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An ominous silence hangs over the athletic fields of Saint Dunstan's during the first half of the year 1956-1957 No football team has been fielded this Fall, the basketball team is still engaged in practices and inconsequential exhibition games, while hockey will get under way next week. The reasons for this comparitive inactivity will be seen as we deal with each sport.

FOOTBALL

"The old order changeth yielding place to the new" The prowess exhibited by rugby teams in years gone by is now but a memory. Rugby is a thing of the past, and the college is taking slow, but sure, steps towards the transition from the English game to Canadian football. In recent years Maritime colleges have been turning over to the increasingly popular Canadian version of football, and it was evident last Spring that, unless we too changed over, we would stand alone. It was felt that a college of this size should be playing football of one kind or another, and it seems rugby is out of the question now that there are not enough teams in the Maritimes to make the formation of a league feasible. The changing over to Canadian football entailed more than just assent to the suggestion, however, as many diverse difficulties had to be overcome The problem of outfitting a team with uniforms and equipment, together with the installation of showers and a locker room, for example, was far outside the realm of the Students Union. The approval of the heads of the college was necessary.

Many discussions and meetings were held during the second term last year, during which the "pro's" and "con's" of the matter were weighed. The problems were dealt with, one by one, until at length it was decided that a Canadian football team could be fielded at some indefinite time in the future. As Rome was not built in a day, so too, the putting into effect of all the necessary measures required time and foresight. Obviously, it would not be possible to field a team this year. No one was very familiar with the rules of Canadian football, and the various plays and maneuvers necessary to a winning team were unfamiliar to us all. By the end of the year however, a number of prudent resolutions were put into effect whereby a fund was established that would, in time, provide much of the necessary equipment.

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This Fall saw the beginning of the slow and painful process of introducing the new game. Mr. A. J. MacAdam, assisted by a few of the students and faculty who had some previous knowledge of the game, began working with the boys, who seemed to learn their lessons well. At this writing, Mr. MacAdam is most enthuiastic. He terms the interim period almost an unqualified success By mid-October the players had progressed to the point where games between the High-School and college years could be held. It was originally intended that they begin by playing "touch" football, a modified version requiring that an opponent merely touch the man in possession of the ball, rather than tackle him. As it turned out, however, they played the full-fledged game, but without equipment. No major injuries were sustained and the boys did a commendable job.

Indeed the boys did a most commendable job. The transition to Canadian football is now an accomplished fact. The interest manifested by all the students and by the many spectators assures us that it will have a large following. Obviously the next step should be the provision of equipment and the necessary facilities It is hoped that Saint Dunstan's will take its place once more in Maritime football.

We must also mention that Mrs. Lillian Coyle has kindly donated a trophy in memory of her late husband, Flying Officer Phillip Coyle, to be awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the faculty, is the most valuable player in intermural play. This trophy will be awarded at the completion of the playoffs later this month.

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

The annual Field Day sports were held at Saint Dunstan's on Tuesday, October 2, attended by the student body and a large crowd of spectators who contributed in large measure to the success of this popular college event.

Ten of the twenty-two events were run off in the morning, bringing to the fore leading competitors for the principal senior and junior contests. In the afternoon the remaining events were concluded, and when the tallies were added, they showed Martin Clooney of Newfoundland as winner of the Senior events, and Tom Rice of Charlottetown was winner of the Junior events. The Field Day this year held none of the drama and spectacle of last year's event, as no records were broken and no one amassed the 17 points needed to qualify for the "Athletic 'D'". The Red and White extends its congratulations to Phil Pineau, the track and field manager, and his assistants, who were responsible for the smooth operation of the various events.

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Junior 100 yard dash—1. Tom Rice, 11 sec.; 2. Don MacAusland; 3. Bobby Simmonds.

Senior 220 yard dash—1. Martin Clooney, 25.2 sec.; 2. Len Broderick; 3. Wilf Barlow.

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Senior 440 yard dash—1. Jean-Marie Bouchard, 55 sec.; 2. Donald Gillis; 3. Ernie Coyle.

Junior 440 yard dash—1. Tom Rice, 62 sec.; 2. Don Simmonds; 3. Don MacAusland.

880 yard dash—1. Al Cain, 2 min, 31.8 sec.; 2. Dick Ays; 3. Bill Cain.

Mile walk—1. George MacDonald, 2. Wilfred Power; E. Eugene Quinn.

Mile run-1. Frank Gillis, 2. Erwin Connolly; 3. Roland Sullivan

Senior shot-put—Don Tooke, 41 ft. 10 in. 2. Gene Lake; 3. Jack Kane.

Junior shot-put—1. Bobby Simmonds, 37 ft. 8 in. 2. Leo Tucker; 3. Bob Linegan.

Junior standing Broad jump—1. Leonard Archer, 8 ft. 9 in. 2. Tom Rice; 3. Bobby Simmonds.

Senior standing broad jump—1. John Kelly, 8 ft. 11 in. 2. Martin Clooney; 3. Reg Pendergast.

Junior running broad jump—1. Tom Rice, 17 ft. 1 in. 2. Bobby Simmonds; 3. Leo Tucker.

Senior running broad jump—1. Jack Kane, 17 ft. 3 in. 2. Leroy McGonnell; 3. Don Tooke.

Senior hop, step and jump—1. Jean-Marie Bouchard; 39 ft. 2. Miner MacDonald; 3. Martin Clooney.

Junior Hop, Step and Jump—1. B. Simmonds; 2. T. Rice; 3. L. MacAusland.

Senior High Jump—1. Miner MacDonald, 5 ft. 4.8 in. 2. Brian Noonan; 3. G. Tingley, Roy McGonnell.

Junior High Jump—1. T. Rice, 4 ft. 7 in. 2. Don MacAusland, 3. B. Costain, Donahue, Cain.

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Baseball Throw—1. Miner MacDonald, 318 ft; 2. John Kelly; 3. Ray Hache.

Three Legged Race—1. Coyle- McConnell; 2. McKenna-Donahue; 3. MacAusland-Rice.

Wheelbarrow Race—1. Cain-J. MacDonald; 2. Droulet-Tucker; 3. Sullivan-Walsh.

Backward Race—1. Ernie Coyle; 2. Paul Murphy; 3. Roy Mc-Gonnell.

Sack race-1. Bill Cain; 2. Gaul; 3. Cain

Green Race—1. Don MacDougald; 2. Tom Grant; 3. Billy Costain.

Relay Race-1. Juniors; 2. Grade XI; 3. Grade X and Freshmen.

Tug of War-1. Freshmen; 2. Sophomores; 3. Juniors.

Football Kick—1. Charlie Daley; 2. Jack Kane; 3. George McGuigan.

Football pass—1. Bobby Simmonds; 2. Brian Noonan; 3. Picton Bilodeau.

CROSS COUNTRY RACING

A new sport has been introduced on the campus this fall. A number of students have turned out for cross-country racing under the direction of Bill Phillips, a student in Junior year here. Crosscountry racing is a major and still rapidly growing sport in New Brunswick, where a movement is said to be afoot to have it become an inter-collegiate sport. It is one of the best sport conditioners, and there are many who run just for the fun of it, or to keep in condition. In competition, the participants usually run from two to five miles, although some races over a distance of up to twelve miles are sometimes held. It is principally a team sport, but an individual sport in a sense, too. The runner who finishes first scores a point, the runner finishing second scores two points and so on. The team having the lowest point aggregate wins the meet. A cross-country race can be held over any type of terrain, and racers are frequently seen running along highways, through fields and even through forest pathways.

This is the first attempt at cross-country racing here, and the interest shown by those taking part has been keen, even though their number is small. It is felt, in this corner, that more students did not turn out because so few know what it is all about. Once the team is seen in action, the interest should mount even higher, and perhaps next year, if this venture is successful, cross-country racing might become a permanent part of the Athletic Association's programme.

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It is hoped that three cross-country races will be held before Christmas. Mr. Phillips is currently trying to arrange a home-and-home series with a team from Prince of Wales College, and a team from Minto (NB) High School, the current New Brunswick champions, is also being asked to participate in a Invitation Championship meet at Saint Dunstan's on November 17.

Those who are training for the team at present are Frank Gillis, Dick Ays, Ray Bryant, Eddie Leclair and Rollie Sullivan. Martin Clooney is assisting Mr. Phillips with the coaching duties. Mr Phillips ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes on a team that won the Maritime championship in 1953. In that same year he was selected to accompany a team that was sent to the Olympic Training Plan at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, as a runner and coach. He had coached the cross country team at Minto High School for four years before he came to Saint Dunstan's.

A cross-country team is difficult to start because the boys are out of condition and intense training is required to develop stamina. It requires a couple of years to develop a competent squad. Hard training pays off, not only in a race, but also in physical conditioning, and is especially beneficial to those who do not participate in other sports. Red and White extends its congratulations to Mr. Phillips and the runners for the interest and industry they have displayed and we hope that cross-country racing will soon be a permanent fixture on the campus.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball, a sport which hitherto received little attention suddenly vaulted into a more or less prominent position this Fall. Whereas one court saw little use in previous years, two were in almost constant operation during recreation periods this year and a good number of students was usually on hand to cheer the contestants on. There were no definite teams representing the various classes, and consequently no schedule was drawn up. However, several students would band together and challenge another group, and unusual interest was shown, until, late in the season, even the

several students would band together and challenge another group, and unusual interest was shown, until, late in the season, even the Ladies on the campus turned out on occasion. Volleyball might be on the road towards a revival. With more and more new students coming to Saint Dunstan's every year, this sport will provide many of them with an opportunity to get some exercise, even though they do not engage in major sports.

There is an unconfirmed report that a group of students is making arrangements to enter a team in a volleyball league in the city. If they are entered they will play two nights a week until they have played seventy games. We wish the boys every success in this endeavour.

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BADMINTON

For the first time within our memory students now have the opportunity to play badminton in our gymnasium. A good number of students who had hitherto sorely missed the game during the Winter months here, as well as several novices, are now turning out to give vent to their pent-up emotions by batting a defenceless little shuttlecock back and forth across the court. If this sport is permitted to grow and flourish, and if regular periods are set aside for it in the gymnasium, it will soon become one of the more popular sports on the campus.

BASKETBALL

The basketball picture at Saint Dunstan's is, at this writing still pretty much of a question mark. A mammoth rebuilding programme is under way as the hoop squad is taking gigantic steps towards recovery from the seemingly irraparable loss in 1955 of one of the most formidable quintets in the Maritimes. An impressive array of new faces appeared at the preliminary workouts. More than a dozen students vied for the positions that were vacated in '55 when our five consistent starters beat a hasty retreat South of the border subsequent to graduation or a call from Uncle Sam.

If the quantity of new blood is impressive, its quality is questionable until it has gone once around the loop of intercollegiate play. Whether they will strike terror into the hearts of intercollegiate squads in the various Maritime centres remains to be seen. The team will be long in height, if not in talent, for the starting lineup averages over 6 ft. 1 in. in height. The 1956-57 squad will have four newcomers in Dave Betz, a clever guard from Michigan, Freshman Gerry Tingley, Brian Noonan from Regina, and Lorne McGuigan of Charlottetown. John "Hondo" Kelly, not eligible for intercollegiate games last year, will be available for all games this year. The Saints have been working out since early October, and will confine their activities to exhibition tilts for the first term, before hitting the intercollegiate swing against U.N.B. and Mount Allison. Nothing is definite yet on their entry into the Eastern Canadian Junior playdowns.

The following is a sketch of the players on the roster to date: John "Hondo" Kelly, stands 6 ft. 1 in., plays centre; master playmaker and highly capable scoring threat.

Bob Fearon, stands 6 ft. 1 in. right guard; had a good season last year, poses an extreme threat to the opposition because of his accuracy on long shots. Lorne McGuigan; left forward, stands 6 ft. 3 in. has a good variety of shots, adequate playmaker; his first year with the Saints after playing several seasons with Charlotte-town teams. Mike Swift, 5 ft. 10 in. reserve right forward; unspectacular, but competent, reliable playmaker. Alfred "Chick"

Morrison, starting at the right forward position, blossomed rapidly last season, and is counted on to live up to the promise displayed in pre-season practices. Bill Farmer, 6 ft. 1 in. guard, highly competent defencively, great rebound man but no particular point getting threat. Pete McGonnell, 6 ft. 1½ in. left guard another good man on rebounds, a driving type of player in his second year on the team. Brian Noonan, a newcomer, stands 6 ft. 1½ in. and plays left forward; calm, unruffled under pressure, played for Campion College in Regina last year. Dave Betz; right guard, 5 ft. 10 in. cool, is experienced and clever, but lacks height. Played a lot of high school basketball in Michigan and his experience will be an asset. Gerry Tingley, centre, at 6 ft. 4½ in. is the tallest player on the team. Started his basketball at S.D.U. in Grade XI and has developed rapidly. His height will be a distinct asset.

On Sunday night, November 11, the S.D.U. basketball team returned from Halifax where they split two exhibition games against Saint Mary's University and Nova Scotia Tech. On Saturday, the Saints lost a squeaker 61-65 to the Santamarians. John "Hondo" Kelly was top scorer in this game with 23 points. Pete McGonnell was second best in this game with 9 points, while Morrison accounted for six points.

In the second game, this time on Sunday against Tech, Kelly again led the pack, hitting for 21 points as he led the Saints to a 53-38 win. Morrison was runner-up for S.D.U. scoring honours in the second game as he accounted for 9 points, and Brian Noonan scored 8 tallies. This game was reportedly not as well played as the contest against Saint Mary's, but nevertheless, the Saints credited themselves well on their first trip as they got some much needed experience playing on the intercollegiate level.

This year's squad is considerably strengthened, with all of last year's team back, Kelly being available for the intercollegiate play and four newcomers who figure prominently in the picture. One considerable advantage is the fact that the Saints are bolstered by considerable "bench strength", which will be valuable when the members of the starting quintet accumulate too many fouls or require a rest.

In general then, the team should be much improved over last year's hapless squad, and, as they accumulate more experience, they should definitely become a power to be reckoned with.

HOCKEY

Saint Dunstan's University will be entering the 1956-57 hockey season solid up front, something less than adequate in the goal, and a little weak on the blueline as compared with last year's Saints, who battled Parkdale in a close and hard-fought city league

playoff final, and who turned in a mediocre season in intercollegiate play. Coack A. J. MacAdam and assistant coach Joe Mahar, one-time S.D.U. star, smile happily when talking about their classy crew of forwards, but they have some misgivings about the defence from which they have lost two former stalwarts. Gone from last year's sturdy defence corps are Arnold Mullin, who has given up hockey, and Louis MacDonald who graduated from college last Spring. Back for another season, however, are Ray Hache a capable defenceman from Bathurst, and John (Miner) MacDonald.

A large number of players have been turning out for practices and it is expected that newcomer George McGuigan, who had hitherto been a perennial holdover on the inter-mural or second team basketball picture, will be filling one of the defence posts.

It is a different story up front with the forwards, where the Saints are packed with scoring punch and drive. Jack MacDonald, Ed MacDonald and Paul (Buck) Davey, who formed the Saints top line last year will be back together again with Ed centering the trio. Ed missed the early part of the season because of an injury suffered in football, but when coach MacAdam teamed him up with Jack and Davey after Christmas they really began to fly. Despite the fact that they played only half as many games as the other teams in the league, both Davey and Jack MacDonald were well up in the scoring.

The all-Quebec "knock 'em down, drag 'em out" line of Gaston Roy, Ray Gionet and Jean Veilleux will be reunited for another season. Both Roy and Gionet will get their share of goals and Veilleux can skate with anybody in the league. Although he is ineligible for intercollegiate competition, being a high school student, scrappy Jack Kane should be a star with the Saints in Island Senior B games.

Three goaltenders are vieing for the job between the pipes. Earl Shepherd of Charlottetown might well be the lad A. J. MacAdam is looking for to replace Wilf Gillis, who graduated last Spring. Shepherd played several games with the Saints last year and in one of them came up with a shutout. However, he has never been able to live down the reputation of always folding once he gets behind. Also trying out for the post are Vince MacIntyre from Winnipeg and Gaston St. Louis.

The only other player the Saints lost through graduation last year was Rodney MacInnis, who was combined with Jack Kane and Burns in city league last year.

In their initial Island Senior B contest on Tuesday, November 13, the Parkdale Flyers scored four goals in a furious third period to sink the Saints by a score of 6-4. Nearly 1200 fans watched the Saints pile up leads of 2-0 and 3-1 before fading under a three goal assult in the final ten minutes of play. Saint Dunstan's had a wide edge in play during the first two periods before Parkdale took over

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5-57 the ear's in the third to hurl 14 shots at Shepherd, four of which beat him. Gaston Roy, Daley, Paul Davey and Miner MacDonald scored for the Saints.

In summary one might say that the Saints look, by and large, suspiciously like last year's aggregation, possibly a bit weaker defencively and unpredictable in the nets. but generally strong. They should hold their own in intercollegiate play, and will be a squad to be reckoned with in Island Senior B encounters. They are a grimly determined outfit who, in the words of the Parkdale coach, "don't know when they are beaten."



As soon as we returned to college this year, we began to learn of the many changes which had been made in our Old Home during the summer months.

In the faculty, new offices had been created and there were replacements in old ones. The most significant change installed Father Sullivan as Rector in place of Monsignor MacKenzie who left us to become parish priest in the new parish of Parkdale. Mr. Cullen Delory resigned from the faculty and was replaced by Mr. Clair Callaghan. Father Adrien Arsenault has returned from Surbonne in Paris, where he was taking classical courses. Father Ellsworth became Spiritual Director with Fathers Landrigan and Simpson on the Spiritual Committee. Father George MacDonald was appointed Dean of Men and also Chairman of the Board of Discipline. The last Committee to be organized was the Committee on Extra Curricular Affairs with Father Walter MacGuigan as Chairman. The final office to be filled was that of Principal of High School with Father Francis Ledwell as the first principal.

And we noticed alterations in the rooming arrangement. This year all High School boarders are in Main Building. This was made possible through the cancellation of the Commercial course, and so the rooms in Main Building formerly occupied by commercial students can now be occupied by those in Grade Twelve.

And speaking of Main Building, it too has not escaped the revolutionary spirit. To the eastern entrance, opened last year, a veranda and porch, similar to the one before the front entrance has been added and inside, the venerable edifice has received a repainting.

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