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# SDU shows growth in all departments

For more than a century, since 1855, St. Dunstan's University has been contributing to Prince Edward Island and Canadian education, and this past year has been no exception. Acting on the theory that education cannot remain static, but must advance or fall back, SDU has continued to move ahead with the changing times.

New buildings, an increase in the number of faculty members and a record enrollment of full-time students have set the pattern for advance during the past twelve months.

Kelley Memorial Library, with a capacity of 120,000 volumes, was officially opened about a year ago, and the new \$70,000 Students' Union Coffee Shop opened for business on January 25 of this year.

Nine new faculty members were added to the staff this year, seven on a full-time basis and two part-time. Eight of these are either at the Ph.D. level or the Master's level.

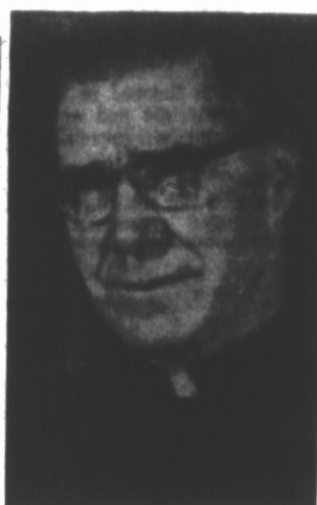
A record 552 full-time students enrolled at SDU this year, with 331, or 60 per cent of the total, coming from Prince Edward Island.

Other Canadian provinces represented are: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta.

Fifty students from the United States are also on campus representing the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and California.

Adding a cosmopolitan flavour to the SDU campus scene are 22 students from such far-flung places as Hong Kong, India, British Guiana, South Africa, the West Indies, Thailand and Jordan.

Besides these, there are 180 part-time students in university, and 200 students in St. Dunstan's High School.



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CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Last year's convocation proved to be one of the most popular in the university's history as the magic name of Kennedy drew hundreds to the College Hall to hear Senator Edward Kennedy address the graduates. He was also awarded an honorary degree, as were James Cardinal McGuigan and Jean-Louis Levesque.

Throughout the summer, too, the SDU campus was a scene of almost continuous activity as thousands of visitors gathered here to view the exhibition of sacred art which was on display in the library, and which received international publicity in many art magazines across Canada and the United States.

The university also sponsored several other art exhibits throughout the year.

Another highlight of the summer activities was a special convocation held on July 25 at which honorary degrees were awarded to six Canadian preachers.

Premiers thus honored were Walter R. Shaw of Prince Edward Island, who also gave the

reply on behalf of the honorary graduates: Robert L. Stanfield, Nova Scotia; Louis J. Robichaud, New Brunswick; Jean Lesage, Quebec; John P. Roberts, Ontario; and Joseph R. Smallwood, Newfoundland.

Cultural activities through the year witnessed the visit to the campus of a group from the Mount Allison Conservatory, and two lectures by Professor Jean Ethier-Biais of the French Department of McGill University. His talks dealt with biculturalism and bilingualism under the headings: "The literary and philosophical aspects of French Canada today," and "The future of French Canada as seen through its literature."

Still another venture undertaken by SDU last summer was the effort, through a series of lectures, to interest visitors to P.E.I. in island history.

These included a talk about the conditions in P.E.I. at the time of Confederation by Dr. Bolger; a lecture on the Scottish settlements in P.E.I. by Rev. Allan MacDonald; and a lecture about the Acadians in P.E.I. by Prof. J.H. Blancheard.

Awards won were those for the best play, the best director in the person of Rev. Adrian Arsenault, the best visual production, and the \$100 award from the Canadian Association of Broadcasters.

In debating, SDU swept to its third straight Maritime title

under the guidance of Dr. Bolger, but lost out in the semifinals to the University of British Columbia debaters who went on to win the Canadian title.

Another first for SDU was the \$8,000 research project announced by the federal department of health and welfare and which is being carried out on the campus under the direction of Rev. Dr. Regis Duffy, head of the chemistry department.

This two-year project involves the determination of insecticide residue levels in milk, especially DDT and other chlorinated insecticides used by P.E.I. farmers.

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## Lions club sparks community action

An event that was to have far-reaching significance in the history of Georgetown took place on Jan. 29, 1964 when the Georgetown Lions Club received their Charter at a function held in the High School and attended by 150 Lions and guests from various provincial centres as well as prominent Lions from centers throughout the Maritime Provinces.

The president is Howard S. MacLean and the club has 21 charter members. The sponsoring club was the St. John's Club and other clubs in the province gave

and were presented with prizes. Prizes were donated for the closing exercises of the Georgetown High school. Many of the club members attended the district convention held in Charlottetown in May and they built and decorated a float, which won third prize among the many floats taking part in the parade. This float also took part in the Centennial Day proceedings in Georgetown, Montague and Cardigan.

On Georgetown's Centennial Day the Lions Club provided the canteen service throughout the festivities. On Labour Day they held a mammoth dance in the potato warehouse to raise funds to continue their service work. Halloween witnessed the holding of a mammoth party in the town hall for all of the children of the town and games were

played and treats given to all the children. The club made a substantial donation to the Georgetown School to assist in buying books for the school library.

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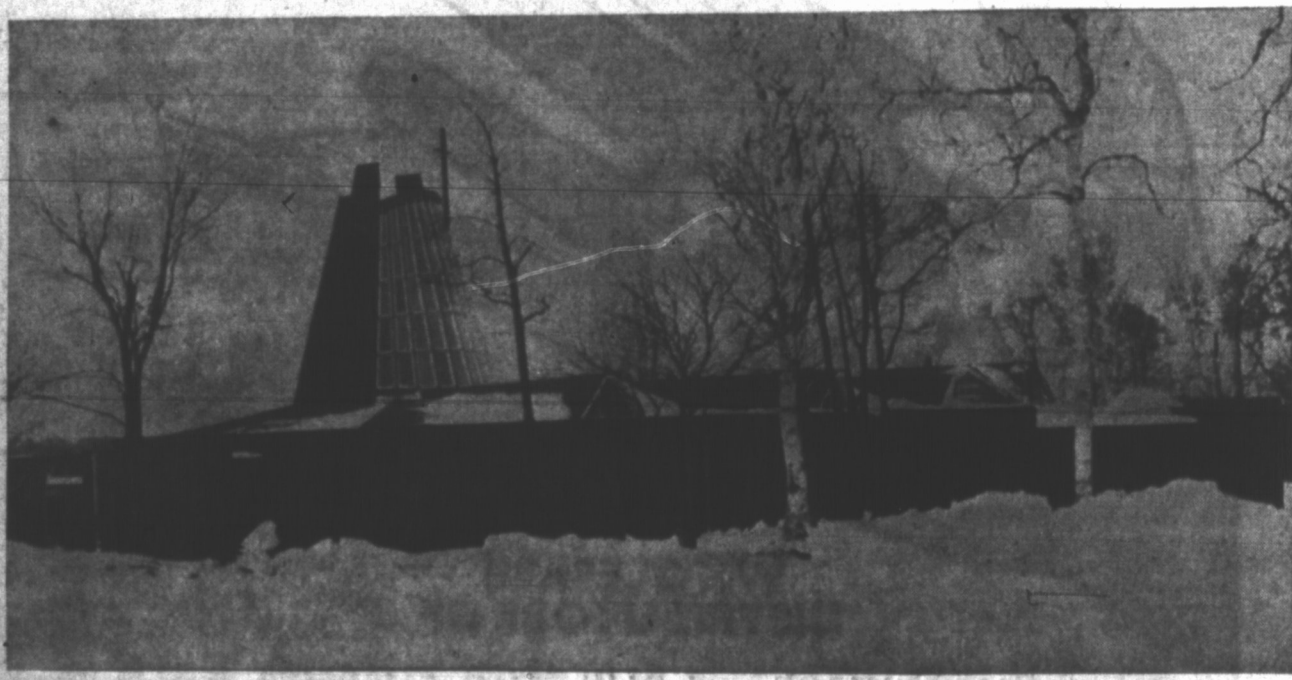
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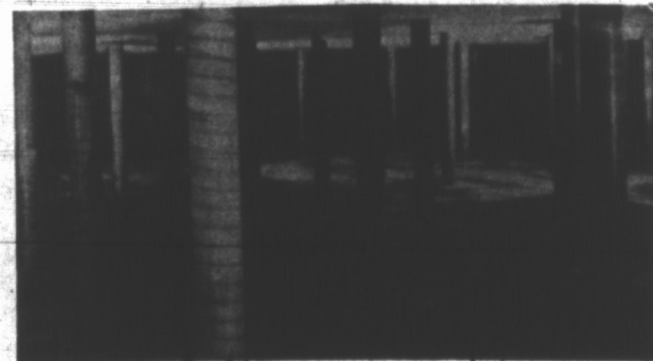
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