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SDU ENGINEERS BEGIN CAUSEWAY

Students Plan Boycott Of City Cinema

A boycott of the Capitol Cinema by College and City High School students will soon be put into effect. This action was deemed necessary after negotiations between the theatre management and the students' representatives over a reduced admission price for students failed to meet the students' demand.

Present admission prices range from 50 cents for a matinee show to 75 cents for the evening show, and the Charlottetown students feel that they are being asked to pay too much for this mode of entertainment.

In a statement issued early this morning, Jack Noonan, S.D.U. Students' Union Vice President, declared, "We feel that

the exploitation of students in this regard has gone on long enough. We submitted a proposal, based on the Players' Theatre plan, asking for a 20 per cent reduction in the prices for students, and received the reply that 'the Management of the theatre does not feel sympathetic to the needs of the students.' We are necessarily obliged to take this action."

At a recent meeting between the delegates from S.D.U. and other city high schools, representing over 5,000 students, it was unanimously agreed to plan a student demonstration this week. They have called upon all students to participate in the demonstration and to continue this all-out boycott until a favourable solution is reached.



PATRON'S DAY CELEBRATED

February 7th. marked the annual observance of St. Dunstan's Day and, as usual, S.D.U. students and faculty members took the day off to commemorate the feast of their patron saint.

A special High Mass was sung by the Rector, Right Rev. J. A. Sullivan, followed by a banquet at which the past and present students had an opportunity to be introduced. As is customary, various students proposed toasts to the Church, to the Queen, to the Country, and to the Day We Celebrate, after which Most Rev. Malcolm MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, addressed the students and granted them a well-earned holiday. The highlight

of the banquet, however, was the very excellent and inspiring talk given by Dr. Joe MacMillan, the guest speaker for the occasion.

In his skilfully rhetorical and humorous address, Dr. Joe held the students spell-bound for nearly two hours and outlined to them a philosophy for youth, which will have a long-lasting impression on them. A summary of Dr. MacMillan's speech is given elsewhere in this paper.

The banquet was followed by a hockey game between the residents of Dalton Hall and the Sophomores. Later in the evening, a grand Variety Concert, staged by the Glee Club and the College band, added a glorious ending to another festive day.

Students Form Discussion Club

The idea to form a "Tea and Discussion" group, proposed by Father J. Kelly to the Juniors, was quickly put into effect. Within less than a month, the idea has been adopted by other classes, the most recent being the Sophomore and Engineer residents of the Main Building.

The main purpose behind the formation of these discussion clubs is to give the boys an opportunity to express themselves freely on any local or international topic of vital interest. Among the most recent topics discussed were the present student government, the P. E. I.

causeway, and the recent Lactian crisis.

Except for the Juniors, whose group is conducted by Father Kelly, the Sophomores and Engineers run their meeting entirely on their own. In each group there is a chairman and a committee of five; meetings are held weekly, lasting for an hour.

As a result of this opportunity afforded the students, there has been a marked increase in student cooperation and a great improvement in discipline and academic work. We strongly encourage other classes to adopt similar plans.

Panel Discusses International Responsibilities

A very lively and candid panel discussion on "International Responsibilities," organized by the C.F.C.C.S. society, took place on Pax Ramana Sunday, March 5. The panel, made up of students from different countries, comprised John French, representing Canada, Bill Dolan, and John Weed, the United States, Vibert Rosemary, British Guiana, and Wayne Au-Yong, Hong Kong.

Preceding the discussion was a very interesting talk by Rev. F. W. Bolger, Ph. D., on the topic "Our International Responsibilities." Father Bolger called upon all students to strive to fulfill their national and international obligations, and offered positive suggestions whereby they could achieve these aims.

The topics discussed by the panel ranged from local to international matters affecting foreign students. The question

of forming political parties in the student government created a great deal of controversy among the members, but the consensus of opinion seemed to indicate that such a move could have many merits and advantages. In connection with the discussion on student government, the foreign students all appreciated the fact that there was adequate opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities.

On the question of whether Canada was doing enough to encourage foreign students, Mr. Rosemary expressed doubt. He felt that much more could be done by both Canada and the United States, and expressed the hope that positive action in this direction would soon be implemented.

Following the meeting, the students were invited to spend the evening in the homes of Catholic families in Charlottetown.

Wheel Trek Arouses Action In Legislature

The chilly mid-February wind and the unexpected snow blizzard failed to deter St. Dunstan's Engineering students from pushing a wheelbarrow of fill from the College campus to the Borden Ferry, a distance of thirty-six miles. Unlike the bed-pushing fad, coined purely for fun by other Canadian Colleges, the S.D.U. boys had as their primary motive the intention of serving notice on the Island Legislature that it was about time something was done to start the construction of the causeway from Borden to Cape Tormentine, thus linking the Island with the mainland.

The engineers, about thirty in number, left the Campus on Saturday morning, February 11, and taking turns at intervals of 100 yards, ran and pushed the barrow along the main highway, arriving ahead of the train, which had left the city a short while before them.

On arrival at Borden, they paraded through the town, and then proceeded to the pier,

where the M. V. Abegweit was in dry dock. A second-year engineer, Walter "Chuck" McEwan, was the honored gentleman, chosen to dump the first cubic foot of earth, out of an estimated one billion and eighty million cubic feet, necessary to build the causeway.

Having accomplished their task, the boys returned to Charlottetown, where they were graciously entertained to a "coke" party, given in their honour by Mrs. Milton Bell, proprietress of the "Old Spain" Restaurant.

This history-making occasion had its political aftermath the following day as Mr. Alex Matheson, Liberal Opposition leader in the P. E. I. Legislature, speaking about the incident, remarked, "The Youth of today have shown the way to the Party of yesterday."

Efforts have recently been made by certain prominent citizens to purchase the history-making wheelbarrow from the students and to have it placed in the museum at Montague.

SDU Glee Club Gives Grand Performance

On February 7, the S.D.U. Glee Club performed in the Alumni Gymnasium. Their previous performances were in Summerside and Souris; now the members of the Glee Club were ready for their biggest night. February 7, being celebrated this year in honour of our patron saint, Saint Dunstan, was, as is usual, a holiday, and a day enjoyed by students and faculty alike. What could be better for the end of a perfect day than a cultural and entertaining performance in which the students themselves participate?

The two-hour program consisted of songs sung by the whole Glee Club in which the selections chosen varied from such Newfoundland folksongs as "Lukey's Boat" to the religious "Dona Nobis Pacem." Entire Choral started the evening of songs and ended it. The boys alone blended their deep melodious voices in the Triple Quartet and Boys' Group. During the evening, the girls also displayed their singing talent in various selections, beginning with the most appropriate for the evening, "Tis Our Festival Day." In addition to this group singing, there were two Mixed Quartets and four soloists:

Patsy Leightizer, Eileen Grant, Peggy MacIntyre, and Virginia MacDougall. The talented George Fraser rendered several bag-pipe selections, which were greatly enjoyed by a most appreciative audience.

In mentioning the events of the evening, we must not forget the excellent performance of the St. Dunstan's Band, who, twice during the night, played march and waltz selections. Our thanks go to Father Kelly and Lieutenant MacGregor who did tremendous work with our boys. (We are now waiting for the time when the S.D.U. Band will devote a whole evening to perform for the students and faculty.)

After the closing number by the Chorale, Father Landrigan, the director of the Glee Club, spoke on behalf of the Glee Club. Then, the president of the Glee Club, Jim Morrison, presented flowers to both the conductress, Sister Mary Pauline, and the accompanist, Patty Grant.

With "The Queen" the festivities of St. Dunstan's Day came to a close.

The final performance of the S.D.U. Glee Club took place February 12 at the Community Centre in Charlottetown.



Pictured above are this year's MIDL debaters. Seated (L. to R.): Vibert Rosemary, Rev. F. W. Bolger. (Coach), Ed Benson. Standing: Colin MacMillan, Harry Callaghan, Eugene Quinn, Bill Dolan.

Hats Off To The Co-eds

The first girls' Inter-Collegiate debate of the season was held away from home. Frances MacDougall and Pat Poirier travelled over to the University of King's College, and, supporting the negative side of the topic, "Resolved that the Communists lost more than they gained in the current U.N. General Assembly session," won a split decision over the King's girls.

In their practice debate at home, Patricia and Frances debated against Patsy McNeill and Marilyn Sutherland. The co-eds this year have displayed a very keen interest in debating, and to help provide them with this much-needed experience, coach Dr. Brendan O'Grady arranged two meetings between them and the Varsity boys.

On February 5th, Marcia Ar-

senault and Marilyn Sutherland gave an excellent performance against Colin MacMillan and Harry Callaghan, who debated and won the same topic against Mount A. On February 12th, Elaine Green and Dorothy Morris also provided excellent opposition for Bill Dolan and Eugene Quinn who later went on to defeat Saint F.X. on the same topic the following night.

In preparation for the next girls' Intercollegiate debate against Acadia University on March 19th, Ellen Reddin and Patricia Leightizer will practice against Patsy McNeill and Noreen Cameron. Last year the S.D.U. girls won the MGIDL title, and in order to retain it this year, they need to win unanimously. As a good audience always helps, the girls are anxiously expecting as much help as possible from the students.

Varsity Debaters Score "Brace"

St. Dunstan's Varsity debaters wound up the year's schedule in Maritime Inter-Collegiate Debating by scoring two unanimous victories in their three debates against other Maritime Colleges.

On February 9th, Colin MacMillan, Freshman Arts and Harry Callaghan, Sophomore Science, won a unanimous decision at Mount Allison University, supporting the negative side of the resolution, "Resolved that Canada is becoming too much of a Socialist State."

The following week, Ed Benson, Junior Arts and Bert Rosemary, Sophomore Arts, in the second away match, debated against Acadia University, upholding the affirmative of the topic, "Resolved that Canada should disengage herself from all commitments of Continental Defence entered into with the United States." Fortunately for Canada, but unfortunately for S.D.U., our boys lost by a unanimous vote.

However, two days later, St. Dunstan's MIDL Society man-

aged to maintain its traditional record, when Bill Dolan and Eugene Quinn, both Junior Arts and in their first year of Varsity debating, defeated St. F.X. University unanimously, supporting the negative side of the resolution, "Resolved that a rearmend West Germany constitutes a menace to Europe and the world." As this was the only home debate for the year, it attracted quite a large number of students and members of the faculty. The judges for this occasion were three prominent members of the public: Rev. C. H. Moreau, C.Ss.R., Rector of Holy Redeemer Parish; His Worship Walthen Gaudet, Mayor of Charlottetown, and Hon. M. A. Farmer, a member of the Island Legislature.

The RED AND WHITE congratulates Rev. Francis Bolger for the excellent task of coaching, which he so splendidly performed after taking over the post less than two months ago.

This month, Debating "D's" will be awarded to Ed Benson, Harry Callaghan, Dan O'Hanley and Bert Rosemary.