

RIGHTS AND QUORUMS

At a recent meeting of an informal constitutional reform committee, composed of the "old and new" executives and various society heads, the old problem of the $\frac{1}{4}$ quorum was resurrected.

We received with feelings of relief the report that much of the opposition to this plan has abated. Many have seen through the fallacious argument that this $\frac{1}{4}$ quorum would mean "the sale of their rights down the river." The seeming truth of this argument is quite the opposite. The retention of the 50% quorum combined with the present lethargical state of student regard for general meetings would truly be a "sale of rights".

Article 6, Section 1, Subsection E of the Constitution provides that the Executive Council should decide an issue in the event that two announced general meetings fail to achieve a quorum. Hence, the issue would fall into the hands of nine (9) students with a vote in the Council — true democracy??? (The vote would be of twenty, approximately, if the old system of society heads holding a vote is returned another suggestion of this same committee and ourselves). If the quorum is reduced to 25% (thereby making a General Meeting possible), then at least 110 students would decide the issue instead of 8 (the president casts the deciding vote only).

Therefore, retaining the high 50% quorum* would truly engender the so-called totalitarianism and "sale of rights", for eight (8) people would run the showboat instead of a crew of 110.

To the few that would apply this same argument to invalidate the one-quarter quorum, we would counter: surely there are 110 interested students on campus!

*(Comparatively, see "From The Canadian Campus.")

IN RETROSPECT

Students' Union elections are now over, and, very shortly, the new Executive will take their rightful place. To the outgoing Executive, most of whom will be graduating this year, we bid "Farewell" and say "Thank you" for a job well done; to the incoming Executive, we salute "Welcome", and wish them "Good luck" for the coming year.

Reviewing the Council and its activities over the past year, we notice that there is a lot more for which it is to be commended than for which it can be condemned. On one hand, there was a favourable improvement in the old expression, "College Spirit," to which both the students and the faculty alike contributed immeasurably, while, on another, much greater scope for student-participation in extra-curricular activities was given this year than in previous ones. The Council spent a record budget, and, though this evoked great controversy, yet the commendable results more than compensated the monetary output.

Once again in the field of sports, St. Dunstan's squadrons bore the Red and White banner with proud honours. The Varsity hoopsters and the Football Jaycees brought home the New Brunswick - P.E.I. crowns in their respective divisions, while the Varsity "Saints" came within inches of winning the Atlantic "B" Football Conference title. In inter-collegiate hockey, the Saints fizzled out, but they almost made the play-offs in the Island Senior Hockey League.

The Debating Society, upholding its traditional Maritime supremacy, again won the Abegweit trophy (this time outright), for a record six times in the past twelve years, and went on to accredit itself admirably in the Dominion finals. In the line of Dramatics, the combined Glee Club - Drama Society presentation of CAROUSEL received overwhelming applause from Charlottetown to Souris, while two sophomores took top honours in the Dominion Drama Festival for their roles in BLOOD WEDDING.

Though all the students did not participate in the van of extra-curricular activities, yet the outstanding successes and achievements of those who represented St. Dunstan's are indeed a credit to all of us — the entire student body — as, without our wholehearted support, success and renown would have been unattainable. To all who earned repute for themselves and for S.D.U., Red and White extends its warmest congratulations; to those who will no longer be with us, we offer our best wishes for the future; and to those of us, who will still be one of us, we look towards with confidence for a brighter and livelier 62-63.

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Nova Scotia

Dalhousie University has decided to abolish the Christmas examinations for a trial period. In their place, one hour examinations will be written during the term. The students' standing will be determined on the basis of these. Professors of freshman courses may decide to set more formal exams if they feel the need.

British Columbia

The AMS (Students' Council) of the University of British Columbia has announced that it will bring a recommendation before the students next fall that the quorum requirement for a general body be reduced to ten percent of the student body. The present quorum stands at fifteen percent and is generally held among the student government to be too high.

Ottawa

Canadian University Liberal clubs won 16 out of 23 elections to student model parliaments this year, gaining three from the Progressive Conservatives. Two universities remain to be heard from.

Nova Scotia

Acadia University will return to printing its diplomas in Latin this year. This is being done at the request of the graduating class. The University

has pointed out that doesn't establish a precedent, though succeeding classes will follow suit.

Alberta

The WUSC Treasurer earned more than \$80,000 year during its tour of Canadian colleges and universities. The largest sum collected the University of Alberta, 437. Sales were poorest in the Atlantic region where were down from previous years totals.

Ontario

A committee dedicated "No Sport in Canadian Universities" has been formed at Queen's University. The group states as its goal the stopping of the useless waste of effort and money which goes into Intercollegiate and intramural sports and which be better spent on other campus activities.

Quebec

The Tenth International Student Conference, the largest student conference in the world, will be held at Laval University from June 27 to July 8. This will be the first time that has met in North America. Meeting there will be delegates from more than seventy national unions of students including Canada's NFCUS.

Letters To The Editor

What is all this talk about the A.A.A. spending too much money? Certainly they are spending a great deal of our money but I maintain not enough. We must look at the facts. This institution is located on an Island with improper transportation facilities to and from the mainland which means inconvenience and much added expense. As long as we are going to compete with other colleges in sports, and I would despise the day that we would cease doing so, we are going to have this problem.

Now with regard to expense, we, the other 75 percent of the student body, should be demanding more from A.A.A. More opportunities should be made available to the average athlete, for ample some gymnastic equipment in our gym for the divisions of interclass hockey.

Far too many students, most exercise they get during the school year is jumping conclusions, running down the friends, side-stepping responsibility and pushing their

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