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- EDITORIAL -

The Students and the Board of Governors

The Students' Union at St. Dunstan's is seeking representation on the University Board of Governors. Union officials are preparing a brief to present to the Board in this regard. The RED AND WHITE strongly believes that the students at St. Dunstan's **should have** representation on the Board of Governors.

A gulf exists between the students and the university government at St. Dunstan's. Lines of communication should be strengthened between these two groups. Student representation, either direct or indirect, would be a big step towards narrowing the present gap, and would add considerably to the efficient operation of the University. That students are dissatisfied with the way in which many things are done at St. Dunstan's, that the Board of Governors is often at a loss to understand student opinion in many areas, and that communication between the students and the Board is practically non-existent are facts at St. Dunstan's University. For example, discontent is widespread among the students in regard to course requirements, such as the compulsory teaching of philosophy and theology; the athletic programme, the unnecessarily late opening of the rink this year, cafeteria management, the preparation of food; as well as residence restrictions, such as those at Marian College and Mount St. Mary's. At the same time, recent negotiations between University and Student Union officials revealed that many members of the Board of Governors were totally ignorant of the student government at St. Dunstan's. Few can deny that the gap exists.

Granted, many areas of discontent do not come within the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Governors. Nevertheless, the Board is the real source of power at St. Dunstan's University. As such, its members have considerable influence over almost all aspects of university administration. Therefore, student representation at this level would provide the students with some influence over most areas affecting them at the university.

Moreover, if student discontent in certain areas is unjustified, as may well be the case, then student representation on the Board of Governors would give the students, particularly the student leaders, an insight into the wisdom of Board decisions. If, on the other hand, student discontent in some areas is justified, then student representation would give the Board a better understanding of and appreciation for student problems and opinions.

The idea of student participation in the government of a university is not new. Student representation on the Board of Governors of a university has worked well at such universities as Queens and Victoria. Several American colleges have chosen this method as a means of tightening the relationship between the students and the university governments. Student representation on the Board of Governors is generally accepted at Scottish universities. The Duff-Berdahl report, commissioned to study university government in Canada, officially recommended that students be given representation on the Board of Governors of Canadian universities.

Student participation in the Student-Faculty Committee, student representation on the Discipline Committee, and student membership on the Athletic Board have proven that St. Dunstan's students have enough maturity to contribute to the efficient operation of such bodies. As a result, communication has been established between the students and some members of the faculty. However, **absolutely no** lines of communication exist between the students and non-faculty members of the university government.

The students of St. Dunstan's have a genuine respect for those in charge of governing the University. The University governors have demonstrated in the past a deep concern for the welfare of the students. Nevertheless, this relationship can best be nourished by the understanding of each other's position when both groups share in the operation of St. Dunstan's University.



Letters

Dear Editor,

We would like to make ourselves known. Apparently the "powers that be" of your paper are unaware that a third residence of girls exists at St. Dunstan's. The residence has been christened THE POND-EROSA, wherein resides eleven Freshettes. This name originated from our position, which is 6 Pond Street, Charlottetown.

We have an unlisted telephone number, but for any interested MALES it's 4-8159. (It's never busy like the phones at Marian or St. Mary's).

We have noticed in former issues that we girls have been included as residents of St. Mary's — for example, in the write-up about the girl's softball league. We realize that you have not slighted us knowingly, but were simply unaware of the facts. However, if this error will be rectified, it will be deeply appreciated.

We are
The Ponderosa Girls.

Editor's Note:
Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Dear Sir,

Where, oh where! is our Canadian flag flying on this campus? If the Liberals in Ottawa were good enough to choose the colors of St. Dunstan's for our country's flag, then where the Hell is the flag? Have some Separatists come over and burned it? Let's have the Canadian flag flying at St. Dunstan's like any proud Canadian institution should.

Some students who are proud of the flag because it is Canadian.

C. A. P.

Dear Sir,

Due to the energy and initiative of the Freshettes this year, the Co-Ed party was a resounding success. However, due to complaints we have received, we feel that we should apologize to the upper-class females for snatching the best men on campus (the most eligible, that is).

Age must be slowing down said the upper-class females. But remember, the early bird

catches the worm.

Future upper-class women.

Editor's Note:

Who wants to go to a party with a worm anyway?

Dear Sir,

In our modern society, there are two things that cause confusion in the minds of a modern man. These are moon rocks and mini-skirts. Actually, the more interesting of the two is the mini-skirt, since these shortened, knee-showing garments cause somewhat of an emotional upset in the young guy's mind. To see a girl in a mini-skirt is either a thrill or a shock depending on the physical contours of the leg.

Around St. Dunstan's, a really built leg is somewhat of a rarity. Well, if there is at least one, there must be another, which in turn makes a pair, which means one pair of sexy legs—hence, a girl has two legs.

a philosopher.

Editor's Note:

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ACROSS THE NATION

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Dr. John B. Macdonald, president of the University of British Columbia, has resigned his position, it was announced Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Dr. Macdonald, university president for the past five years, was in Ottawa attending the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada conference when his resignation was announced at a news conference.

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Some Canadian students feel women do have a place in modern technological society — that they are more than baby-machines.

And so Memorial University's debating team defeated the British universities' debating team on the resolution women should be kept pregnant, barefoot, and in the kitchen.

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — Acadia University's students' council has formed a committee to consider the pros and cons of Acadia's proposed withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students.

"There is a strong feeling among committee members that CUS has gone out of line," said Bary Carmichael, a committee member. But "there are many aspects still to be considered," he hastened to point out.

OTTAWA (CUP) — The president of the International Union of Students was denied entrance into Canada this weekend because "he didn't meet our requirements", an immigration department official told the Canadian Union of Students.

When asked to explain this statement, the official, "No comment", and so Zybnek Vokrouhlicky was not allowed to make his unannounced visit to CUS.

MONTREAL (CUP) — The reprinting of an "immoral" article in Laval University's student newspaper has created a situation similar to the one it aroused when first printed six years ago.

But instead of being expelled like his luckless predecessor, Carabin editor-in-chief Jacques Mathieu is being investigated by a tribunal d'honneur composed of three off-campus officials.

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The Edmonton student council is trying to get Canadian Union of Students services without paying fees, University of British Columbia students' council president charged.

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Dear Sir,

Are there swine in Main Building? It would appear that there are judging by the contented burbs that burst forth from the obese abdomen of a certain individual on Fourth Floor. Every night, as the aforementioned winds his way to the washroom, the residents are subjected to a series of barfs and belches which leaves the affected students swearing vehemently. Would Bromo Seltzer help?

Disgusted.

Editor's Note:

No, but hydro chloris acid might.

St. Dunstan's Alma Mater

Saint Dunstan Alma Mater, we pledge our hearts to thee.

And vow that we will never fail thy trust, nor falter in our loyalty.

For when life's tide is ebbing, and carries youth from sight,

We'll be thankful that our golden memories are ting'd with Red and White.

Too soon tomorrow beckons, and bids us say farewell.

Too soon we leave this solace of thine arms, too soon

Will sound the final bell.

When others walk their pathways, with footsteps young and light,

We shall still be with you as we are today, Saint Dunstan's Red and White.

R. J. McLaughlin