



College Chronicle

It seems scarcely any time since we edited the Autumn Chronicle section. So it was no little surprise when we were informed recently that another deadline was not far distant. As we ponder, we are rather startled by the fact that the college year and the winter season is more than half completed. Now, as the school year swings into the back stretch, we shall proceed with a round-up of all the happenings since our last issue.

SOCIETIES

The various societies and organizations have been more than busy for the past three months.

Probably the most exciting news this year comes from the M.I.D.L. The efforts of our debating teams this year have been crowned with success. It has been a banner year for St. Dunstan's debators as they have won three Inter-collegiate debates, and each by unanimous decisions.

Two of those debates were held at St. Dunstan's and one at Saint John, N. B. On Wednesday, November 28, in St. Dunstan's Assembly Hall, Robert Croken and Allan MacDonald defeated a debating team from St. Francis Xavier University by upholding the negative of the resolution, "Resolved that the C.B.C. is detrimental to the best interests of the Canadian people." Then on Friday, February 15, in the College Gymnasium, the team of Emmett Roche and Clair Callaghan successfully defended the negative of the subject, "Resolved that a political union of the Maritime Provinces should be affected." Their opposition was a debating team representing Mt. Allison University. Away from home, the duo of Walter Reid and Cyril Mac-Isaac triumphantly argued the negative of the following topic: "Resolved that Communist activities be made a criminal offense in Canada." This time the opposition was supplied by University of New Brunswick Law School, Saint John, New Brunswick.

We at St. Dunstan's are justly proud of the showing of our debators, and have high hopes that they will achieve this year what they almost accomplished two years ago,

that is the winning of the Dominion Debating Championship. Certainly our debators this year have shown that they possess oratorical skill of a very high calibre.

The Dramatic Society under the capable management of its director, Rev. Edmund J. Roche, and its president David Kennedy is having a very successful year. On Saturday, November 19, a three-act romantic drama entitled "Smiling Through" was presented in the new College Auditorium. The success of the performance was evidenced by the enthusiastic applause and hearty praise it received.

The non Wednesday, November 23, the annual College Drama Festival took place. Each of the classes from the College years put on a three-act play. Although the competition was keen, Mr. Barry Bugden of Charlottetown, who adjudicated, awarded the acting laurels to the Junior Class players for the top performance of the evening.

On the following Sunday evening, November 27, the High School Drama Festival was staged. Each of the three High School years participated by presenting plays. David Kennedy judged the presentations and awarded the highest honors to Grade XII as having put forth the best effort.

Now, however, the Dramatic Society is practicing for what may be its biggest undertaking in years. The play is "The Hound of Heaven" by Edward P. O'Donnell, comprising eleven scenes and an acting cast of twenty-four. The first performance is expected to be staged early in March.

Last November, two national Catholic student organizations, C.F.C.C.S. and C.F.C.U.S., were reorganized and amalgamated at St. Dunstan's. At an executive meeting of the Student's Union, John Mullally was appointed chairman for both organizations while vice-chairmen appointed were John Weir for C.F.C.C.S. and Allan MacDonald for C.F.C.U.S. The members of the committees are Ellen Mullally, Edwin MacDonald, David McCormack, John J. O'Brien and Gerald Steele for C.F.C.C.S.; and Mary Creighan, John Fisher, Floyd McGaugh, and Philip Murphy for C.F.C.U.S. The general aim of both groups is the integral formation of the Catholic student. The more particular aims are furthering the close relations between Catholic students, broadening student activity particularly in the field of Catholic Action, spreading and publishing Catholic student opinion, and defending the interests of Catholic students.

The latter aims are being carried out through the issuing of joint publications from the various Catholic Colleges in eastern Canada which belong to C.F.C.C.S. and C.F.C.U.S.

In connection with organizing the groups at St. Dunstan's, Chairman John Mullally attended the annual conference of C.F.C.C.S. held at St. Michael's College, Toronto, from November 17-19. John was voted in as vice-president of the national organization in the selection of a new slate of officers.

One of the first steps taken by the executive of C.F.C.C.S. and C.F.C.U.S. after its inception at St. Dunstan's last fall was a campaign to return the spirit of Christ to Christmas. This was part of a national campaign undertaken in all cities where those organizations exist. We are happy to report that the program met with sympathetic co-operation in our own Province, especially by the stores and town councils of Charlottetown and Summerside. Judging from what has been accomplished already, C.F.C.C.S. and C.F.C.U.S. seem to be well on the way to becoming two very worthwhile organized societies on our campus.

I. S. S. has been quite active this year under its president, William McNeely, and the guidance of its faculty advisor, Rev. Thomas MacLellan. Already one successful skate has been held in the College rink. Billy is hopeful of having two more skates before the winter is over. Probably more significant has been a visit to the College on Monday, January 28, by Mrs. Greta Dixon, national secretary of I.S.S. Besides impressing us as being a very genuine person, Mrs. Dixon showed us the great need in the world of an organization such as I.S.S., especially if we are to bring about an understanding between the West and the oriental peoples of Southeast Asia. She also showed a film which made us more aware of the distressing economic and social conditions prevailing in some Asiatic and European countries as China and Poland. There is almost an obligation of charity to keep the I.S.S. organization functioning smoothly at St. Dunstan's.

The second general meeting of the Students' Union for the year was held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, February 14. President George Cameron presided and called upon each of the presidents of the various societies for a review of the year's activities in his particular society.

Most of the reports were encouraging and this fact augers well for a successful year for the student government and its affiliated organizations. This year the Students' Union has succeeded in publishing the constitution of all the societies in booklet form. The booklets will be available to all students on the campus desiring them.

We wish to congratulate Senior High School on the presentation of two good films this second term. Those films were shown in the Assembly Hall at a small nominal admission charge. The first of those was "The Green Years" based on a novel by Dr. A. J. Cronin; the other was a movie adaptation of Charles Dickens' great masterpiece "A Tale of Two Cities". The student body is gratefully appreciative of the efforts of Senior High School, especially since the entertainment provided has turned out to be pictures of such high rating.

RED AND WHITE held its annual dance in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, January 29. The effort of Dominic MacDonald and James Saunders was largely instrumental in making an enjoyable and successful dance despite inclement weather conditions. As was the case for the A.A.A. dance held in the Gym last fall, an I.M.T. bus was available and made several trips with passengers to and from Charlottetown before and after the dance.

RED AND WHITE extends congratulations to Mr. Brendan O'Grady, director of our English Department, whose marriage to Miss Leah Brothers of Charlottetown took place during the Christmas holidays. Mr. O'Grady, whose home is in New York City, is one of our popular lay teachers and has been teaching at St. Dunstan's for the last five years. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady many years of wedded bliss.

We also congratulate Alois Sleeva whose marriage to Gertrude Francisca Wagner was solemnized on January 22. Lol, whose native land is Czechoslovakia, was a student here two years ago. He is now teaching at St. Thomas College, Chatham, New Brunswick.

Other alumni whose marriages took place during the last few months have been: Joseph J. MacDonald, '46 to Mona Carter of Winnipeg; Kent MacDonald, ex '46, to Mary Christian of Georgetown; Leonard MacDonald, '48, to Elizabeth Dowling of Winnipeg; Owen Mullins, '49, to Dorothy Pelech of Hamilton; Dr. Hubert O'Hanley, '46, to Gisele Gauthier, R.N., of Cornwall; and Peter Sullivan, '50, to Teresa Murphy of Cardigan. Sincere congratulations to all!

IN MEMORIAM

RED AND WHITE extends most sincere sympathy to the Sisters of St. Martha on the occasion of the passing of Mother Paula who was Superior General of the Charlottetown Hospital for a number of years. Always a good friend of St. Dunstan's, she was also a member of a Congregation of Sisters who have done an inestimable service for our College. May her soul rest in peace.

Four prominent clergymen who were alumni of St. Dunstan's have passed away recently.

Rev. Douglas MacNeill was born in Summerside on May 10, 1906. He was ordained May 8, 1932 for the Diocese of Charlottetown, and served as curate in Summerside, and a pastor in the parishes of Tignish and North Rustico. He was principally responsible for the great progress of the Consumers' Co-operative in North Rustico. He retired three years ago and died shortly before Christmas, 1951.

Rev. William McCabe was born at Iona on June 3, 1902. He was ordained for the Diocese of Charlottetown on May 21, 1952. He served in several parishes on Prince Edward Island, notably Kelly's Cross, Sturgeon, and at St. Dunstan's Basilica where he served previous to his final illness. Always a very capable preacher, Father McCabe served as Army Chaplain during World War II. He passed away early in January.

Rev. Louis R. McRory died in Deer Lodge, Montana on January 17. Father McRory was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank McRory of Charlottetown. He graduated from St. Dunstan's in 1907, and was ordained in 1911 at St. Paul for the Diocese of Helena. He laboured in Butte and Libby, Montana, and the last years of his life were spent as Chaplain to the Hospital in Deer Lodge, where he died of a heart attack. His remains were brought to his native home and buried from St. Dunstan's Basilica.

Rev. J. Alphonsus Rooney was born on October 6, 1891 at Iona. He graduated from St. Dunstan's College and received his licentiate from the University of Propaganda at Rome in 1916, the same year he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood. He served in Helena diocese in Montana and taught at Mount St. Charles College in that city. Later he

attended C.U.A., after which he became President of the College of Great Falls in 1932 and superintendent of Catholic education for the diocese. The last years of his life were spent as pastor of St. Mary's Parish. He died on Friday, February 8 at St. James' Hospital.

May their souls rest in peace.

RED AND WHITE EXTENDS to its readers best wishes for a happy and holy Easter.

ATHLETICS

As we go to press, the basketball and hockey seasons are past the mid-way mark, and play-off time is coming into sight. Both St. Dunstan's teams, the basketball and hockey squads, have been a credit to the athletic name this University has made for itself in the past.

The basketball team in particular is literally making history this year. For the first time, S. D. U. has entered a team in competition for the Maritime Senior Intercollegiate Basketball Championship. To date the team has had outstanding success, and is leading the league in the N. B. P. E. I. section of the schedule. The winning team in this section plays off against the winning Nova Scotia team for Maritime championship honors.

The Senior Saints eagerly share the credit for their success with our generous Alumni Association which has provided the College with a beautiful gymnasium this year. For the first time, an S.D.U. basketball team has been able to have regular practice sessions under the supervision of Father Walter MacGuigan. Obviously it has paid off.

Spectator interest in the game has heightened considerably with the advent of intercollegiate basketball to P. E. I.; and with the facilities now at the College, St. Dunstan's will, no doubt, turn out better and better teams in the years to come.