certain individuals felt that another vote should be held on the same matter since the results of the previous vote were unfavourable to them. As a result, another vote was held, and the decisions of the first vote was overruled. Now I ask you, is this democratic? What is the purpose of voting if the vote can be over-ruled at the request of a certain few, some of whom were not interested enough to attend the first meeting?

Unless the Sorority shapes up, the question will not be: The Sorority, to be or not to be? The question will be: What ever happened to the Sorority they use to have?

Disgusted Co-eds

*Don't Send Flowers to  
My Funeral;*

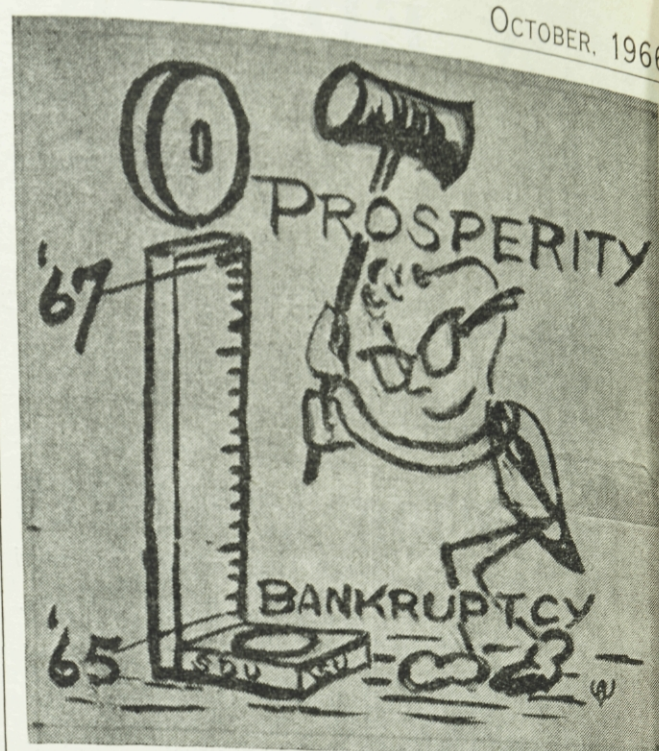
*They'll Wilt in the Turnace*

The undertakers laugh at the hypocrites  
Sliding on their phony tears to the tombstone  
Display.  
They're taking you all for a ride.  
Martha wants a big stone for George,  
Two inches bigger than the one Harry Neighbor bought.  
Come on, fools, buy a church to go with it—  
A pink church.  
The six-foot hole in the ground Holds a water glassful of stinking sand.  
George would want to be here, Among the trees and green green grass."  
Doesn't the marble set the grass off well?  
George doesn't give a damn anymore;  
He's not there.  
He hasn't "passed away"; he's DEAD.  
George doesn't care about the wreaths,  
Brass-handled coffin, and other junk.  
If it's the end, he isn't and can't think.  
In my heaven he can't be bothered  
With trivial matters.  
Give our economy a break, lady.  
Cremate him.

Tim

Letters to the Editor, poetry, press releases, or suggestions are accepted by the RED AND WHITE at any time. A RED AND WHITE box has been placed for this purpose in the Coffee Shop.

All contributions are edited and may be condensed. Correspondents are asked to be brief, to sign their contributions, and to give their addresses. Pen names are permitted. Opinions are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the RED AND WHITE.



"IN THE BLACK AT ANY COST"

— Charley McMillan

## ACROSS THE NATION

EDMONTON (CUP) — The University of Alberta's withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students will likely be tested in the Alberta Supreme Court here.

A student committee has hired an Edmonton lawyer to apply for a court injunction suspending the 12-4 student council decision which severed Edmonton's ties with CUS Sept. 19.

The group, called Pro-CUS, will attempt to prove the U of A students' union, a body incorporated under the Universities Act of Alberta, is obliged to provide its members with all the benefits of CUS membership outlined on membership cards held by more than 11,000 U of A students.

Backed by a substantial donation from a prominent U of A faculty member, the group is now soliciting funds to finance its breach of contract action.

Group spokesman say they intend to keep Alberta in CUS at least until the student body has a chance to vote on CUS membership in a referendum scheduled for March 3. The Edmonton council voted to leave CUS pending the referendum.

Meanwhile, a poll taken among a sampling of U of A students has shown the council decision has not received widespread approval on campus.

In reply to a question asking whether students approve of council's decision, 25 per cent said no; 23 per cent said yes; 51 per cent refused to comment because of a lack of information on the subject and only one per cent said they did not care.

MONTREAL (CUP) — Expo will not be a source of employment for jobless, full-time students next summer.

An Expo official told university newspaper editors here recently the corporation does not intend to hire students for part-time employment.

Corporation policy requires employees to work for a minimum six-month period, he said, and thus, anyone wishing to work at Expo would have to be available to work from the last week of April to the end of October.

This automatically cuts out full-time students, but students between degrees or those working before seeking full-time employment, can still look for Expo work.

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) — Students at Bishop's University here are being advised by their students' council to leave the Canadian Union of Students.

They will have an opportunity to decide whether to retain CUS membership, when a referendum is held in mid-October.

If they decide to withdraw, the 850 students will be the sixth student body to leave CUS since the beginning of September.

Memorial University, Marianopolis College, Loyola College and Mount St. Vincent withdrew from the 160,000-member union at its 30th Congress earlier this month. University of Alberta students' council voted 12-4 last week to abandon CUS.

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