

High Costs Seen Slowing SDU Building Operations

High costs of administration and maintenance and the construction program carried out this past year will make it impossible to initiate other building operations at present. Rt. Rev. John A. Sullivan, rector and president of St. Dunstan's University said yesterday in his annual report.

Addressing graduates and guests at the 165th commencement exercises, Msgr. Sullivan points out as a result of the building program the university carries a debt of \$200,000 on which the annual interest outlay will be approximately \$10,000.

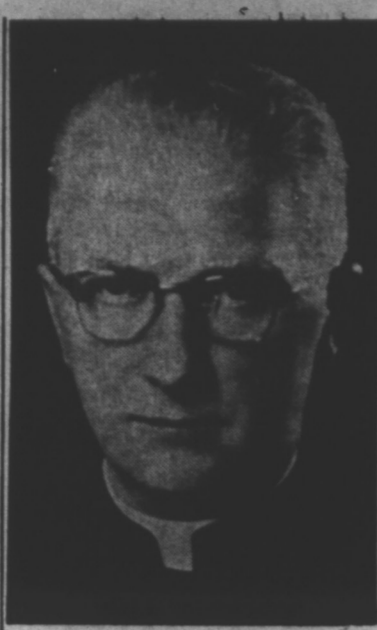
"This along with the high costs of administration and maintenance will tax our financial resources almost to the limit and will render impossible at present the initiation of other building operations of our expansion program."

The university president said, however, he was looking forward to the construction of a library building in the near future. He also said additional space would have to be provided soon for science studies. Enrollment in this field has tripled since the present science building was constructed 20 years ago.

Following is the text of the report:

Once more it is our pleasure to extend a cordial welcome to the special guests, to the parents of the graduates and other students, and to the many friends who are today honouring us with their presence.

Our Most Reverend Chancellor, Bishop Malcolm MacEachern, who is on his ad limina visit to His Holiness Pope John XXIII, is absent today from our Convocation. His place on the stage is being taken by his Vicar General



MSGR. SULLIVAN

and the present administrator of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. A. Murphy, who is presiding over our closing, and, indeed, presided over this institution as President for seventeen years. The members of the staff who worked here with Msgr. Murphy during those years and others who were students at that time, as well as the many visitors who are here present and who knew him intimately, will all agree, I am sure, that today's proceedings are in capable and experienced hands.

ROYAL VISIT AWAITED

At St. Dunstan's 85th convocation, Msgr. Murphy in his annual report, made fitting reference to the expected visit that summer of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. This year again, just twenty years later,

with Msgr. Murphy presiding at our Convocation, we look forward in the same joyful anticipation to the visit to our Province of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Her Majesty, whom His Honour the Lieutenant Governor so capably represents in our Province, already won the hearts of the Canadian people when, as Princess Elizabeth, she, in company with her husband, visited Canada in 1952; and, as Queen, she has endeared herself to us even more, and, therefore, her coming visit to our Province cannot fail to engender in us, her faithful subjects, even deeper sentiments of genuine loyalty and love.

The 105th academic year of St. Dunstan's which we are concluding today, has been, I am pleased to report, a successful one. For the many blessings bestowed upon us during the past year, we express publicly our thanks to Almighty God. Throughout the year the usual routine of classes and other duties associated with university life were carried

out by all members of the staff with admirable earnestness and efficiency.

MORE SCIENCE STUDENTS

When registration was completed for the year, we had a total of 443 students, of which 296 were registered for university work, and 147 for the last two years of High School. The total number of resident students was 294. While the Arts course still attracts the greatest number of the students, the most notable increase in registration was in our Science course. This may scarcely be regarded here as a trend to early specialization in the Sciences, for our Science course is still heavily weighted with the humane subjects, a combination which provides a good foundation for future graduate training in the sciences.

It is gratifying to report, especially in the presence of so many parents, that the success attained by the students was, in general, satisfactory. Many of the students have done excellent work and have not allowed the distracting influence of present-day life to interfere unduly with their progress. While participating in the various activities of the campus, they were able to keep a proper balance of time between work and recreation, and thus obtain

creditable standing in the past list.

With the wide variety of interests in college life, all of which enter into the process of education when taken in the proper order, there are some students who, contrary to all direction, place too much emphasis on what is only secondary; and, as a result, the time spent by them in serious study is not sufficient for the attainment of that academic success of which they are really capable. Although they may flatter themselves that they have a facility for getting things done quickly and that for them constant application in unnecessary, they will learn from bitter experience that things accomplished with little labour are usually of little worth. They realize too late that perseverance is the most important and most necessary condition for the attainment of success. Due allowance must always be made for refreshing and necessary recreation of mind and body, nevertheless, the necessity of work as the indispensable means to success must be kept continually before the minds of students, even while they are still under the immediate supervision of their parents in the home. Every effort should be made to make study attractive;

every attempt to make it easy will end in failure.

NEW RESIDENCE

The new residence for young ladies, to which reference was made in last year's report, was completed in January of this year, and occupied at the beginning of March. This residence is under the supervision of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha; and its first superior is Sister Mary Ida, M.A., a valued member of our teaching staff. Although the building is neither large nor elaborate, it will provide adequate and comfortable accommodations for a very important part of our student body for some years to come. In addition to providing dormitory accommodations, it contains a kitchen, a dining room, a chapel, and classrooms for courses in Home Economics and Secretarial Studies, which will be offered at the beginning of the next school year.

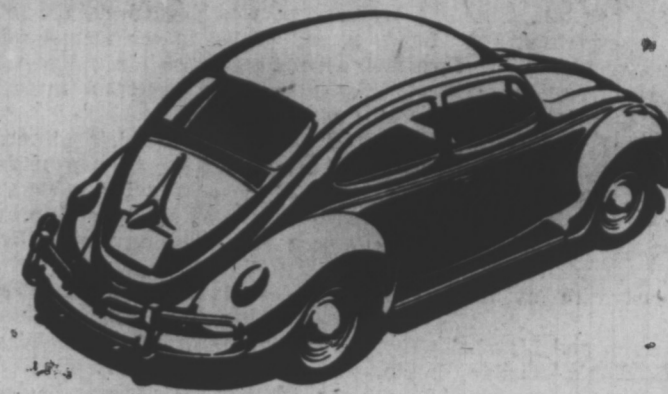
We are deeply grateful to the Canada Council for the grant of \$142,000.00, which has aided greatly in meeting the cost of construction of this building. We gratefully acknowledge, too, gifts totalling almost \$50,000.00 received during the year from many business firms both in and outside the Province.

We take this opportunity to express publicly our thanks to Larson and Larson Architects, and the associate architect Mr. G. Keith Pickard, for their highly satisfactory service, and to the contractors, the M. F. Schurman Company, who have given us in Marian College a building as substantial as the other buildings which they have constructed on our campus.

The construction of an artificial ice rink was scarcely contemplated at this time last year, although the need of it had been felt for some years. With two-thirds of our student body in residence, the necessity of providing adequate facilities for winter recreation became daily more evident. It was felt that our natural-ice rink, which was built more than thirty years ago, was not satisfactory and that more up-to-date facilities for winter recreation would have to be provided. Consequently, with the approval of our Board of Governors, the construction of a new rink was begun in the latter part of the summer. Notwithstanding unfavourable weather conditions during the fall, County Construction Company succeeded in having

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VOLKSWAGEN WINS 1958 AMERICAN ENGINEERING AWARD— For the first time, one of America's leading engineers honors will go to a foreign engineering team when the 1958 Elmer A. Sperry Award is presented this year to the creators of the German-built Volkswagen.

The Board of Award, commemorating the achievements of Dr. Elmer A. Sperry, a pioneer in the development of the Gyrocompass and founder of the Sperry Gyroscope Company, deliberates for a year before making its annual choice. The vote for Volkswagen this year was a unanimous one.

The award citation reads: "...for the development of the Volkswagen which, in concept, engineering design and production, has made available to the world an automobile of small size for multiple uses, with unique attributes of universality; of low initial and operating costs; of simplicity of design having ease of maintenance; comfort with adequate performance; and suitable for rural and urban use."

Recipients of the award are Dr. Heinz Nordhoff, director general of the Volkswagenwerk, the late Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, designer, and their co-workers.

In 1957 the award went to the developers of General Motors Corporation's Diesel-electric locomotive, who are credited with helping to revolutionize American railroading. Donald W. Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft, won in 1956 for the DC series of airplanes. The 1955 award went to William F. Gibbs for the concept and design of the SS United States, fastest passenger ship in the world.

Volkswagen, winner of the 1958 award, produces the familiar passenger sedan, the VW station wagons, delivery vans and pick-ups, as well as the line of Volkswagen Karmann Ghia automobiles.

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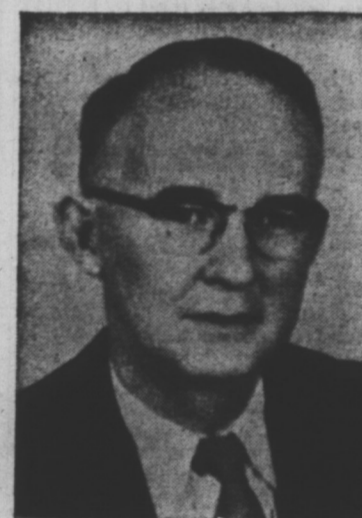
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