

EDITORIALS

COUNCIL ESCAPES BANKRUPTCY

THOSE LAZY HAZY CRAZY DAYS of bulging and bumping of budgets are by—but only after a strategic financial manoeuvre by the deficit threatened Students' Union. In the final analysis, fourteen Union dependent societies received a record braking total of \$9,260.00. Allotments ranged from \$35.00 for the newly established Publicity Committee to \$2,700.00 in support of this "Venerable" publication.

AS EACH SUCCEEDING REQUEST met consideration, it became increasingly obvious that despite the most scrupulous and austere investigations, available resources would be insufficient. Moreover, unless extraordinary action were undertaken, the Union Piggy Bank would suffer deep humiliation. In lieu of these disheartening prospects, and after some discussion with the Council, the Executive promptly decided to extend the commencement of the Coffee Shop lease from September, 1964, to January 1965. In other words, Coffee Shop payments will not begin until January next and funds previously allocated for earlier payments will instead serve to quell impending deficits.

SUCH REMEDIAL ACTION means an additional \$2,800.00 to this year's operating treasury, more importantly it allows the many campus organizations to subsist on something more than a starvation budget.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS?

Representatives from RED and WHITE attended the Atlantic Regional Conference of the Canadian University Press at Mount Allison University last weekend. While the purpose of the meetings was to discuss mutual problems of Maritime college newspapers, the primary intention of the St. Dunstan's delegation was to consider the feasibility of RED and WHITE gaining recognition by this national organization.

Thirty-two campus publications across the nation receive benefits through active membership in Canadian University Press. From its central offices in Toronto, a staff of full-time CUP reporters provide a news service similar to those of the Canadian or Associated Press. These dispatches render an invaluable supplementary aid to member publications.

If RED And WHITE is to approach standards demanded from university schrolls it must of necessity gain access to the CUP news wire. Discussions with both Regional and National organization officials indicated that St. Dunstan's would profit greatly through affiliations with the Canadian University Press. We have assurances, also, that any request for Associate membership (a two year trial period, during which time a decision concerning permanent membership must be made) by RED and WHITE would be graciously considered.

Obstacles? Associate Membership is granted to qualifying papers at a nominal cost of \$75.00 for the first year and \$50.00 for the second. Whether or not our request to the Student Council for this sum will be honored . . . well, we can only try!

CO-EDS CLAMOR EQUALITY

ALTHOUGH IT MAY READILY APPEAR to the naked eye that our co-eds are a well fed lot, there were a number last week who chose, in protest, to neglect their meals. We refer to that somewhat tired and underprivileged band of Freshettes who would prefer to starve than venture that lonely half-mile for dinner. "Why," they demanded, "should we be compelled to jaunt cross-country while our dear friends at Marian need only to stagger downstairs?"

WE DO NOT REFUTE THEIR CLAIMS, for only a polar bear could joyfully anticipate the prospects of a Deer Island winter. Unfortunately, there are no such mammals at Mount St. Mary's. If this sorry situation be allowed to continue, these poor neglected belle dames will be soon bucking snuggie deep drifts while howling winds slice their pastel leotards. Let action be the cry! Ye shall be rescued, O subjected ones.

WE DO UNDERSTAND, THOUGH, that this most threatening crisis is currently being appraised and that a favorable solution lurks near. Our weight is behind you, dear girls.

FLASH!!! SEE HOW INFLUENTIAL WE ARE.—IT JUST CROSSED THE WIRE THAT DINNERS ARE NOW BEING SERVED AT THE "MOUNT".

Letters to the Editor

LIKE HELL WE WILL!

Dear Sir:

Your last edition contained a letter from what appears to be from just one of the many conceited seniors on this campus. I think I am speaking for the rest of the Freshmen when I say that we will not heed any such rules as proposed by our so called "Upper Classmen".

We are supposed to be so green, and you are supposed to be so superior and experienced; well, Seniors, we are not as green as you think. We succumbed to your foolishness for one week, and we refuse to play host to any more regulations imposed on us.

If, for one minute, any "Upper Classman" thinks we will bow or courtsey, he or she is sadly mistaken. We will also express ourselves whenever we feel like it no matter who is speaking among you seniors (or seniores, as you so foolishly call them). Neither will we yield right-of-way to you nor will we stand on the grass to permit you to pass, for our Benevolent Dean of Men told us that grass was not to walk on. Furthermore, if you think we will let you be served first at the canteen when we are starving, or if you think we will give you first choice of drives when we are standing on the highway freezing, you had better think again!

A Freshman (Of course)

IRONIC

Dear Sir:

A certain clause in the constitution of the illustrious Honor Society strikes me as being quite ironic. It has to do with the writing of mid-semester examinations. Apparently those who belong are exempt from November and February cramming—But are they???

The answer, it seems, is partly. Some professors do not require the privilege to write them, but they are in the minority. Others explicitly require it, and some take the stand that it is not required, but if you don't!!!

Granted, there are advantages in writing them; but this is beside the point. If the rule is there, then why should it not be complied with without any discrimination against those who do not write them? Is it due to the exam-mindedness of some of the professors or is there some definite reason for it?

Just Inquisitive

"POOR EXCUSE"

Dear Sir:

The last four page edition of the RED And WHITE was a poor excuse for a university paper. The blame, I know, does not lie with you but with that sector of the student body who could, but do not contribute any material for publication. One would think that in a student body of over five hundred there would be some who could make an effort at improving its

standards, which at Saint Dunstan's are high (especially academically). If any more RED And WHITE editions appear like the last, it is far below the standards expected from university students and certainly a disgrace to the ability of the students therein. Your first publication was excellent, but the last was a miserable effort.

Yet, we must notice the dissatisfied ones. They are the first to criticize who sit back passively and refuse to take an active part in the improvement of our paper. I have, Mr. Editor, if you will consider this as . . .

My contribution.

ED. NOTE: Opinions, good or bad, will be published if space allows. Of course whether we agree or disagree just don't really matter, or does it?

BEST WISHES

Dear Sir:

I read your editorial with great interest and must pledge my full support behind it. Anyone that attended that infamous meeting knows full well that matters were rather poorly organized and that a farce was made of the democratic processes.

Congratulations for your honest appraisal and best wishes for continued success with our campus newspaper.

Very truly yours,
B. L.

ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



COLIN McMILLAN

Some Refreshing Rumors

Alumnews has heard, from usually reliable sources, rumors to the effect that the Class of '64 is seriously thinking of being the first recent graduating class to initiate a pledge fund to help the University financially. This rumor has been expressed in terms of \$250 pledged by each member of the graduating class over a period of five years, netting the college a grand sum of about \$18,000. If this idea materializes and is adopted by subsequent classes, this could mean a very significant amount to Saint Dunstan's.

One interested reader suggested, in a letter to Alumnews, that "it is high time the graduating classes gave some of the fruits of having gone to Saint Dunstan's to the college; in no other institution does the Alumni get off so easily as it does at Saint Dunstan's."

Something To Think About

Another reader suggested that Saint Dunstan's adopt something in the line of a "Home-Coming-Week-End", an Alumnus Day in connection with the Winter Carnival, or a similar function where the Alumni would be invited to the campus. This could be worth investigating.

S. D. U. Rhodes Scholar

We have had many inquiries about S.D.U. Rhodes Scholar and member of last year's graduating class, Colin McMillan. Colin writes that after leaving P.E.I. for Montreal on September 23 and attending a Rhodes Scholar farewell banquet there on the 24, he along with six other Canadian Rhodes Scholars, sailed on R. M. S. Franconia up the St. Lawrence to Southampton. "The next week," he writes, "we spent in London sight-seeing before coming to Oxford on October 9th." Colin describes Oxford as "quite a place" though he says the term Oxford University is really a misnomer, for Oxford really consists of 32 separate colleges (5 for women) which are completely autonomous units offering all that the students need in the way of residence. He says the University itself simply acts as a coordinator setting and regulating the examinations and the conferring of degrees. Thus, having been assigned a college, the student gets his orders from the college administration.

"The lectures at Oxford," Colin says, "are completely optional although your choice depends somewhat on your tutor; you may at-

tend as many or as few as you like in whatever field you like. Most students attend about ten a week. A lot don't go to any at all."

As for accommodations, Colin informs us that all the colleges are residential establishments, and the majority of students stay right in the confines of their own individual college. "I have a 16 by 12 foot sitting room that is completely furnished (with heater) and a reasonably sized adjoining bedroom. Each staircase of fifteen rooms has a Scout (Caretaker) who wakes you up every morning at eight with a pleasant 'Good Morning, Sir!' The Scout also sees that your bed is made, your coffee cups and sherry glasses are clean, that your cream jar is filled each morning, and that you are well aware of everything that is going on around the town."

As for the general type of person you find at Oxford, Colin says that "there are a lot of brilliant people here and a lot of mediocre ones as well; the most of whom have worked so hard to get into Oxford that getting here is quite anticlimatic. The students here are much more radical than I expected; they all wear their hair long; most of them don't go to church, but when you get to know them you find that they are very friendly."

Continuing, he says that coming from Canada he gets much recognition as he would if he came from any university in North America — none. "That's what startles you most about Oxford — if you don't have a degree from Oxford or Cambridge, you don't have a degree at all."

Father Bolger.

Alumnews extends to Rev. Dr. F. W. P. Bolger, professor of history at St. Dunstan's and member of the class of '47, its congratulations on his being given an award of merit by the American Association for State and Local History. The award is for Dr. Bolger's work *Prince Edward Island and Confederation, 1863-1873*. The association Award of Merit is a special citation given to persons, groups, or organizations who have contributed to the study or understanding of local history. The awards are conferred by a national committee which annually studies and evaluates the outstanding work that has been done in the field of state and local history, as reported by state and regional committees.

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