

What do we stand for?

In close proximity to this university we have seen men demanding their rights and insisting upon a just wage. Through wind and rain they moved in a steady line of protest against injustice "erect and unconfined". Their cause was a mighty one, their determination laudable, their struggle worthy of our admiration.

Support them we did with our silent cheer and our moral anger. How that must have bolstered their sometimes sagging spirits! What an encouragement it must have been to them when we walked by on the way to town or the Kirkwood and nodded in sympathy and smiled in approval! The social teachings of the Church and the wisdom of reason guided us in our actions. We put into practice those lofty doctrines which professors have impressed upon us, and which we have so readily accepted.

We were encouraged to see the university boldly make a statement regarding just wages and the plight of the working man in today's society. It is a **condition** which confronts us-not a theory; and this was ably analysed and publicly declared.

The local populace now knows that we stand for truth and justice; that we are not content to stay in our ivory towers and "let the rest of the world go by".

We considered the risks — they were slight; we considered the good that could be done and we acted. We did not expect an immediate remedy, nor did we believe that our influence would have great sway, but we knew there is no knowledge that is not power.

We did all this because of our great esteem for the individual man and his work. We remembered that "Honest labour bears a lovely face", and we insisted that honest labour also be paid an honest wage.

What an example we have given to the community, what fortitude, what charity, what prudence! Congratulations. We are sure St. Dunstan would be proud of us.

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After deliberation and terribly profound thought we have decided to make Red and White a bi-monthly. This has never been done before, but we feel there are enough reasons to warrant an attempt. We beg of you students the grace to experiment. You may feel that the editor is not concerned about Red and White and that he has adopted a rather negative attitude toward it. This is far from the truth. We are concerned about your student publication and we will do our utmost to make it worthy of St. Dunstan's University. This is not an easy task, nor is it an enviable one. An editor can only be as good as the people who work with him, and the quality and topicality of the issue will depend on you, the student.

We feel that an issue which arrives each second week will help in this regard. It could mean more work for us, but we are willing to tackle the job, and we will do it because we think it must be done. In the meantime, we ask you to have patience with us, contribute articles, and give us plenty of constructive criticism.

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Speaking of editors, there was a petition distributed around the campus of the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute to fire the editor of their publication. The reason — enough students could not get their articles into the student publication. The idea was brought forth that the paper was controlled by a clique that published what it wanted. Oh well

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Don't count Nixon out

With some political observers now viewing, a G.O.P. convention "showdown" between Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon, as a distinct possibility, where do the nation's Republican voters stand?

Evidence that the former Vice President may be a power to be reckoned with comes from the latest Gallup Poll in which Nixon edges out Goldwater by a 52 to 48 vote among rank and file members of their party.

To test the strength of the current G.O.P. forerunner and the man who ran Kennedy an extremely close race in 1960, the Gallup Poll pitted the two men against each other in a convention "showdown" test: "Suppose the choice for President in the Republican convention in 1964 narrows down to Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon. Which one would you prefer to have the Republican convention select?" When those persons who identify themselves as Republicans are asked to choose between the two men, the results are as follows:

Republicans Only — Prefer Nixon. . . 52 per cent; Prefer Goldwater. . . 48 per cent.

KENNEDY ALL THE WAY

A 1961 Gallup Poll pitted Nixon against Jack Kennedy. The results were obvious, in this hypothetical election, Kennedy won by a vote of 62 per cent to Nixon's 38 per cent.

A more recent poll by the same outfit, September of this year, showed Kennedy with 65 per cent and Nixon with 35 per cent.

Most interesting was the poll between Goldwater and Kennedy. In this one Kennedy polled 60 per cent and Barry 40 per cent. Goldwater fans take heed.

Variety show great, come and see

A Variety Show will be held at SDU gym on the twenty-fourth of November. That's what the word is, but perhaps notices around the campus may change that. This show is being sponsored by the Senior Class, and we are looking forward to a good effort on their part. The admission (so the best sources say) is twenty-five cents.

We have some new and exciting talent on campus, and the rehearsal held last week came up with a few surprises. There is plenty of talent in this university, and the unfortunate part about it is that it will be undiscovered by some and will lie dormant.

We should have more of these shows around SDU—there simply isn't enough. The Glee Club and Drama Society will come up with a few interesting evenings, but that's it. How does one encourage more student's shows on the stage? Other universities manage to come up with some simple, but enjoyable programmes. What are the foreign students planning for this year?

Well back to the show on hand. There will be singers, musicians, dancers (as far as we know), and an interesting M.C. Word has it this will be handled by George Swift, a Senior Commerce Student. You can expect the usual folk songs (which by the way you may be encouraged to join), some Broadway numbers, some interesting new talent on guitar and sax plus the good old stand-bys.

So come along and join the crowd. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening.

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CUSS it Ain't!!

Mr. Editor: I must compliment you on your provocative editorial and continue on to clarify, if I can, some misconceptions relative to the what and why of C.U.S.

Some years ago, Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, gave a brief evaluation of NFCUS which is well worth repeating here, and which, as it stands, is perhaps more applicable to C.U.S.:

Because I believe it of a very great importance that Canadian students within the university; this without regard to politics, should, where desirable or necessary, act together in their own interests, I have supported and continue to support their national organization. I consider the National Federation of Canadian University Students (the Canadian Union of Students) particularly important because it officially represents the students' councils in each university and they in turn represent all their students within the university; this without regard to politics, class or creed, but on an official representative basis.

Undermining this in the article entitled **The Proverbial Bang**, your acute comment, "CUS the Canadian Union of Students, is going to work both as a silent partner and critic of the Students' Union," seems to indicate a misunderstanding on your part.

In the first place, the C.U.S. committee is not like Operation Campus Action, nor is it of the idea of the Debating Club nor Drama Club, etc. C.U.S. is the Students' council of Saint Dunstan's University and students' councils of other member universities; the C.U.S. committee is a subcommittee of the student's council approved to carry on correspondence with other member universities in the name of the individual student's council.

You wrote in your editorial:

"We feel that any local student body can manage to solve its own internal problems without the aid of C.U.S."

Concerning this, Mr. Editor, I first refer you to the Encyclical letter of Pope Pius XII on the Mystical Body of Christ, section 24:

It is better "to be cured within the Church's community than to be cut off from its body as incurable members." "As long as a member still forms part of the body there is no reason to despair of its cure; once it has been cut off, it can be neither cured nor healed."

This would seem to attach a value to a bodily union where member for member contributes to the others development. Now to draw a parallel between the Mystical Body of Christ and the position of the Canadian Union of Students may seem hypothetical to some, to others it is not so.

Let us take a positive side to the issue and set aside the term "sour grapes." In the body of C.U.S. there are members, namely, the students' councils of the member universities within Canada. The head of this body, for practical purposes, is the national executive who are elected by member delegates at national congresses. Granted, the executive are human and are liable to mistakes, but within C.U.S. what makes or breaks the union is primarily the members themselves for without them and their participation there would be no C.U.S.

You, Mr. Editor, maintain that the student body can manage to solve its own internal problems without aid of C.U.S. So the student body attempts. Is it better, I ask you, that a student body go ahead on its own, learning by its own mistakes, or is it better that students consider others who have made identical or similar attempts, successful or not, and learn from their experience and knowledge? If you still propose that the individual student bodies remain within themselves, functioning autonomously without regard of outside sources of information, then I question your own attendance and that of any person of similar thoughts at this or any other university. Books may be a source, yet do they suffice as well as a personal contact with an experienced student or students?

It is **not** the purpose for C.U.S. to act, as would a distinct organization on a given campus, as a "critic" of a particular student council if it deems necessary, meaning, that if a local student body feels its' student council is not doing its best, it may appeal to C.U.S. who will then inform other universities resulting in a barrage of telegrams and letters telling it to "smarten up"—politely, of course. No, this it is **not**. Then what is it?

Its purpose is... to promote and protect the interests and welfare of Canadian Students whenever and wherever that can be done, and to be the official mouthpiece of Canadian students, to represent Canadian students officially in other countries and at international conferences when that is appropriate.

First and foremost, this is the purpose. Now to you this may be far-fetched. But in the same way that some Nations hold to the United Nations and others do not; and in the same way that some individuals hold to the Mystical Body of Christ and others do not; so it is with the Canadian Union of Students to which some hold, some do not. CUS is nothing more than united student bodies who become members of a greater body, that of the Canadian Union of Students. Within this union are available opportunities for betterment. Whether or not student bodies take advantage of the availabilities is up to students themselves. Some universities of Canada realize C.U.S. for what it is and what it can be for them; a media of correspondence for exchange of ideas, for help where it is needed in points of correction and further development; an interaction of students. Where most groups, clubs, organizations on campus that require financing, present something sensible, i.e., perceptible by the senses, students have become disillusioned into expecting the same of any and every financial investment. Within C.U.S. you will not find this, for it is not a media of concrete deliveries where the individual students can possess and hold something within their hands, or see or hear something at their immediate disposal.

Yet you should not be left to understand that C.U.S. is a stagnant union of students which proposes to do nothing. On the contrary, there is much that will be accomplished. For the student, information on such action may be obtained from the Student Council President, Colin J. MacMillan, or C.U.S. Chairman, John Flanagan.