

It was not until he had dragged the blubbering Phinias Q. from the pond and started along the path for home that he realized the painful significance of the fact.

—ROY GRANT '52.

"TAKE THE BALL . . ."

"Take the ball, take the ball, take the ball through. . . ." These are words with which all of us at S. D. U. are familiar. For it is but a few weeks since we sat on the chilly grandstand yelling this college-cheer for the encouragement of our football players engaged in what might be called a smearing combat; we were getting what we call 'that old college spirit' into the game. We often talk vaguely and loosely about 'college spirit'. So, it might benefit us at this time to ponder over the true meaning of this airy expression, discover its implications, and discuss the various ways by which it can find expression in our college life.

College spirit does not essentially consist in cheering madly at a football game, or any other game for that matter. As we see it, college spirit is something more all-inclusive and dynamic. True, it is rather difficult to explain it—it is almost intangible; but we nevertheless feel it. It could be described as a certain atmosphere which pervades the entire campus; it is electric. It is that which makes an otherwise bleak colony of brick buildings a living organism; a buzzing honeycomb. It is that mysterious magnet which draws us back year after year to 'dear old S.D.U.', to the old familiar surroundings.

Our college spirit is first and foremost a Christian one. Its essence is in its Christianity. For while many colleges in our day tend towards secularism and agnosticism and even paganism in their attitudes on life, learning, and society, our little institution clings tenaciously to the traditional Christian standards and attitudes. It is an exponent of those very values from which many factions in our society are blindly attempting to 'free' themselves; it favours a way of life of which Justice and Charity are the keynotes as contrasted with the purposed aimlessness, pessimism, and materialism of many of our intellectual centers. And this spirit moves constantly over the campus, pervades our courses and daily routine, and gradually becomes assimilated into our very fibre. This, then, is the essence of our college spirit and the source of the many characteristics which we sometimes mistake for the spirit itself.

One such characteristic is sacrifice. The history of our college in the ninety-six years of its glorious existence gives loud testimony of supreme acts of sacrifice. For it was founded by sacrifice, is being maintained through sacrifice, and most likely always will operate on the sacrifice of life, talents, and material benefits for the furtherance of Christian education for the youth of our province. Many are the unsung heroes who have lived, and are living today, lives of unobtrusive service and who form an impressive pageant under the banner of true Christian unselfishness. And this self-giving has been the result of unfailing Christian zeal and charity; a Christian spirit.

Many other characteristics there are too, such as obedience, respect for authority, diligence, a proper sense of responsibility, co-operation, and general good fellowship, which have their origin in the Christian spirit which is our college spirit.

How does this spirit find expression? In part through an exhibition of pride and loyalty. By always speaking well of our college, by supporting her in every endeavour, by encouraging all that is for her welfare and the benefit of her sons and daughters and opposing all injurious influences, do we show that we are imbued with a dynamic and very real college spirit. Whatever is for her is for us. Thus it is that we cheer madly for our representatives, whether on the athletic field or on the debating platform; thus it is that we give our full support to any faculty or student project and work assiduously for its fulfillment; for, obsessed with a true college spirit, we are proud of our college and loyal to her and her own.

It is sometimes complained that the older students do not sufficiently exhibit college spirit. This is partly true. But it is to these that the younger and new students look for inspiration; they are expected to lead the way. So it is vitally important that they do so, that the torch of loyalty and pride be passed on and continue to maintain the traditions of the past. To the younger students we say, try to capture this spirit and attitude that we call college spirit; make it a part of your very being, and you will find that college life takes on a different meaning; for living at college without it results in a sluggish existence. With college spirit you will live the life of a true student and will be a credit to the institution.

College spirit does not end upon graduation. That is evidenced from the continued loyalty to St. Dunstan's by the many Alumni scattered all over America. The principle seems to be, 'once for S.D.U., always true.' And while we cheer and fight for our college in a body, we might correctly imagine many thousands joining with us in spirit and shouting 'Take the ball, take the ball. . . .' Let us hope that we too, upon graduation, will ever retain 'that old college spirit.'

—EDITORIAL.

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

Three days
They paced the crowded streets and byways,
Paced amid bearded vendors and gowned girls
Past marbled altars and dim-lit systyles
The two
Anxious and solea-clad: seeking, ever seeking
The One.

One morn
In the celestial silence of a vestry
The two
Kingdoms vied for the throne of my soul
As I sought in vain, in vain . . . then the bell
Rent the stillness: wide-eyed, I found one of
The Three.

—GEORGE KEEFE '51

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At this period of history when the Christian world is confronted with ideologies which threaten to enslave it, it seems that each country which lays claim to a Christian heritage should be united morally and physically from within in order to meet the enemy with that strength which comes from such unity. Yet this is not the case. On this continent in recent years there has appeared an evil which has already caused untold degeneration, and which, if allowed to continue unchecked, will help reduce our society to a state of baseness and insecurity which will weaken us so that we shall not be able to ward off the perils which at this moment seem so terrible. The evil, pernicious in every respect, is the enormous amount of indecent and untruthful literature which is slowly relieving us of the ability to make an adequate judgment of reality.