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FATHER CASS RETIRES FROM MIDL

Constitution Being Revised

The revision of the Constitution of the Students' Union, which was begun last year, is now nearing completion. The Revision Committee, appointed by President Dennis Clough, comprises John Noonan, chairman, John French and Eric Doucette, Seniors, Charles Fisher, Junior, Jean MacIsaac, Senior, and Gemma Kane, Junior.

Significant changes have been made on the section which deals with the number of students required for a quorum at general meetings. Furthermore, according to this revised constitution, an executive council will comprise the president, a first vice-president, secretary, treasurer, class presidents, Engineer representative, and Sorority representative.

A very favourable addition is a section which deals with the awarding of credits to students taking an active part in the administrative work of student affairs as well as to those with

outstanding athletic ability in the various fields of sport.

As will be recalled, the former Constitution, often termed a "Mythical Constitution," was the cause for many dissensions between the student body and the Executive of the Union. The Committee is directing its intention to altering the outdated rules and to inserting more acceptable ones in order to satisfy the students and to establish regulations congruent with modern day trends.

A report on the changes in the Constitution is expected to be presented at the next general meeting. Even though this revision was made with the view of satisfying all students it is expected that students will be free to present any objections and recommendations.

A spokesman for the committee has requested that the students support them in providing the most adequate solution to the problem of revising the constitution.

MIDL Teams Selected

In Inter-Collegiate debates this year, St. Dunstan's will be away at Acadia and Mount Allison Universities, and at home to St. Francis Xavier University.

The teams selected to uphold the St. Dunstan's banner are as follows:

Edward Benson and Vibert Rosemay versus Acadia, Harry Callaghan and Colin McMillan against Mount Allison, and Eugene Quinn and Bill Dolan at home to St. Francis Xavier.

The home debate is scheduled for February 14, and, as this is likely to be the only home debate, a large attendance of students and well-wishers is anticipated. The other two debates are scheduled for the 15th and 9th of February, respectively.

In the event of there being a



possible exhibition debate at home with Memorial University, Jim Mahoney and Jim Peddle will represent St. Dunstan's.

Spent 15 Years As Top Debating Coach

Soon after the Christmas holiday recess, the moderator of St. Dunstan's division of the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Debating League, Reverend Frederick L. Cass, quietly announced his resignation from the Society for reasons of ill health. That such an occasion should slip by unnoticed would certainly not be very fitting, especially in view of his outstanding work in this field.

During the fifteen years of Fr. Cass' moderatorship, he successfully trained and coached the S. D. U. debaters who won the Maritime title on no less than five occasions, and the Canadian championship twice. This is an enviable record and indeed the best in the Maritimes, if not in all Canada.

Father Cass accepted the position of moderator of the society when the League was formed in 1945. In 1950, his boys won the Maritime title for the first time, but lost in the Dominion finals on a split decision. His top team, then consisted of Mark McGuigan, Wilfred Driscoll, and Lorne McDonald, (now Rev. Lorne McDonald). In 1952, Fr. Cass' boys not only won the Maritime title again, but went on to capture the Dominion crown. Allan McDonald and Walter Reid (now Rev.

Walter Reid) were responsible for bringing this honour to St. Dunstan's. Five years later, in 1957, this splendid performance was repeated with Donald McDougall and Leo Peddle sharing the top honours.

In February, 1960, St. Dunstan's won its latest Maritime title. Even though the top team, comprised of Lorne McGuigan and Bill Kelly, lost in the Dominion finals, yet this recent triumph has brought a fitting final reward to a well-deserving coach. The magnitude of Fr. Cass' success is borne out much better when it is realized that there are nine competing for the same laurels.

Red and White joins with the Debating Society in expressing its gratitude and appreciation to Fr. Cass for an excellent effort in a trying office.

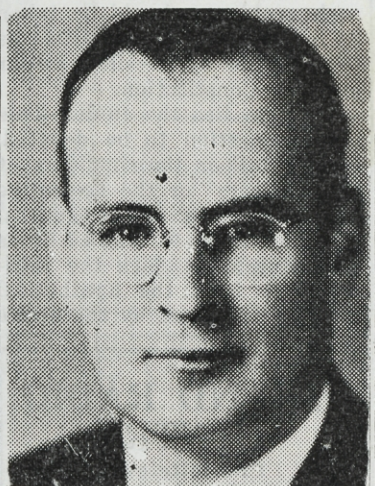
Even though the debaters are reluctant to lose Fr. Cass' services, they are nevertheless well compensated in the person of Rev. Dr. Francis Bolger, Professor of History at St. Dunstan's. Father Bolger was, incidentally, one of the first debating products of Fr. Cass, and the MIDL is confident that under his guidance and experience, St. Dunstan's will maintain the record which it has so proudly achieved.

John A. MacDonald, '38 Scholar, Soldier, Statesman

Critics of democracy as a method of government make much of its levelling effects in a derisive sort of way. By their thinking, an institution based on belief in the equality of all men must without fail produce a society monotonously dull and entirely devoid of exciting initiative because it is committed by nature to the cultivation of mediocrity. That the reasoning which serves as a base for such a stand is fallacious is easy enough to establish. "Lives of great men all around us" are, each of them, prime and forceful refutation of their position.

Times without number, this North American melting pot has produced, to the confusion of the detractors of the democratic process, its own great men: aristocrats, ennobled by individual excellence and personal effort, whose native wit and nurtured wisdom have made them fit and able and ready to lead and to rule. In this land where none are to the purple born, such men have it mantled about them by the conscious esteem of their fellows. Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Macdonald, '38, M.P. for Kings, was such a man.

The great and lowly who came in their thousands to pay a last tribute at his bier gave universal testimony of that esteem. To that end the representatives of Her Majesty the Queen and of the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Prince Edward Island, and the members of his government stood with the lowliest of those they govern. Rank on rank be-



side them were the soldiers who had fought with him and served under him and loved him as only men who have endured much together can. With them too, were the men of his peacetime command. Each head in the multitude bowed in respect; each heart wrenched with its own private grieving.

The man, whose untimely death provoked so great a throng, was a distinguished and devoted son of St. Dunstan's. The preface to his singularly fruitful career in the service of his country was the time he spent within the confines of this campus, sharing these halls and classrooms, and playing fields and chapel with others of his generation. As he loved his University, so his University is proud of him with a pride that is richly justified, for the full flower of his mature contribution to Canadian life must be traced to the seeds of knowledge and virtue planted and fostered in him while he dwelt within these walls. With his bereft family we suffer, and to them we offer what consolation the promise of prayerful remembrance may bring.

CFCCS Launches New Programme

The CFCCS society has recently published its new programme for the semester. In so doing, the president of that organization, Bob Quigley, declared that, because not very many students were fully acquainted with the function of CFCCS, it is the intention of the committee to launch a programme that would be beneficial, not only spiritually and academically, but also in such a way as to give students an opportunity to acquire knowledge of external affairs in various parts of the world.

First on the list of projects to be implemented is a series of seminars on Communism. These seminars will be conducted by prominent men, well versed on the subject, who will devote themselves directly to instructing the students on the evils of Communism and what they could do to suppress the effects of these evils. At the same time several discussion groups will be formed in which topics of vital interest to the

students will be treated.

In the early spring, two distinguished speakers will be sponsored by CFCCS to give an address to the students. The Canadian Ambassador to Egypt will talk on the Cultural Exchange programme between Canada and the Middle East countries, and Mr. Dave Dyson, the National Secretary of CFCCS will speak on the aims, functions and benefits of CFCCS. In mid-February, a semi-formal dance is to be sponsored by the society. Part of the proceeds will be donated to aid the Pan-African Seminar, which was recently held in the Congo.

The Regional Conference is to be held shortly at St. Thomas' University. St. Dunstan's plans to send a number of delegates to this conference.

The executive committee is appealing to all students to unite and support all the CFCCS undertakings for the year, so as to help make it a very fruitful and successful year for them.

Maritime Girls Intercollegiate Debating Society

Ladies traditionally enjoy talking. Their numbers have increased greatly since they first came to this campus in 1942—but they have continued to talk. They learned to do it scientifically under the leadership of Father Cass, the moderator of the Saint Dunstan's branch of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League (MIDL). The coeds participated with the men in debating activities until October 1, 1958. There were now enough to form a separate society which would associate with the other women's societies in the Maritimes: Mt. Saint Bernard, Mt. Saint Vincent, Mt.

Allison, Dalhousie, University of King's College, and Acadia.

Dr. Brendon O'Grady, an assistant to Father Cass in the older society, was asked to be moderator. He has succeeded in a delicate task: that of giving positive help when needed and leaving the girls on their own when they are able. Victory has not been achieved at all, in his opinion, if those debating have not done most of the work. Yet, as the president remarked at this year's meeting, if a debater is really in need of ideas or encouragement, Dr. O'Grady will discover what is the trouble

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Blood Clinic Termed Tremendous Success

The Charlottetown R. C. Blood Donor committee referred to the response of the students to the clinic held in the Gymnasium on December 7 as terrific, and with good reason. When the doors of the Gym closed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, the number of registrations stood at 285. With an objective of 250, the determination of the students of Saint Dunstan's University was magnificently demonstrated by far surpassing this mark.

Comparison between the various classes was the obvious driving force, and resulted in a tie between the Juniors and Seniors, both realizing a hundred per cent turnout. Class results were as follows: Seniors—100%; Juniors—100%; Sophomores—74.7%; Freshman—66.6%; Engineers—65.7%; High School—78.6%. Out of a possible 365 eligible students, 285 registered, giving Saint Dunstan's a 78.1% turnout.

Although this showing is certainly deserving of praise, it falls far short of records set in previous years. In 1956 we were able to boast of an 86% and an 85% in 1957. These figures would indicate the development of hindering factors within the last few years. Possibly one of the biggest factors is the increasing number of day students attending the university, coupled with the fact that the last few clinics have

been held in the afternoons only. We realize that an extra trip from town demands a tremendous display of college spirit on the part of the donor; but it also indicates real Christian charity, a virtue which all true Saint Dunstan's men and women should demonstrate frequently and without limitation. No doubt, there were many who were unable to donate because of health, but perhaps the fact that it was only necessary to register in order to boast the totals was not emphasized enough nor adequately advertised. If such was the case, then we are able to state that there is at least one detrimental factor that can be obliterated before the next blood drive.

Obviously there are many facts which would have to be considered if we were to attempt a complete analysis of the decrease in percentages over the past years. Since we have neither the time nor the ability to undertake such an analysis, we will substitute praise for criticism by congratulating all those who helped to make the December clinic such a success.

Let us endeavour to maintain, if not surpass, our present standing in the coming spring clinic, and in so doing, we will be able to proclaim loudly that Saint Dunstan's is continuing to add a happy ending to a bloody story.