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Playshop to Stage "Ramshackle Inn"

FACULTY TEA



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE ENTERTAINS—Pictured at the Annual Faculty Tea for the parents and of students and other guests which was held Sunday at Saint Mary's College by the Ladies' Auxiliary are, left to right: Canon A. S. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, Mrs. M. H. McManus, Very Rev. F. C. Smith, S.J.; Hon. H. E. Kendall, M.D., Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; Most Reverend J. T. McNally, D.D., Archbishop of Halifax; Mrs. Kendall, His Worship Mayor Allan M. Butler, Deputy Mayor J. E. Ahern and Mrs. Ahern. Seated are Mrs. Arthur Abraham and Mrs. J. B. Sabean.

Rehearsal To Start Nov. 5

Rev. Fr. Belair has announced that "Ramshackle Inn", George Batson's melodramatic mystery farce, will be produced around December 15. This year's Playshop is determined to conduct this comic thriller provided they can obtain the rights which have already been sent for. These rights were the clog that prevented the production last year.

"Ramshackle Inn", according to Father Belair, is a new outstanding Broadway play and on the road it became an instant hit. Starring Zasu Pitts in the leading role it is developed into a comic-drama which everybody apparently wants to see. Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York, released it for amateur performance last year.

Briefly . . .

The fourteen character 2 act play is set around an old maid librarian, who has saved her money for 20 years in order to buy a hotel where she can meet interesting people. She purchases a strange tumble-down place near the ocean and gets what she bargained for—plus a good deal besides. The imperturbable librarian encounter ghosts and secret trunks, she wanders through mysterious situations and thunderstorms; she meets with drama and comedy, the living and the dead, and somehow manages to emerge at the end none the worse for her extraordinary experiences.

The World-Telegram writes of it, "It is one of the best entertainments currently available on Broadway. I believe indeed, that if you will just sit back and relax at Ramshackle Inn you will thoroughly enjoy yourself. I guarantee you will have a good time."

STUDENTS' PARLIAMENT PASSES BILLS

On Thursday, October 22, the Student's Council held its second meeting of the year. With Ed Chisholm presiding, some excellent plans were formulated. It was voted, on behalf of the AAA Society, to employ a full time physical instructor.

This, of course, has to be approved by higher authorities. It was also decided to continue awarding pins for debating. An unanimous vote showed everyone's approval for a temporary canteen until permanent quarters can be obtained. More definite hours concerning the opening and closing of the book-room were laid down. Views were also expressed on the formation of a track team.

If the Student's Council continues at the same pace they are setting now, we can expect to see some much needed changes around the campus.

Debaters Cross Swords in Spirited Duels

Introducing the resolution that "the Freshmen should be initiated," Terry O'Toole opened what proved to be a very lively Open Forum on Oct 17th. He thought the Freshmen should be given three days which they would never forget. At this point, the Moderator Fr. O'Donnell, with much gusto denounced the initiation as so much "darned nonsense", and bemoaned the fact that during the days of initiation he could not get the students to do their Latin sentences.

Cormier Cries Touché

Tom (sure-of-a-pass-in-history) Murphy upheld the Moderator's idea and definitely agreed with him that the students were psychologically distracted from their work; and a few debaters thought that some of the freshmen failed last year because of the initiation. Paul Cormier brought the discussion to a close with pearl of wisdom: "If a little thing like an initiation stops freshmen from passing their exams how are they going to overcome the obstacles in the other three years of college and in later life?"

When the next resolution "Resolved that the rorum should be made into a clubroom for the college" was introduced, Fr. O'Donnell, eager for the fray, again took the floor. Mindful that Christmas time is not too far distant, he came to the defense of the boarders. He thought that the clubroom should be exclusively for them. McNeilly, (a boarder) seeing that Fr. O'Donnell had swayed the audience, quickly and very vividly described the lack of recreational facilities, and so it was resolved that the boarders deserved the clubroom exclusively.

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On Sunday, Oct. 28, the Ladies' Auxiliary of Saint Mary's College held its annual Faculty tea from 4.00 to 6.00 in the Assembly Hall.

As in other years the purpose of the occasion was to acquaint the parents of the students with one another and with the various members of the Faculty; again as in the past the undertaking was a marked success.

Among the many distinguished guests present were His Grace, Archbishop McNally and the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Kendall.

Those pouring were: Mrs. W. A. Russell and Mrs. J. P. DeVan. Mrs. F. W. Abraham and Mrs. J. B. Sabean.

Much credit for the success is due to the executive members of the Auxiliary who spent a great deal of time planning this affair and in the actual preparing and serving.

It is sincerely hoped that further ventures of the Auxiliary will meet with as much success.

NEW SOCIAL HALL FOR BOARDERS

Relief at last for the boarders! The much discussed Boarder's Social Hall is now under construction and should be completed in three weeks. At that time there will be an official opening highlighted by a dance or banquet.

The building itself will consist of a large room except for a kitchenette in one corner. The hall will provide for indoor sports, boxing, basketball, ping-pong, and dancing. Plans are made to construct a boxing ring which can be assembled and taken down on short notice.

The boarders will have exclusive use of the hall until their study period at 8 p. m. Social events of college societies may be held there on any desired evening and thus much of the overhead incurred by previous activities can be eliminated.

SODALISTS ENTERTAINED BY TWO INTERESTING LECTURERS

Canadian Martyrs and Brother Andre Are Subjects of Talks

The Sodalists have been honoured with two most interesting lectures within the past two weeks.

The first talk, on October 19th, was given by Rev. Father Filion. In his lecture he treated of the Canadian martyrs and the excellent missionary work they accomplished among the Indians of Canada. Father Filion spoke, in general, of all the martyrs but particularly of Father Jogues who managed to escape hostile Indians and to return to France. We can surely say that Father Filion furnished us with a very interesting half-hour. The only regret is that time was limited and only half the story could be told. To add to the interest of the lecture slides were shown. These slides gave us some insight into the hardships endured and the difficulties overcome by these brave heroes of God.

The second, and no less interesting talk, was given by Rev. Father Toner, on October 26th. The context of his lecture concerned the famed St. Joseph's Oratory at Montreal and Brother André, through whose instrumentality God has cured many of the physically deficient faithful. A medical board, such as there exists at Lourdes in France, has been established at the Oratory. Father Toner spoke about the character of Brother André and we find that the Brother had a sense of humour and a quick temper, yet he was a very humble person.

Father Toner's amiable smile added increasing pleasure to his eloquent and interesting lecture. Let us hope that the future may again bring such engagements to the Sodalists.

Mr. George's Letter To Cast of "The Front Page"

October 22, 1945

Dear "Front Pagers":

It will be the last official function of our efficient Business and Production Managers, Mr. Owen T. MacCarthy and Mr. Thomas MacDonald, to see that this letter comes to your notice. How it can be accomplished, I am sure I don't know. I leave it to their private initiative.

Two days ago I received your gift—a beautiful black and gold pen and pencil set engraved, 'From the "Front Page" Cast.' To attempt to set down my reactions would be futile. I was, to put it in colloquial language, "floored". No one knows better than yourselves I guess, that I am seldom at a loss to find words to express my feelings. But this time I must confess defeat.

I sat down, filled up the pen and put it to paper—a fine new white sheet, as was only fitting for a pen's maiden speech. Those first written words should, I suppose, have been something appropriate like—"God bless the patient souls who collaborated with me on the "Front Page". But somehow or other that thought didn't come first. My recollections of the "Front Page" were too vivid at that precise

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From where I SIT

By LARRY MURPHY

It seems that there are those who would put the English rugger game back into the high school, to replace Canadian football, which they are now playing. The best reason they have is that at present, Provincial playdowns are impossible because out of town teams don't play Canadian. It is a good reason at that, but there is also a possible solution for this problem. If the local high schools could play a couple of "away" games to show the other Nova Scotian towns the game, they may be able to interest them in it.

I understand that league officials are at present contemplating that possibility. A province-wide, high school Canadian football circuit would be a fine thing, I know, because that city senior high league has something.

The second reason for dropping Canadian football is that when the boys reach college they lack experience in the English game, which the colleges play. Well, are not the senior high leagues played for the sport they provide, rather than as a feeder for intercollegiate leagues? However, it looks as if the time has come for a showdown, between Canadian football and English rugger in Halifax. It seems to me that the choice of one of these two games is up to the high school boys who will be playing the game, rather than to a group of men, more or less interested in the welfare of English rugger than in the fun the boys have playing THEIR game.

For the past four years the Halifax high schools have dared to be modern. English rugger in the high schools had died a lingering death, when the introduction of Canadian rugby gave senior high football new life. The students took to the game like ducks to water, and today they have a hotly contested little league there. One proclamation can tear down the thing they have built these past few years. Before that proclamation is made they had better be sure that English football will "take" in the high schools again.

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The college rugger team had a strenuous but ill-rewarded week last week. They played Tech on Tuesday, Dal on Thursday, and Acadia, at Wolfville, on Saturday. That's a lot of football to be jammed into five days. Although they came close to winning that Dal game, it was not their best performance. They seemed to toss the full week's steam into that game with Tech. If they can play that kind of game against Acadia Intermediates, I'd place my money on them.

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The Commerce octette is grabbing the lion's share in interfaculty football honors. Two league games have been played so far, and both have gone to the "Debit and Credit Men" Joe Wade's running, and the Hanrahan-Cormier passing combination seem responsible in no small way for their success. Nevertheless that league has just started, and Arts and Engineers won't let the title fall without a fight.

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When Nova Scotia Technical College shut out St. Francis Xavier to the tune of eleven to nothing, at the Recreation Centre last Tuesday, they were aided and abetted by several ex-Santamarians. Three of our last year's rugger squad members were in there: by name, Art Fletcher, "Mal" Jannigan and "Hank" Rounsefell.

Then there were those collegians of earlier vintage—"Vinnie" Vaughan, Johnny Meagher and Art Leahy. Vinnie doesn't seem to have lost any of that old knack for quick kicks to touch, nor any of his resourcefulness.

Tech kicked the ball deep into the St. F. X. end zone. There was no whistle, but an X-man, thinking, for some reason, that the ball had gone out of bounds, merely picked it up and proceeded to walk up the field with it. The normal thing to do would be to get excited and make a wild grab for the ball, but not so with Vinnie. He ambled up and asked for the ball. The X-man handed it to him, and was somewhat bewildered to see him break for the center of the end-zone, and touch the ball down between the posts, for a touchdown and a cinch convert.

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The National Hockey League is under way again, and youth's fancies turn to thoughts of hockey. Already, many a man has scanned the faces about him in the halls of S. M. C., and to line up, mentally, a formidable hockey squad for this year. There is quite a bit of talent left from last year's squad, and with the newcomers moulded around this nucleus we should have a smooth team.

Goalie Joe Wade is still with us. At the blue line we still have Tusker O'Neill, Joe Maclellan, Bob Ross and "Frenchy" Keddy, but "Axle" Allen's absence will leave quite a hole. Frank Graves is an able man, however, and he ought to be able to step in there.

Of those who were up front with Mr. Beazley's squad last year, we still have Bruce Hyland, Bill McCoombs, "Moose" Fennell, and "Moon" Flemming. Then there's Jim McManus, who wore the maroon and white a couple of years back, and is ready to don it again this year. Bob MacDougal ought to be right in there, too. Bob used to be the big gun for St. Pats a few years back. When the Arena makes ice again that team will be on it.

GRADS DOWN TIGERS

Saint Mary's Blanks St. Pat's To Take Fourth Straight

Commerce Storms Into Interfaculty

The opening game of the Interfaculty American Eights was won by the powerful Commerce squad by defeating Arts 18-6. Sid Vaughan opened the scoring for the businessmen with a touchdown on a pass from Ed Hanrahan.

But the hard fighting Artsmen came back with their only score of the game, when Danny MacLean smashed through on a line back.

In the third quarter Joe Wade neatly scragged an Art's pass and ran down a clear field to cross the line. The final score of the game came when Commerce again clicked and Eddie Hanrahan made the down; after which the game was called because of darkness.

In the second game in the league Commerce again came through with a win by defeating Engineers 26-0. The Engineers showed a lack of teamwork and practice proving an easy mark for the high riding Commerce boys.

Paul Cormier was the leading scorer of the game with 14 points made on two touchdowns and two converts; the long passes of Eddie Hanrahan gave Paul his chances.

In the final quarter Joe Wade went over for another try on a pass while Syd Vaughan got the final score of the game on an intercepted pass from 'Tusker' O'Neill.

Saint Mary's Senior High remained undefeated when they overran the St. Patrick's aggregate by a score of 12-0. This was the Saints fourth straight win. Led by Captain Frank Graves they tallied once in the first half and once in the last stanza.

Puddy Reardon opened the scoring late in the first half when he intercepted a pass on the St. Pat's 20-yard line and ran over for a touchdown. Tyler kicked the convert to make the score 6-0.

The green and white threatened in the second half but their attempt to score was fooled when Pete McCarthy intercepted a pass on the 10-yd. line. Saint Mary's then trotted down field and Frank Graves took the ball over. Later in the half the Saints scored a rouge.

Stars for Saint Mary's were Graves, Tyler and Reardon, while Smith and Hirschfield shone for St. Pat's.

SAINTS WIN 8-3 TO HOLD LEAD IN SENIOR LOOP

Saint Mary's still remain tied with Tech at the top of the City Senior Rugby League when we scored a victory last Saturday by defeating Dalhousie 8-3.

Dalhousie took the windward end of the field to start the contest, but were unable to put enough drive in their plays to make their advantage count. The wind was so powerful that Wade, Dalhousie fullback made a 100-yard kick from one end of the field to the other. The only Dal score came when Alec Farquhar made a thirty-yard run through the line.

Saint Mary's, the wind with them in the second half, took their first score on a lucky play. On a field kick from the thirty-yard line which glanced off one of the Dal goal posts, Mulcahy, Saint Mary's half, slipped in and scored the down for the first try. The convert by Ryan was successful.

Dal fought hard through the remainder of the second half, but could not make the line. Saint Mary's second try came in the last ten minutes of play when Debison took the ball over from a five-yard scrum.

Saint Mary's—Fullback, Kehoe; quarters, Mulcahy, Parker, Bishop, Earle; halves, MacDonald, Veniot, Ryan; forwards, Scallion, Lownds, Reardon, Foley, Moriarty, Debison, MacLeod.

Dal—Fullback, Wade; quarters, McEwan, Farquhar, Crowell, Rimrose; halves, Hart, MacKenzie, Smith; forwards, Blakeney, McColough, Ernst, Menchions, MacKeigan, McQuinn; Pothier, Hunt, Zatzman, Wellner, subs.

INTERFACULTY RUGBY

Friday, Nov. 2—
Arts vs. Commerce.

Saturday, Nov. 3—
Arts vs. Engineers.

Sunday, Nov. 4—
Commerce vs. Engineers.

S. M. C. 0; Tech 17

Saint Mary's Intercollegiate Rugby team lost again to the Technical College 17-0 last week at the Dal campus. The first half in which Tech scored fourteen of their points saw the engineers run circles around the Saint Mary's aggregate, who fought gamely but to no avail. In the second half Saint Mary's began to get the ball from the scrum and they matched the Tech men yard for yard. On several occasions they had the blue and white on their twenty yard line but were unable to carry the ball across, the heavier Tech were Meagher and Leahy, which Young and Hyland were the pick of the Saints.

S. M. C. SCOREBOARD



INTERCOLLEGIATE

S.M.C., 3; St. F. X., 26
S.M.C., 0; Tech, 17
S.M.C., 0; Acadia, 17

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INTERMEDIATE

S.M.C., 3; Dal, 5

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SENIOR

S.M.C., 0; Navy, 5
S.M.C., 0; Dal, 0
S.M.C., 8; Dal, 5
S.M.C., 6; Tech, 3

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HIGH SCHOOL

S.M.C., 11; St. Pats, 0
S.M.C., 12; St. Pats, 1
S.M.C., 11; Q.E.H., 1
S.M.C., 11; Q.E.H., 0



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Campus OPINION

TED LEVY, '46

Do you think that \$5.00 should be added to each student's fees to provide funds for the Students' Council?

Ed Chisholm—"Commerce '46"



Yes, the Council is badly in need of funds. The lack of student support in the past two years has meant a loss on practically all Council activities.

Fred Fennel "Engineering '47"

Yes, I think that it would be very beneficial as the Students' Council must have money to carry on its duties.

Gerald Gillis "Arts '49"

Yes, the Student's Council can do a lot of good work for St. Mary's but, like every other society, it needs money to back it up.

Dan MacLean "Arts '46"

No, I'm Scotch. I think \$2.00 would be sufficient, along with the other sources of revenue open to the Council. The proposed \$1,000 per annum would be too much for such a small college.

John Martin "Comm. '46"



Yes, such a move would provide funds for dances and donations and also arouse student interest in the expenditures and the activities relating to these expenditures.

Fred Kelly "Engineering '49"

Definitely, the Council could then sponsor dances, plays and other things of interest to the student body.

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DEBATING SOCIETY

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On Oct. 24th, the Open Forum topic "Resolved that the reading of comic strips is more detrimental than beneficial to people" was very thoroughly discussed. On the affirmative was Mel Beck, who thought that the comic strips taught a false philosophy of life and led people astray. Greg Heenan, on the other hand, stressed the relaxation comic strips afford their readers.

Later an executive meeting was held and Dan MacLean was elected the Debating Society's representative on the Student's Council.

MATRIC'S HOPES



Front row: H. Rich, R. Demers, B. Slaney, J. Houl, A. Abraham, D. Janigan, J. Currie.

Back row: J. Cody, B. Whalen, B. Kemp, B. Girard, H. Nunn.

THE FIGHTING XA



Front row: J. Streeter, E. McGrath, E. Pass, T. O'Neill, J. MacKinnon, K. MacDougall, P. Samson, B. Napier.

Back row: K. McIntyre, B. Warner, J. Napier, B. Naugler, P. Redmond.

Journal Jr.

Staff: JACK WOODS

XA TROUNCES MATRIC

The time was Sunday October 21st. The place was Saint Mary's Campus. The event was a football game between XA and Grade XI. The score—well, that's the story.

Perhaps it was the way the team was re-shuffled: perhaps it was the interest taken by the Faculty: perhaps it was the old fighting spirit of the team, but whatever it was Grade XA passed and plunged so beautifully during the game that they routed the seniors to the tune of 17-5. Some new plays evidently confused Grade XI because they didn't really get going until the last period when more out of pity than anything else they were allowed one touch. Since XA had marked up three touches earlier in the game they were not worried. The tussle ended 17-5.

Redmond was the star of the game, getting two of the three touchdowns and one pass for a convert. Paul also did some magnificent running and bucking during the slaughter to put XA way out ahead. Naugler also looked good. He got the second touch for XA by ploughing through a mess of XI's players and crossing the line before the seniors recovered consciousness. Jack Napier at quarter threw some lovely passes and kicked a convert on the first touch.

In the last quarter the beaten and broken opponents were allowed one touchdown so they wouldn't feel bad. Maybe it was because Ernie Pass was out of the game with a leg injury. Ernie, by the way, is an artist at tackling. He has a way of getting through the opposing line at the ball carrier.

The fact that the Senior team is well on its way to the city championship is of interest to Grade XA since Tyler and Reardon both belong to us—and not to XB as the last issue of the Journal said.

The handball tournament sponsored by the Sodality should stimulate interest in other schools and maybe we can have inter-school tournaments. The game has met with popular response from the student body in general.

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VICTORY MARCH

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Now is the time for you to try
To uphold your honor
And keep your colours high.
We're here to help and cheer you,
So hearken to our message clear
And score for dear Saint Mary's,
Our Alma Mater dear.

Now do your best, boys,
As S.M.C. boys
Have always done in work or
play,
Just keep on going,
Cease not in showing
Your College spirit, day by day.
See what you can do,
We shall be with you,
To urge you on to VICTORY.
It is your right to FIGHT
With ALL YOUR MIGHT,
So fight your BEST for S.M.C.

LOCOMOTIVE

S-A-I-N-T M-A-R-Y-S (3 times)
Saint Mary's, Saint Mary's,
Saint Mary's, Team, Team, Team.
(Begin slowly and increase the speed
each time Saint Mary's is spelt. Pause
before the second last line.

ADAWHIZBANG

Adawhizbang, Adawhizbang,
Adawhizbang, whizbang, whiz!
Just try your luck
On a whiz bang buck,
For a whizbang knows his biz
Hit him in the whizbang,
Hit him in the jaw—
Saint Mary's! Saint Mary's!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

SKY ROCKET

Sky Rocket (long whistle)
Boom—A-a-a-h!
Saint Mary's—RAH!!

COLLEGE YELL

Hikety, chike, hikety chike,
Soloman, Soloman, GEE,
Riggity, Raggity, Riggity, Rag-
gity, SMC!
Cha hee, Cha ha, Cha ha, ha, ha,
Saint Mary's, Saint Mary's,
Rah, Rah, Rah!

HE'S A MAN

He's a man! Who's a man?
He's an S.M.C. man—
John, John, Doe.
(The player's first name is said
twice, his last name once.

FIGHT TEAM

FIGHT, team.
FIGHT, team, fight. Fight, team,
fight.
Fight, team, fight, team,
FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!

GET 'EM HIGH

Get 'em high; get 'em low,
S.M.C.—let's go.

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SELECTIVE INDIGNATION

Within recent months the radio and the press have been intensifying an already vigorous "criticism" campaign against the Spanish Government. A proposal that her internal affairs become the responsibility of the United Nations has received the support of individuals, groups and of a certain government in particular.

The Archbishop of Toledo, Spain, recently expressed the views of open-minded people by stating that the enemies of the Spanish State and the Catholic Church are out "to get Franco" and to turn the 1937 defeat of Soviet Russia into a victory not won by her arms, but by an aroused world prejudice. This prejudice is precisely what the U.S.S.R. is attempting to promote among the United Nations at the present time. The one country which chose to oppose Communism with its own weapon, viz., force, now must undergo an insidious attack from without; a planned campaign destined to disunite the other peaceable nations of the world.

Everywhere it is heard that the menace of the Franco Government is dangerous to world security and a detriment to the future of Spain. True, there is a menace overshadowing the world's future; but from an entirely different quarter, where all the agencies of an omnipotent terror state are engaged in an intensive propaganda campaign.

Does Spain threaten to engulf the world or to cause upheavals in nations striving to regain their lost freedom? Where Franco is trying to raise his country from the aftermath of the terrible civil war, the Soviets have drawn and are continuing to draw other free states into their sphere of complete subservience. Poland and Hungary are only the latest to be added to the list already crowded with the names of slave states.

Of course, for Tito to go on murdering priests and religious is a perfectly normal occurrence, but let Spain try to settle her problems free from outside sources and hear the whining howl of protest let loose on the world. At least the anarchists in Spain are allowed to live and even have their freedom pleaded for by their opponents. Can the same be said of the pitiful creatures in Siberia and the concentration camps?

Faults there may be in the present Spanish regime, as there are in our own and every country, but as we are perfectly capable of managing our own difficulties, so, too, are other countries equally capable. Above all, let's be logical in our thinking. One particular country is singled out for criticism, criticism applicable more so to another; but this latter must be passed over as a matter of expediency. It just doesn't make sense.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

We all realize that without money virtually nothing in the way of student activities can be accomplished. The present position of the Student Council is indeed an embarrassing one. They are without funds, and while the executive can make plans, has made plans and will continue to make them, their proposition will either have to be dropped entirely or radically modified. In all reason why should our Council be hampered in this manner, especially when an adequate solution is easily obtainable.

Under the present system each activity makes an individual demand on every student. This has been proven inefficient and inadequate. The result is that nobody wants to take the responsibility for any venture whatsoever and a state of apathy and general inertia exists. What is the answer?

It has been suggested that we follow the example of many other colleges by having each student pay, along with his tuition, a reasonable sum, say, five dollars, to what is known as the Students' Council Fund. Supposing that there are one hundred college students, the equitable and handsome total of five hundred dollars could be had. Incidentally the present wealth of the Students' Council does not exceed thirty dollars, and what may we ask, can they do with thirty dollars? If the proposed system were put into effect we have no doubt that most, if not all of the present difficulties would be erased.

Well, what about it?



SECRET IS OUT—The Rev. Emilio Ramirez, S. J., above, now stationed in Bogota, Colombia, has been revealed as the inventor of a weather predicting machine that was of great value to the U.S. navy in the Pacific war. The navy kept it a top secret until now and credited it with saving thousands of lives and of untold value in the safe movement of troopships. Father Ramirez's discovery of the machine grew out of his studies at St. Louis University on methods of measuring minor earth shocks.

LETTER --

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moment and I found on reading over the scrawl that I had baptized my new pen with these words of fire,— "We've just hit another *?#!*% snag."

That was the history of the "Front Page"—that was its recurrent refrain. It was a symphony of snags. I say "symphony" because there was an underlying harmony of cooperation and fun that, when all is said and done, made it a real triumph. I shall never forget the last moment, frantic efforts of Wolsey to make his bells ring, while the sweat poured from his mighty brow and the Waacs left the hall one by one; nor the melodramatic entrance of langorous Paul Lee in his exquisite drapery, pinch-hitting for Jerry Mackey and threatening the break-up of our dress rehearsal. It cost me a tremendous effort to keep a stern look on my face that time.

But that's all part of life, isn't it? And if college is supposed to be a preparation for life, the "Front Page" was a liberal education in itself. I hereby confer degrees on all of you.

You know it's one of my favorite themes that College spirit and "sacrifice" are a most synonymous terms, so I can't let this opportunity slip by without emphasizing once again. You lads can do great things for St. Mary's and in doing them for her, you do still greater things for yourselves — and that is what matters. Set her up as your ideal and make Saint Mary's what you want her to be. How often do we hear a group of Cassandras standing around and bemoaning the lack of past days. You are not lesser of spirit and weeping for the glories men than those that went before. You are better. Prove it!—by initiative, enthusiasm and devotion. You have only a few short years that will whirl by like the wind. Use them, so that those who come after you will be stimulated by your leadership.

This morning I prayed for you all at Mass and asked Our Lady, (this is Saint Mary's College, too, you know) to make you real Santamarians. There is depth to that word, "Santamarian." It's a good thing to keep in mind that "M" you are proud to wear—that you won after such hard battles, stands for the word, "Mary"—and "Mary" stands for all that is fine and noble in the life of a real man,—the highest of high ideals and the courage to achieve them.

I am proudly grateful for your

Nos eleves obtinent des notes elevees

The following is an excerpt from the paper 'France' which is published in Paris.

Halifax est la capitale de la Nouvelle Ecosse. C'est une ville de 60,000 habitants. On y enseigne le français à l'université Dalhousie, où existe une chaire de littérature française, occupée par un universitaire français. C'était, jusqu'à ces derniers temps, M. René Cautheron, qui vient de prendre sa retraite et auquel nous sommes redevables, pour une très grande part, du succès des concours de composition française qui font l'objet de cette étude.

Grâce à lui et à d'autres, il se forme peu à peu, dans les provinces maritimes du Canada, une élite anglaise de plus en plus nombreuse qui a acquis l'usage courant de notre langue et s'est pénétrée de notre culture. Plusieurs des étudiants du Collège Sainte-Marie d'Halifax qui ont participé au concours du Comité Catholique tels: Edmond Boyd, Yves Maynard, Patrick O'Neil, étaient des candidats de langue anglaise. Ils ont obtenu pour les travaux qu'ils ont présentés, des notes très élevées: 16 et 17 sur 20.

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AUTUMN

By MATTHEW COADY

The tiny bud that came on Spring's first day
And grew and blossomed to a golden leaf,
Upon the cold and frosted ground it lay,
Leaving a saddened thought that life's too brief.

Here and There

This fall has seen the largest registration in Loyola's fifty-year history. From the original half dozen class-rooms in the Junior building, Loyola has expanded to include some twenty-two classes catering to the educational needs of over 900 students.

A graph of the registration in the last ten years shows a slow but steady increase from 1936 to 1942, followed by a sharp rise in subsequent years.

Holy Cross Tops Esquire Poll

Holy Cross may well be proud of the baseball reputation which Jack Barry has acquired for it by virtue of his fine record as coach over a period of 25 years—413 victories against 77 defeats and 5 ties which netted him 14 championships, is quite a record.

The Esquire Magazine Sports Poll picked Holy Cross as the country's leading school in baseball when it questioned service men, sports experts, and fans in the October issue. The query put to these sport lovers was: "To best apply his athletic skill while gaining an education, to what college or university would you send your son, or to what school would you recommend to a boy who is adept at football, basketball, baseball, track and swimming?"

Holy Cross came out over Michigan with 16.6% of the vote cast.

St. F. X. Takes Major Step As "University of the Air"

St. Francis Xavier University has launched an educational program known as the University of the Air. In this series, which can be heard over C J F X each week-day evening, a forward step is realized toward one of the prime ends of the University—namely, that of educating those who are unable to attend the university.

Coincident with the inauguration of a Faculty of Medicine, Ottawa University has opened a drive for funds for its works.

B. C. Extends Adult Education Program

An opportunity for lay persons to study Catholic theology is one of the features of the Boston College Institute of Adult Education, according to an announcement by Rev. James L. Burke, S. J., Director of the Institute.

In treating the subject of Theology for the Laity, Rev. John A. McCarthy, S. J., will lecture on the spirit of Catholicism as it affects the ordinary church member. No previous training in theology will be required of the students and the subject covered should have popular appeal.

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gift and all that it signifies. May I ask you, as I draw near to the long coveted goal of the priesthood to add to that gift an even greater one—a remembrance in your prayers, and that I may have the grace to squeeze around or over, all my "snags" as I meet them on this last lap.

Sincerely in the Heart of Christ.
GORDON GEORGE, S.J.