

College Chronicle

As the final edition of RED AND WHITE goes to press, we are reminded that the college year is fast drawing to a close. For the graduating class, and some other students, the remaining month will be their final one at their beloved Alma Mater. Another reminder of the approaching end of this college year is the appointment at a recent meeting of the life officers of the graduating class who are the following: Valedictorian, John Walsh; President, Arthur Seaman; Vice-President, Lewis MacDonald; Secretary, Louis McCloskey; Committee, Corinne Duffy and William O'Flaherty.

ANNUAL RETREAT

One of the most important events of our college year, our annual retreat, was held from March 8-11. This is the time when we put aside our studies, sports and other activities in order to concentrate wholly on our spiritual condition and on our relationship to our Creator.

Father John Cass S.J. of Toronto, an alumnus of this college, preached the retreat in his masterful and scholarly manner. We are much indebted to Father Cass for the great part he contributed to making our retreat a success.

PHILOSOPHERS' DAY

On March 7, the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, whose philosophy we study and accept, we observed Philosophers' Day. We began the day by assisting at a High Mass celebrated by Father Sullivan, our philosophy professor. Following Mass, there was the usual hockey competition between the Junior and Senior philosophers. At noon, the annual philosophers' banquet was held at the Charlottetown Hotel with Arthur Seaman as toastmaster for the occasion. Toasts were proposed to the Queen, the Church, the day we celebrate, our college, and to the ladies. These toasts were responded to by John Walsh, George Mullally, Ian Gillies, and Rosella Devine. Dr. Joe MacMillan, one of our well-known alumni, was the guest speaker for the occasion. In his address, permeated with optimism, he stressed the fact that present-day college students are a fortunate generation with great opportunities before them. He also stressed the importance and necessity of the participation of Catholic educated men and women in the life of their community.

His Excellency, Bishop MacEachern in a short address reminded the philosophers of the necessity of keeping a right balance between philosophy and science. He realized that science students at a Catholic college receive sufficient training in philosophy but there is always the danger, he added, that arts students may not be adequately grounded in the sciences which are very important in this era.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

At a recent meeting of the Students' Union, two amendments were passed almost unanimously by the student body. The first amendment was to allow for the establishment of C. F. C. C. S. as an independent society. The second amendment provided that the Sigma Delta Sorority will have representation on the executive of the Students' Union and remain financially independent.

Following a spirited campaign, the annual elections for the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the Students' Union was held on Monday, April 16. George Mullally was elected president by acclamation. Charles Campbell, Michael Swift, and Michael Quigley were the candidates nominated for the vice-presidency; John Conran and Jerry Burns were nominated to contest the position of secretary-treasurer. Michael Swift and John Conran were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively. At this time RED AND WHITE wishes to extend to the outgoing executive of the Students' Union a vote of appreciation for the splendid work they have done this past year.

