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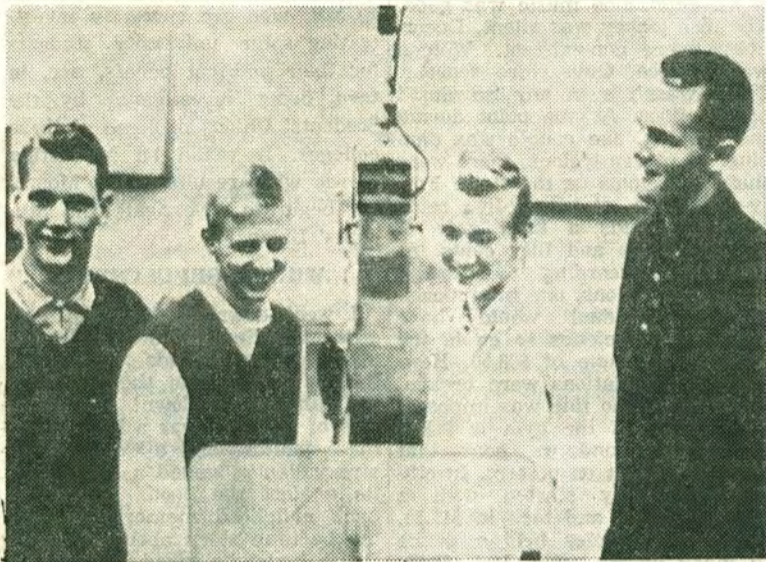
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ABOVE ARE THE FOUR PREPS, headliners at Saint Mary's University's first gala Senior Weekend. Dates for the weekend are February 14, 15, and 16. Admission to the Four Preps Concert is \$2.20 per person. Tickets are still available at Buckley's Music Center, Phinney's Ltd., Diana Sweets, Fram's Music Center, and Silverman's Ltd. Saint Mary's students can still obtain their tickets in front of the canteen at lunch hour. THE WEEKEND FESTIVITIES WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE HONOURABLE ROBERT STANFIELD, PREMIER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Bulletin

The Senior Weekend Committee announced that the Honourable Robert L. Stanfield, Premier of Nova Scotia, has consented to accept the Honourary chairmanship of the Senior Weekend Committee. The Premier will cut the ribbon at the official opening of the Weekend at five-thirty Thursday afternoon. He will be assisted at the opening by Very Reverend Charles Fischer, S.J., President of the University, and Weekend Chairman, Fred Briggs, President of the Senior Class. A brief reception will follow the ceremony.

SENIOR WEEKEND

With the announcement of Premier Stanfield's Honorary chairmanship, the Senior Weekend Committee verified the program up to date. Following the Premier's opening of the program, Saint Mary's will face the Dal Tigers in hockey. The Tigers won a hard-fought 6-1 victory earlier this year over the Huskies. Immediately after the game, the Four Preps will entertain in the Gymnasium in what should prove to be one of the highlights of the Weekend.

Friday's schedule will appeal to the hardy out-door type, as a newly constructed rink on the football field will provide facilities for broomball, skating, and a student-faculty hockey game. At the same time, the varsity will play the interfac all-stars in the Snow Bowl flag-football game. Friday evening will see the Huskies tangle with Dal in Basketball, followed by a toboggan party and a sock hop complete with Red Cross donuts.

Senior Weekend will come to a climax with the appearance of two of the finest orchestras in Halifax. On Saturday afternoon, the nationally known Don Warner Orchestra will present a modern jazz concert in the Gym.

This will be Mr. Warner's second annual concert at St. Mary's. On Saturday evening, the annual Arts-Commerce Ball will feature Reg Quinn and his orchestra. This annual highlight will take place in the Grand Ballroom at the Lord Nelson Hotel, where the Weekend Queen will be chosen.

Council - Administration Clash

Approximately halfway through the business section of the January 30 Student Council meeting, President Tom Tsoumas took advantage of Father Hennessey's presence to make it known publicly that he disapproved of the administration's action in the card-playing ban. President Tsoumas felt that the administration should have consulted the Council before taking action. He went on to say that he felt the move was unwarranted and that the Council had never been aware of the problem. Father Hennessey retorted that on several occasions he had brought the question to the personal attention of Mr. Tsoumas and had not received satisfactory results. In this light, he felt the administration was perfectly justified in taking action. President Tsoumas then said that on previous occasions, the problem had been the fact that students were gambling and that he felt the Council had succeeded in putting a stop to this. He added that on no occasion did Father Hennessey mention the academic difficulties presented by the avid card-players. He stated that the Council should have been given a chance to remedy the situation before the administration stepped in. Father Hennessey then reminded Mr. Tsoumas as well as all the students present, who had previously applauded his inquiry, that Saint Mary's University was a private institution and that the administration had the absolute right to dictate policy to the students. He added that the Student Council existed merely because of the administration's sanction and that it received all its power from the president. On this note, the meeting resumed its business like schedule and Father Hennessey left.

Students Fees Increased

On Jan. 30, the Student Council reconsidered the twice tabled motion concerning the two dollar increase in the Student Fee for which every student would receive in return a booklet of tickets to be used for admission to sports events at home. Henry St. Jean moved that the discussion be limited to five speakers, due to the delay already met at previous meetings. One of the speakers, John O'Connor, attacked the validity of a poll Mr. St. Jean had presented. He pointed out to the Council that Mr. St. Jean had probably taken the opinions (some 200) from the 'crowd in front of canteen.' He assumed the Council would know these people to be avid sport fans. He went on to say that the two hundred opinions covered only represented a third of the Student Body, and that a third of these had been opposed to the plan. Since the resolution would affect all the Students he felt it unwise and unjust to impose a fee on these students who took no interest in sports.

President Tsoumas brought the question to a vote after five speakers had spoken on the subject, and the motion was passed by an impressive vote of ten for the motion, four opposed and one abstention.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

Enterprising students learn how to circumvent certain rules.

—DR. HENRY HICKS, President of Dal Univ. Ex-Premier of N. S.

Saint Mary's has added Thespian distinction to its other accomplishments, and for the first time, the Dominion Drama Festival Regional finals will be held in Nova Scotia. The Festival is held yearly, first on a regional basis, after which the successful contestants compete on a national level. This year, the Maritime Regions will be held on March twentieth through to the twenty-third, and the national finals are to be held later in Ottawa.

The festival has a colorful history, which dates back to 1933, when the Earl of Bessborough, then the Governor General, called a national meeting of those people interested in amateur theatrics. As a result of the Earl's personal interest, sixty zealous players went to Ottawa that year at their own expense, and the Dominion Drama Festival was born. In April of nineteen thirty-three, twenty-four amateur drama groups from nine different provinces were represented. Needless to say, this included a group from Halifax. From its meager beginnings, the Festival has come a long way. It was first held in a converted Church, and after thirty years, has found its way to Saint Mary's University.

Before nineteen fifty, the presentations were all one act plays, and it is only since then that full, three act productions have been staged. It has also been the policy of the executive in charge of the Festival since nineteen-thirty eight to circulate the finals from one major city to the next. Since then, fourteen cities across Canada, from Vancouver to Halifax, have greeted and hosted the finals.

In nineteen sixty, the governors approved a change in the method of adjudicating the Regional Festivals. Canada was divided into eight zones, made up of one or more regions. An adjudicator was appointed for one or more zones, and the successful entries were invited to the National Finals. This made it possible for some of Canada's finest dramatists to act as adjudicators.

At present, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters is the major sponsor of the Festival. They donate twenty-one thousand dollars annually, from which prizes of a thousand dollars are given to each regional champion, and an additional thousand to the successful entry in the national finals. Previous to the sponsorship of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, Calvert Distillers Ltd., contributed heavily to the financing of the National Festival. Along with their monetary aid, they commissioned three leading Canadian sculptors to create Regional and Final Festival trophies to be awarded annually to the winning groups. The trophies were carved in wood, and are symbolic of various aspects of dramatic art. They are also recognized as distinctive contributions to Canadian art, as well as Trophies denoting the highest achievement in Canadian drama.

Their is a wide range of awards given at the Festival. They are; the Final Festival Trophy and a thousand dollars, for the best presentation in the Festival; the Plaque Trophies, awarded for the best English and French play; the Sir Barry Jackson Trophy, awarded for the best play written by a Canadian; the Martha Allen Challenge Trophy, for the best visual presentation; the Louis Juvet Challenge Trophy, for the best director; the Henry Osborne Challenge Trophy, for the best performance by a leading actor; the Nella Jefferis Challenge Trophy, for the best performance by a leading actress; the "Saturday night" Plaques, for the best supporting male and female roles. There are other foundation trophies and money prizes awarded to individual actors.

As of yet, the contestants have not declared themselves, and it has not been decided whether St. Mary's will compete. Ordinarily, there are five presentations, with a play shown four evenings and a matinee on Saturday afternoon. The opening session this year will be attended by his worship the Mayor of Halifax, and Saturday's final performance and presentation of prizes will be graced by his honor the Lieutenant Governor. The Nova Scotian Council of Adult Education proudly points out the fact that is the first time in the history of the Festival that a Canadian adjudicator takes part. He is William Needles, famous Canadian dramatist who has appeared at Canada's Thespian headquarters in Stratford, Ontario. Mr. Needles will be given a table and central position where he may take notes during each play. I have been informed that a room is needed to which he may retire between the acts to compile his notes. The Journal is only too happy to offer its ideal location and inspiring atmosphere to the renowned Shakespearean, and if this offer is accepted, we promise to do our best to raise the office temperature above freezing.

After the presentation of the Trophies on Saturday night, a Civic Reception is being held at the Lord Nelson Hotel for all the participants in the Festival. This reception is given by his Worship the Mayor, and it gives the loquacious Thespians an opportunity to exchange anecdotes.

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JUSTICE...

Two weeks ago, a Halifax newspaper published a story concerning the **indecent assault** of two little girls. This outrage took place in Dartmouth. The culprit was a forty-six year old man. The victims were **eleven and eight years of age**. This man was tried by a local magistrate. The sentence? The sentence was **EXTREME** for such a small infraction. The man was **finned \$500 and given one day in jail**. There was a most **SEVERE** stipulation attached to the sentence: if the fine was not paid, the offender would spend an additional **30 days in jail**.

The next day, the same newspaper carried another crime report. An 18 year old youth was sentenced to **two years imprisonment for car theft**.

We wonder if this is really **"JUSTICE"**. We wonder about the **sense of values** possessed by some of our magistrates. We wonder which is more **heinous**—sexual assault upon our children, or the theft of a motor vehicle. We wonder if the outcome would have been **different**, had the **judge's daughter** been attacked.

This state of affairs is the result of a society composed of social workers and psychologists. We are constantly bombarded with such statements as, **"They're sick", or, "They can't help it"**. Compassion is a noble quality, yet it can be, and often is, pushed to extremes, especially with regard to crimes involving mentally unbalanced criminals. We freely admit that these individuals require protection from our bustling society. We also recognize that **society must be protected from THEM**.

The protection which we seek is not unreasonable. We are not proposing the return of the cat-of-nine-tails, nor life imprisonment for these offenders. What we **DO** demand is a **common-sense approach** to the problem—both on the part of our magistrates, and on the part of the civic health authorities. If these offenders are sane, then penalties should be imposed—**not in the form of fines, but in prison sentences**. If insane, proper steps must be taken to ensure their rehabilitation in a **mental hospital**. If they prove to be **incurable**, then they should be committed to such an institution **for life**. in the interest of the public's safety. In any case, we **violently oppose** the rapid release upon society of these **ANIMALS**, to again perform their **MONSTROUS** crimes upon **innocent children**.

That Wonderful Time of Year

Student Council elections are again approaching. It is the time of year when a man suddenly becomes aware that he has never realized **JUST HOW POPULAR** he is. It seems that everyone is his friend. People that he doesn't even know approach him with a smile and a handshake, calling him by his first name. And strangely enough, most of these "friends" seem to be amongst the most important men on campus; the leaders, the men who run for offices. It is a shame that Student Council elections must come so shortly to an end, and we must again become **THE INVISIBLE MEN**.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Contrary to what all the 'bitter young men' have had to say, this year's Students' Council has been the best ever. Senior Weekend promises to be a great success just as was the Autumn. The TV shows as promised, are going on as usual. The Journal has been coming out every two weeks, as was promised also! 'Leave US BE APATHETIC.' They weren't.

A Happy Junior.

Editor's Note: We agree. See Editors' Desk! * * *

Dear Sir:

A letter appeared in the last issue of the JOURNAL in which two Canadian students admonished some Americans for a statement of theirs referring to the rights of French Canadians. These gentlemen went on to state that it had been more than three centuries since Canada had passed from French to English rule.

This not being enough, they accused these students of having an insufficient knowledge of Canadian history as well as a lack of knowledge of that about which they were speaking.

I would like to remind these Canadian gentlemen that it was during the latter part of the year 1760, slightly more than two centuries ago, that the French capitulated in Montreal and Canada passed into the hands of the English.

These gentlemen would do well to adhere to their own advice and get their facts straight before telling others that they are wrong.

JOHN BOYLE,
Science III

Barnstable, Massachusetts

Dear Sir,

I have been able to attend the Student Council meeting several times. Each time I was impressed by the eagerness of the Council members to steer forward the passing of motions. I was equally impressed by the indecisiveness of some individual members in speaking for or against the motions. There is a question in my mind as to where the momentum for this "eagerness" is coming from. It appeared to me that there was a considerable number of the council members who were careful not to be classified as dissenters. There were others who wanted to be identified as forerunners and still others as inventors. To do justice to this honorable body there were the few who saw their responsibility and did their best and tried to live up to it.

I do not wish to lament like Jeremiah, the prophet. The situation does not warrant such an approach. I would like to point out, however, that the Student Council has a distinct responsibility to the student body. This means that the Council members are not there merely to develop their personalities or merely to acquire for themselves distinctions on the Campus. These should be only consequential to their shouldering of their responsibilities faithfully and diligently. The primary purpose of the Student Council is to be truly representative of the desires of the student body; to coordinate the various functions undertaken on the campus; to show by example, not by HUNTING out culprits, what a true Santamarian should be, and last, but not least, to act as a link between the student body and the administration.

The members of the Student Council are NOT campus policemen. If THIS is what they WANT to be, they had ought to be better equipped.

The students themselves should be responsible enough to respect their station in life, and to know that they are individually and as a social group, responsible for their behavior.

Before concluding I would like to draw the attention of the students to the fact that their general fee is being expanded as a result of legislation passed by the Student Council. Admittedly the increase of the students general fee cannot be completely ruled out. But the tendency to inflate it at any time a member of the Council finds some use for a few extra dollars, is



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Midnight. The Four Societies' Dance was over. As a past member of this staff once said, it was a **'beautiful, sad, lonely, real tragic'** affair, with heavy emphasis on the word **"lonely"**. **Forty-six** people attended, according to Henri St. Jean. The music was good. The disc jockey was silent. Decorations were non-existent. Women were scarce. Guys were scarcer. There wasn't even any 'sawdust' on the floor. At one point during the evening, one couple was dancing. At eleven o'clock, there were thirteen couples on the floor. **Forty-six** people, at twenty-five cents a head, yields a **total gate of eleven dollars and fifty cents**. At this rate, according to existing dance regulations, one improperly-attired individual would have caused the societies to go in the hole, to the tune of \$38.50. However, no regulations were broken, so naturally, no fine was imposed. **BUT** rental of the gym is \$15.00 for a dance, and we hear that \$3 00 was spent on posters. In other words, they started with a debt of \$18.00, and took in \$11.50. The four Societies held a dance to make money, and lost \$6.50. Like I said, 'Beautiful'.

DAUGHTER DANCE?

I saw an interesting tidbit in a local paper lately, dateline Naples, Italy. An 18-year-old died from dancing the 'twist'. His doctor said that the strain killed him. In New York, a year ago, a **teenag girl dislocated both knees** by putting herself through the same contortions (or distortions) which, in the eyes of a non-twister, is proof that the dance is ridiculous. But is it really? So a few injuries result from dancing, so what? Does anyone decry football, or mountain climbing, or bullfighting, or alligator wrestling, or snake charming on the grounds that personal injuries may result? Of course not! Those who shout against the "twist" obviously haven't got a leg to stand on. In the future, their opponents might not have. . .

SOME PEOPLE. . .

My faith in humanity was revived last week, and was promptly destroyed later that same day. At noon, I had been given a **free ride in a taxi** — compliments of the driver. It was great. In our money-grubbing society, this sort of thing counts heavily to the few sentimentalists. Suddenly, it's all worthwhile. Then we're jolted back to reality by a young lady who accuses the editor and staff of the JOURNAL of not supporting their school. **WHAT? AGAIN?** Where were they during the Four Societies' Dance? **Oh, putting out the JOURNAL, or something equally "unimportant". . .**

PINKERTON'S CALLING . . .

And now we hear that a brigade of efficiency experts have stormed Buckingham Palace. I wonder if rather unwarranted, regardless of the constitutionality of such an act, and particularly when the increase is occasioned by a desire to provide services that may not be needed by some students.

I think the behavior of the Student Council demonstrates quite clearly some of the weaknesses of democracy. The concept of majority rule can be side-stepped by a clever politician when seeking a mandate to execute a plan for example, by giving vague explanation of the issue involved, and painting a brighter picture of his view while presenting the contrary view, and perhaps the more reasonable one, less attractively. Personally I believe that the majority is not always right. I speak to be criticized.

Sincerely,
Joseph W. Mwangi.

these experts deliberately waited until Her Majesty left for Australia, of if Her Majesty left for Australia **BECAUSE** of the investigations. Apparently no one trusts anyone any more. Why, even the **RCMP**, who are currently investigating some university students for their political beliefs, **are, in turn, being investigated** by the Students' Unions of some of these colleges. It would be interesting to see what results if the Mounties begin to investigate the Students' Unions!

“. . . WHITED SEPULCHRES. . .”

I went down to the JOURNAL office last Sunday morning to tie up a few loose ends. Remember Sunday? That was the day that the rains came down! The south side of the gym was a lake, while three janitors and a Commissionaire valiantly waged a losing battle against the flood. It brought back childhood memories — like the bedtime story about the little Dutch boy who saved Holland by putting his finger in the hole in the dike. But what **REALLY** attracted my attention was the fact that while the building leaks like a sieve, the diocese is spending an enormous sum to refinish the rear of the university with beautiful brickwork. It reminded me of a Biblical quotation from Matthew, Chapter XXIII, verse 27 — “. . . like to whited sepulchres, which outwardly to men appear beautiful, **BUT. . .**”

OH, DAL, DON'T!

And the Dalhousie Gazette again attacked the JOURNAL, this time with regard to sports coverage. We're really worried, Mister Levitz! As they say in the Village, **"LIKE, HELP . . ."** And as the Limeliter's song, **"Gunslinger"** points out, your criticism "is just an attention-getting device."

PHOTOPLAY

The JOURNAL'S photographer had to rephotograph each and every shot for this issue. It seems that he attempted to develop his film in his — **don't laugh — WASHING MACHINE!** And strange to say, there were traces of **SOAP** in the washing machine. It is stranger still that photographic film and soap suds don't agree. Besides, who would expect to find **soapsuds** in, of all things, a **washing machine?** To some, this type of incident is termed an occupational hazard. To your editor, they are known as **HEADACHES!**

DEBATING?"

The JOURNAL'S DANCE will be held in the gym tomorrow night, Saturday, February ninth. Fortunately, your editor very probably won't be there for the fun and games. Why? Apparently some **NEWFOUNDLANDERS** have decided that **Canada should accept nuclear arms immediately**. My Features Editor and I are going to fly over and convince them that **they are wrong**. They call this "debating". **"DEBATING?"** What's THAT? anybody know what it's all about? Sure, a few know. You can see them in the audience during the Inter-faculty Debates, and maybe the at-home MIDL Debates. . . **PING-PONG, ANYONE?**

A SPECIAL NOTE

According to my calculations, I have room for about forty more words. I can't find a better use for them than to **congratulate Tom Tsoumas**, our Students' Council President, for his defence of the rights of the student body at the Council Meeting on January thirteenth. **WHO SAID TSOUMAS WAS A "YES-MAN"!**

Campus Canadien

By MIKE P. MARTIN

R.C.M.P. POST GRAD COURSE IN SPYING ANYONE?

The McGill Daily reports the claim of students of University of B. C. concerning R.C.M.P. investigation on campus. A fourth year Arts student has said his parents and friends were questioned about his political activities. I am happy to report to the Student body of Saint Mary's University that there is no undercover agent on this campus, and I . . . (Excuse me there is someone looking over my shoulder).

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In reading the Dal Gazette, last issue. I note with surprise the opinion on Canada's Nuclear policy. Never one to be outdone, I will attempt to point out (in my usual unbiased manner) one of the more serious aspects of our Offensive-Defensive Nuclear policy. As you may be aware, there exists in Canada TWO bomb sites. The missiles are poised in constant readiness to be hurled with deadly destruction on any country foolish enough to engage us in war. There is however one small unnoticed error in the entire defensive program. The warheads of the missiles are filled with sand. Whether this filling is due to sandbagging on the part of the present Government is not known, but one can only surmise.

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WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN MANHATTAN . . . or, IF Joey pulled the switch would Wall Street crumble?

Interviewed in Halifax prior to his meeting with Dief the Chief, Joey (Mr. Smallwood to you) unveiled his master plan for domination of the financial capitol of the western world. According to Newfoundland's Demigod the controlling of Upper-Labrador's vast natural resources would someday run the sub-way's of Manhattan.

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DOWN WITH DEMOCRACY

The students of the University of Western Ontario appear to be thwarted in their attempt to form a Communist Club on campus. The Premier of the province in an outspoken attack in the national press, has expressed his disapproval. However, there is expected to be a large increase in the student population of the said campus due to the R.C.M.P. undercover group enrollment for post-grad work.

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Carleton University, Ottawa.

NOTES ON COURSE ABSORPTION

A first year Arts student at Carleton reports that rats have invaded his locker. Not only did the rats invade, but they also consumed his notes on philosophy, psychology, political science, and had taken a large bite out of one sociology lecture. I wonder should this come under, "Rat attempts higher education", or "A new approach to study".

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DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FINALLY GETS A BRAIN

The mathematics department of Dal. has been expanded to include an Electronic brain. A \$100,000 IBM machine has been installed to offer the graduates and undergraduates an opportunity to advance in computer work. Here at Saint Mary's not only do we have a computer, but we also have students who think for themselves.

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The Manitoban. University of Manitoba.

ARE THERE TOO MANY FOREIGNERS IN CANADA

In a report published by the Humanities and Social Science Research Councils, the future of Canadian Universities appears to be in doubt.

"Unless millions of dollars are spent in research in the humanities and social sciences, Canada's universities will be filled with THIRD RATE STUDENTS taught by THIRD RATE AMERICAN TEACHERS within five years." The report goes on, "Based on a survey of more than 40 universities and graduate schools, and on discussions with more than 700 teachers and most university or college presidents, the main recommendations will be presented in the form of a brief to the Prime Minister.

"Now let me say this about that:

"Gee, I thought it was just the Students that were Americans at Saint Mary's."

FRESH FROSH VIEWPOINT

By ROG HENDERSON

Seeing that previous writers of this column have continuously written about the past, what it has done to us and what we have done to it, I hope in this article to look into the future and see what lies ahead of us. I won't go into the field of studies because we all know that that is the reason for all of us being here. 'Get a degree and get out' seems to be the attitude of most of us here. But I hope to write about the other activities that are available to us here at St. Mary's.

Most freshman will be here for another three years and that leaves a lot of time for us to fulfill our pre-college ambitions. But there is one aim that I think everyone should have in mind in connection with their extra-curricular activities and that is attainment of a gold or silver 'M.' I think that it is in the scope of everyone at University to leave with an 'M.' Many may not accept this and I am quite open to criticism but I don't mind it. Boys may think, and quite rightly so, that extra-curricular activities are only for enjoyment. I wholeheartedly agree with this, but on the other hand isn't an 'M' a symbol of the pleasure we had in the extra-curricular activities in which we participated? I think that everyone should strive for one.

From what I have picked up at college it seems to me that after our first years here most



boys intend to go into the background and take no further interest in the college especially in Sophomore and Junior years. This is one thing I hope doesn't happen to the freshmen of this year. Most of us have taken an active interest and I think it would be very wrong to sit back and let the Freshmen of next year take over everything. Our first year here is a foundation for our later years in which we can explore the channels we are now discovering. So frosh, lets go from here and make this one of the best classes ever to pass through this college. We are not going to go into the background and 'rot.' But lets not forget to study.

From where I SIT

By BILL CUNNINGHAM

As ever, things are in flux at Saint Mary's. One change has been noticed at least—namely, complaints about our library and its services are fewer than ever before. This week, as a no doubt welcome change from the rather esoteric (?) material that usually appears in this column, a brief library survey might prove interesting.

Apparently, more students than ever before are using the library facilities. Whenever one wanders into the library, it is usually filled with students. Some are at the periodical shelves catching up on the latest happenings in the world outside their narrow academic lives; others are bending over the desks, their faces shining with "beaverish" expressions as they peruse their scattered textbooks. It would seem that more and more Santamarians are realizing that work is essential, and the library is often the only place where it can be done.

We would also like to commend those responsible for the many new books that are slowly but surely filtering onto the already-overcrowded shelves of our cramped facilities. It is true to say that the library is the heart of the university and a good library is thus a requisite for a healthy and vigorous university. Like any heart, however, it must have new blood. The only unfortunate aspect of this problem is that more blood donations are essential if we are to make the heart of our university what it should, and must, be; as yet the donations have been too small and too infrequent.

The most pressing problem is rather obvious. The library simply does not have enough space. It must expand, and soon, else it will be lost in the maze of its own stacks. It is hard enough to get anything out of the stacks as it is. The present system is surely unworkable. We are aware that new library facilities are being planned, we only hope they will be carried to completion at the earliest opportunity. Nevertheless, such dreams do not solve our present problems. To ignore them, although pleas-

ant, is unrealistic. Such a denial of reality can only hinder the academic development of the students of this university.

Last year, senior students were given cards which gave them access to the stacks. This year, however, the practice, which we think is not only commendable but desirable and needed badly, was discontinued. This presents an obstacle to those upperclassmen doing research that is more than merely a nuisance. No one seems to be exactly sure why this service was discontinued. Perhaps proper supervision could not be guaranteed. In the past some of our students have become famous for their light-fingered ways in the library. But surely, the senior students of this university could be trusted. Perhaps small advantage was taken of this service last year, but that is hardly a sufficient reason to deny access to the library's many disordered and even uncatalogued books, which are still valuable to the researching student. Moreover, the present system of obtaining a stack book is inadequate, especially for the afore-mentioned upperclassmen who, intelligent as they may be, are yet unable to tell from the title of a book whether its contents will be useful to them. Often much time is wasted when one discovers that the book he



asked for (from the stacks) is completely inadequate. Then he has no choice but to send for another, and more time is lost.

But for most Santamarians there is an even more urgent and annoying factor involved in the library situation. To wit the library hours. As said before, for many—especially residents, although it applies equally well to day students—the library is their only source of reference and place of study. The hours it is now open are insufficient especially on weekends. It is a generally expressed opinion on campus that the library facilities should be available all day Saturday, that is from nine to five. Even more, that they should again be open on Sunday afternoons, from one to five. There is almost no case for keeping the library open on weekend nights, but during the days, it is not only desirable but necessary..

To sum up: two marks for our library.

1) increased interest and use of same,

2) the appearance of new books;

two marks against, 1) the inconvenient and cumbersome stack arrangements, especially in regard to senior students,

2) the insufficient hours the library is open.

We would suggest that those in power, re-examine the case and see if even these complaints (which can only grow worse) can be ended, once and for all.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"SEEMS TO ME THAT THESE TEEN-AGERS ARE COMING TO COLLEGE A LOT MORE OPINIONATED THAN THEY USED TO BE."

EUTHANASIA: MURDER!

By
MYLES O'MALLEY

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It is beyond comprehension how one can claim it is morally right, and the just thing to do, to allow a human being to linger for months in the last stages of agony, weakness and decay, and to refuse him his demand for merciful release.

The above appeared in an article by Frank Mosher entitled "Euthanasia; Murder or Mercy" in the Jan. 23, 1963 issue of the Dalhousie *Gazette*. Mr. Mosher is not the first to express such sentiments on mercy killing. He is not the first to succumb to materialistic expediency, faulty environment and the early development of unethical habits. He is not the first to feel compelled to explain deviation from the natural law in terms of sentimentality and illogical reasoning. And he is not the first to be unaware of the fact that euthanasia has risen from motives of essential and inherent selfishness.

The most influential, effectual and tireless advocate of euthanasia in America is the Euthanasia Society, which was organized in 1938 in New York City. Its objectives are two: (a) 'By means of an educational campaign, to create public demand for the legalization of voluntary euthanasia; (b) To secure the enactment of State laws permitting voluntary euthanasia with a procedure as simple as is consistent with security against abuse.' This Society has formed a national body the American Advisory Council to solicit the support and signatures of physicians and clergymen throughout the United States. The body is comprised of one hundred members including such figures as: Eugene O'Neil, Dr. Harry E. Fosdick, Fannie Hurst, Rev. Theodore Savage Nebraska State Senator John H. Comstock, and Margaret Sanger. Thus far in New York State alone over fifty non-Catholic pastors have signed statements to the effect that euthanasia is not to be regarded as contrary to the principles of morality or religion. The American Advisory Council has also prepared "The Proposed Bill to Legalize Euthanasia" which is to be submitted to a vote in the New York State Assembly. All this leads us to conclude that the unethical and immoral practice of euthanasia is gaining widespread acceptance. Mr. Mosher's article is indicative of this fact. It is also indicative of the illogicality and materialistic practicality of most advocates of the euthanasia. The fact remains, however, that legalized euthanasia is a definite possibility.

All euthanasia advocates adhere to two basic misconceptions: firstly, that suffering is an ultimate evil and secondly, that man has dominion over human life. In the first place, evil is that which impedes the attainment of the end for which a thing exists. Suffering does not necessarily impede man from attaining his end, which is God. Sin alone is ultimate evil: sin alone always and necessarily hinders man from attaining his end.

Further, there is definitely a positive aspect to suffering. The man, who has not suffered, is not

yet a man. Even great and seemingly insurmountable suffering, the nature of which Mr. Mosher has reference to, once dominated, has the power of enriching the character of the sufferer. Whether suffering is an evil or a means or immeasurable good depends wholly on the way it is accepted.



The core of any argument for or against euthanasia rests in the affirmation or negation of man's dominion over human life. Therefore, I must presume that Mr. Mosher adheres to the affirmative and proceed as follows:

From simple observation it is apparent that man has dominion over those things which are inferior to him: irrational animals, plants, and all material goods. However, he cannot have dominion or be master over himself, for from the very concept and definition, a master is a relative thing. For example, in the relationship of a father and son, the son obviously cannot be his own father, for he cannot beget himself. In like manner, man cannot be master of himself, for in the master there inheres a superiority with regard to the one of whom he is master. Since man cannot be seen superior to himself, he also cannot be master of himself. Even God cannot be lord of Himself, although He does possess Himself perfectly. It follows then that man cannot give what he does not have; he cannot give to another dominion over himself or his life (which is the same thing). From this I think we may safely conclude that dominion over human life is proper to God alone. There-

fore, euthanasia is a violation of that absolute dominion and contrary to the will of God.

Many advocates of euthanasia maintain that what is for the common good is not inconsistent with the divine will. They argue that the State has the right and even the moral obligation to cut off a deceased or useless member of its body for the sake of the whole, just as a man has the right to cut off a member of his body when health of the whole body demands it. The illogicality in this argument is not easily discerned. However, its fallacy lies in the vast difference between the members of a natural body of man and the members of a political body. A member of the former is not an individual, has no independent existence and no individual rights. It exists only for the good of the body. The same does not apply to the relationship between the individual human being and the State. The individual does not exist for the good of the State; the State exists for the good of the individual.

In conclusion, even if the individual were to agree to euthanasia either to end his own suffering or for the common good, there would still be committed a serious violation of God's dominion over life. Since the beginning of recorded history man has been assuming rights, duties and ever new and more presumptuous obligations. But no matter how he may glorify himself, or his role in the universe and in the order of creation, he remains a finite—a limited being. For generations he has continually proved himself incompetent to control his own destiny "Wars and rumours of war", hatred and blasphemy, treachery and lust—these have been the record of mankind's genius.

And now we dare to presume that we are competent to control the span of our lives. As ever, we will ignore our own truly pressing problems and push on to appropriate new and even more daring rights. Mr. Mosher, will we never learn?

STUDENT OPINION POLL

Should the administration have banned card playing without first formally notifying the Student Council?

Syd Pobihushchy, Arts III: The Student Council had a responsibility which they did not carry out, and, therefore, the administration had to take action. However, they should not have acted without first consulting the Student Council.

Demi Shaylor, Arts III: I don't care to comment!

Jim Brown, Com. III: As representatives of the Students, the Council should have been notified before such action was taken. What's wrong with card playing anyway?

Mickey Rooney, Com. III: The administration should have notified the Student Council before taking action.

Dan Skaling, Com. III: I think they should have consulted the Student Council.

Pat Reardon, Com. III: The administration should have consulted the Student Council.

Pat Mahoney, Arts III: What is, is right . . . apparently.

Car Purcell, Sc. II: No, they should have notified the Council.

Bill Addley, Arts III: I believe it was the responsibility of the Student Council to enforce the regulations regarding card playing. Obviously, they failed to do so, and as a result, I feel that administration was perfectly justified.

Ken Rodney, Sc. III: No.

Bailey McCrea, Eng. III: The administration should have informed the Student Council President of this matter, as had been the practice in the past.

Clark Robbins, Eng. III: No, they didn't have to, but they should have, out of courtesy.

Dick Giordano, Comm. II: They should have notified the Student Council and talked it over with them.

Pat Curran, Arts II: No, they should have at least given the Disciplinary Board a chance to use its power.

John Stanhope, Sc. II: Whereas the Student Council had permission to set up a disciplinary board, they should also have been notified that it was not performing its duties before such action was taken by the Administration.

S. F. Peters, Eng. I: I don't think the rule is necessary.

Pete Hopkins, Comm. III: No!

Wayne Bennett, Arts I: No, the Student Council is the voice of the Students, and should have been asked for comment.

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Debating Circuit Alive

By GUY POTHIER



The formidable and loquacious S.M.U. debaters are; left to right, Jim Quinn, Jim Noonan, Rick Power, Bob Hall, George Simms, and Richard Doucette.

The Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League which has been marking time, will soon come into full swing. By February twentieth, the last day on which debates may be held, each of the ten member Colleges will have taken part in at least three M.I.D.L. debates.

Our own debaters have been unusually active the past few months in preparing for their intercollegiate matches. An important improvement this year was the staging of individual debates between the members of the Society. This has given the members ample opportunity to test, develop and display their loquacity, and the Oxford debates suggested by Professor Hallet served to sharpen their wits.

This year, debaters from St. Mary's will meet teams from St. Dunstons, Acadia and Memorial of St. John's, Newfoundland. The debate with Acadia will be held here, and the other two at the respective universities. According to the rules of the M.I.D.L., the visiting team

must submit three resolutions to the host university, who has the right to choose the subject from this list, and the side it will support.

Our first debate will take place at Charlottetown against St. Dunstons on February sixth. The resolution will be "Resolved that Canada should accept Nuclear weapons immediately." The St. Mary's team will be made up of George Simms and Richard Doucette and they are to uphold the negative. George is well-known to Santamarions as one of the most fiery speakers on Campus. This is his second appearance in an M.I.D.L. debate. He was a successful participant in one last year, and we hope for the same this year. Although Richard was not active in the M.I.D.L. last year he distinguished himself in a Society debate in which he argued that Canada's national emblem should be the mole.

Two days later, on February eight, Rick Power and Bob Hall will travel to the Magic Isle to en-

gage Memorial University in a debate which may have many familiar tones. The resolution will read: "Resolved that Canada should accept Nuclear weapons immediately," and again, St. Mary's will take the negative. Rick has two years of M.I.D.L. experience and has in the past, shown himself always willing and capable of convincing a group to his point of view. Although Bob cannot claim this type of experience, he has shown himself an alert and clever opponent in his preparatory matches. This is Memorial's first year in the M.I.D.L., but they have debated with English teams in the past, and are considered a formidable group.

Our final debate is with Acadia, and it will take place here on February eighteen. Jim Quinn and Jim Noonan will take the affirmative on the topic: "Resolved that military preparedness is the best guarantee for world peace." These Santamarions are only two of the half-dozen who have taken part in the Society's activities during the year. Their enthusiasm bodes well for the future of intercollegiate debating at St. Mary's.

BULLETIN

The Saint Mary's debating team lost their first debate of the season as they dropped a unanimous decision to Saint Dunstan's University. The topic for the debate was, "Resolved that Canada should accept nuclear arms."

The Saint Mary's team of Richard Doucette and George Simms were assigned to defend the negative. In an interview after the debate Simms said that the debate was fair and that the only problem was the difficulty in defending the view in light of recent developments in Ottawa.

Tomorrow evening in Newfoundland a Saint Mary's team made up of JOURNAL editors Rick Power and Bob Hall will defend the same point against Memorial University.

Iliad Talk

By W. H. VON DREELE

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Way back in olden times when Helen launched ships and Troy was something besides a railroad terminal near Albany New York, the Trojans had a doctrine. Neither King Priam, nor Hector, nor Paris could remember who had pronounced the doctrine. All they knew was, it worked. It went: "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts."

One day when the front was quiet and a few Greek ships cruised the wine-dark sea, there was a knock outside the battlements. It was a Greek Staff Sergeant.

"Hi. King Agamemnon sent me over with this horse 'cause he thought you folks might be gettin' bored an all, and like that."

Paris, who had answered the knock, looked at the horse. Then he turned to his father, King Priam, and said: "Gee, Dad, I sure go for that. Couldn't I have it?" Priam's tired face clouded.

"That's a gift, stupid, and the man with it is a Greek Doesn't that mean anything to you, son?" But Paris' face grew longer and longer.

"Dad, I want it. Besides, this shipment does not constitute a serious threat to any part of this hemisphere." His father looked doubtful as Paris continued: "Moreover, Troy will do whatever must be done to protect its security and that of its allies."

"But son, what about the Doctrine? What will all the Trojans say?"

To this his son had a ready answer. "I would hope that the people will in this Homeric Age, as they have in the past, keep both their nerve and their heads."

"Ok, son, have fun." And with that, Paris untied the strings around the Trojan Horse, and everybody knows what happened after that.

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By PAT HICKEY

It was another poor week for the Huskies as they dropped two contests in Basketball and another two in hockey. The freshmen upset the JV's in Senior "C" basketball play, and badminton was still unorganized. The swimming team held practice and the talk of rinks and recruiting went on.

In one victorious move Coach Hayes used his brawn to remove the Western Electric Trophy from the hallowed halls of Saint Francis Xavier University. The trophy was won by St. F. X. last season but was never returned to the league headquarters this year. The trophy is emblematic of Junior football supremacy and was won by Saint Mary's Junior Varsity when they defeated the Saint John Wanderers. It seems that with this new trophy being a possible permanent feature here at Saint Mary's we could find a new trophy case for our winnings.

Coach Hayes has also been working on finding the "coaches' dream". The coach is on the lookout for the athlete who can also pass all his courses. The coach has several prospects in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Mister Hayes has also managed to find the best of the local talent to bring to St. Mary's. His hope is to get three new tackles to play on the team next year. If some marks don't improve he may also need some new backs.

The basketball statistics for the first eight games were released after the Acadia game and they showed some interesting things. Bob Lahey leads the squad in scoring with a 20.5 point per game average. He also leads the starters in shooting percentage. Next in both of these divisions is Rick Dougherty. Bob DeLuca leads the team in rebounding. It is interesting to note that Bob Clinton was the second highest scorer and leading rebounder for the four games in which he participated. As it was Clinton was the second highest rebounder for the season participating in only one half the games. He contributed a little to the squad.

The hockey team seems enthused with the idea of a new rink. You could see that the team was in need of more ice time in their recent encounter with Acadia. The team tired late in the game and you could see that more time spent conditioning would have helped. The individual star, Bob Matthews, netted five goals but he tired towards the end of the game and was ineffective. Maybe the rink is coming?

Mike Cox's freshmen pulled off the upset of the year by beating the JV's. The Senior "C" clubs met in the gym and despite a 32 point effort by newcomer John Lucier the freshmen emerged victorious. The final score was 62-61 for the frosh. The next night the frosh lost to King's and the JV's dropped their second game to the Dal Meds. The JV's continue to lead the league with an eight and two record. The two teams meet again next Monday in our gym.

One of the worst displays of refereeing this season was displayed in Antigonish for our basketball game with X. The refs were poor for both sides and this is not an attempt to cry out excuses. It seems that the league should do something to insure better refereeing. The two referees in question continually ignored fouls, concentrated on minor violations and generally allowed the game to reach a point where there were three minor scraps on the floor. It seems that the schools could afford to pay the referees a bit more in return for better referees. A good ref should be paid to travel if necessary to go to Antigonish or Wolfville from Halifax.

Leading teams in the house league are Bert, Dick Loiselle and Ray Loiselle. In one recent contest the Dick Loiselle team won with only three players, Loiselle, MacKinnon, and Bendelier. The other league has seen the Tsoumas squad and the Hotshots as the early pacesetters. The Dukers are also an outside chance for the title.

Nobody asked me but: Jerry Levitz no longer rates congratulations except as a prime distorter of truth.

Tommy Delvallet and Jim Peters are two of the top players on the freshmen team. I tried to interview them but they don't seem to be around the school.

Tom Tsoumas is making strides in his war against obesity. He's also taking a big part in the new rink plans.

Bobby Healy and Bob Lahey should make the Nova Scotia All-Star team. Other hopefuls on the ten player squad are Simmonds, Kreutzer, and Thomas from Acadia, Bouchey, Barry, and Kelly from X and Viele from Dal. Kreutzer, Rick Dougherty, Barry and Kelly are top candidates for Rookie of the Year.

The JOURNAL'S Athlete and Rookie of the Year ballots will appear in the next issue.

ACADIA BEATS HUSKIES IN BASKETBALL

by PAT HICKEY

The Huskies lost their third league contest as they were defeated by the Acadia Axemen 59-47. The game was the fifth straight for the league leading Axemen but the tough Huskie defense made them work for the win.

Richie Spears opened the scoring for the game and netted one of his rare baskets against the Huskies. The Saint Mary's squad returned quickly as Padden and Dougherty hit to give Saint Mary's a lead. Saint Mary's then went into a zone defense. The defense was effective but Acadia managed to get the ball to one of the big men and the smaller Huskies were forced to foul their opponents or concede them an easy shot. Simmonds and Kreutzer continually scored on short jumpers or lay ups. The Axemen left the court at half-time with a 37-22 lead.

In the second half the Huskies outscored the Acadia five by three points but were unable to catch the Axemen. Bob Lahey and Bob Healy moved the ball well and the Huskie offense revolved around Lahey's shooting. Bob DeLuca was especially effective off the boards but he often found himself without support as he tried to clear the ball. With two minutes left Padden and DeLuca left the game on fouls and the Acadia win was assured.

The Saint Mary's squad proved that they were able to beat the Axemen despite their lack of height. It is now necessary to defeat Dal and St. F.X. by wide margins to make the Nova Scotia playoffs. As it now stands wins over both these clubs would give the Huskies a tie for second place with X. If this is the case the finalists will be decided by point spread.

Lahey continued his quest for the scoring lead in the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Basketball League. Lahey was high in the game with 27 points and is now leading the league with a 19.75 ppg average. Dougherty added eight for the Huskies while Bob Healy hit three baskets for six points. Bob DeLuca was the leading rebounder with thirteen.

For the Axemen the leading scorer was freshman Jim Kreutzer with 16 points. Charlie Thomas added 15 points and Pete Simmonds contributed 12. Richie Spears managed to score nine points although most of them came from the foul line.

The next game is tomorrow afternoon with the X-men at the Saint Mary's gym. This will be the big game for the Huskies.

The summaries:

ACADIA 59	
Kreutzer	6 4 16
Simmonds	4 4 12
Thomas	6 3 15
Spears	2 5 9
Ayes	0 1 1
Parinelli	0 2 2
Konchalski	1 0 2
Caron	0 0 0
MacMillan	0 0 0
TOTALS	19 19 57
SAINT MARY'S	
Lahey	12 3 27
Dougherty	3 2 8
Padden	1 1 3
DeLuca	0 1 1
Healy	3 0 6
McHale	2 0 4
Sullivan	0 0 0
TOTALS	20 7 47

There seems to be some dissention between the coach and the players on the Varsity basketball squad.

Coach Clark increased his prestige a great deal by benching two of his players because they had missed practice.

The swimming team has had several good workouts under Terry Gallagher. He is also handling the water polo squad.

The interfac debate came to the conclusion that we are not warranted to stay in the A.F.C. It seemed a poor decision and maybe the Society just lacked debating skill.

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X-MEN TWICE VICTORS

A trip to Antigonish proved disappointing as the Huskies dropped contests to Saint Francis Xavier in basketball and hockey. The basketball team lost 106-77 while the hockey squad was routed 13-0.

In the first contest of the day, the Saint Mary's five lost a hard fought game which was marred by poor referees and Saint Mary's lack of height. The Huskies were also handicapped by broken ribs sustained by Bobby Lahey and T. Walsh.

Dave Barry a 6-5 freshman at Saint F.X. dropped in twenty points for the X-men as did 6-2 Kevin Kelly. Kelly hit for eighteen of his points in the first half. Bernie Bouchey gained eighteen points and numerous rebounds while Paul Chenard added an additional fourteen points for the X-men. Bob Lahey was the high man in the game netting twenty-three points while Bob Padden added fourteen. Bob DeLuca scored thirteen points and was the leading rebounder for the Huskies. Frosh Rick Dougherty also hit for double figures as he scored twelve points.

The hockey game was a complete rout as the X-men scored six goals in the first period. The Saint Mary's defensemen were continually being caught as they failed to drop back enough to stop X's breakaway play. Many of the shots taken by the X-men were on these breakaways and Lenny Hampton was unable to stop the Antigonish squad.

The basketball team attempts to gain a measure of revenge as they meet the X-men for the second time this season. The game will be played tomorrow afternoon in the Saint Mary's gym. The next hockey game with X will take place Monday evening at the Dal rink.



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His Own Game

A Short Story

By
George Richard Stephen

Funny, all these kids had picked up the habit of talking out of the side of their mouths. It's a sort of a moving sneer which shifts over-confidently from side to side across the face. Basically, it is the visible expression of juvenile arrogance. I'd seen his kind before, waiting for recruits to make their first visit to the Mess. He was the boy who could tell you all about service life. He was a big man in the Aircrew Trainees' Mess—after all, his green lanyard told you that he was a member of the senior course. The only thing it told me was that he had been in the Air Force for all of twelve weeks. . .

I had been so intent on sizing him up that I had become oblivious to the content of the one-sided conversation between him and Fred. He was talking about Central Officers' School, hammering home the arduousness of the training period that all aircrew recruits receive. The kid was a sadist, revelling in the discomfort he imagined he was arousing in us. His description of COS was slightly exaggerated. Slightly! The kid was a flagrant liar! I knew—I had already been there.

"...an' if you're a smart cookie, by th' time you're in th' senior course you'll know as much about th' service as I do."

Fred nodded solemnly. I tried vainly to suppress a grin. Fred had spent more time on an Air Force 'john' than the kid had spent in the Air Force. He was playing with the youngster, and he held the winning hand. Fred could maintain a straight face indefinitely. . .

The topic of discussion had turned to drinking, occasioned by Fred ordering another beer.

"Barkeep!" the kid commanded, 'Bring me a Double Screw!'

As the barman poured the shots, he looked at Fred. I followed his stare, and saw his right eyelid

flicker. There was enough vodka in that glass to knock a camel flat on his back. As the kid put the tumbler to his head, Fred slipped a bill across the bar. The bartender smiled knowingly. . .

'Come on, chug-a-lug!'

Fred's challenge was received, weighed, and rejected within a five-second pause.

"Ohhh, no! I chug-a-lug this one, I'll get drunk! An' if you wanna get anywhere in th' Air Force, you don't wanna get drunk in uniform!"

'You don't want to get drunk in uniform', I reflected. How many times had I seen these kids collapse in a puddle of their own vomit! How many kids had I seen dragged back to the barracks by their buddies, their legs made of jelly, dangling behind them like an alligator's tail. How long, I mused, how long before this one collapses?

The kid blinked sleepily, trying to focus his eyes.

'You're drunk, Pal', Fred smiled.

'Whaddayamean, I'm drunk?' snarled the kid. "Look wise guy, I'm in the senior course! I'll get you on defaulters' parade! I can sign your Conduct Card! It takes you guys a while, but you'll learn! They always learn. . ."

The last three words were spoken from the floor. The Duty Flight Cadet and his Deputy dragged him out of the Mess. His legs trailed limply behind him.

"Like an alligator's tail", I muttered.

The next morning, Fred called me at the flight line. He wanted me in his office at 0930 'to see the fun.'

I knew what was coming. I guess the kid did, too. At 0930 hrs. he knocked, entered, saluted, and waited at attention. His face betrayed little emotion, only a suggestion of resignation, a hint of defeat.

He was beaten at his own game, and he knew it—sooner or later, they all learn. For the second time in less than twelve hours, the kid stood face to face with Flying Officer Fred Wilson—his new Flight Commander. . .

Nobel Prize - - Isn't

FRANK SCULLY
Syndicated Columnist

What DO you do when an author you have appraised as something less than a genius is awarded the Nobel Prize for literature? Do you drop your picket sign and jump on the band wagon or do you keep on sloshing through the snow and sleet among those who would rather be right than sycophantic?

The day John Steinbeck was tapped as king of the world's word racketeers I was going over proofs of a profile of him for IN ARMOUR BRIGHT, a book of mine that comes out next April.

It would have been an easy thing to trim my prose to conform to the present accepted opinions of Steinbeck. But I knew him around the time he wrote THE GRAPES OF WRATH and have seen nothing come from his fine, tiny script that would indicate he had grown much in the years between then and now. Indeed, I couldn't see where he had grown at all since he stored those grapes of wrath. In fact his acceptance speech was the final proof that he had gone the way of all the flash.

Once, years ago, hearing fellow writers sound off, notably Thomas Mann, he was embarrassed to hear how badly their words came off when they were standing on their feet at the head of a banquet table. He vowed he would never do it. That vow was hit by atomic fission in Stockholm and what he had to say wasn't worth writing let alone recording.

It may be that I mind anybody, authors included, who reach success on one wife and then disregard her for a much younger glamourpuss. I concede that this could color my thinking. It may be I also mind that a late manufacturer of dynamite could make so much money he could influence literature not only in our lifetime but in the unforeseeable future.

The string of Nobel prizewinners has not been notable for the way their works have uplift-

FOR SQUARES ONLY

By JIM LAWRENCE

"THE PEARL"

By JOHN STEINBACK

In his short novel, "The Pearl", John Steinback has woven the story of an impoverished young fisherman and his wife who chance upon the 'lucky break' of a lifetime. Yet like so many of life's ironies the very thing which promises to materialize their hopes and dreams is the cause of cringing fear and terror, and finally, irreparable loss.

"The Pearl" is the tale of a young and simple man, named only Kino, who finds a magnificent gem . . . a pearl. This stroke of luck seems to be the realization of all Kino's dreams as he sees in the gem the answer to all of the hopes that any poor peasant, such as himself, might conjure up in a lifetime. But the pearl, as so often does any sudden gain, transforms the lives of Kino and his wife, not into a veritable dream but rather into a ghastly nightmare.

For such a short work this simple story bears all of the human response and feeling that one might expect in a major novel. The tale concerns itself with a single incident and then follows the two main characters responses to the story's prime plot over . . . the pearl.

The reader witnesses human nature evolve from the utter simplicity of this fisherman's day to day existence, honest and pure, to the self concerned and malignant life of a creature who prizes his pos-

session with the greed of a Silas Marner. The lust of this simple man for his valuable gem and the wealth that it promises motivates him from the goodly soul that he was to a passionately angered and cunning beast who's only motive is possession of his prize, the pearl.

"The Pearl" is by no means a new novel but it is classic in that it manifests the struggle between good and evil in its characters, forces much alive in every generation and present at every level of society.

The main character of the story is Kino, a poor but noble Indian peasant who lives by the shores of some unnamed tropic Gulf with his wife and their infant son, Coyotito. (Since Steinbeck's stories usually take place in and around southern California, we might assume the locale to be the Gulf of California, where large numbers of American Indians live by the sea, dependent on it for their livelihood.) Here Kino ekes out his very minimal existence by fishing and diving for pearls. The action of the tale begins as one day Kino's child, Coyotito, is bitten by a scorpion. In an attempt to obtain money for medical treatment for his offspring, Kino looks to the sea. The gods are with him and his brief search returns him a hundredfold plus reward for his efforts as fortune guides him to a gigantic and perfectly shaped pearl. Of course, the news of his discovery spreads rapidly and with it the unfortunate aspect of his marvelous find. Kino finds that humans cannot allow anyone to enjoy new found gain; they seek a share if not all for themselves.

Men try to cheat him of his prize and some even make attempts on his life in their lust for the gem; but the Indian's indomitable will to survive prevents them from succeeding in their quest. His wife pleads with him to rid himself of the precious stone, the thing that brought so much unrest into their lives. Kino remains firm. Clutching the gem, he says, "The money from it will educate my child and buy him fine clothes."

Throughout the story, the reader sees Kino change, ever progressing away from the pure and humble being that he was before he found "the pearl". After killing to preserve his prize, he still remains undaunted. Finally, Fate, as she so often does, after having deigned him such a glorious favor, demands a bitter payment in return. Kino's real prize possession, his child, is slain as the Indian tries to escape pursuers who seek his precious stone. Only then, in the bitter real humility of his sorrow, does Kino see the beast he has become.

The conclusion of the story is most striking as the reader sees, Kino's true character shine through from beneath his woeful burden as he flings his precious pearl back into the sea from whence it came.

Jim Lawrence

THE SPIRIT-FEEL

By R.F. AUBIN

The soft-warm glow of angel hair,
And the wisp of dream in the air;
The painless void-like joy and free
Of all these things, of you and me.

But the wretch steals his day on day,

And I clutch reason's bitter pay;
For I grow shivering and cold
With the weight . . . all too human soul.

The flame, it flickers and is gone,
And I am left no voice for song;
Never to rise or sink or sway
From musty-dark and lonely way.

But ever still the moment lingers near,
And you are there when no one
else can hear.

THE MOVING FINGER

By MIKE P. MARTIN

Friend John, Friend John, how can you carry on,
The country's in a dreadful mess you know,
If your policy continues

To tangle up our sinues

The Bill of Rights can tell you where to go.

In dealing with the problems

Of a nation such as ours,

Requires a man of talent you'll agree,

For a moment's indecision or even imprecision,

Can leave the Opposition out to sea.

To speak of the coalition

Which endangers your position,

Or policies that seem to drag along,

How can you expect to gain national respect

When you haven't writ the words to your song Friend John.

To deal with other nations

Takes a certain kind of man,

A person who in manhood has not flowered,

Perhaps in just reflection, you can add to your collection,

A replacement for that institution Humbug Howard.

In speaking of defense

You sit upon a fence,

A sight quite amusing from afar,

But John, John, how can you carry on,

The horse is gone, the door is still ajar.

It would seem so unrelated to

For you to be dictated to,

But John we owe them money that's a fact,

When you speak about our unity you should do so with impunity,

Don't say anything you later can't retract.

I see you live in fear

We don't have a new frontier,

Do not worry, wait another month or two,

When you go to the polls, pray for poor misguided souls,

Otherwise John, the news is bad for you.

I see another nation

Will conduct investigation,

Of a state department error full of woe,

Should you loudly insist, they had better desist,

It would give your public image quite a glow?

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SENIOR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY:

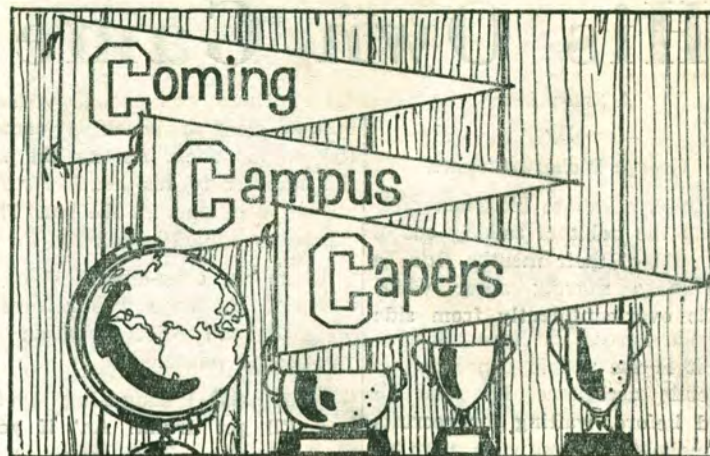
- 4:30 Official opening
- 6:00 Hockey - Dal vs. St. Mary's at Dal Rink
- 9:00 Four Preps in the Gym. Tickets still available.

FRIDAY:

- 9:00-1:00 Skating
- 1:00 Hockey, faculty vs. students
- 2:30 Broomball
- Snow Bowl game, Varsity vs. Interfac all-stars
- 7:00 Basketball, Saint Mary's vs. Dal at St. Mary's gym
- 8:30 Toboggan party at Gorsebrook
- 10:30 Sock hop in Saint Mary's gym

SATURDAY:

- 2:00 Don Warner Jazz concert in St. Mary's gym
- 8:00-12:00 Arts-Commerce ball with Reg Quinn at the Lord Nelson



Coming:

- Journal Dance Tomorrow Night
- Senior Weekend: Feb. 14-16.
- Student Council Elections
- Tomorrow Afternoon: St. Mary's vs. St. F.X. (Basketball).
- Tomorrow Night: Tech vs. Huskies - HOCKEY.

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Reminder--

Deadline for JOURNAL'S
Short Story Contest entries is
FEBRUARY 15th, 1963

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