

# EDITORIAL

## THE CHALLENGE IS OURS

Something is seriously wrong with the university students of Prince Edward Island. For the past two years, the students of St Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College have been faced with a challenge. That challenge is nothing less than the acceptance of an influential role in deciding the destiny of higher education on Prince Edward Island. More than any other group of individuals, Island university students will be influenced by proposals for best utilizing the limited resources available for education in this province.

Nevertheless, students have failed to respond to this challenge. They have failed to consider the situation, have failed to evaluate the possibilities, and have failed to take a stand on the issues. But what constitutes the real failure is the fact that the students of St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales have failed to communicate with each other in a search for the best solution to a problem that affects them so directly.

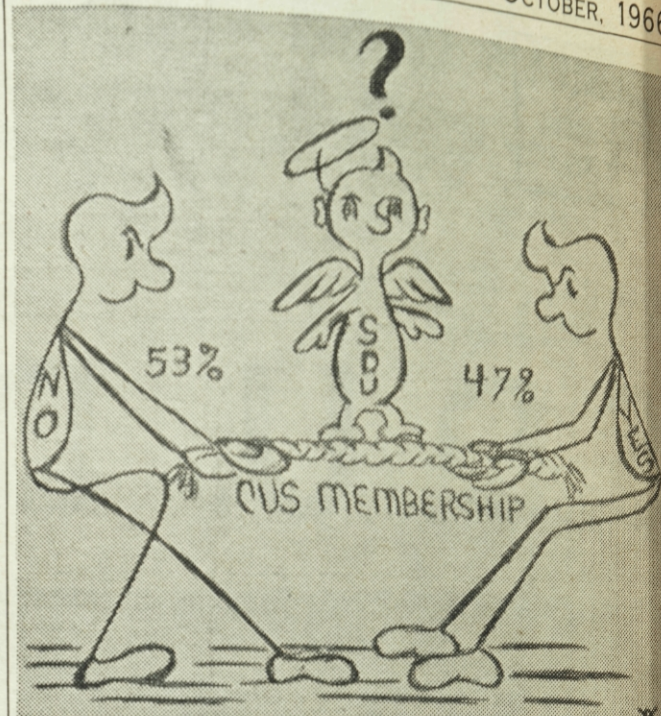
In 1964, the Government of Prince Edward Island appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the financing of higher education in the province. The investigation represented the first concrete step towards the realization that one university in P.E.I. might be more practical, academically as well as economically, than the present system of two independent and struggling institutions.

The official recommendation of the commission was the federation of the two exist-

ing universities into a University of Prince Edward Island. Although they agreed with the one university concept, others felt that amalgamation of the two universities, and not just federation, would be a more practical approach to the situation. At the same time, many were content with the status quo, realizing there are some advantages afforded by isolation or an attempt towards cooperation between the two universities in limited areas.

However, whether the best proposal is federation, providing for one university with the two colleges retaining their distinct identity; whether the best proposal is amalgamation, a single university with the existing institutions merging their identities in the new university; whether the best proposal is isolation, a continuation of our present and past practices of separate campuses and minimal cooperation between the two universities; or whether the best proposal is cooperation, a conscientious effort to ameliorate the existing aspects of our present position by some sort of cooperative effort; it is important that Island university students take a stand.

That challenge has been hurled. It has not been accepted. Let us, the students of St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College, join forces in search of the solution which best serves our needs as students. Let us decide what we want from our universities. Let us influence the destiny of higher education in Prince Edward Island. Let us accept the challenge.



CUS? REFERENDUM?  
I DON'T KNOW, I'M JUST A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

## ACROSS THE NATION

**CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP)** — Citing discontent with the aims and benefits of membership in the Canadian Union of Students, the students' union president at St. Dunstan's University has called for a referendum on CUS membership.

At a meeting this week, Charly McMillan called for students at the Island university "to reassess some of our past programs, and to consider whether the money which has been put in one area might not be better used in other areas of student activity."

**MONTREAL (CUP)** — McGill University's students' society is going ahead with its plans for a mid-January referendum on McGill's membership in the Canadian Union of Students.

The students' society will hold an open meeting Nov. 2 or 3 to discuss the proposed referendum which will decide whether McGill will remain in CUS, join l'Union Generale des Etudiants du Quebec, or become independent of both organizations.

**WINDSOR (CUP)** — Windsor University's World University Services of Canada committee chairman has resigned his post.

Richard Stracke said he quit because "WUSC suffers from a metaphorical Parkinson's disease — a disease related to Parkinson's law — WUSC is proliferating in Canada without check."

In a report to student council president Jan Weir, Stracke urged Windsor to withdraw from WUSC, and establish an "international committee" to seek worthwhile relationships with student organizations overseas.

It is "ridiculous" for WUSC to spend \$38,000 in propaganda to collect \$54,000 for the WUS International Program of Action, he added.

Stracke said the recent WUSC National Assembly at Windsor taught him WUSC isn't worth the money or the effort.

**OTTAWA (CUP)** — The College Times of Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown has been admitted to associate membership in Canadian University Press.

The Times, co-edited by Donald Large and Kent Martin, becomes the 44th CUP affiliate.

**VANCOUVER (CUP)** — University of British Columbia president Dr. John Macdonald has announced he is opening his door to students — on a limited basis.

Outlining schemes by which he intends to improve student-administration contact at UBC, Dr. Macdonald said last week he will spend one day a month in his office talking to students.

No appointment will be necessary, but the president has warned students to restrict themselves to "important matters" and that's not all.

Another measure to be introduced at UBC this year will be a student liaison committee headed by Dr. Macdonald himself. This committee will meet the Alma Mater Society council several times a year.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Several professors have asked why our Red and White has nothing to offer but negativism. It is true that we have very few positive thinkers and writers at St. Dunstan's, but this may be because very little on campus seems to work as it should. I thought about this for several days and then decided to take this problem of negativism and analyse it closely. I finished by beginning a new trend towards positive writing.

From information I have gathered from the male population on this campus, the general consensus is that the girls at SDU are becoming more plentiful and more beautiful each year. In the entire history of our University, this year's freshettes appear to be, on the average, the best that have ever occupied Marian College and Mount St. Mary's. Perhaps there are a few girls who feel they are exceptions in this regard. However, let them remember that all girls are beautiful; it is simply that some are more beautiful than others.

With this as a starting point, let's have more positive writing in our Red and White.

Sincerely,  
Broadminded.

Dear Sir,

In an editorial which appeared in your paper, dated September 1966, there was a considerable amount of unwarranted comment made about "the wonderful Class of '66." These comments arose because of the supposed mistakes made by the 1965-1966 Students' Union Executive. Whether these accusations are true or not is not what presently concerns us. What we disagree with is the reprehensible manner in which the paper condemned the whole Class of '66 because of the supposed mistakes of the Students' Union.

It is our wish that, in the future, your paper will not over-generalize so flagrantly as it did in the editorial to which I am referring.

Yours truly,  
Life Executive of the Class of '66.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Class of '66, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Prom Committee for the excellent prom that they put on for us upon our graduation last May.

Dick Trotter,  
President of the Graduating Class of '66.

Dear Sir,

Would you please be so kind as to inform us on the matter of last year's yearbook. In former years we received them on our first or second day back to college. I understand that this was not the case this year because of incompetent management on the part of the staff. Was there not one member of the graduating class that could be relied upon to complete the project?

In other universities the year book is out by the end of the academic year. Would this be too much to ask of those in charge at SDU. Under this system, the committee in charge would be responsible for their work before they had a chance to sneak away.

Do we fully realize that if last year's seniors have not been able to fulfill their duties at St. Dunstan's, they will probably have difficulty fulfilling their duties in society? Are we suppose to be proud of that class, a group of men and women who waited for their final year to take on great tasks, then ran off before those tasks were completed?

Disgruntled Sophomore

Dear Sir:

FISH!!!

In the name of all that's good and holy! This institution is even behind the Roman Catholic Church, and that, brother, is really saying something.

For year, students eating at this university on Friday have had to put up with the most abhorrent culinary concoctions imaginable. Then, after decades of controversy, the Church finally releases Catholics from the obligation of Friday abstinence.

So what do we find waiting for us exactly one week after the edict was issued?

Fish!!!

God knows, there's nothing wrong with fish. In fact, it might even add some variety to our cafeteria's admittedly monotone fare.

But of what use to anybody is a meal of fish rendered unfit for human consumption? The way the Friday meals around here are prepared, I wouldn't even feed them to my cat, much less to myself.

In the name of the students of Saint Dunstan's, I issue the following plea to the cafeteria staff: I exhort you (beg, even), please, for pity's sake, if you can't learn to prepare fish properly, at least have the common sense and decency to cook something else.

Disgustedly,  
Steve Langevin

Come now, Steve. Are you sure you didn't just get a bad piece of fish or something.

—Editor

Island

I am a rock.

I am an island.

I am a metaphor.

Every man is an island.

Donne was right,

And I a mright.

And I am right.

But the "man" is not the same.

Donne spoke of social man.

My man is not social.

Society stinks!

He reaches from the ocean

Of world,

I into the void

To be alone

With myself.

Man must break the surface

Or drown

In the bubbles of hot air.

Tim

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