

RAMBEAU IS NEW PRESIDENT



New SRC President -- Len Rambeau

Flemming, Dean and Goldring Complete Executive

Len Rambeau, a third year student from Dartmouth, N.S. was elected president of the 1966-67 students' council. He defeated his opponent Bob Britton by forty six votes. The result was always in doubt until the last few votes were counted for it was then that Rambeau attained his unassailable lead. His victory comes as somewhat an upset, for many people were predicting that Britton would win the election. Tom Flemming had a much closer race in his vice-presidential victory, gaining a plurality victory over Bernie Murphy and Ed LaPierre. His margin of victory was eight votes. Paul Goldring received an 87% yes vote. Although he was already in by acclamation, Paul requested that the students be given a chance to approve him. In the race for the post of treasurer, James Dean was a comfortable winner over Chris Rose. The new council takes office as from March 1st.



Assistant Returning Officer -- Doug Hartt

Vice - Presidential Election Queried

By Jeremy Simms

Last Friday, members of the outgoing Students' Council met to discuss the validity of the vice-presidential election. A motion was placed before the Council by Dave English, asking that the election be declared invalid, since the winning candidate did not hold a clear majority. Mr. English, this year's vice-president, was in charge of the election in the absence of Dan Knight who was attending an important meeting in the United States. Mr. English ruled that a run-off election would have to be held between the top two candidates, Tom Flemming and Bernie Murphy. On his return, Mr. Knight countermanded this decision and declared Mr. Flemming the winner on the basis of receiving a plurality vote. He based his decision on the precedent of Pat Curran's election to the post of Secretary three years ago. Before he left on his trip he had notified the Dean of Men that in the event of no candidate receiving a majority, the one with the plurality would be declared the winner. The Council defeated English's motion and upheld the legality of the election.

Although there is no doubt to Flemming's legal right to the

Vice-Presidency, the misunderstanding which developed shows another definite weakness in our constitution. The deficiencies in our election procedure cannot be allowed to continue. In a university this size we should strive for a more representative form of democracy whereby a candidate will have the support of the majority of students. For if one of three candidates gains slightly more than one third of the vote he is elected, although two thirds of the electorate are POTENTIALLY against his leadership. By this same token, if as many as ten candidates could be persuaded to run, it is conceivable that approximately 81 students could elect a candidate who is to represent eight hundred students.

If we are unwilling to accept the extra trouble of primaries and run-offs, then the best solution appears to be a preference ballot, whereby the individual voter could show his priority by virtue of a point system. What ever is decided, reforms will have to be made if problems are to be avoided in a new constitution. We should strive not only to uphold what is legal, but also what is just, in the interest of both the candidate and the electorate.



Annual Public Speaking Contest Has New Features

The annual Public Speaking contest will not be decided this year merely on a prepared speech. Formerly contestants prepared a speech and delivered it. But this year after the delivery of their prepared speech will be handed a topic and fifteen minutes later will demonstrate their ability at speaking extemporaneously. The combined results of these

two types of public speaking will determine the winner of the Haliburton Medal.

In the simulated radio broadcast a taped reading of a newscast by the contestants will be judged. Students who have been employed by a Radio station to broadcast are not eligible. The award for the winner of this part of the contest is the CHNS trophy.

The contest will be held on March 24th in the Debating Theatre at 8:15 P.M. Contestants must notify Fr. O'Donnell before March 10th. Taping of newscast will be made on Monday, March 14th. Contestants may compete in either the Public Speaking or and the Simulated Radio Broadcast.

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

OUT - TALKING THE PHONE PESTS

Mr. Charles Einstein, of the San Francisco Examiner, reports that a gentleman out there has organized an anti-PPP campaign. Even furnishes a handbook on the subject. PPP stands for "Phone Pitch Pests"... the people who call you up at home to offer you the buy of a lifetime in insurance, magazine subscriptions, blacktop driveways, encyclopedias, etc.

The WORST thing you can do with these folks, says the handbook is hang up on them. This strikes them as a challenge and they come back after you with hooks. Instead, you should talk to them. Be gay. Act glad. The following dialogue is given as a sort of a master guide: PHONE RINGS: Q. (From PPP) - Hello, is this Mr. So-and-So? I represent the Delightful Dance Studio and you've become eligible for our Bonus Jackpot Question. Are you excited?

A. -- I'm so excited I'm paralyzed. Wait till I get a brandy. By the way, can I sell you some brandy? We just got a shipment in, and....

Q. -- If you're ready for the question, Mr. So-and-So, we'll... A -- I'm ready. If I win may I drop dead completely from excitement. If I do, will you remember the life insurance is in the right hand drawer of the desk in the green room? We call it the green room because Mr. Green used to live here. I can give you his phone number too, because he loves to...

Q -- No, no, we haven't got to your question yet. Now, here it is: How many men are there in the President's cabinet?

A -- 136, 782.

Q -- Oh, I'm awfully sorry, you didn't quite get the..... A -- Give me another chance - 251,005. Was I closer?

Q -- No, but I've got some wonderful news. The fact is that just for being selected to compete in our contest, you've won our Consolation Prize, and in this case the Consolation Prize happens to be the same as the First Prize. Isn't that exciting?

A -- Yes, but I don't deserve it. I can't take it.

Q -- But you're entitled to it. A -- You're so nice. I think I'm going to cry.

Q -- Just think. Thirty - five dollars worth of free dancing lessons.

A -- No. It's wonderful, but I can't take it.

Q -- But we insist.

A -- All right, but I still can't bring myself to impose on you. Tell you what. Just send me the money instead.

Q -- Gee, I'm afraid we couldn't do that. I mean, we....

A -- But you said I was lucky.

Q -- Well, of course you were lucky. I mean, you ought to think how lucky you are. I mean, take me for instance, if I ever won \$35. worth of dance lessons, I'd be so happy I'd....

A -- Then I'll sell you mine.

Q -- No, no, no. You don't understand. I couldn't do that.

A -- But I insist

Q -- No, that's my line. You're getting me all confused.

A -- Well, why don't you call up this Mr. Green I was telling you about? He knows how many people are in the President's Cabinet, unless the President went and changed it on him, and besides, he can tell you about the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, and...

Q -- The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution?

A -- Yuh. You mean You never heard of it?

Q -- Well, I...

A -- Okay, we can make this your jackpot bonus question. Give up?

Q -- Mr. So - and - So, we seem to be getting off the...

A -- "The right of the people to be secure in their...houses.... shall not be violated." Now, you see, when you call me up you violate my right to privacy as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and...

Something along these lines, the handbook says, usually does it.

I WANT MY MONEY BACK

Whether you can return merchandise for credit or refund depends entirely upon the policy of the company with whom you do business. There is no outside agency which can force refunds for customers. Each shopper should trade with the stores which give her the privilege she wants.

Stores are not required to post signs that "all sales are final", nor are they required to post signs regarding refunds, or exchanges, although some stores may do so or may provide such notice on sales slips.

In the case of a store whose policy is unknown to you and which states the merchandise can be "returned", you should establish whether it can be returned for a refund or only for an exchange.

If a seller misrepresents, or if the merchandise is defective, you are justified in expecting satisfactory adjustment or a refund. Otherwise, because you "change your mind", you have no more legal right to a refund than the merchant has to ask you to return the merchandise he sold to you because he changed his mind and didn't want to sell it. On the other hand, a promise to refund or exchange, as part of the original transaction, should be honored.

Some stores make refunds because it is their policy to do so, not because they are required to. It is a "privilege" they extend to their customers. It is a "privilege" that should not be abused by needless return of merchandise, which adds tremendously to the cost of doing business, and penalizes all customers.

COMMENT

Although this will not be the last issue of the JOURNAL for the year, it will be the last under the old management, and from what we have been hearing lately, many of you must be breathing a sigh of relief that another dynasty has finally come to its end. As is customary, we take this opportunity to review the last year and gaze into our crystal ball to predict what will happen in the future.

Where do we start? The obvious place would be the Student's Council and so we will do the obvious thing and start in the obvious place. If we were asked to describe the outgoing Council in one word, the word would be "quiet". This has been one of the least exciting councils ever, if one is to use controversy and disagreement as yardsticks for excitement. But in its own quiet way, this year's council has got the job done. Incorporation is only a matter of time; it has set up one of the most liberal disciplinary systems of any university across the country; it has completed the first course evaluation ever to be gained in the field of student responsibility. However, in spite of what it has done in the past, the true contribution of the council remains intangible. For the foundation has now been laid upon which future student leaders will build. It is therefore impossible to say exactly how successful the council was, for its success lies in the future. All we can say is that if good advantage is taken of the work done this year then the 65-66 version of student government will prove to be one of the most effective if not one of the most exciting in the history of Saint Mary's.

However, the council was not perfect, and there were shortcomings which were obvious to all and who took interest in council activities. For one thing, there was far too much unanimity at meetings which often made the sessions very boring indeed. The reason for this unanimity is to be found in the members themselves. With the exception of three, all members were similar in character, ideas and opinions. Furthermore, most motions were introduced and discussed by these three, and as a result the others were pushed into the background while a minority occupied the spotlight. Thus voting became merely a matter of procedure with not much thought put into it. This resulted in the usual nine in favour, none against, motion passed. Another criticism which could be levied against the council was the lack of initiative displayed by some of its members. This is an intolerable situation which splits the council into those who work and those who sit back and let the work be done. As a result of this lack of initiative, many of the major debates originated outside of council, e.g. the debate on CUS.

From Government we go to the governed - the student body. It is our conviction that the student body in this university has lost some of the spirit which permeated this place a few years ago. This is particularly surprising when we consider that this has been our most successful year ever in athletics. Yet, never once was the gym filled for a basketball game or even one section of the bleachers filled for a football game. It might be expected that this lack of support at the athletic functions would be made up for in another field. But this was not the case. We therefore have to conclude that 1. the student body is too sophisticated for the facilities here or 2. the student body is disinterested, and therefore cannot be pleased. Everyday observance in the Common Lounge tends to

refute the former and support the latter.

THE ADMINISTRATION

We next focus on the administration. There is no doubt that the administration is making every effort to hand over more and more responsibility to the students and their representatives. Outsiders may think that because we are a Catholic college, the administration has everything under their control. This is not true. The facts prove otherwise. For example, student discipline has been handed over to the students themselves, and in how many colleges do you see this happening. This proves that the administration is willing to work with the students, a change from the past when the opposite was the charge. Many students do not realize the numerous opportunities that they have to get into contact with various members of the administration, e.g. through student counselling, the dramatic society and the Christian Action Movement. In academic affairs, too much is still too vague and should be quickly clarified.

THE FACULTY

What about the faculty. In many respects the faculty is a "riddle wrapped in a mystery, within an enigma". (The phrase is not original). It is impossible to generalize about the faculty because of the complete diversity which is clearly evident within its members. Some of them do not seem genuinely interested in the welfare of the students and tend to be sophisticated in student-faculty relations. On the other hand there are some who put themselves out and sacrifice their own time in order to be of assistance to the students. But we would like to see more of this and also more faculty participation in student affairs.

Right now, we feel that the selling point of a small school, namely the individual attention that a student receives, has been temporarily lost at Saint Mary's.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

It is not our intention to comment on every aspect of student government, but we cannot refrain from congratulating the External Affairs department for the wonderful work they have done this year. Although they were not up to standard in the public relations with the other universities, they showed the rest of the school how a department should be organized and function.

THE SOCIETIES

By now it is apparent that the four faculties are anachronisms at Saint Mary's. With the exception of the Science society and their publication of PROBE, there has been nothing of any significance offered by the societies. We have all been invited to the cornboils, smokers and supper dances, but never to anything academic, except for a few mid day matinees. It is time for the class system to take over from the faculties. We think that this will lead to students coming to know one another better, and it will result in a better school spirit.

ATHLETICS

Without doubt, the greatest single success of the year has come from the Athletic Department. We secured both the football and soccer championships and finished in a three way tie for second place in the basketball conference. As we mentioned before, this shows a healthy athletic situation, which is not limited to the Varsity level. It is also reflect-

ed in the intramural competition which has been very keen this year.

THE FUTURE

We are a little concerned about the inexperience of the incoming Council and the large problems which it faces. But we are confident that they will do a fine job as soon as they get the hang of things. Our council member to watch is Mike O'Sullivan. A lot will depend on the President for this council, more than any other, is going to need leadership. We hope that it will be provided. We predict that Saint Mary's is going to continue in CUS but perhaps drop out of the AAS as Acadia and Memorial have done. The present CUS committee has unearthed many of the problems which Saint Mary's faces in their participation in the national organization.

We would like to end up by answering the critics who recently hurled accusations at us that we have not been controversial enough. Unfortunately, these criticisms have come right at the end of the year when it is almost impossible to do anything about it. Let us quite clearly state that it was never our intention to be controversial, for we do not think that a college newspaper has to be controversial to be successful. This is not saying that we were successful, for we are the first ones to admit that the quality of the newspaper was not of the best. In the past, JOURNALS which have been controversial just for the sake of being controversial were regarded by students as a means for certain individuals to stir up trouble (we would have liked to use another word) on campus.

As a result, the JOURNAL declined and the focus was placed upon the editors and subeditors, who spent most of their time answering their critics and using the interesting reading, for a time, but we do not think that it in any way represents responsible journalism and the quality of the paper is bound to decline. On the other hand, we may have gone to the other extreme and been too dull and some of our news was extremely stale. But this is one of the problems which are inherent in a bi-monthly newspaper. In spite of all this there are a couple of accomplishments of which we can boast. One professor in the English department devoted two lectures to criticize an issue while one editorial was used as the basis for a sermon in the students Mass one Sunday. And so we leave you to judge for yourselves.

In ending this comment, I will speak in the first person singular so that I can thank all those who have worked for the paper throughout the year. First of all I would like to thank our Council representative and sports editor Jim Magee. Jim represented us well on council and gathered under him a very capable sports staff, which was the one department which always had its material in on time. Tim Sullivan did an excellent job in covering basketball and intramural sports and the same can be said for Pat Brownlow for football and Steve Woolridge, for soccer.

Next I would like to thank Jim Noonan for the assistance he has given. Jim was not called upon to do very much during the year but he did what was asked of him and he was also responsible for putting out one of the better issues of the year.

Jim O'Hagan and Bob Doherty, the News and Features editors, come next in seniority. Jim was responsible for page one of the Journal and I am sure that many will agree that page one was one of the better pages of the

Saint Mary's CHATS WITH QUEBEC

By James O'Hagan - News Editor

The well known host of C.B.C.'s THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS, LAURIER La PIERRE has some own views on what is now called The Quebec Problem. In addition to his weekly program, M. LaPierre's duties as director of French studies at the University of Montreal place him in a good position to sense the pulse and current of opinion in his native province.

This interview has no purpose other than to explore what one well known French Canadian believes his province's problems are as we approach the Centennial of Confederation. Join us now as we chat with Quebec via long distance hook up to Montreal.....

QUES. - Has the Nationalistic appeal of French Separatism infected Quebec's political parties on the federal and provincial levels?"

M. LAPIERRE - If you understand by Separatism, the creation of a completely independent country, called Quebec, I do not think that it has found sympathetic ears in Ottawa, at least among intelligent people. There may be some individuals who may think of some element of the wish to create a party at the provincial level. I think that most, at least a large number of them, would look upon separatism in the same way French Canadians look upon it. It is a solution that should be contemplated in the final analysis. It is a solution for final recourse...one, if arrangements cannot be made in English speaking Canada to do in reality what we all wish to do - establish the equality of partnership of French and English Speaking Canadians. For instance, English Speaking Canadians are going to bitch like hell if types like Mr. Diefenbaker continue to exaggerate. For practical purposes we will counter by exaggerating Quebec Separ-

atism if things come to a stand still. If you understand by nationalism, an emotion which anybody can adopt then there will be extremes. But a sound nationalism will say that you have a feeling for this country because you are responsible for it. But separatism, it is not satisfactory."

QUESTION - "To what extent has the French radical and Separatist movement drawn support from university students?"

M. LAPIERRE - "Many young students in the province are sympathetic to the movement of Separatism, and I think that it is a natural phenomenon".

QUESTION - Is Quebec Nationalism more concerned with economic ills or cultural problems...?"

M. LAPIERRE "It is concerned with a whole series of events - The outcome of the Second World War brought the industrialization of Quebec...the corrupt Duplessis government...the French ask why the many French Canadians who actively serve French Canadians' expectations only look at the present? The answer is a question mark. Presented with this tremendous

industrialization, we must turn to participate in the process... Fundamentally, it is a tremendous question.

QUESTION - "If indeed the French Canadian has become a second class citizen is it his own fault?" M. LAPIERRE - "English Canadians come to define themselves that they are mainly American...but with French Canadians there is permeated an attachment to Canada but regarded by English speaking Canadians as second class. I think that the only exception is New Brunswick and there only in the last few years. However, even there the War on Poverty in that province has upset the equal distribution, and split on racial grounds."

QUESTION - "What is it that French Canada wants most?"

M. LAPIERRE - "You people in English Speaking Canada try to divide things into compartments - economic, socialistic, cultural. But here is a province of six million people who love and feel life and hope to get something from it. All compartments are servants of the same thing, cultural, economic, bilingualism, biculturalism are all part of the same problem. Although the commission on Bilingualism and biculturalism's terms of reference are too small for a solution to the entire problem, it is though, an example of the country's willingness. And after all, a country should have these individualities, but this demands a willingness and this is what the Commission will find out - this willingness to say that for God's sake history ended yesterday!"

QUESTION - "How is this a solution?"

M. LAPIERRE - "It is a solution

that is twofold - an ideal solution and a practical solution".

QUESTION - "Are ideal solutions workable?"

M. LAPIERRE - "This is quibbling with semantics, but it postulates the premise that there is a willingness on the part of the French Canadians in partnership with the English Canadians to wish to solve the problem. The first thing to be done is to stop your's and our thinking that French Canada is a reserved ground for the French. This means that we must let both races realize in a practical manner that this is one country from sea to sea not two...this means that you English cannot refuse to admit that this country is bilingual. Bilingualism is a must for a true portability of citizenship of both races, no one in their right mind can deny this. This is in essence the first that we must do. We must give the recognition of Bilingualism and Biculturalism."

For this Ottawa will have to stop considering French as a foreign language...they must stop thinking this nonsense. You do not stop to consider if we like to be members of the English Commonwealth or that Quebec is wrong to look after its own needs when no one else will. For example, who does foreign aid, 80%, only go to English speaking countries? In the department of External Affairs some people can speak no French, but do they ask the French people if they would like to be giving some foreign aid to the French Countries of the world?"

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Our time is almost up, one last question M. LaPierre - Your pro-

gram THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS has often been criticized for its sensationalism. For example, an American fighter pilot was showing a SEVEN DAYS camera man how the U.S. Air Force carried out strikes against the VIET CONG. The pilot dropped a load of napalm on a V.C. Bunker to insane cries of delight, as burning, they fled their underground hide out. The pilot then banked his plane and in much the same manner as one with three shots for a quarter at the county fair, proceeded to machine gun the fleeing Viet Cong, with professional asides, such as "gee I winged that guy or Boy look at 'em burn".

The question I have is how can a presentation such as this be justified as either entertaining or educational in content?"

M. LAPIERRE - "The purpose of this was to demonstrate the horror of war in its element. I do not think that we have distorted it or made it sensationalistic, rather we have left viewers with impressions which they can take action on and discuss. It singles out one boy from Ohio and does not claim that he is to be likened as to all pilots...but gives impressions of one pilot who directs this thing we call war, at its base. And this is what happens to him since war is sadistic, it demonstrates the horror of it all taken individually."

The result in the end was to impart this impression, and this is its direct value in something that people are interested in which they will discuss every Monday morning over the breakfast table".

"La Fin" (or is it LeFin?)



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NEW COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE

J. Phillip Goldring

Last year, the JOURNAL ran a two-page chart entitled, "The Establishment" -- a sort of "WHO'S WHO AT SMU". And when the establishment passed away, there arose in its place a new one -- this year's Student Government.

A series of elections have just been completed, and the old establishment has not continued itself. When the new student government arises out of the smoke and ashes of the old one, there will be many new faces. It will be different, it will be distinctive.

This new Council has come into office without a single veteran member in its ranks, and the situation in which it finds itself, is distinctly different from any which we have seen in recent years.

Nevertheless, the prospect is an optimistic one among Council and observers alike. In preparing this article, I talked with the new council members, and attempted to assess what will be their role and performance during the coming year.

LANGAN

Mike Langan, our new V. P. of Internal Affairs, comes to us with a year's experience with Maroon and White and a term as director of the snow-sculpture contest in the last Winter Carnival. Hence his experience is not extensive but probably at least as adequate as that of his predecessor. Mike intends to stress pre-planning in his efforts this year, in all phases of the social activities (calendar, "so that everything is planned ahead of time". Mike will continue them if they prove successful.

MORIARTY

I spoke to Dave Moriarty, the new Vice-President of Cultural Affairs, backstage during a rehearsal of "She Stoops to Conquer", the play being produced this year by SMUDS in which he plays a leading role. Dave's activity in Cultural Affairs, particularly in acting, has been quite significant since he came here as a Freshman in 1964, and with his election to Council, his best opportunity to date to make a contribution to SMU may have arrived. Dave intends to stress co-operation in his work this year: co-operation between the various groups under him, and the other societies on cam-

pus. He intends to enlarge the Yearbook, and providing that a great enough staff can be found he will probably achieve considerable success in improving it. He also expressed a desire to see larger budgets for the JOURNAL and SANTAMARIAN during the coming year, and the purchase of a camera for the photo Pool. The Dramatics Society, he says, will have a definite planned schedule for the year.

SELATILE

Sam Selatile has taken over the Vice-Presidency of Athletic Affairs, and sees before him a gigantic problem of reorganization. Having belonged to the A.A.A. for a year, this Senior Engineer from Basutoland surely has an awareness of the problems facing him: it is to be hoped that he has the ability and determination to meet and to solve them. Sam has also a number of constructive ideas for the improvement of the athletic atmosphere at Saint Mary's: the moving of the Maroon and White Society, whose activities are almost entirely concerned with sports, under Athletic Affairs, the establishment of an annual Athletic Banquet, such as the one held last fall in which faculty and students can salute the achievements of their athlete and possibly the formation of an athletic club for the benefit of those who do not participate in Varsity sports for the three years required for obtaining an "M". But reorganization remains the keystone of the work which Sammy will face in Athletic Affairs.

O'SULLIVAN

The only Freshman to campaign successfully for Council this year was an Artsman from Guelph, Ontario, who is now V.-P. of External Affairs. Although Mike O'Sullivan's experience is slight and his job is a very demanding one, his activity since the election, even before taking office, has impressed many people, including some of his fellow Councilors, and leaves me fairly sure that he will carry the load of his job well.

Mike sees as his most important job the inter-University communication implied in his role as a public relations officer, depending upon the effects which constitu-

tional changes will have upon the effects which constitutional changes will have upon External Affairs. He has already worked extensively on planning an orientation week far superior to any in the past, and with the help of the Boarders' and Dayhops' Presidents, should set up a really outstanding program. He will also be directing the four committees of WUSC, CUS, CLASP, and CUSO, including the difficult matter of Treasure Van, which will be at SMU next fall. He wishes to give the separate chair a man a free hand, however. In summary, he remarked, "External Affairs is the most expensive Department under student government to run, and most of the students do not feel they are getting their money out of it. I would like them to realize that... they do benefit from the work it does."

Mike's obvious ability, coupled with what I see as a deep sense of responsibility, should make work easier for himself and for those working under him. If he does not succumb to the unfortunate over-enthusiasm which strikes some Council members elected during their Freshman year, he will, I trust, establish a considerable reputation for himself during his coming three years here.

GOLDRING

The only predictable election of the Executive set was that for Secretary, and incumbent Paul Goldring should, during the coming year, merit the 497-88 approval given him by the students. Paul's main ideas are mostly involved in reorganizing the Council along new lines, including the inclusion of B.Ed. students in the student body, if they so wish; establishing a Student Public Relations office under the External Affairs department; increasing the revenue of the Student Council, perhaps by raising the Student Fee; and establishing a secretarial pool which would handle purely secretarial work and involve more students in Student Government. With the fine example of Bob Britton's past year to follow, Paul has ahead of him a job which is far from simple, but he should be able to carry it out. During this, his final year at Saint Mary's.

DEAN

Jim Dean is stepping into a post which has unique tasks of its own besides requiring that the Treasurer take his share of the burden of Council duties. Jim

is capable, and I believe he will learn fast any details which he does not already know. He intends to hold a seminar for all society treasurers to avoid the inadequate financial systems of some of this year's societies. Diligence will be Jim's key-note during the year, and I think, as Treasurer, Jim Dean will be capable of supplying this.

FLEMMING

Tom Flemming is one of the more experienced but less known members of this year's executive. As Vice-President, Tom's years with the SANTAMARIAN including this past year as Editor, will have provided him with some insight into the problems and irregularities of Student Government. A determined hard worker, Tom will, I predict, act as a moderating influence, and promises to be a most dependable Vice president.

RAMBEAU

Until the last handful of votes had been counted, the result of the Presidential elections was always uncertain. But Cape Breton native Len Rambeau came out on top by 46 votes and seems determined to prove that the students were right in choosing him. In this he may very well succeed. Len's primary concern is communication between all departments of student government, particularly between the Council and the students themselves. Council members, he says, should steer clear of the Council Cliques which have been present on campus over past years, and mingle with the general student body in order to hear and understand gripes.

Len intends to continue and probably expand student-faculty relationships, as well as seeing to expanded intercollegiate communications and the enlarging of the image of S.M.U. in the public view.

Len's experience as President of the Maroon and White Society and Arts Society Secretary should be of value to him, but most valuable, I believe, will be his own responsibility and dependability and the effectiveness of his fellow Council members.

The chief weakness of this year's Council will, no doubt, be inexperience, and some painful difficulties may arise out of it. I do feel, however, that the Council, in spite of its disadvantages will be able to carry on in its growing role as coordinator of student activities and chalk up an excellent record for the year 1966-67.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir:

I suppose I could have checked, but I do not know whether it would have been worth the trouble. Are professors allowed to smoke in a classroom while class is in session? In certain seminar groups, at the beginning of the year, we were told that we would be permitted to smoke since the professor himself found it enjoyable to do so. In one class which I am taking, the professor strides from wall to wall searching for the words with which to enlighten our feeble brains and while he is doing this he is generally searching for his mouth at which he finds a glorious weed which after many attempts with poorly aimed matches, he finally succeeds in "end-light-ening".

Secondly, I don't believe a teacher, and I use the term loosely, should be allowed to express his or her political, religious or other personal views in such a way as to degrade the beliefs or opinions of the students with which he or she is associated. Granted his or her pupils are most likely mature enough to take or forget that which he or she wishes, but nevertheless it is a despicable way by which things of no educational value, other than general knowledge, are placed into the minds of young adults. "Cracks" on the different ethnic, religious, political etc., groups, in my mind, have no place in this university.

In the above two paragraphs, I am speaking, thank God, of only one particular professor who, by pulling one thread, can let the pants down. Let me finally say that, as a whole, I find this institution comfortably pleasing, and I hope that one bad apple won't be permitted to spoil the bunch".

Thank you,
The reader and
writer of this article.

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paper throughout the year. Bob was our artist and was responsible for the feature Smuperman. (No one, including himself, knows who Smuperman is). So to these two gentlemen I would like to say thank you for your assistance.

There are two individuals whose work stand out in the paper this year and I refer to Jeremy Simms and Phillip Goldring. These two have been the workhorses of the staff and I don't know what I would have done without them. They have come to my aid in so many emergencies that it would be impossible to single out any special instance. I take this opportunity to thank them for the wonderful work they have done.

Much of the inspiration in the JOURNAL comes from those behind the scenes, and this year the behind-the-scenes-men are Jim Lerikos and Dave Johnson. They have done such a tremendous job in keeping the books, and soliciting advertising, that this year, for the first time in a long time, the Journal will finish in the black. Also operating behind the scenes was Paul Vorstermans, our circulation manager, who was also responsible for the column "Campus Canadien". To those three I say, the JOURNAL needs more men like you.

Next year the JOURNAL will be edited by Mr. J. Phillip Goldring, pending Council approval. I am sure that he will do a fine job and the students can look forward to an improved standard in the JOURNAL. So from the old staff to the new staff, GOOD LUCK.

A Tool for Work

There was once an engineer named Taylor who was totally ignorant of the work of laying bricks. One day he watched a bricklayer at work. He counted the number of motions the man used in laying a brick - there were eighteen. He figured out a way to lay bricks with only five motions. That discovery has saved millions of dollars in constructing buildings, and has helped bricklayers to earn millions more. The successful, the famous men and women of the world's history are those who have learned how to make themselves the masters of time.

Confucius taught his followers the value of managing their time -- in an age when time had little value.

Julius Caesar made a study of time, and added two months to the calendar. His military victories were nearly all won by beating the enemy to it.

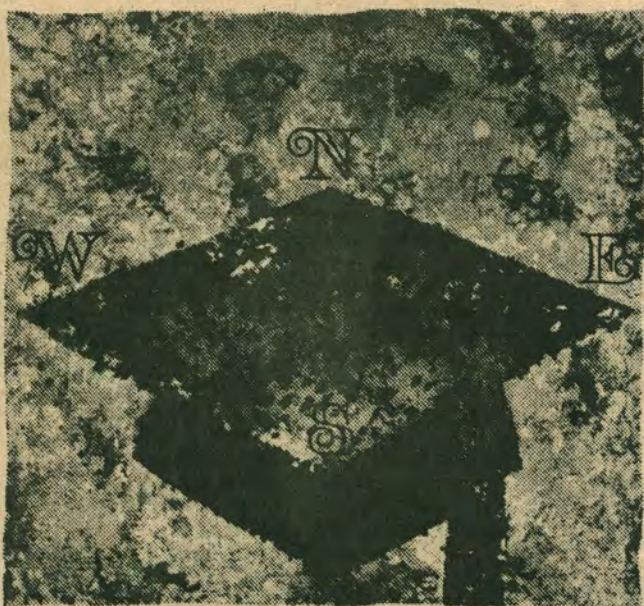
Alfred the Great won many of his battles with the Danes by striking two hours before dawn -- while the enemy slept. To make sure of the hour to attack, he invented a time-candle that burned to the socket in exactly a preset time.

Charlemagne knew the value of time. To the Caliph of Baghdad he sent a high hourglass that contained so much sand that it required turning only twice a day.

Frederick the Great began his day at 4:30. They had no clocks in those days, but told time by mechanically winding a string around a golden ball, each turn marking a certain period of time.

Napoleon was a master of minutes. He slept only four hours out of the twenty-four, dictated to three or four stenographers at the same time, and worked unceasingly. He won most of his victories by doing the "impossible" in moving troops long distances quickly.

Captains of industry today are men who make the minutes count. Most of them work more hours and with greater intensity than any of their subordinates. They are men who early learned to put every minute to useful use. They saved both their time and their money. They worked to a definite end. They won -- as others who follow their steps will win.



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(Offered with Semi-Sincere Apologies to Paul Gallico)

The time has come for me to raise my voice in protest. Countless wrongs call out for me to set them well again.

Members of the Liberal elite, organizers and party "fellas" who gained a Senate seat, but M. Edmond showed us this. American "war games" in front of the cigar smoking women of the East, in a land whos' name is sounded wrongly. Wars on hunger, food destroyed; battles against fat, diet pills assailed.

Where can I, to, take a slap? Where, when the ground's all chewed? Where? But of course at myself and at my age, and their motto, "APATHY".

No where else on the face of the earth do students rather study, or loaf, than March. What other breed would quibble over the problems of Polito and Britain, the "Bobbsey Twins" or Avante garde amateur practitioners of the art of histrionics. As the hero of the "Pigs" effort said, "...ask not what your efforts do for the school but what, and how many, lines are printed for consumption. We who are so above segregation and discrimination and yet, who, when told of student protests in

Tokyo say, "...Yes, but you know they are Communist inspired, and, after all, their background is so different, Eastern, you know..."

"BULLETINS" to some, are the utterances of the "limp wrist" crowd and yet, I wonder. Many, if the work of the apprentice writer of Sunday bulletins is left out, are much more informative than the often outdated "JOURNAL".

Goldworm, P.J., has spoken to us and we have read his word emblazoned on the lavatory walls. The astuteness of the mind politic quite staggers and the height was so correct.

Writings many, on the walls of green, posters that shout out, misspelled Bristol Board, paid utterances, unread, unheaded and, unseen. Words in Spanish, some in English, and Menken's American, too; deep down in a crowded, broken, locker is a cause.

Follow the true believer when it calls, "Will you, will you."

For God's sake, for varieties sake, go ahead, errors and all.

James E. Geary,
S. M. U.
The "Year" is a laugh.

**A Good
Investment**

Courtesy if one of the finest requisites in any endeavour of life. Its value is emphasized in this story:

There was a very successful businessman in New York who had his beginning as a poorly paid clerk in a department store. On rainy days the clerks would gather in a bunch and discuss baseball, often to the neglect of stray customers. One rainy day an ordinary looking woman came quietly into the store, almost unnoticed by everyone. One young man quickly deserted the group of baseball fans and met the woman with a kindly smile. He intelligently and patiently explained the merits of her purchase and thanked her for coming in.

When leaving, the woman asked for his card. Some weeks later, the store received a letter ordering complete furnishings for an estate in Scotland, and a request for this particular clerk to supervise the shipment personally. She was informed that the clerk in question was one of the youngest clerks and quite inexperienced but the woman insisted that she would have no other. So the courteous young clerk was sent across the Atlantic to direct the furnishing of Skibo Castle. His customer that day was Mrs. Andrew Carnegie.

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Philosophy's Contemporary Problem- PHILOSOPHY

Since about midway through the last century, many philosophers have been suffering from what might be called "loss of professional identity". The titles of works since nineteenth-century reflect this attitude, titles such as "what is Philosophy", "what is Metaphysics" and while it might be argued that such questions in titles are mere rhetorical devices to attract the reader's attention to the work, it might also be argued that the very attractiveness of such questions implies that they are very real for somebody. If, therefore, I seem to be lacking in hard and fast answers to the problem of philosophy in the present era, I am not totally out of step with a large segment of those individuals to whom the generic designation "philosopher" might be attached.

On the other side of the coin, it is not unreasonable to expect of an individual who has devoted four years of his life to the study of this area and is prepared to commit considerably more to it to have some rational justification for it, or at least some thoughts on the matter. It is not unreasonable. For this is the very enigma is it not, that no matter what we may personally feel about the discipline itself, we are confronted with the very real situation of seemingly rational persons who either have or are prepared to devote their life's work to "philosophy".

But why should the rationality of "philosophers" be called into question? What precisely is it about philosophy in particular that makes it such a questionable pursuit? In the first place, the history of philosophy looks very much like a series of "disputed questions", with school after school assailing and attacking those who have gone before, and nobody really very sure what the truth is, or if there is, in fact, any. In the second place, grad-

ually those domains which had been supposed philosophy's through the ages have been stormed and taken by other disciplines, by newer and younger fields, at times rebels against the philosophical monolith itself. And they have, perhaps, handled the questions with more skill and dexterity than the philosopher ever has. It is, in fact, this rise of the modern sciences both natural and social which has been the source of the feelings of insecurity on the part of many philosophers especially in this century. Finally, not the only the rise of modern theoretical science, which at least retained some similarities to philosophy in that it maintained an aura of speculation, but the more recent rise of technology, the ultra-practical science, with not only attempts to maintain the validity of the speculative, but fiercely maintains (at least in some quarters) that here is nothing, expect accidentally practical about it. In short, in an age when we have come to expect of each individual and each discipline some practical contribution, we are faced with a non-practical science which demands equal attention with all others. Philosophy, then, would seem to many of us to be a highly confused mass of opinion about subject matter which is better dealt with by other sciences, which over and above all is adamant in its refusal to make a practical contribution.

These would seem to be, largely, the grounds on which most of us would dismiss philosophy as being of any value. They would also seem to provide many of us with cogent arguments against the necessity of taking three philosophy courses in most of the undergraduate curricula offered by an institution like St. Mary's for instance. For value in our contemporary age is synonymous with practicality, with-

instrumentality. If it DOES something it's good.

This is, perhaps, the dilemma of philosophy in the "atomic" age, and the reactions on the part of "philosophers" have been to say the least interesting. On the one hand, one large contemporary school originally indigenous to France and Germany, but rapidly being transplanted into other climes, repudiates "scientific" knowledge as inauthentic and of little value to man in the existential situation. Another, a "British" school exemplifying Britians' ".... is land genius for compromise" has spent the past half-century trying to make it of "practical" value. (The distinction between philosophy and applied mathematics in the minds of many individuals of this latter school is somewhat "unclear".) It is, as a matter of fact, perhaps this latter approach, in the sense of making philosophy, if not primarily at least secondarily, a practical discipline. That is, viewing philosophy as, first and foremost a mythology that is, as a highly refined tool whose care and upkeep is the job of the philosopher, but which is of practical value and utility for persons of other disciplines as well.

In addition to the above reactions there is another which holds philosophy to be a critical discipline whose object is to take a critical approach to problems of other disciplines, to raise certain disquieting questions, and nothing more. From this point of view, philosophy is seen as a collection of questions without hope of attaining any hard and fast answers.

This list of contemporary reactions to the problem of "philosophy" raised by the factors mentioned above in no way covers the field, but, to the extent that reactions of this sort are typical, we have offered them as examples. Like most reactions, instead of having the force of singling out exactly what philosophy is, they are merely defence-works which, cover it all the more.

What philosophers have, for the most part done, then is to

build comfortable walls to hide behind, either unable, or unwilling to face the real difficulty. What was needed and still is, is a well-informed frontal attack. For the difficulty may not lie in philosophy itself as in the mistaken assumptions of its critics assumptions which, at best are superficial, smug, and poorly informed. Even the ultimate weapon, the assertion of the inutility of philosophy, is self-defeating, in the sense that while intending to give the death blow to philosophy, is not the assertion itself "philosophical". What science, natural or social, is primarily concerned with the stating of value judgements? Most, and this includes certain "philosophies" avoid making a such assertions with an abhorrence almost unequalled in human experience.

I am not advocating here out and out warfare between philosophy and the "sciences"; neither do I advocate a position of intolerance, on the part of either

side toward the other. But, I think that we must attempt to see if the problem of philosophy in the present age is a problem within or without the discipline itself. I am advocating, since I do not feel that the scientist qua scientist is qualified to do this, that philosophers, both novice and professional, start taking down the breastworks. There is, I think, an area of academic investigation which is peculiarly and particularly philosophy's, but which is difficult to see for all the sweat involved in scaling the walls around it.

In a very real sense, then, the problem of philosophy is to find itself, to realize that philosophy is not a reaction, not a wall, but an academic discipline, an area of investigation. And, having learned this, then perhaps philosophy will have to show people that this "area" exists, and that there is value in it, the value that comes of possessing the fruits of a long search.

--- David M. Bulger ---

IRREGULARITIES MAR BOARDERS' SOCIETY ELECTION

By David Comeau

The election for the four executive positions in the Boarders' Society was held on February 24, and in a rather haphazard way. Taking the issue from the beginning, where-ever that may have been, the whole thing, it seems, was not held just according to Hoyle.

The ultimate result was that Joe Hebert of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, defeated Delano Lai Fat and Dan Grubell for the presidency, while Bill Dineen and Cris Grey-Johnson were chosen Vice President and Secretary by acclamation. Bert Van Vulpen was elected Treasurer over Freshman Peter Bovell.

The first (and meant-to-be the only) nominations were held on January 28, when four Candidates were nominated for the position of President. Of these four, only one candidate was constitutionally eligible to run for the post, necessitating the withdrawal of

the remaining three. When this deficiency of candidates was evident, renominations were held for a very short time. One of the candidates nominated for Vice-President then was nominated President, leaving the seat of Vice-President with only one candidate.

About one half minute before one candidate was to speak, he was informed that he was not a candidate. It is true that he was actually ineligible to be one; but why was he only informed at such a crucial moment, when he had gone on the supposition that, since he had been nominated, he would have to give a speech? Was he simply forgotten?

To our knowledge, there was no meeting held to originate the renominations. Could this have been an attempt by the former President to influence the choice of his successor, or did it stem from some sort of "deep abiding love of the democratic principles supposedly governing this Society"? We do, however, know Article IV, Section 3 b) of the Student's Council constitution which states, "Elections to non-executive posts must be held at least one week apart from executive elections." If we are not mistaken, executive elections were held on February 18th, and those for the executive of the Boarders' Society were held on the evening of February 24th. Six days.

On a highly technical point, the validity of the whole election could be challenged.

You may ask how we uncovered all this information. It was not a relatively easy task, seeing that all of the election proceedings were by no means properly presented to the Resident Students themselves. Can one depend on hear-say, or mere rumours floating around the residence for facts about who will run, when are the elections, or maybe even when were the elections? The whole electoral process can hardly be called adequate or accurate.

It is my sincere conviction that future Boarders' Societies should be held more constitutionally, more publicly (concerning the posting of election information which should be made known to the voters) and a bit more in a democratic interest.

By the way, has anyone seen a copy of the Boarders' Society Constitution? I haven't!



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Playbill Gets a New Meaning

"Playbill", according to the dictionary, is a "program of a play". Now, for the first time, it describes the program at a Halifax motion picture theatre. The play, or rather the film, is in two acts, although to avoid any further confusion with stage plays, they are called "Parts."

There, any similarity to live theatre ends. "Playbill" really consists of two parts which are in fact, complete stories. They are however, short stories: too short to provide a normal length film program alone, even if

supported with featurettes, and cartoons.

Movie theatre managers have realized for some time that the tastes of filmgoers are changing. More and more people are looking for distinctive film entertainment, not readily available at the neighbourhood movie theatre. "Playbill" is an attempt to satisfy the demand for outstanding film programs, while avoiding the usual "double bill". Halifax has been chosen as the location for the first "Playbill" showing.

Beginning February 24th, the Odeon Hyland Cinema presents "Playbill". Part One will be a colour fantasy lasting 75 minutes, and Part Two, 65 minutes in length, will be a new English film which has been called, "A Vest-Pocket Joy" by the New York Times. Acceptance by the moviegoers of Halifax to this very distinctive type of film entertainment will give a new meaning to "Playbill".

An Eye for an Eye

By Jim Noonan

Recently throughout the country, a great debate has taken place concerning the pros and cons of abolishing the death penalty for premeditated murder and treason. Various groups advertising their altruistic concern for the sacred life of the individual, have proposed that the Canadian Parliament pass legislation eliminating the death penalty from the Criminal Code. To date, advocates of such a policy have expounded their convictions through a series of eloquent tirades and petitions, designed to stimulate the heart, if not the brain of every responsible Canadian.

The basic "reasoning" behind their position seems to revolve around the implied principle that because society produced such criminals, society is automatically responsible for their actions. In other words, because those convicted of murder and treason are still members and products of society, they are entitled to all rehabilitative facilities. Society is at fault for failing to stimulate this nebulous "good in every man" and consequently is required to make up her deficit through

clemency and rehabilitation. Such then, from what we can ascertain, is the logical content of the abolitionist theory.

It would seem however, to be a much more just allocation of liability to the individual himself. In all other facets of life the individual alone is accountable for his own decisions and there is no reason for an exception to be made here.

By the very enormity of the crimes of murder and treason, the individual has consciously negated any claim to social membership. He has committed a crime, which by its very nature, eliminates any duty society may have had for the rehabilitation. Therefore, after this willful rejection of status in society, he can be considered and treated as no more than a dangerous alien.

The object of the law throughout the Criminal Code is restitution or punishment in proportion to the injustice done. The man convicted of either of the two most serious anti-social crimes, can certainly lay no special claim before that same body of law which he originally violated.

X Trips Huskies

By Tim Sullivan

In their final game of the season, the Huskies journeyed to Antigonish only to find a hot-handed X-squad waiting in the Parish Center gym. Neil Bisson and Dave Barry, playing in their last game for the X-men, led the 112-99 victory with 29 and 22 points respectively.

Jim Daniels led all scorers in the high scoring affair with 30 points to clinch the league scoring title. Right behind Jim were Joe O'Reilly and Rick Doughterty with 19 and 18 respectively. Mike Van Auken had fifteen for the Huskies, and played a good game under the boards.

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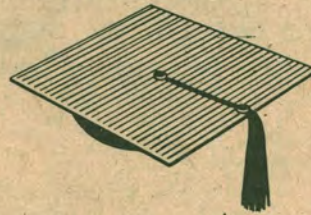
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SPORTS



• At upper left, Geoffrey Herrera makes a timely clearance against a St. F.X. raid in the soccer game which Saint Mary's won 6-2.
• Above, Mike Van Auken outrebounds Tom Beattie in the game which saw the Huskies come out on top by a 75-70 score.
• At left, Jim Stewart goes off for a long gain against St. F.X. in helping the Huskies to a 9-2 victory.

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To Our Pacifist Bretheren ON THE HILL

BY THE SPORTS EDITOR

This sports editor would like to extend his deepest appreciation to the sports department of the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE for their excellent, comprehensive and unbiased coverage of the Dalhousie - SMU J.V. hockey game.

We, your poor uninformed bretheren down the street, had no idea that our representative hockey team was so brutal, so unsportsmanlike and so unmannerly, especially to your esteemed grrreat tiger team. Believe it or not, thirty to fourth Saint Mary's fans were victims that day of what can only be termed as mass hallucination; each one saw the first goal recorded by Dal, although a tiger tail was at least five feet offside, and this being attested to by two Dal ice-heroes. We presume of course that everyone has agreed that it is merely coincidence that Dal students referee these games. I can not imagine anyone questioning their competence, their non-partianship, their courage. We realize that the only reason they ran from the rink was because their dinner bell was ringing in Shirriff Hall.

What a terrible impression the Saint Mary's team must have given when they cheered the fallen Dal warrior who was bleeding his meagre brains out through his beak. In all sincerity, I think many were applauding this donkey's CLEAN game; others were definitely applauding the Dal's coach excellent mastery of sign language and his performance of said before the SMU bench. Or was he trying to say something?

The fact that your cheerleaders were abused at the last Dal-SMU encounter aroused such consternation here that an investigation

committee was set up under the chairmanship of "Knucker" Burns. After exhaustive inquiry it was concluded that the only abuse your cheerleaders received was the same abuse they have received for the last six years, namely they have been cheering for a constant loser. Oh yes, you did have your moment of glory but why didn't you follow it up with a victory the following week? Could it have been a fluke? At least your cheerleaders were permitted into the gymnasium at Saint Mary's, whereas ours were turned away at the door up at your worthy, gentlemanly campus. And thank you for the forty tickets which you so graciously sent down.

In closing, with your permission, I would like to propose a question: why, with all the facilities you have at your disposal, all your athletic scholarships and your extensive sports programme, are you such losers? I'll tell you why: because in spite of all your facilities, you lack the basic ingredients for success in any sports endeavour. GUTS, SPIRIT, PRIDE and CLASS. Wake up and stop making a fool of yourselves with stupid, barbed articles as witnessed in your last edition. Try some introspection; ask yourself why a school one-tenth of your size, always walks over you. WE are SUPPOSED to be the rinky-dink, poor boy school down the street but only in this category do you outshine us in every possible aspect. Until your sports department comes to this realization remember this adage my maternal grandmother (still serving a term in Charles St. Jail for her part in the Brinks Robbery) always told me; "Don't Mess with the Best, 'Cause the Best Don't Mess!!!"