

EDITORIALS

THIS IS OUR LAST

This six-page effort represents the last issue of the Red and White published by the present staff and under the present editorship. The next and last issue of the year will be put out in mid-April by junior art student Eric Milne, who was recently appointed editor for the coming year by the Students' Council and who has succeeded in recruiting a talented and ambitious staff to work with him.

It has been our attempt to produce a paper on a bi-monthly basis. To a certain extent we have succeeded in this endeavour. The difficulty of recruiting and maintaining an industrious staff, the absence of readily available printing facilities, and limited financial resources make it extremely difficult to publish regularly a high-quality campus newspaper at St. Dunstan's.

The Red and White can not compare with most student publications at larger Canadian universities. Most have some professional help and some are published by a faculty of journalism.

However, if the Red and White has improved this year — as we hope it has — the improvement will be of little value unless it serves as a basis for future improvements.

We thank those students who have been helpful in offering their talents towards the publication of the Red and White this year, especially to so many members of the faculty whose words of encouragement and advice have been of no little consequence.

AN ENVIABLE RECORD

On Wednesday, March 22, Philip MacDougall received the Students' Union executive reins from out-going President Charley McMillan. We extend to Mr. MacDougall and his recently elected executive our congratulations and wishes for success in undertaking their responsibilities in the coming year. The task ahead for the new President is a difficult one. With a ten dollar Students' Union fee increase, never before has a student leader at St. Dunstan's been responsible for the handling of such a large operation. Nevertheless, the decisive vote of confidence extended to him in the recent election is evidence that he enjoys the confidence of those it is now his duty to lead.

The past year has been a notable one for the Students' Union. It has climaxed the most dramatic period of transition in the history of our student government — a transition from a small group of organizations united through an executive to a highly organized legal body with full corporate status.

Under the imaginative leadership of Mr. McMillan, a successful austerity program was launched in the fall to erase a \$6000 debt inherited from the Morton administration last year. To insure the financial stability of the Union in future years, a new account system was inaugurated for purchases and expenditures, the services of an auditor were solicited, and a constitutional amendment to bind future executives to a biannual audit was introduced.

A litany of achievements of the McMillan administration would not be complete without mention of the part it played in improving residence lounge facilities, introducing a new postal system, and expanding Students' Union offices and equipment.

Other accomplishments include the highly successful Alumni Weekend co-sponsored by the Alumni Association, as well as an overall improvement in communication between the Union and the University Administration. Possibly the crowning glory of the out-going administration is the extensive groundwork laid for the future construction of a Students' Union building at St. Dunstan's, scheduled for 1970.

Much of the credit for the present financial stability of the Students' Union must go to Union Treasurer Gerald Praught, whose silent, behind-the-scenes efforts contributed enormously towards reducing the stupendous deficit thrust in his lap this fall. Many hours of hard work were contributed by this man. Seldom has there been such a dedicated Students' Union exchequer.

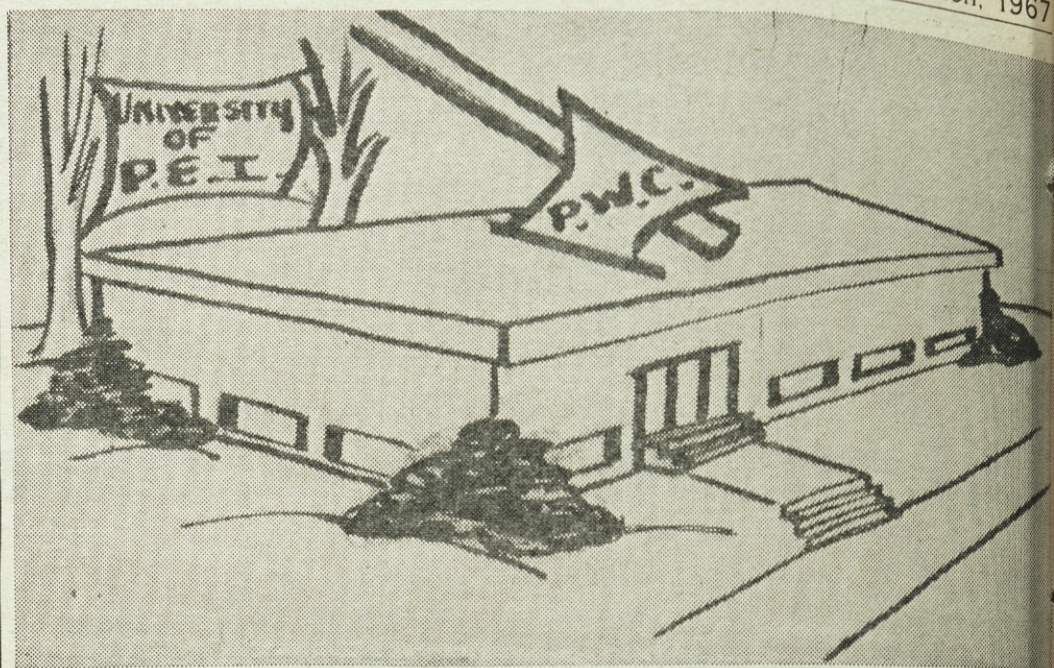
Certainly there are a few blemishes on the otherwise commendable record of this administration. It's hard to justify the Union's withdrawal from the Canadian Union of Students, for example. Nevertheless, the out-going executive can boast an enviable list of achievements and an unsurpassed record of expansion and progress. As the McMillan administration takes its last bow, we seek a conspicuous place in the reception line.

A PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Prince of Wales College has recently announced that it is acquiring the services of a full time public relations officer. At the present time, St. Dunstan's University has to depend for promotion on the writing talents of its Registrar and whatever free publicity it can obtain from the local newspapers. God forbid!

St. Dunstan's is a million dollar corporation. To condone such an arrangement is absolute idiocy. Any efficiently run enterprise of the size SDU has attained should realize the value of public relations. By relegating this important area to the second drawer of the Registrar's desk, St. Dunstan's obviously has not.

When the academic year 1967-68 begins in September, let's see a full time Registrar at St. Dunstan's. That means a full time public relations officer.



HAS THE AXE FALLEN?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MY COMPLIMENTS

Dear Sir:

Through the medium of the student press at St. Dunstan's, allow me to compliment both Tom McMillan and Philip Macdonald who represented this University at the national debating tournament held recently at the University of Calgary. Both students debated with enthusiasm and with sportsmanship. Both upheld the debating tradition of St. Dunstan's commendably.

--Edward Benson

ATHLETIC MONOPOLY

Dear Sir:

This year has been marked by a year of change in sports. Also, we think, an increase in the Varsity payroll. And, according to the Laws of Newton, this unbalanced force pushes the intra-mural program into oblivion.

Let us examine the action and reaction and how this unbalanced force dominates in the upper echelons of minority rule and manipulates the unexcelled students.

The head of the Athletic Department holds a very important position. However, his narrow-minded emphasis on sports, which limits him to the varsity level, puts the participating student in class sports in the twilight zone. In fact, he even discourages the students due to the reaction against his policies, from participating to any extent in them. The life of the Athletic Director revolves around Varsity — football and basketball. Is there any consideration for those students who haven't the ability to reach this level but, who, nevertheless, desire encouragement and coaching on the intra-mural plane? What happened to the intra-mural football league this year? We realize that the varsity level of sports is important; however, the interests of the ordinary student should be considered and he should realize some return for his monetary investment.

OUR Athletic Director has a mate. He is OUR Assistant Athletic Director who too, is infatuated with sports, i.e., Varsity sports (hockey). He is always anxious to help accelerate sports' players provided they come under the title of 'Varsity'. Dare he come down to the lower level of athletic performance! And to our astonishing surprise, OUR Hero humbly lowered himself to the highest of the low, that is, to the final intra-mural playoff game. And for this rare privilege, on behalf of the players, he unleashed one of the most partisan exhibitions of officiating ever to occur this year. Yes, March 22nd will be remembered by the students with the generosity befitting a tyrant. Machiavelli would have been proud of this disciple.

The Wednesday game was won by the Seniors 3 goals to 2. One of their goals was a direct result of OUR Hero. His

deliberate failure to give his unique whistle that 'sound' of authority when the puck was frozen for ten seconds against the net, resulted in a goal. Incidentally, he was asked to participate in the Senior victory celebration. We do not infer that he necessarily aided and abetted the Seniors, but we question why he waited for so long to blow the whistle? However, we were overjoyed at his presence. His admirable qualities — indecision, irresolution — certainly uplifted the spirit of the game to an all-high pitch.

Approaching the third level of Athletic divisions, we come to the Athletic Association, better known as the A.A.A. They, too, warrant criticism. For, one easily observes in this association, decisions applying to the general body of students are subjected to the interests of a particular class. We think that A.A.A. ought to vote for the issue as it concerns the whole university rather than the self-centered class interests, for the A.A.A. is a student body organization not a committee dominated by a particular class. The A.A.A. decisions are reflected in the intra-mural hockey organization.

In the final play-off game between the Seniors and the Sophomores, the A.A.A.'s ineptness and mismanagement reached a climax. The officials of the two previous playoff games were quite satisfactory. Why were they changed? The intramural hockey manager should be responsible for the procuring of enough red sweaters to distinguish team players. This was not done; Why?

These abominations must not prevail if the university is to continue to be the hallmark of excellence — and this includes sports. At this university, we find the interests of a small minority taking total priority over the large majority of students for no apparent reason.

--Some Sophomores

REBELLION & DEFIANCE

Dear Sir:

Many of the students who will read this letter can still remember the grand old days about two years ago when our Easter holidays used to begin at noon on Wednesday. In those days, the administration could not be considered generous; six days at Easter was merely respectable.

Then came 1965-66 and an application on the part of the student council for a three-day break before exams. Despite the fact that in the course of a normal academic year almost every other Maritime university gave about a week at Easter, and one to two weeks before exams, the university senate allowed us only a two-day exam break, and the start of our Easter holidays was put back to noon of Holy Thursday.

Finally, in 1967, Rt. Rev. George Macdonald and company have perpetrated the ultimate annoyance — the crowning insult: not only were we denied our two-day break at Christmas; but in addition, our Easter holiday has been reduced to little more than a long weekend.

By acting with such blatant disregard for both the decisions of the senate and the needs of the students, the administration has alienated itself far beyond any right to either the respect or the obedience of the student body. Men of this sort cannot be dealt with reasonably or through normal channels. The only course left open is one of rebellion and defiance. Every student at this university should absent himself from classes several days in advance of April 24th not only to have adequate time for exam preparation, but also as a gesture of protest against an administration which is either grossly ignorant of the needs of the students or just couldn't care less.

--A Senior History Major

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