

# THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF :

## DENNY CLOUGH

In the Wednesday issue of the Patriot and Thursdays issue of the Guardian, Dennis Clough replied to my article on staff salaries.

Mr. Clough stated that he did not know whether the poverty lines were appropriate to the Island or not. These levels were established by the Senate Committee for all of Canada, if anything they should be higher on P.E.I. The figures are available to show that living on P.E.I. costs more than a lot of places in Canada. Food prices here are extremely high and therefore it costs more to eat. The rate for rent is not to be believed in this province. With these two factors at least equal to or higher than the national average, how can Dennis question whether or not the poverty lines apply to the Island.

Mr. Clough has set himself up as a defender of regional disparity. He said, "We are paying the going rates. Also, we compete on a national market for our professional staff... we compete on a provincial level for non-instructional personnel."

With the rest of Canada trying to alleviate regional disparity, Denny, singlehandedly is trying to maintain it. He must be willing to accept that some people be paid provincial levels so why doesn't Denny accept it totally. Is his



salary, Mike Hennessey's, Bakers, at a national level or regional level?

The University should be the leader in attempting to rid the Maritimes of their poverty. One way in which they can do that, is to pay decent wages all across the board.

The inaccuracies that Denny mentioned are not false. There is, and I have received my information from a very reliable

source, one person making \$4,122 and they have been here for 20 years. If I am wrong all Denny has to do is show me the list of staff salaries and I will make the appropriate correction.

The point about negotiations is equally true. The faculty can negotiate their individual salaries with the Administration I found this point from faculty members who have negotiated their contracts. As the scale says, there are minimum wages for faculty.

Mr. Clough has asked me where we are going to get money to pay for decent salaries. The answer could be in the form of a question. The wages paid to the Administration could be cut back, the progress fund is raising \$10,000,000 for this university to construct nice buildings. If this much can be raised for building purposes, the finances must also be available to pay decent salaries. If this is not the case, hold off building until we can afford to.

The attitude taken by Mr. Clough is the common in this society. The material forms of buildings are more important than people.

I will continue for as long as I am able to attack this basic philosophy of Western society. We must put people before progress.

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## The Good Old Days?

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## or do you remember

The enrollment this year at St. Dunstan's is the largest in the history of the institution, there being some three hundred students in attendance. The additional living quarters provided by the erection of Memorial Hall have enabled the University to accept approximately seventy-five students more than in former years. Even yet, however, applications for admission had to be turned down due to the fact that no more living

quarters were available. The large number of applications received is an indication of the general recognition of the need for education in our modern society. It is also a vindication of the judgment of those who foresaw the need for expansion at St. Dunstan's and took steps to provide for that expansion.

As was indicated above, Memorial Hall has been completed and presents a very pleasing appearance. It took a long time

to erect this new building, and the cost of it certainly must have been high. It is hoped that the students of St. Dunstan's will not be unmindful of those whose untiring efforts and generous contributions made this building possible. One way by which they can give tangible evidence of their gratitude is by taking the best possible care of the building and its equipment.

This cartoon was submitted to the McGill Daily by a member of the cafeteria cleaning staff. The same situation prevails in the Barn.

