

# SIX GET CHURCH AWARDS

NEW YORK (CUPI) - - Six of America's most prominent citizens were honored last week at a dinner given by the New York Council of Churches, San Francisco State college president, S. I. Hayakawa, Averell Harriman, former Alabama governor, George Wallace, Chicago mayor, Richard Daley, civil rights leader, Bayard Rustin and California governor Ronald Reagan were given "Awards for Excellence" at the Council's 7th annual Family of Man dinner, October 20.

Guest of honor at the dinner was U. S. President Richard Nixon, who received the Council's Gold Medallion.

Hayakawa achieved national fame last year when he called state police and National Guards onto the campus of San Francisco State College to break a student-faculty strike. He was honored because of his "... firm defence of academic freedom."

Former Ambassador to the Paris peace talks, Averell Harriman was given the award for his contributions to the American peace offensive. On the home front, George Wallace was honored for his contributions to American political life.

Wallace told the gathering that he was happy to be present, but excused an early departure. "I don't trust those demonstrators out there. My car is in the middle of them." He was referring to about 75 long-haired youths who picketed the dinner in protest against the recipients of the awards.

Chicago mayor Richard Daley

was lauded for his "... unceasing efforts to keep the peace in Chicago." Daley sent his regrets to the gathering explaining that he felt his place was in his city while "these punks are on the rampage." For the past three weeks gangs of demonstrators have been roaming Chicago streets, battling police. They belong to the dissident Students for a Democratic Society and say they are trying to "... open a second front." for the war in Vietnam.

California governor Ronald Reagan was honored for his "... firm stand in defence of liberty and freedom of enterprise." in California. The 50-year-old former actor told the assembly that "I only acted as any one of you would have acted."

"We Americans are beset by enemies within and without. We must have the courage to fight," he said.

The gathering attempted to ig-

nore groups of demonstrators hurling epithets and curses at them. One youth was arrested by New York police on a charge of obstructing. He was later released on bail.

This is a true story, except we added three fictitious "Awards for Excellence" winners. Demonstrate your skill to the world by correctly identifying the three.

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DALEY

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# Residents defy admin-open residence

"This university belongs to the students."

Even if they didn't use that kind of rhetoric, that's what over 500 resident students decided last night (Monday, Nov. 3). They effectively told administration president Henry Labelle to get lost when they voted overwhelmingly in favour of making residence rules by themselves. Labelle had said in an interview with the local daily newspaper, that "... I don't think boys and girls should be able to move from one building to another without regulations."

"I don't think parents or even most of the students would be in favour of it," said Labelle.

But he was refuted by a vote of 499-14 in a referendum held during the day among slightly more than 600 residents. And the refutation took an extremely suspicious line during a meeting of the residents to announce the results of the referendum.

One student there asked Associate Dean of Men, Ken Bendellier if the administrator was being honest. Bendellier had been telling the students how the residence finances were run.

And the residents presented concrete alternatives to the administration policies. Instead of general visiting hours and curfews they will substitute rules prohibiting property damage and inconvenience to other students.

Curfews and visiting hours will be determined directly by the students involved and since the residence is divided into apartments and suites those groupings will determine rules for their members.

The situation seemed to arise suddenly, but in reality it had been growing for some time. Discontent with regulations and arbitrary administration policies led to petitions for change from the 107 women in the residence. The petition was ignored.

Lately Campus Police have been patrolling the residence on weekends to keep disruption and noise to a minimum. And their presence has contributed to the discontent.

The residence itself is divided between an 18 story high rise tower and a 3-story low-rise. About

200 people live in the low rise and it is the only area of the residence where women have rooms.

This particular incident started about midnight on Sunday, when high-rise residents tried to 'attack' the low-rise. They were repulsed by threats of administration reprisals.

At that point, the students needed little opposition to provoke them into some form of action. And the action some of them took was traditional at Saint Mary's; they formed a raiding party to attack the campus of Dalhousie University.

While the marauders were off campus some of the co-ed residents defied administration rules and left the residence. They were required to be in residence at midnight.

Then the raiding party returned and began discussing the situation in the hall of the low-rise. Associate Dean of Men, R. Cole SJ was discussing the situation with a student when he was asked to move the discussion to the residence cafeteria so that everyone could hear.

Action had been planned by the Students' Representative Council, but the spontaneous action of the residents forestalled council plans. SRC President Mike deVerteuil read a statement to the gathering of about 475 residents detailing the failures of the administration policies.

After discussion deVerteuil called for a straw vote to determine support for the proposal that students determine regulations. It received overwhelming support. But he asked that students express their opinions in a referendum held Monday so that there would be no charge that the students had acted in the heat of the moment.

He was supported in this by other residents. Bob Doucette, Arts 4, said "The administration won't be able to say that everybody was just hot and bothered last night."

After the meeting had adjourned the residents took part in a brief symbolic rule-breaking. Female students entered the high-rise building, where they had formerly not been allowed except during restricted visiting hours and male students did the

same in the co-ed residence.

The particular rules that were questioned were concerned with visiting hours and curfews. Earlier this fall the co-ed residents almost unanimously told the administration that they wanted no curfew, but they had a midnight deadline imposed on them anyway.

by

Mike Smith

Associate Dean of Women, Irene Hayes told a meeting of the administration Committee of Student Life that "I was most instrumental in suggesting that this curfew be placed." And she said that her position had not changed. "I am very definitely in favour

of a curfew and a time for young women to be in residence for their own safety and for academic study," she said.

"But I also respect very sincerely the feelings and the high-pitched emotion of these young people."

But, she said, "There are 11 girls in residence that are 21 years or over. All the rest, therefore, are under 21 and need some kind of protection and safety."

While the referendum was going on, the Committee on Student Life voted 7-2 in favour of advising the president of the university to follow the wishes of the residents. The two opposition votes were cast by Hayes and Associate Dean of Women, Elizabeth Chard. All of the student and faculty representatives on the committee voted in favour of the motion.

During the meeting which announced the results of the refer-

endum, deVerteuil told the residents that there was little the administration could do to alter the situation. He told them that administration action would have to be in terms of "expelling one or two students as examples." But if the administration took that action deVerteuil was sure that the rest of the residents would rally to the aid of the students involved.

He warned the residents not to jump to conclusions about the absence of administration president Labelle.

"In the past," he said, "when ever there has been a crisis on this campus, the university president has left the campus within two days."

"But when you hear tomorrow that he has left for Ottawa, don't jump to conclusions." Labelle flew to Ottawa Tuesday for the conference of university presidents being held there.

## The absolute latest flash news:

The administration has struck back at residence students.

In a letter signed by the Associate Deans the admin. asked parents for their opinions on the new rules. But the letter did not spell out the new rules. It simply said that the residents had voted for "... establishing their own regulations and abolishing those made by the University."

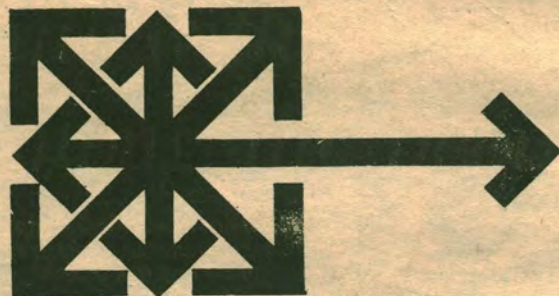
It asked for "... your decision on this matter." The letter gave no indication that the residents were considered adult enough to make their own regulations.

Three choices were offered to the parents - - the old curfew, a new curfew

or no curfew at all. It did not deal with visiting regulations nor did it mention the question raised by the residents - - whether they should be allowed to make their own regulations.

University president Henry Labelle issued a statement in Ottawa which said that he was sympathetic to the students, but felt that their liberty would have to be curtailed in an academic community.

It offered little possibility that the residents would be allowed to make their own rules without a fight. Nor did it recognize the quiet harmonious conditions that have prevailed in the residence under the new regime.



## From a Sunny Dungeon

*Edited by*

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### "Odessa" a record review

By CLIFF RITCHIE

Because of the commercial content of previous single releases, the Bee Gees will probably not receive all the credit they deserve for "ODESSA."

This album is even more expansive than the Beatles "Sergeant Pepper." The first cut, "Odessa" (City of the Black Sea) is the story of a shipwrecked sailor. Heavy orchestration with acoustic guitar highlights an impressive chorus that will send shivers up and down your spine.

This cut will change your mind about the Bee Gees if you've previously judged the group on the basis of earlier syrupy singles "Marley Purt Drive" combines banjo and a steel guitar with an orchestra! Somewhat humorous, this cut is a good example of the versatility of the group as they harmonize on a country-oriented number.

Listen closely to the background voices in "Edison." I can't describe the song style because it's nothing I've ever heard. "Suddenly" doesn't even sound like the Bee Gees. The arrangement reminds me of tracks from the Stones' "Between the Buttons"; as does the next cut "Whisper, Whisper" which adds a groovy electric piano. Horns will blow your mind in the last minute when they are introduced by a fantastic drum solo.

The beginning and the ending of "Lamplight" reminds me of "Lili Marlene" and "Sailor." The style is typical of the Bee Gees, but foreign touches make it stand apart from previous cuts. Speaking of typical Bee Gees songs, "You'll Never See My Face Again," "Black Diamond," "Melody Fair," "Sound of Love," "I Laugh in Your Face," and "Never Say Never Again," are reminiscent of songs on earlier albums. ("Horizontal" and "Idea").

The chord changes and familiar Bee Gees voices in "Give Your Best" generate a subtle distinction between pseudo and pure country and western. "Seven Seas Symphony" and "With All Nations" are real music pieces to be rated with, if not above, the best classical music of the sixties. And the Bee Gees did write it. Although both cuts are instrumental, the message comes through with unbelievable strength and emotion "First of May" is probably the best thing the group has ever done, and "The British Opera" completes the album in fine form.

If you are a true music lover, you owe it to yourself to hear this album.

## Two poems

suddenly it came back,  
path, beaten, worn, by Dash sneakers,  
grass, green,  
nosed rocks and skinny birches,  
garbage hole, rusty cans and torn labels,  
yesterday's food and today's flies,  
and as suddenly as the memory had come it was gone  
lost in the now.

and when you are depressed you go to visit him  
look up he's still there,  
although sometimes a little brighter  
sometimes a little dimmer  
soon the conversation begins,  
Peculiar how you talk with your eyes,  
Peculiar how he never answers your whys,  
sympathetic lightbulb.

Mike Power

## Lame

look out any window as they pass  
realistic dreamers and brilliant fools,  
ten million robots on the march to their ultimate destiny,  
all the same,  
not one is a member of the plebeianmass,  
stubborn, each an individual,  
but not me. . .I'm considered lame.

Kenn R. Hyslop



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### Pop go the Vending machines

Vending machines around this campus have a distressing habit of being locked up or out of order when they're needed. If you've ever tried to get a coke after midnight or a cigarette when the cafeteria is closed, then you know the problem. And it doesn't look like the situation is going to change soon.

Pop machines are available in the residence, but the only cigarette machine on campus is locked up at seven o'clock in the cafeteria. After the admin. building closes there is nowhere to buy chocolate bars and chips.

There are two things standing in the way of obtaining more machines. The first is that the company which supplies them is out of stock and the second is fear of vandalism.

The installation of vending machines is taken care of by Morstatt Catering, the company which operates the residence and Students' Centre cafeterias. Morstatt Catering head Heinz Morstatt doesn't think installing new machines is a good idea.

"I don't think it's practical," he said, "because they'll get wrecked."

Vending machines in the past have run a gauntlet of damages ranging from simple destruction to attempts at forcing them to produce without payment. And it's likely that new machines would face the same threats.

The machines in the administration building will be removed as soon as the Students' Centre is completed, but right now they are being operated by Major Vending, the company which used to supply machines to the Students' Centre. Although Major

Vending will not supply the machines for the new building, it is likely that some machines will be placed there.

More machines in the residence is unlikely in view of past experience with vandalism. A spokesman for Morstatt Catering said, "When students show they can be responsible people and use machines properly, there will be a better chance of getting more machines."

"The pop machines are constantly misused and these are expensive," she said.

### French isn't overcrowded

Earlier this year, (Sept. 25, 1969) the JOURNAL reported that the Philosophy and Psychology departments were suffering from overcrowding at certain levels. But despite outward signs, the French Department is not suffering from these growing pains. Its enrollment has not increased much.

The large number of classes results from the revising of French 102 from a grammar to an oral course. According to Fr. J.J. Devine, Chairman of the

French Department, the number of students who wished to register in French 102 necessitated a breakdown from two to seven sections.

In revising French 102 the Department realized that grammar at this level was ineffective, and a practical course was needed.

Because of increased emphasis on oral French, the department this year offers French 102 and French 120, which comprise the majority of French students, and French 201, an advanced oral course.

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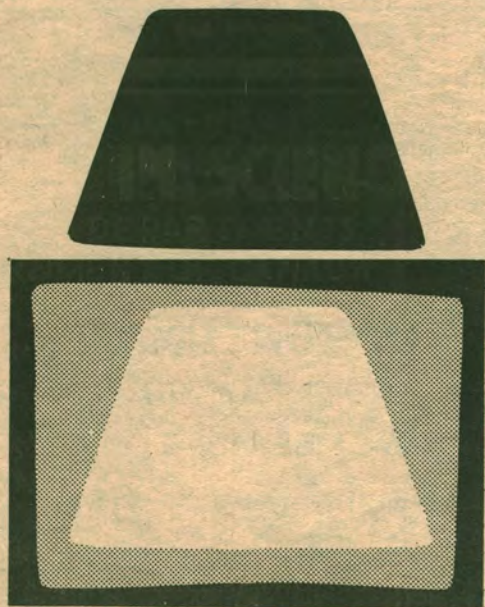
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ON THE LOVE OF MANKIND OR WHAT A UNIVERSITY IS ALL ABOUT

The upheavals of modern society are causing men to rethink the nature and functions of many of its institutions. The University clearly stands among those institutions which today are being most closely scrutinized. Because of the need for solving problems of our society, academic concerns, academic disciplines, academic curricula, and indeed academics themselves are increasingly confronted with the charge of "Irrelevance." The basic criterion of "Relevance" seems to be full-time devotion to direct action in the social, political, and economic problem-areas of society. A professor who does this is said to show a love of Mankind whereas one who does not, is accused of hav-

Dick Beis, who teaches philosophy at Saint Mary's, presents some personal views on this topic.

ing a "Nero-fiddled-while-Rome-burned" attitude and of failing to exhibit a love of Mankind. This criterion of relevance is one central feature of an emergent view of what a University today should be "all about."

There are some other distinguishable features of this view of a University. There increasingly appears to be a deemphasizing, and at times, a downgrading, of reason. One argument for deemphasis is the notion that reason is antithetical to action. For reason suggests deliberation, and deliberation takes a long time, where the demand for action is here and now. Additional reinforcement is found in the belief that the disciplined exercise of reason is somehow non-human or even anti-human and that a visceral approach to action is the truly human approach.

A third characteristic of that view is the idea that to be "relevant" a professor must be almost constantly involved with his students — and the modes of this involvement are rather clearly spelled out. They seem to include conversations with students about everything, but especially about social, political, and economic action (which, by the way, is considered to be the best way of realizing the basic criterion of relevance); leading students in demonstrations and continually associating with students socially.

A fourth characteristic of that view is a new conception of how a University is to be governed. Most prominent here is the notion of Student Power. Student representation is sought on University Senates and Boards of Governors. Students demand a voice regarding what shall be taught, how it shall be taught, and who shall teach it. And, in general, students desire to be placed in decision-making capacity at all levels of the University.

Such a conception of the University is at considerable variance with another conception of what a University should be. This conception sees the university as a place of higher education, and it too interprets "higher education" in terms of involvement: INVOLVEMENT IN HARD, DISCIPLINED, AND CLEARHEADED THINKING AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF SUBSTANTIAL LEARNING.

It does not regard the demand for this sort of mental activity as "anti-human," but indeed as very human — for it regards rational activity as a peculiarly human activity. This conception of a university is, of course, one with a very long tradition.

It in no way suggests that parts of the University may not be actively concerned with social, political, and economic problems.

Men of all ages thought that

the ability to think clearly and to have a substantial knowledge with which to think, were things of great value — to both the individual and society. They set up institutions to achieve these values.

We are confronted, with two conceptions of what a University should be "all about." One maintains that it should be an institution devoted directly to action in the social, political, and economic problem-areas. The other holds that the University ought to be a place of rigorous, clear-headed thinking carried on against a background of substantial learning. Which are we to choose and why?

Though the first of these conceptions of a University has elements which are worthy of consideration, I would, argue for the second conception.

I take it as evident that the world has a great need for rational, clearheaded thinking against a background of substantial learning. It would, therefore, be impractical to destroy through "reorientation" the very institution whose traditional purpose has been to achieve this type of thinking.

Secondly, the notion of "reasoned or thoughtful action" does not appear to me to be either contradictory or impractical. Indeed, it is often because people learn more and think more that revolutions occur. That is why tyrants do not want those who suffer their rule to be educated or to have time to think.

I do not believe that action of its very nature is good. The notion of "reasoned or thoughtful non-action" does not appear to me to be evil. Indeed, had reason not been so deemphasized, and action so exalted in Germany, many Germans might not have acted as Hitler ordered.

The traditional stress on thinking as a value is not limited to its simple utilitarian exercise. Thinking is seen to have value in itself and, to be of value because it is thought to represent man's most human activity. The introduction of the

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value of thinking for its own sake is obvious.

I do not accept the judgment that unless a professor is constantly engaged with students in some extracurricular activity he is "irrelevant". Professors who ceaselessly engage in such activity cause me to wonder how much they really care about students. It seems to me that there are many ways of caring about students: NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS PREPARING A CLASS FOR THEM.

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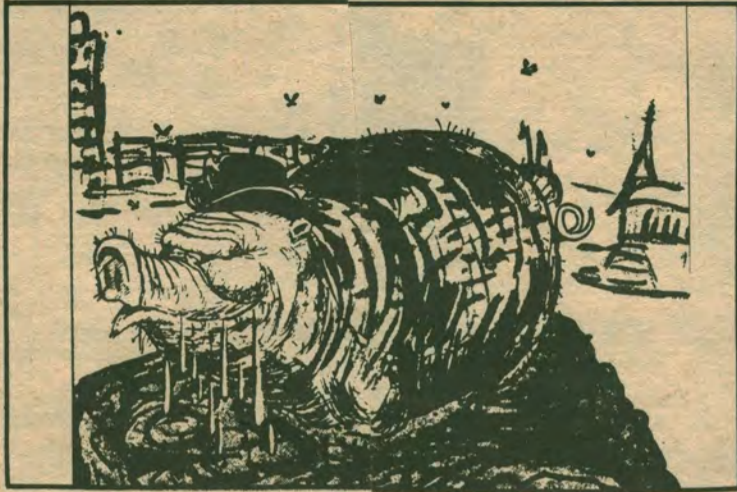
## For every pork chop there is a Frying pan

It seems that the guys of SMU do something every year to revive their reputation as pigs. In truth, however, the reputation was never really dead. This year is no exception to the rule. As a matter of fact, it shows everyone what a great thing rules are because once again, everyone seems to be obeying them, especially this one.

Older editions of the JOURNAL testify this isn't new. Comments on the subject included some letters directed at students. Compared to the opinions of the girls now in residence at Saint Mary's, the letters were mild. Here are excerpts from two of those letters:

"This letter is directed to the males of the campus."

"Many changes have occurred in the past few years at Saint Mary's. Policy, structure, and layout of the university have all changed considerably. Many more changes are to come. One of the key changes has been the introduction of females into the academic community. However, one factor remains constant among all these changes. We still have the excessive drinking habits before, during and after athletic events and trips associated with these; many drunks and immature characters at our dances; childish writings on washroom walls and on posters, notices, etc. The utter horror one ex-



periences in the unsightly mess around the SUB, and most predominantly, the lack of interest and indifference of many of the students. We have received much criticism from interested females and we can also note the general public's opinion of SMU and its students. Most students know the reaction they receive from girls at outside dances." "Do we care? No, most of the students of SMU are content to stand idly by and witness the smear spread by all who are victims of these immature actions. We can only go upwards from here, and if the student is really a man, he will examine his surroundings and he will --

wise up, clean up, and grow up." Another irate reader was even less sympathetic. "St. Mary's University has a

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**JOURNAL**  
Sty correspondent

great deal to be desired both in the quality of the individuals seeking a higher education and in the manner in which some of the activities take place. I've never had occasion, in all my life, to 'meet' such utterly rude

ill-mannered persons, the 'angelic' little boys from Saint Mary's."

"It's purely pathetic. It seems these little boys have discovered the wonderful effects of alcohol for the first time, and therefore find it necessary to get utterly smashed before they feel their manhood sufficiently to attend the weekly Saturday night dances at SMU. . . . It isn't right that a university should be in the process of acquiring such a reputation as this, and it's not right that some individuals representing a university should act the way they do."

This year's residence girls' opinions were along similar lines.

"I have never seen so many guys who have something against clothes in my entire life. It's getting to the point where I'd rather stay home and study than spend the night reasoning with someone. I have never cried so much in my whole life. I feel degraded and taken advantage of," said one.

"The SMU guys obviously think that any girl will fall for them and their cheap 'charlie' lines. I've heard several warnings like 'stay away from the SMU guys.' They certainly hold true. They really think they're hip around the girls--great lovers. Well I'd

just like to say that the girls at Saint Mary's have a lot more going for them than the guys - they can see right through them," another added.

No less forceful, was this, "I think the SMU guys are creeps. They don't know how to treat a girl. They think all the girls are easy makes, but what they don't know is that we're very aware of this. Some of them are nice and we love them but others are snobs. Their attitude towards the girls leave something to be desired."

"In a word or two, 'they stink,' 'don't even ask about them,' 'they're not worth it,'"

One girl said, "I don't have any complaints."

The only girl who would give her name, Allana Collins, Arts 1, said, "What I detest is those cuddly little approaches."

The attitude can best be summed up in the words of Agnes Carrol, she said, "The guys, will have to admit that they must be guilty of some things to get this strong negative attitude. I want to be proud of Saint Mary's and I think most of the students want to also. Why don't they try harder to make it that way? We'll be happy to give them the chance along with trying ourselves. There's lots of potential."

## Women's sports

A program of women's intramural sports is being organized by the Athletic Department, and will include sports from basketball to volleyball and many in-between.

The program will be under the direction of Gesila Abt, 26, who has been hired part-time by the Athletic department. Abt is a physical education specialist.

However the program has difficulties. Few women showed up for organizational meetings held during the last few weeks. Despite this, Athletic Director Bob Hayes has lined up a varied list of activities.

The program will mainly occupy evenings; Friday and Saturday nights are free. The afternoon sport is recreational skating, Mondays and Wednesdays.

"But it's kind of hard to start up leagues if we don't get the kids out," says Hayes.

"This week was bad because of tests, I suppose."

Hayes is optimistic though, and says interest will pick up when they found out that something was happening.

The Athletic Department hopes to expand next year. The university had applied to be admitted to women's intercollegiate sports, but participation will be limited by finances.

Full-time coaching staff for women's sports will be hired next year.

By CLAUDE ISAACS

"Did you see the football game?"

"What football game?"

Thus a recent dialogue I had with a fellow student.

This guy honestly did not know that his school was competing in a sport and that it concerned him, whether he cared or not. I know you have heard the old song about school spirit before, but that is not entirely what I am saying. Everytime you ask someone "What do you think of THE JOURNAL?" or "What do you think of the football team?"

the reply is either "I don't know" or "They stink." Maybe it is too much to assume that they should think at all.

One should read copies of THE JOURNAL from several years back and compare the kind of enthusiasm that was present then, to the situation we have, which is at best apathetic.

Coach Bob Hayes gave a few reasons for this apathy. There is a very large freshmen enrollment, and these new students have no attachment to Saint Mary's. Also, nobody seems to know anybody any more. The new residence gives more privacy

and therefore limits sociability. It's obvious that a student could never get to know all the people at school, but that he should try anyway. A lot of people complain that of "cliques," and say even JOURNAL staff are a "clique." This may be so, but I think something can be done.

Either athletics are a worthwhile and an important part of this university or they are not. Hayes thinks sports attract many students to Saint Mary's.

One professor told me sports should be eliminated altogether. It's up to you, the students, to show what you want.

For anyone that cares, they can turn out for the games and cheer for their school. The teams not only represent Saint Mary's, they represent you, for you and your fellow students are the major part of this institution. If you want your teams to represent you well, do the same for them.

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## And now - the JOURNAL Society Report:

After the big SRC effort during Homecoming Weekend, the JOURNAL society page will be rather empty for the next few weeks and will carry little news of interest to campus social lights.

But the different societies and clubs on campus have organized various activities for their members.

Noel MacKinley, President of The Science Society said the Society has plans for a brewery tour in the near future although no date has been set yet.

"The Science Society may be co-sponsoring a New Year's party with The Arts Society" he said.

"Last Friday The Science Society sponsored a hay ride, MacKinley added.

by Frank Cassidy

The Arts Society, who sponsored by far the most extensive orientation program and who re-

vived the defunct Maroon and White Society, have "nothing concrete planned at the present moment" said Society president Ian MacKenzie.

"However we are having a meeting on Saturday to plan our activities" he added.

"The Arts Society might be co-sponsoring a formal New Year's Ball but that hasn't been decided yet", MacKenzie added.

"The Engineering Society is holding a Smoker on Friday November 14 with a discussion between profs and students," said its President Bill Turner.

"Our Society also has a Hockey pool for every Wednesday night game at 25¢ a shot. The winner will receive \$15" he continued.

"The Science Society will also sponsor a sleigh ride sometime around the third week in November", he added.

By far the most active organization on or off campus is the Christian Action Movement.

CAM President Roy Hansen says that the club operates a

tutorial program at St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's and The Beechville Centre every weekend for Junior High School students.

Hansen added that every Saturday afternoon a group from CAM visits The School for The Blind to entertain the children and "on Sunday afternoons CAM teaches Religion there".

"In the future we plan to do work with retarded children and CAM is also active with orphaned kids", he added.

"On Sunday mornings CAM members attend different church services to attain 'the true meaning of Christianity'," Hansen said.

"Wednesday nights are busy as we pack books for The Overseas Book Bureau."

"On Thursday nights CAM visits The N.S. Hospital to entertain the patients", he said. "Our next visit will be Nov. 6", he said.

On the social side CAM holds a joint social with Mount Saint

Vincent University every month. The next social is planned for Nov. 16, at SMU.

"CAM has planned a variety show at Christmas for the children under their care, Bill Langstroth, Anne Murray and The Privateers have volunteered to put on a variety show for all the orphans, blind kids, retarded children and N.S. Hospital patients", he continued.

CAM is holding a poor drive to obtain clothes and other necessities for the underprivileged in the near future Hansen said.

Last Friday CAM took all the kids from the Blind School out from door to door "trick or treating" - "so the blind kids could enjoy Hallowe'en too".

Anyone interested in joining CAM can do so by getting in touch with Roy Hansen, President open to anyone who wants to join.

Commerce society president Roy Gillis could not be reached for information on what the society is planning for its members.

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# On dealing with contradictions among the people



## THE REVOLUTIONARIES

People tell us they are unhappy because the St. Mary's Journal does not represent the opinions of the majority of students here. That's probably inevitable.

Very few Canadian student newspapers (or student councils for that matter) do represent the opinions of the majority of their students, and there are specific reasons for this.

For one thing, a student newspaper has to attempt, in print at least, to solve problems. What should we do about residence rules? Why are administrators so adverse to real democratization of their universities? Why are the Maritimes economically and politically so far behind the rest of Canada?

The so-called "average student," if such exists, isn't faced with these problems in his day-to-day experience in class, (This is perhaps a comment on the irrelevance of what goes on in those classes, but we'll let that pass).

And to our minds, that means the question is not: Is the newspaper representative? But, "Is the Journal correct in its analysis of problems, and its solutions to those problems?"

Now, it is a trait of conservative and moderate students to examine problems like representivity structurally, i.e. we take a vote on some issue, and expect the newspaper and council to "represent" the majority opinion.

We don't think that's a very constructive way of examining problems, because the majority can be wrong. We think "representivity" is a red herring.

Here's an example of what we mean. The Canadian Union of Students died last week because it did not "represent" students. At most campuses, there was little or no discussion of the content of CUS's analysis of Canadian society, an analysis which was frankly radical.

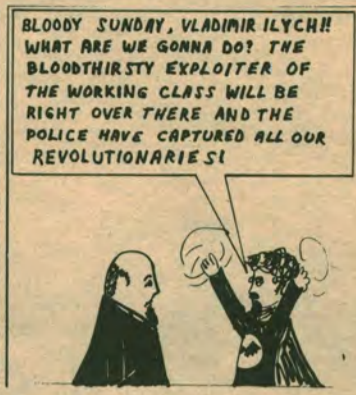
The logical way to tackle whether CUS should live or die is on the basis of content -- was its analysis of problems correct or incorrect? We submit that such an examination would prove CUS correct, and if so, perhaps students have an obligation to revise their way of thinking.

We feel that way about the Journal. And the Journal really doesn't ever fully represent the opinions of the students working for it, because a new staffer normally finds that his opinions begin to change as soon as he starts to confront problems.

So if you have criticisms of the Journal's editorial policy (and editorial policy is reflected in all newspapers by their choice of material as well as editorials, see any issue of the Halifax newspapers), then those criticisms should deal concretely with what we have to say, not whether our opinions are "representative."

This is called "struggle." It is concrete, and deals with content rather than structure. It is honest, and we both learn from it.

The Journal office is located in the basement of the SUB. If you don't like us, then come down and struggle with us about it. Any other way of tackling the problem is a cop-out.



## letters

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### Our bungled up building...

Dear Sir:

As a resident student and new member of the JOURNAL staff, I ask residents to speculate on the various incidents which have occurred over the past week regarding our living quarters. I think I can safely say that most of us feel the present buildings could have been built on a higher plane of quality.

"Our rooms are like funeral parlors," say the girls in the low rise. It seems we are to have an annual food-poisoning epidemic (the recent one is repeat from last year). And, line-ups into the laundry room may have to be organized in order to guarantee each person equal time at whatever washer or dryer happens to be working at the time. Although many feel the quality of the food served this year is better than that of last year, I still hear complaints of "meat too greasy, day-old desserts too dry, and sandwiches sprouting hair."

These are old complaints which have been lost in a din of silence. An occurrence from last week will, I hope, stir the readers into contemplating our immediate surroundings:

This incident happened at three o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, the 28th. My roommate and I, rolling in fits of insomnia due to lack of proper air circulation in our room, leaped out of bed to the resounding crash of breaking glass. Needless to say, we were astounded to find our bathroom mirror scattered across the room, in the toilet, the sink, the bathtub, the linen and even in the room opposite. Reflecting back to the legend of Chicken Little and the fate of that particular character, we decided to refrain from calling the proctor or the Director of Residence. We left the pieces where they lay and cautiously proceeded back to our room, filled with a fear that any sudden movement would bring down the walls.

What had happened? I asked the others in Suite 601 to what they attributed the mishap:

Said Ted Bobowski: "The mirror shouldn't have been glued on with roofing cement." It should

have been hooked or screwed on, and firmly attached to the wall."

Peter Butcher: "Definitely, a case of poor workmanship."

Bill Gerior, present Director of Residence, said about residence conditions:

"The buildings were constructed with the students in mind. However, the complaints in regard to building standards should and are being looked into." He agreed with Doug Shand, resident student, that each tenant receives adequate workmanship and general construction in the buildings, with the LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE.

In reference to these remarks therefore, I can only say that if the student is to be truly taken into account, (in order to prevent serious injury from flying glass), a very INEXPENSIVE survey should be taken of bathroom mirrors in the different buildings and greater measures taken to prevent such injury.

True this is a very minor complaint in light of the overall problem of living comfortably. But in order to solve bigger problems we must start somewhere.

Dave Kosub

### Towards a better library

Dear Editor:

(It would be appreciated if this was brought to the attention of library personnel)

The university library, as opposed to the public library, is a contradiction to its purpose with regards to facilitating the student.

Library hours are mechanical. Fortunately, some students are not machines. I propose an extension of the 9-5 rut to a 9-11 program on weekends. Believe it or not, some individuals are more productive, ACADEMICALLY, in the off hours. The time element is restricting. Minds can not be turned off and on like the Nova Scotia Light and Power.

Furthermore, the library is infested by football players... duh... and other socialites. This is no place for open discussions and fraternization. It is definitely not conducive to studying. It is not a recreation hall. Let's exercise consideration for stu-

dents interested in getting some constructive studying done. What about persons with no alternatives for studying areas, i.e. resident students who are faced with crowded rooms and lounges?

What is a library for if closed at critical times. Realizing it is open for cramming purposes during exams, I feel it is effectively undermining the essential process of self-instruction, on a full time basis.

As a concerned party, I expect some serious consideration about this issue.

Sue Rogers

### Marxian euphemisms

Dear Sir:

With regard to your recent article presuming to describe the prevailing social class in attendance at a recent symphony concert, also attended by one Francis Abbott, the writer of the article; will you please give your attention to this plea for unbiased journalism?

Of the several classes presumed to exist within society, to which, if any, would the aforementioned writer give the sanction of attending a symphony concert, and with what motive or pretext?

Is there any reason why this audience should be lumped together under the implied category of insensitive materialist cum artistic phoney?

Is it not possible that some of these people may have been delighted with the music they heard, having evaluated it in a different way than did Mr. Abbott? Certainly, it can be granted that, among some, their admiration may not have been enhanced by critical appreciation and perhaps some were there for superficial reasons.

Let's examine the article writer for his critical appreciation of people. There seems to be some lack of ability on his part in discerning the nuances of character and motivation to be seen at any gathering of people with a common interest. Further, the array of Marxian euphemisms he uses in describing this audience seem to indicate, on his part, the fetish for the esoteric that he accuses the audience of having.

Perhaps, to please Mr. Abbott, a criteria should be established for acceptance of would-be concert attenders. Perhaps Mr. Abbott could post himself at the door before each such event and question all comers as follows:

"What social and/or economic class do you belong to?"... "What is your real or assumed interest in attending this concert?"

In this way, given the privilege to judge, accept and/or refuse all comers, he could fill the hall with spirits, who, being akin to his own, have been found worthy to be there.

Consideration must be given to Mr. Abbott's afterthought. His yearning for good music strikes a sympathetic chord. I have just such a yearning for good journalism.

Sincerely,  
Karen Oulton,  
Arts 2.

Editor's note -- Abbott did not intend that his piece go down in the annals of journalism as being a particularly good effort, but good journalism does not always mean having no opinion, especially in a comment piece. When any opinion is presented in an orderly manner with some style and coherence, you have good journalism. A close examination of the piece did not reveal any "Marxian euphemisms", unless the old French word "bourgeois", originally meaning a merchant or town-dweller, and now implying crassness can be taken as one. However, this in no way constitutes the "array" that you thought you saw. The idea behind the article in the first place was let the crass come, their crassness need not distract others from the program. In any case, our liberal managing editor wrote more in sorrow than in anger after discussing the concert with others who were also there.

Ed.

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shit shit shit nothing happened right this week as no one was here till everybody left. carole did things with copy which came in and agnews carroll did things with the smupig while frank cassidy did society things. ken and the boys did darkroom things and john pulled out at the last minute. francis was here all the time and boy idiot (or idiot or editor depending on which way you look at it), was forced to have paul macrae write the editorial with the correct line. pat tramley went out and dug things up about machinery although she had her copy rewritten. goldy the dougsmith didn't do anything although he tried. linda made it with boy editor and frank wants to be called the hopalong. if there's anyone i'm forgetting tough shitit has been a long night. goodbye (maybe). this is g. harvey thomgeirt with the world tomorrow what it will be like.



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