

## College



## Chronicle

It seems such a short time since the last issue of the **Red and White** was published; time certainly does fly! Holidays and exams have come and gone, and the latter will soon be upon us again. As usual there has been a constant stream of activity on the campus.

From Nov. 21-23 inclusive, the Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students held its Maritime Regional Conference here at St. Dunstan's. Topics ranging from "the objectives of the Catholic College" to "leadership" were discussed and spoken upon. This was considered a very successful conference and contained a special note of interest for us here at S.D.U. in the fact that Miss Olga Dowling, now Secretary of the St. Dunstan's unit of C.F.C.C.S. was elected to the position of Regional Chairman for the Maritimes.

A general meeting of the student body was held on November 23. The President of the Students' Union thanked the Glee Club for their entertainment of the C.F.C.C.S. delegates and congratulated Miss Dowling on her new appointment. Mr. Gil Collins reported on the Conference on World Affairs at McGill University. Following this, a discussion took place concerning student affairs, and participation therein.

St. Dunstan's first inter-collegiate debate for 1958 was held on Nov. 30. Miss Margaret Hagen and Miss Frances Doiron of the Women's Division of the Debating League upheld the affirmative of the resolution "Resolved that the impact of mass media of communication today is more beneficial than detrimental to human happiness." Their opponents were two ladies from Mt. St. Bernard's, last year's champions. The session was chaired by Miss Mary Elaine Trainor. The judges' decision on the debate was given in favour of the negative, who displayed both polish and experience, together with a most effective style. However if the excellent poise and delivery of the Affirmative is an indication of the future for our women debaters, that future should be a very starry one. Miss Mary Elaine Trainor and Miss Patricia Poirier will represent St. Dunstan's in a debate against Mt. St. Vincent's, in the very near future.

The teams for competition in the Men's Division of the M.I.-D.L. have been chosen. William Kelly and Daniel O'Hanley will travel to Mount Allison, Robert Fearon and Richard Flemming

will meet Acadia here at S.D.U., and Robert Doyle and Charles Doley will represent St. Dunstan's at Halifax against St. Mary's in the final debate.

December 1 was "bloody Monday" at St. Dunstan's, and as usual the students gave generously to the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic. In the class competition, the Seniors took first place with a 100% turn-out. Juniors were close behind with 95%, and the over-all attendance for the college was 83%.

His Excellency, Most Reverend Malcolm MacEachern, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University, celebrated the Community Mass in the Chapel on Dec. 8. The holiday which "he granted the professors" was well received in light of the examinations which were looming on the horizon. On the same day the students were privileged to welcome the Vienna Choir Boys, who sang at a special low Mass which was held in the College Chapel.

The first event of any importance at the College in 1959, was the presentation, on January 7, of the play, *The Comedian*. It was presented by the "day students" of St. Dunstan's, under the direction of Father Arsenaault. The performance was outstanding and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience of faculty members and students.

On January 9, a lecture was delivered in the auditorium by Hon. Heath MacQuarrie M.P. He spoke on the United Nations and the role that Canada plays in that world organization; he also discussed the last session of the General Assembly which he attended. Following the lecture the speaker answered many and varied questions from both faculty and students.

The political clubs on the Campus have once more brought themselves to the fore. The officers of the Conservative Club are as follows: President, Robert Fearon; Vice-President, Robert Doyle; Secretary, Jacqueline Cummiskey. The slate of officers for the Liberal Club consists of: President, Faber MacDonald; Vice-President, Gerald D. Murphy; Secretary, Eugene Quinn.

January 31, saw the official opening of our new rink. A costume skate was held from 8 to 8:30 a.m., and from a combination of fantastic and comical costumes, that of Gerald O'Day representing the devil, and David Gallant as the 1959 Co-ed were chosen as deserving of prizes. Several speakers were then heard, including the contractors for the building; Ed. Murphy, President of the A.A.A.; and Father Simpson, the Bursar, who pronounced the rink officially open. Following the ceremonies a general skate took place, which lasted for the rest of the evening.

Social activities have not been lacking since the last Chronicle appeared. The Thursday afternoon socials have been held regularly,

the last of which, before the Holy Sesaon of Lent, took place on February 5. A sock-hop was held in the gym early in January, and as usual a large number of students from the College and town were present.

Since the last edition of the **Red and White** two sponsored dances have been held: one at the Rollaway in November, sponsored by the A.A.A., and one in the gym in January, sponsored by the Co-eds Sigma Delta Sorority.

On Monday, February 2, the S.D.U. gym was the setting for the annual WUSC semi-formal. Music for the evening was supplied by the Downtowners, with dancing from 9:30 to 12:00. Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Driscoll. The WUSC Committee is to be congratulated on the hard work they put forth to make the dance the great success that it was.

The day following February 2, was the date of the annual holiday declared in honour of our Patron, St. Dunstan. The day began with a hockey game between the Faculty and the Seniors, and, as usually seems to happen, the Faculty were the victors. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11:30 in the Chapel by Rt. Reverend J. A. Sullivan, assisted by Rev. Thomas MacLellan and Rev. James Kelly. Directly following Mass a banquet was held in the refectory. During the banquet toasts were drunk; to the Queen; to the Church, proposed by Louis Doucette, and responded to by Richard Fleming; to our Country, by Margaret Hagen and Francis Doiron; to Our University, by Robert Doyle and John R. MacDonald; and to the day celebrated, by William Kelly and Gerry Tingley.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Frank Sigsworth, an alumnus of St. Dunstan's now working towards his degree in Law. In his brilliant and interesting address Mr. Sigsworth spoke on the question of Common Law in Canada, and the advantages and the dangers of this system as it now exists. Later in the day a hockey game took place between the Varsity and Juvenile teams. The Juveniles received their first defeat of the year by the score of 5 to 3. The game was followed by a skate which concluded shortly before supper.

In the evening the centre of attraction was moved to the auditorium, where an interesting program was sponsored by the Glee-Club. Faber MacDonald acted as MC, and the entertainment, which ranged from solos to group singing, was heartily enjoyed by both performers and audience. Everyone then retired to the basement, where the members of the Sorority served coffee and doughnuts. A sing-song ended the festivities on a note of good spirits and togetherness, the latter being one of the prime reasons for the celebration of St. Dunstan's Day.

On the week-end of February 6, St. Dunstan's Student Union dispatched two representatives, Mr. Louis Doucette, NFCUS Chairman at S.D.U., and Miss Patricia Poirier, to the NFCUS Conference being held at Acadia University. The purpose of this Conference was to discuss the problems, and the solutions to these problems, facing this organization in the Maritimes. Mr. Mortimer Bristyski National President of NFCUS, made a brief visit to St. Dunstan's before he travelled to the Convention with our delegates. During his stay here he gave a lecture, which was both interesting and very enlightening, concerning NFCUS.

The sixth annual Regional WUSC Conference was held at St. Dunstan's from February 6th to the 8th. Eleven universities from the Atlantic provinces participated. This Conference, which discussed problems facing the organization, and made plans for the Annual WUSC Summer Seminar to be held in the West Indies, was judged to be an outstanding success. Miss Olga Dowling, a Junior Student at St. Dunstan's, will attend the West Indies Seminar this summer as a representative of the Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's units of WUSC.

Such have the been main activities at St. Dunstan's since our last edition; and, as these pages go to press, the Holy Season of Lent comes upon us. On behalf of the **Red and White**, may we wish you a holy and fruitful season of Lent, and after, an uplifting and very happy Easter.