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CURRAN ELECTED SRC PRESIDENT



Parliament Rated "Minor Success"

The 10th Model Parliament of Canada at St. Mary's University was dissolved last Tuesday as the result of the withdrawal of the support of the United North American party.

The government was formed by Paul Niedermayer, party leader of the Progressive Conservatives. Having gained 16 seats in the election of March 6, the P.C. members, needing 18 seats for a clear-cut majority, coalesced with the U.N.A. who had won 6 seats. The government majority of 22 was opposed by 11 Liberals, 1 New Dem, and 1 Socred.

The effort of the government to push through all of its legislation was foiled by the split of the coalition. After having passed bills dealing with increased Canadian ownership of Canadian enterprise, the establishment of an Inter-American Affairs ministry, and a provision for the amendment of the constitution of Canada in Canada, the government introduced a bill for tax exemptions for university students. It was at the division of the House over the allowance of the second reading of the bill that the U.N.A. chose to vote unfavourably and so demonstrate their disapproval of the rest of the government.

This touched off a motion of non-confidence in the form of an Act for the Relief of the Government by the Liberal leader, George Simms. The success of this motion forced the Prime Minister to decide between resignation of the government or dissolution of the House. Thinking that the Liberals at that moment had little chance of forming an effective government for the brief remainder of the Parliament, Prime Minister Niedermayer elected to dissolve.

Although the Speaker of the House, Mr. Edmund Morris, invited the different groups to re-organize, the Progressive Conservative, after a caucus, refused to return. In the hour left until the end of the session there was little hope of the Parliament providing anything but a series of harangues, after the extraordinary events which had just happened. The Model Parliament would thus have lost, its educational value, its main purpose.

The group which initiated the movement towards the fall of the government has an interesting, if short, history. The U.N.A. party constitution was in the form of a parody on the new Student Representative Council Constitution. It was ratified by the SRC in any emergency meeting. Although ratification was a 'railroaded' job, the U.N.A. party quickly settled down to rationalizing their platform. From the original radical plan for a semi-political union of Canada and the United States, the party turned to a more reasonable platform calling for economic union on a Common Market - type basis. After the March 6 election they found themselves with a balance of power in a House of minorities.

The U.N.A. built up good faith on all sides by forming a coalition by which they would gain Cabinet Ministries and the introduction of two of their bills to the House of Commons. It was apparently because of dissatisfaction with the party's position in the government that the U.N.A. withdrew support with just an hour and a half remaining in the session.

Contrary to this there is a rumour that the U.N.A. withdrew
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CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS SEMINAR

CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS SEMINAR
By Sid Poblishchky

The University of Windsor sponsored its fifth annual Seminar on Canadian-American Relations on November 7, 8, 9th, 1963. The major theme of the Seminar was North-American solidarity. It was within this context that issues such as joint defense, economic development, hydro-electric power, and Canadian biculturalism were discussed. The impressive list of delegates actively participating in the Seminar readily gave assurance of its ultimate success. In former years the Seminar was restricted in such a manner that students were not permitted to actively participate in it. As an experiment, however, this year Rev. Dr. F. Boland, C.S.B., Seminar Director, in cooperation with the students, military and clergy, professional and lay people were thus enabled to expose many aspects of the various problems presented for discussion. Aspiring politicians contrasted and complemented the ideas and opinions of seasoned, well-informed Parliamentarians. French-Canadian delegates presented their ideas, and their English counterparts did likewise. An air of desire for genuine understanding pervaded the entire Seminar. Americans from all walks of life weighed their ideas against those of the Canadians. In this there was often much more harmony than might have been expected.

The Seminar would not have achieved its great success if it were not for the tremendous amount of work and sacrifice on the part of the Student Body of the University of Windsor. They were responsible for the well-being of all delegates, transportation and entertainment. A student was assigned to each delegate to give the necessary information and assistance from the moment of arrival to the time of departure. Friendship and cordiality filled the air. Their zeal and courage was most stimulating and encouraged one to participate most fully in every particular aspect of the Seminar, whether it was formal discussion around the conference table or just plain talk at the Banquet setting. It was refreshing, to say the least, to see so many students give so willingly and unselfishly of their time and energy to total strangers with whom they felt they had something in common. That common denominator was, I'm sure, that very fact that we were willing to listen and learn.

One of the major topics was "The French-Canadian problem - based on English Prejudice or French Isolationism?" The French-Canadian delegates from in and out of Quebec revealed in every eloquent fashion to many, for the first time I'm sure, that they wanted nothing more



Pat Curran, a third year Arts' student from Halifax was elected to the Presidency of the Students' Council defeating Paul Ferguson by ninety-nine votes. He will be joined on the executive by Dan Skaling, Aileen O'Leary and Dennis Francis.

Curran the Secretary of this year's Students' Council has also served on the executive of the Maroon and White Society, WUSC and the Sodality. His opponent is the immediate past Vice-president of the Commerce Society.

This year's election was marked by a coalition between the Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates, Mr. Ferguson aligned himself with Dan Skaling the Commerce Society President who was elected SRC Vice-

than to contribute to and participate in the Canada which is ours on the basis upon which it was founded a hundred years ago. Such distinguished individuals as Jean L. Pepin, M.P., and Dr. George Dumont, Minister of Health, New Brunswick, presented these views in such dynamic delivery that one had to seriously consider, or perhaps reconsider his stand on the whole nature of our Canadian Society. Such authorities as Prof. Mason Wade of the University of Rochester and Dr. Rudolf Helling of the University of Windsor discussed the issue of Canadian biculturalism with its ramifications on the whole of North-american solidarity. The presentations on this particular subject were most informative and inspired a genuine interest in the possible influences American relations.

The banquets were highlighted by very enlightening speeches, given by The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of External Affairs and Mr. Wilbur Brucker, former Governor of Michigan and Secretary of Defense. Mr. Martin restricted himself to affairs between Canada and the United States and did not return to discuss purely Canadian problems. Even with the disadvantage of being a Cabinet Minister and this does impose certain restrictions of opinion, and expression at a scholarly investigation. Mr. Martin outlined some of the problems with which the two countries are now faced and indicated that more difficulties would arise in the future. Such problems as joint defence, imbalance in trade, boundary waters, air transports, and many others are constantly being resolved only to arise once

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president by acclamation.

Miss O'Leary was also elected by acclamation to the post of Secretary. She became the point of controversy during the campaigns when no one opposed her but last minute attempts to field an opponent for her failed. She will also represent the University in Algeria for the WUSC seminar this summer and has served on the Autumn committee and the Saint Mary's JOURNAL.

Mr. Francis currently the Treasurer of the Commerce Society won by a four to one margin over Dennis O'Neil. Both students are third year Commerce students from Halifax.

The newly created posts of Vice-presidents in Charge of Internal Affairs Connie McCarthy a second year Arts student from Medford, Massachusetts defeated Malcolm Matthews, a third year Engineer. Mr. McCarthy has served as layout editor of the yearbook, has a role in this year's play and has been active in Model Parliament, the JOURNAL and the weekend committee. Mr. Matthews is the current President of the Engineering Society. Last year he was active in WUSC and was Secretary of the Day Students' Society.

QUARTERBACK LOSES

In the race for Vice-President of External Affairs Ron Gomes, a third year Commerce student from Dedham, Massachusetts, defeated Dave Murphy a second year Arts student from Portland, Maine. Mr. Gomes, a Varsity football player until hit by illness has been active in the Commerce and Resident Students' Societies. His opponent has served as the quarterback on the Varsity football team for the past two years.

RECOUNTS NEEDED FOR TWO
The Vice-Presidency of Cultural Affairs was closely contested that two recounts were needed before a winner could be chosen. In this contest Ron Belanger a second year Arts student Kevin Carroll from Halifax. Mr. Belanger has served as a photographer for the yearbook. Mr. Carroll is President of the Maroon and White Society and Secretary of the Day Students' Society.

In the final race Tom Haney a freshman from Fort Erie, Ontario defeated sophomore Commerce student Jack Radford from Dartmouth. Haney has been sports' editor of the JOURNAL and was manager of the football team after a long injury sidelined him. Radford is a member of the Varsity hockey team.

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EDITORIAL

One of the more interesting phenomena at Saint Mary's University (aside from the students) is the Science course, or as it might more properly be termed, the Arts and Science course. The required courses for the degree of Bachelor of Science include two English courses, two courses in a foreign language (although Americans are not permitted to take English as their foreign language), three courses in theology, and three in philosophy. If we compare this total with, for example, our neighbour across the way, Dalhousie, we find that out of the twenty courses necessary for their science degree, only five must be arts courses. This means that at Saint Mary's University, a student in the Faculty of Science spends at least two years in taking courses which have little or no connection with the science courses he is studying.

What end is served by this preponderance of humanities in what is supposedly a science course? The term humanities leads us to consider at least one explanation: perhaps Saint Mary's University wishes to turn out educated human beings rather than biology chemistry, or physics machines. The idea of a well-rounded graduate is, of course, as old as the idea of a University. Though we no longer study the trivium and quadrivium the notion of the value of a broad education remains valid.

There is, however, the other side of the coin: is it not prejudicing the scientific studies of a student to require him to spend nearly half of his academic year at the undergraduate level studying arts subjects? Would it not be less of a well-meaning fraud to require arts courses of science students only in addition to an appropriate number of science courses? Or to cut down the number of arts courses required?

There is always the consideration that what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If, in Science, we spend almost half our time studying Arts, why aren't Arts students becoming similarly well-rounded? Or is the average Arts student simply incapable of taking and passing an ordinary science course, in chemistry, say, or physics? It's an interesting question.

POEM

Who am I?
 And where is here
 I don't know
 But have no fear

What is this?
 And who are they
 I don't care
 So why dismay?

I guess I'll just
 Keep movin' 'round
 'Till God gets sore
 And cuts me d
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by JOHN PANDIANI

LETTERS

Dear Madame Editor:

Twenty minutes ago the United North American Party showed their true blue-multicolored bottoms. It is inconceivable that we all could have been duped by the people and their railroading measures and lying tactics. On Thursday March 5th, 1964 at the end of the speeches by all the recognized candidates for the Model Parliament it was suddenly announced a special meeting of the Student Representative Council (?) would be held. At this meeting the constitution of the UNA party was proposed. During the course of discussion many points concerning this constitution were brought out. All of the speakers were stifled. The principal objection to the UNA constitution was that it did not define its ultimate aim. It was also the concurrent opinion of the spectators that if the U. N. A. constitution was passed and the party allowed to sit in Model Parliament they would create a chaotic situation which could possibly lead to dissolution of the Parliament. This view was argued down, over some muffled objections of the Parliamentarian, by such esteemed members of Council as Mr. Hickey and Mr. Keith. By a limitation of debate on the issue the Constitution was railroaded through.

During the weekend the election results sat a minority government for the P. C.'s and the U. N. A. took six seats. The coalition which was formed was viewed with some distrust by some members of the government but proceedings went ahead anyway. We were all promised that the U. N. A. would not make a farce out of Model Parliament. However, all our hopes were stamped into the soil of Canada today by some short-sighted people who thought that they were so smart they could topple the government, and then either form a minority government or coalesce with the Liberals. The government proceeded to dissolve the House by calling and getting a Writ of Election. The U. N. A. of Saint Mary's University have had their day. I think that all the members of this party, by making a foolish move, have hence shown themselves up. It is sad that people who want to learn something about CANADIAN government have to suffer because of a few selfish people who can only view their own interests. We had the compliment from our distinguished visitor Mr. Vaughan, that he was proud to see the young people of today had such concrete thoughts and ideas which could be brought forth in legislation that would suit any House. I wonder if he would have been so proud had he stayed for the fiasco which occurred. I sincerely hope that next year Model Parliament can be run without a backstabbing party.

Sincerely,
 Connie McCarthy

Dear Madam Editor:
 (re: 'Diefenbaker Debacle')
 I wish to thank the Journal and your Features Editor for the opportunity to express and have published some of my opinions on the Progressive Conservative Party in general and about John Diefenbaker in particular.
 However, I should like to point out that in the printing of this interview there were some errors (for which I attach absolutely no blame to the Journal) which in certain cases threw a different light on the matter, causing misunderstanding in the reader's mind.

Firstly, I would like to direct attention to the statement in the article that "Diefenbaker will be defeated". The actual quote should be that "Diefenbaker will not be defeated in the Ottawa meet" and this was seen to be true as events turned out.
 Secondly, the writer's preamble and conclusion were not

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SPEAKING OUT

By P. VALENTINE HICKEY

One of the most interesting aspects of sports in Maritime intercollegiate circles is the idea of the home court or home ice advantage.

For example there are several items which are worthy of note.

ITEM: The baskets at Acadia's home court (located in fact at Kings County Academy) are several inches lower than regulation.

ITEM: The same court is longer at one half than at the other.

ITEM: Several Saint Mary's basketball players were kicked and jostled as they sat on the bench at St. F. X. There was also much verbal abuse accorded by the fans to the Saint Mary's coaches.

ITEM: The gyms at Dalhousie, Saint Dunstan's, Acadia, and Saint Francis Xavier are all short of minimum requirements.

ITEM: Saint F. X. always known for their partisans-attitude, threw frozen oranges at players from UNB during a play-off game won by St. F. X.

ITEM: The reffing available to Acadia, UNB, Saint Dunstan's and Mount A is very often substandard. While not always partisan it does express ignorance.

I feel that the best solution is to create our own "home court". We can put several rows of chairs on the playing area, cut off all

hot water in the visiting lockers, place a loud speaker with Saint Mary's cheers behind the opposing team's bench, raise the basket three and one quarter inches, and finally make the baskets a moving target. When we finish all this we can start playing sidewise for added enjoyment. The last straw would be the appointment of two students from the interfac league to referee these contests.

LIBRARY TO BE A REALITY

It seems as if the library is at long last to become a reality. The final plans were sent back to the architect last week and the tenders for the building will begin coming in later this week it is hoped.

According to the people who know the money is all in including a 225,000 dollar grant from the Canada Council.

In discussing the Library, Librarian Father Hallum expressed hope that it would be completed by this time next year. He explained that in addition to the regular reading and stack rooms, the new Library would also contain two large lecture theatres. Each theatre would have a projection booth, raised seating, and echoing acoustical design.

PARLIAMENT RATED

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support in order to experiment with what would happen should the government of a Model Parliament be toppled.

The first of the two arguments is, however, the more likely of the two.

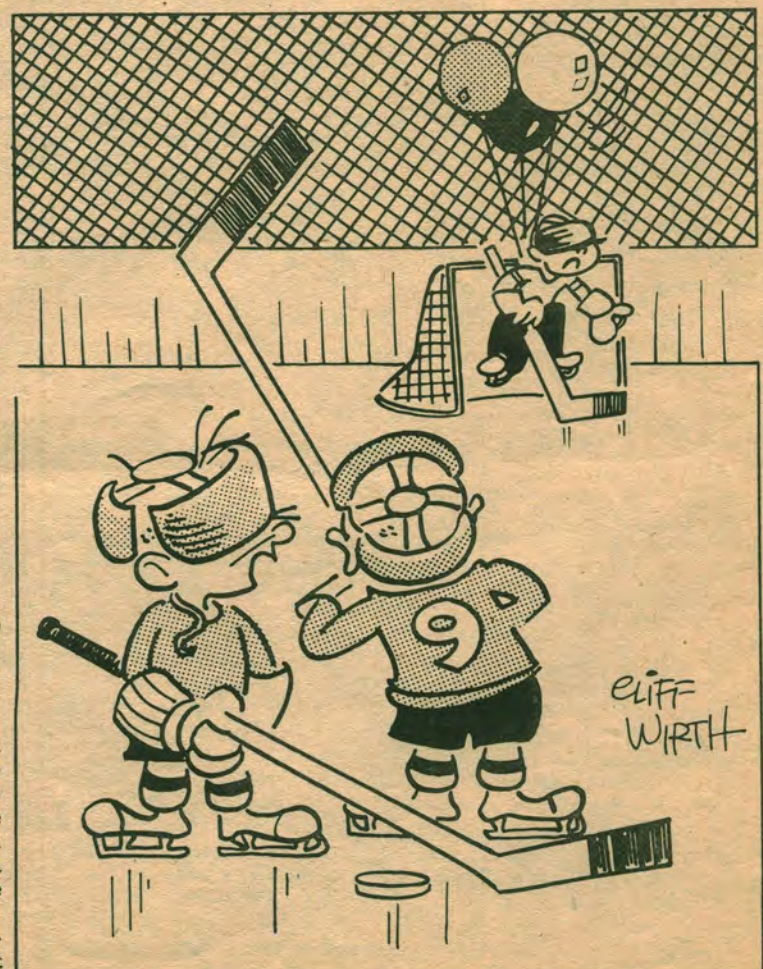
An analysis of the 10th Model Parliament reveals the many mistakes made by all groups because of lack of experience. Had it not been for the very able direction and assistance of the Speaker, Mr. Edmund Morris, the Parliament would not have been the success, on an instructional level, that it was.

The Opposition as a whole had the effect of bumble-bee-stinging the government but not really harming it. The government also was at fault for not having its bill for Student Tax Exemptions in a form acceptable to its U.N.A. members; correspondingly, the U.N.A. made a mistake in choosing to break up the coalition on such a relatively minor bill as the Student Tax Exemptions Act.

Although the unexpected end of the Parliament will be discussed around the canteen as long as it is fashionable, the fact remains that the 10th Model Parliament of Canada at S.M.U. is dead - prematurely!

THE HOME TEAM

by Wirth



"He'll be terrific when he learns to skate!"

CAMPUS CANADIEN

FOUNDATION RECOMMENDS FULL SCHOOL YEAR

The Canadian Universities Foundation gave their recommendation to a new plan which would put Canada's universities on a full twelve month a year schedule.

In a recent report the Foundation expressed their approval of the Trimester system now popular in the United States. Under this plan there would be three equal terms during the school year. A student would have to attend two terms to gain credit for one year. Students attending for a full year would be able to graduate in three years.

This new system will make its first appearance in Canada with the opening of Simon Fraser University next year. The new Vancouver college will be the first of four Canadian Universities who have approved the system.

NO CONTEST BECOMING FAMILIAR CRY

Earlier this year Saint Mary's saw several of its Students' Council positions being filled by acclamation. A recent look at election results across Canada show that this is becoming a trend.

At Saint Francis Xavier University in the place where the bears knock the leaves off the trees while searching for huckleberries, Bob Hutton was elected President of the Students' Union by acclamation. He was joined by the secretary and Treasurer.

Acadia University also failed to get an opponent for their presidential race and Ron Stewart, a graduate student, was elected by acclamation. The same results were produced at Carleton and the University of British Columbia. The new UBC president is Roger MacAfee is a twenty-three year old professional student. Mr. MacAfee visited Saint Mary's last year while he was serving as President of the Canadian University Press.

TALKING CHAMPS MEET IN CHARLOTTETOWN

The three top debating teams in Canada met in Charlottetown this weekend to decide the National Intercollegiate Debating Championship. Last year's runners-up Saint Dunstan's was favored to cop the championship.

The three teams represented included Ontario-Quebec champion, Royal Military College from Kingston, the Western champ, University of British Columbia and Saint Dunstan's.

Saint Dunstan's is competing in their ninth tourney in fifteen years and has seven national championships to their credit. They were thwarted last year by McGill in the finals.

For those interested Saint Mary's was third in the Maritimes with a two and one record. We lost to Dalhousie while defeating St. Thomas and Mount Allison.

COUNCIL THROWS AWAY MONEY

Thirteen universities received grants for new construction it was announced last week by the Canada Council. The grants, totalling \$5,384,256 were part of the total fifteen million dollars given away by the Council.

Among the recipients of grants were Saint Mary's, who received \$225,000 for the new library, and Loyola College of Montreal who received \$458,315 for their new library. These grants cover 50% of the cost of academic buildings pertaining to the arts, humanities or social sciences.

ACROSS TOWN NEWS

The Dal Gazette came out last week and they provided all the news on two recent blockbusters, the dumping throwing incident at Dal and the resignation of the Students' Council President at Newfoundland's Memorial University.

The dumping incident saw the residents at Dalhousie boycott a meal and then throw dumplings about the dining hall. Later an effigy of the dining hall manager was hung in the refectory and it took a stern speech by Dean of Residence Ken Gowie to pacify his charges.

The students explained that this was the second incident this year. Earlier this year rotten apples procured in the dining hall were sent to the administration but there was no improvement in the food. The general consensus was that the food had improved since the dumping incident.

TURNABOUT

Usually student newspapers are thought of as immediately anti-Students' Council. The Gazette did a turnabout however, as they sided with former Memorial University President Peter Strong in his fight against the school newspapers, the MUSE and several members of Mister Strong's Council.

Earlier this year Mister Strong was accused of misappropriating funds and several meals and taxi bills he charged were called unnecessary. Mister Strong immediately denied all charges. A committee was established to investigate these expenses and to publicize their findings to the student body.

Two weeks ago Mister Strong and seven members of his Council resigned. Mister Strong accused several members of the Council of "career assassination", denied the charges once again, and in a telephone conversation with the Gazette explained how he was railroaded out of office.

It seems that Mister Strong has been the victim of much undue criticism and over-exposure to publicity of an adverse nature. I feel that the Dalhousie Gazette has again done a great service to students in the Maritimes and especially to Dal students in presenting us with all the facts on their front page.

Mister Strong paid a visit to Saint Mary's earlier this year. Upon returning from the Regional CUS conference Mister Strong stopped in at Saint Mary's and had a discussion with Mike Cox and Mister Edmund Morris. A principal topic of discussion was control of yearbook finances.

CAN-AM. RELATIONS

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again. His contention was that this is not a bad thing, however, as long as both nations approach their difficulties with a true understanding of the situation, and a genuine desire for its solution. Mr. Brucker, no longer an active politician, and thus not wary of losing a vote or two for what he might say, was somewhat more optimistic for the future of Canadian-American relations, especially since, reviewing the past all former problems have equitably resolved. Of course, he did not indicate for whom these solutions were so equitable, but really, this was not the theme of the presentation. Mr. Brucker cited the Niagara Falls erosion project, Columbia River development, and many other joint projects which were amicably solved in the past. The secret for the solution of international problems is not talk but action, according to the former governor of Michigan. His short talk inspired many questions from the floor, from both American and Canadian delegates, and it became quite apparent that talk is, in fact, much easier than action.

The seminars on Canadian-American Relations have been so successful and have engendered so much interest that the University of Windsor has deemed it feasible to institutionalize a programme of Canadian-American Relations. Courses will be offered at the University in this field commencing next September. These were the tentative plans of the University of Windsor at the time of the seminar.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Students' Council of Saint Mary's University for having made it possible for me to attend this seminar on Canadian-American relations. The experience was most rewarding. Next year the Council will again be asked to send a delegate to the seminar. I would urge, should such an opportunity arise, that the Council send an active delegate to the seminar. An active delegate would be prepared to deliver a paper and be expected to answer questions and participate in the discussions. The Council would only pay twenty-five percent of the cost of sending an active delegate as compared to seventy-five percent of the cost for a passive delegate, i.e. one who does not present a paper. The complete proceedings of the 1963 seminar, including all speeches, will be compiled and published. It is expected that one volume will have somewhat more than nine hundred pages. One volume has been promised to our university and should be received in the not-too-distant future.

MOTORISTS' UTOPIA

The forerunner of the "driverless" car of the future is about to make its debut in Canada, writes Carlyle Dunbar in The Financial Post. Electronic controls on the car of tomorrow and guiding signals from the highway's subsurface will steer it and watch the road ahead. Long highway drives no longer will be tiring because the driver will be free to relax in the reclining seat, chat, listen to the radio or read. Some of these "will be" promises are here now.

Soon a fleet of driverless industrial tractors will be rolling through the big central warehouse of a Canadian supermarket company, pulling wagons, finding their own way over the smooth floor, stopping on command from a remote control or at preselected spots. Automatic flashing beacon lights and occasional beeps of the horns on these tractors herald the highway's coming electronic age.

The industrial tractors steer themselves by obeying electric signals from the floor, stop automatically. The same system is likely to make steering and stopping a car on the highway unnecessary when the car's electronic age finally arrives.

CAVEAT LECTOR

By GUY POTHIER

The case for a university education under Catholic auspices has, to my knowledge, almost never been adequately put. This, I suspect, may be used as an indictment of the system. We seem to have lost interest in education as such and we have almost certainly lost touch with the tradition that we claim to be following. We are not the most persuasive or the most widely read exponents of the liberal humanist tradition at its best.

The occasion for my saying this is the panel discussion that took place here on the thirteenth of February. This discussion was extraordinary because, for the first time in public, some students and some members of the faculty were levelling to each other. Nothing concrete came out of it, only the sense of widening possibilities for the exchange of points of view among us. We were admitting to each other that there was a tension between us. Listening to the questions and answers, I began to realize why the tension had built up to the point where frustrations could not be held back. The avowed purpose of St. Mary's is not being made plain to many students. I mean that they have their doubts about St. Mary's because they do not see its aims as fully realized as they would wish.

In the discussion they talked about the prescribed philosophy courses. Their objection was that these courses were or had been apologetics, not philosophy. The faculty members said that these philosophy courses present the outlook to which St. Mary's is committed and their value forms a large part of the value of a Catholic education. They form an integrating core around which the rest of the university finds a certain stability and assurance.

I mention these courses only for two reasons. They figured largely in the discussion and they arouse these frustrations most readily. The administration naturally enough lays stress on them for its purpose and those students who do think (and some do) expect just this from them. When they say that they want philosophy to be central to their other studies, they mean it. When we put this into practice, we have problems that we are just now beginning to acknowledge. And the frustrating problems on the level of practice show a deep confusion on the level of theory. Judging from the discussion, one would have to say that most of us do not know what we want. Those who sound most certain probably want the wrong things. They expect the university to present the student with already fashioned points of view for him to accept. The tone of some of the faculty statements led me to believe that some faculty members are more interested than anything else in making their points of view our own. I don't know if they intended this; perhaps they gave their opinions too brusquely.

Nothing, of course, is going to be accomplished by attaching blame to any particular quarter. Fixing the blame for this situation is bad manners; it is, in effect, descending to personalities. Tension in a Catholic university is inevitable because of the clash between the truths we believe in and the intellectual maturity we are working towards. The obvious temptation is to avoid this tension. Either we believe by an act of mere acceptance and forget about trying to increase our understanding of our belief, or we do not believe; and solve our problem by pretending it does not exist. This tension does not come about because of any inherent clash between faith and reason but because an intelligent belief requires a sort of intellectual balance.

The intellectual vices found most often among Catholics are laziness and complacency. Please understand that by laziness I do not mean sloth and that by complacency I do not mean hypocrisy. These are intellectual, not moral vices and their danger is that they will lead Catholics to have too narrow an idea of religious faith. Catholics tend to err on the side of too easy an acceptance of their faith. They imagine that it is, or should be, an ideology. This explains the peculiar reverse attraction that the methods of Communism have for some Catholics. (I say this is peculiar because such Catholics forget, in their admiration, what the aims of a totalitarian movement is.) The quality they most want in their belief is for it to be definitive. If your belief is definitive, then intellectual awareness and self-examination are out.

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sufficiently separated from the interview itself in order that the reader may realize where my opinions end and the writer's begin again. This is important since his opinions are not necessarily mine.

There are also some technical errors which the writer admits to making unknowingly.

The statement "... he (referring to John Diefenbaker) chose his Cabinet indiscriminantly" was the result of the writer's misunderstanding at the time of the interview. I feel concerning this matter that Mr.

Diefenbaker chose more the people he personally wanted as advisors in the Cabinet without as much consideration to the opposing factions within the party as he should have done.

Finally, the conversations which I quoted were not with an M.P. nor with an M.L.A. but with a former M.P. and a former candidate for the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

Hoping that this will help clarify any misconceptions on the part of the readers, I remain.

Paul S. Niedermayer,
Arts IV



Mr. Sidney Pobihushchy, of Saint Mary's University has been awarded honourable mention in the competition for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowships. It is the first time that a Saint Mary's student has been so honoured. Mr. Pobihushchy will graduate this May with his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.



Father O'Connell, Moderator of the Sodality, celebrates Mass facing the people.



Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the sodality.



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FACULTY-STUDENT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

by Joslyn Grassby

On February 20, 1964, the first of a series of panel discussions was held at Saint Mary's University. The topic which was discussed, and in some cases, debated, was, "Do you think, or is someone telling you what to think?" The members of the panel were Dr. J. MacCormack of the History department, Father Hoffman of the Theology Department, Father Labelle of the Philosophy Department, and Father Fogarty, the Dean of Education. The Chairman was Mr. Kevin Cleary.

The discussion began with a short talk by each of the panelists, in which he gave his views on the above-mentioned subject. Father Fogarty was the first to speak; he began rather sympathetically by saying that it is possible for the faculty to tell the students too often to "Do it my way", and that the resentment which the student may feel as a result, is a healthy frustration. He said that the qualities which count in a good university are those which enable it to "spread the mind and stretch the brain of the student", education is a two-way process, the student must listen and question while the professor must be concerned with providing objective and satisfying answers to these questions.

Dr. MacCormack was the next to speak. He remarked at the outset of his address that Catholic universities such as Saint Mary's are something of a phenomenon, as most universities, in Europe, for example, are state universities. In North America, however, universities with a religious affiliation do exist, and are determined to rival the secular universities, and this is the stage in which Saint Mary's University finds itself. The purpose of the panel discussion, he said, is to "clear the air" and to hear the views of university students who

are being exposed to new ideas, and are reacting to them. "The University" Dr. MacCormack said, "exists to pass on knowledge, and also as the starting point of creative activity". He went on to say that the university is "acutely aware of the tension between these two outlooks."

Father Labelle, in his preliminary remarks, related the topic to the teaching of philosophy, at Saint Mary's or indeed any Catholic university. He said that "a Catholic university, qua Catholic, obtains its ends as a Catholic institution by giving prominence to Philosophy and Theology. "He remarked that it was incorrect to think that the teaching of Philosophy was really a kind of indoctrination, and that Saint Thomas was being "rammed down your (the students') throats". Philosophy, he said, is something growing, it is an integrating subject which "gives us an over-all view, in order to make judgments about other departments of knowledge... philosophy gives us an idea of what it means to know, to understand, and to learn." He reiterated, however, that the primary purpose of philosophy is the integration of knowledge, to give a coherent whole.

Father Hoffman agreed with Father Labelle's remark about philosophy, which he applied to theology, saying that it too could not "be rammed down the student's throat." "Philosophy", he said, "is something that must be discussed and worked out together." Father Hoffman was insistent that no one can tell the student what to think, that as far as knowledge is concerned, either the student sees it or he doesn't nobody can see it for him. "A university", Father Hoffman said, "is to teach you how to

think, not to tell you what to think. Someone can guide you in learning how to think, but no one can tell you what to think."

The panel discussion was followed by a spirited, and wholly engrossing question period, to the detriment of our note-taking. There was quite a good attendance of students, from Mount Saint Vincent as well as Saint Mary's, and the calibre of the questions asked was generally high, although occasionally notes of bitterness could be discerned in the voices of some of the students. The panel conducted themselves with tact and courtesy, generally, and their answers showed few signs of lack of comprehension of the questions asked, or of the general import of the questions.

The second in the series of the panel discussions was held on March 5, 1964. On that occasion, the panelists were Dr. A. P. Monahan of the Philosophy Department, Dr. J. MacCormack, and Father Belair of the Adult Education Department. The subject of the discussion was, "Is a Christian university really necessary?"

Dr. Monahan opened the discussion by remarking that he must answer positively the query contained in the proposed topic. "A Christian university", "is justified if it achieves its end." To deny the necessity of a Christian university, he remarked, is to deny that it has any special task to perform. Dr. Monahan went on to enumerate several examples in the study of anthropology which illustrated his contention that in a number of fields, a Christian, and specifically a Catholic university, may make a contribution, by reason of its religious affiliation, which a secular university would not make. The students, he remarked, seem to be large-

ly unaware of contributions such as those made by Dr. Loewenstein, and Professor Claremont, contributions which should arouse in them (the students) at least a quiet kind of intellectual excitement.

Dr. MacCormack began by referring to a question asked at the previous panel discussion "Isn't a Catholic or Christian university a contradiction in terms?" and said that this was true if such a university implied, as a result of its religious views, that all questions have been answered, or if it existed solely to protect Christianity, and the Christian student from exposure to outside influences. "However," he remarked, "the fact that common assumptions are held at such an institution does not in itself invalidate it as a university." The test of such an institution, he continued, is its willingness to expose its views to all other views, that is, an honest confrontation of theirs and all other views. It is another question entirely, he said, whether all Christian universities could meet this test. It is necessary though, Dr. MacCormack remarked, to have a Christian university, to insure that such a free and honest confrontation can take place. "A Christian university", he said, "is one where Christians are confronted with all other attitudes whether hostile, or merely indifferent, and where the world of the intellect is confronted with Christianity." The problem today, he went on, is the wide gap between practising Christians, and the "world", the problem is to put Christianity into the context of the twentieth century. For this, two things are necessary: first, a set of valid principles, and second, the adequate application of these principles. The world, he said is past the stage where it has abandoned Christianity, it is even past the stage where it has ceased to accept any moral law. The functions of a Christian University, and perhaps of any religiously-oriented university is to restore a concept of man, and through that, a concept of God. It is probable, Dr. MacCormack concluded, that the restoration of such

a concept could best be done in the field of humanities in a religiously-oriented university, i.e., in a Christian university which would have for its purposes the adaptation of Christianity to the twentieth century, and the restoration of an adequate concept of man.

Father Belair prefaced his address with the remark that a Christian university is one whose teaching, by constitution, is in line with the tenets of Christianity. The argument against a Christian university, he said, is an argument which is levelled against a thousand years of history. Not to have a Christian university said Father Belair, is tantamount to arguing that Christianity is not a body of knowledge; a body of knowledge without which there must remain many unanswered questions; if Christianity is a body of knowledge it must be accepted or rejected in entirety.

"It is a question of order", he said, "the knowledge of proper relationships is necessary to see the universe as a whole, and to give it meaning. Christianity gives order to our knowledge, and helps us to be capable of a total view of reality." Father Belair continued by saying that this whole view is necessary for the formation of a good man, and that even if it could be done without Christianity, it could not be done as well. The elimination of Christianity from education, he said, is obscurantism, and Father Belair also pointed out that with Christianity it is a question of all or nothing, there must be a total participation by Christianity in the field of education.

Again a question period followed, and again our notes fell by the wayside, as we became absorbed in the discussion. The questions after this panel discussion, were perhaps not as provoking as those after the first, and there seemed to be a tendency to remain in the realm of generalizations, rather than to descend to the realm of the practical and the particular. The panelists again impressed us, particularly Dr. Monahan, who concerned himself not only with the actual

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SPORTS REVIEW

By TOM HANEY

Friday, March 6 marked the end of Varsity athletics at Saint Mary's for another year. I feel that there is no better time than now to look back at the record of our various teams.

In football Saint Mary's produced the seventh ranked team in Canada according to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News. It will probably hurt to note that our arch rivals Saint Francis Xavier were ranked third, Alberta was ranked first while Queen's gained the runner-up spot.

After our unfortunate losses to Saint F. X. and Stadacona the team began to jell and they went on to set a league record for consecutive shutouts with six altogether. Out young team began to find itself after these two opening losses and they show much promise for the future. With the returning veterans and a new crop of Freshmen, there is every reason to believe that this streak should continue on into next year.

Next year's schedule sees the Huskies dropping two teams, Acadia and Saint Dunstan's from the schedule. The Huskies will open their 1964 campaign against the X-men once again. The following weekend the X-men will travel to Halifax to play the Huskies again for a Friday night attraction at the Wanderers' Grounds. In the succeeding weeks the Huskies meet Shearwater, Stadacona, Mount Allison, UNB and for the season finale the Huskies will battle with Dal for the coveted Lobster Trap.

While on the topic of football, I would like to congratulate Hoe Carver, who has been named Head Coach of the Shearwater Flyers. As an assistant coach at Saint Mary's Joe has been a great help to Head Coach Bob Hayes and best wishes are extended to him by coach and team alike here at Saint Mary's.

The soccer team under the able tutelage of player-coach Sean Dennehy fared worse than last year but managed to break even for the season with a 3 and 3 record. Most of this group will be returning next season although the loss of Dennehy may prove to be a fatal blow.

The basketball team concluded this season in third place behind Acadia and Saint Francis Xavier. Despite this third place finish we were ranked eighth in the nation according to Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News.

This year the team became the first team at Saint Mary's ever to beat an American team as they defeated both Ricker College and Loring Air Force Base. There are many fine young players returning for the future.

Congratulations are due to Coach Goodwin and his team for their fine 8 win and four losses record in Conference play.

Despite the fact that our hockey team was short on practice time and depth, Coach McCusker and his team managed to pull up out of the cellar and win a few games over last season's record. Although the team lost more often than they won we were always sure that the team was in there fighting.

Since most of the members of the team are young, including several freshmen, we can look forward to even better seasons in the future.

In Junior Varsity circles our football team under Coach Don Lilly played well despite a handicap in experience and numbers. Russ Curran finally emerged as the JV basketball coach. This team has proved its worth this year by providing two players for the Varsity. Don Warner's JV hockey team played well despite the fact they had no practices.

In intramural sports the freshmen defeated the Seniors in the Mud Bowl classic to win the championship. Playoffs are still forthcoming in intramural basketball and volleyball.

In a few words then, athletics at Saint Mary's provide recreation for the students of the school. It is readily noticed that athletics here at Saint Mary's are definitely on the upswing. It will not be too long before the Huskies become the dominant force in the Maritimes, all of which serves to add to the ever growing reputation of Saint Mary's University.

BASKETBALL, HOCKEY END ON LOW NOTE

The Saint Mary's basketball and hockey teams closed their respective seasons last week on a low note as the hoopsters dropped a game to the Acadia Axemen and the icemen lost a pair to Saint F. X.

The basketball team's hopes of a trip to the National Championships were dashed after they lost to Saint F. X. in Antigonish. Buzz McHale led the Huskies in a vain attempt to stay above water scoring thirty-nine points while Lahey added twenty-six. The lack of height was the margin of victory however, as Ed Brandt was out with appendicitis.

In their next outing the Huskies were hard pressed to beat a fired-up Saint Dunstan's team 103-100. The Huskies seemed to be suffering from a general lack of desire and the Saints took advantage of it fully. Bob Lahey was the big man pouring in 54 points. Red Padden was outstanding on defense in his final game at home with the Huskies and he added eight points to the scoring. Russell added sixteen most of which came in the first half and McHale chipped in ten.

After the Saint Dunstan's several players were dropped from the team because it was discovered that they had broken training before the game. As a result there was only member of the starting five dressing for the season finale against the Acadia Axemen.

Lahey was joined by Red Padden, John Russell, Jim O'Sullivan and Pat Hickey for the game against the league pace setters.

The Huskies stayed with the Axemen for the first ten minutes in a slow opening game but the Acadia manpower and the inability of Saint Mary's to get the fast break going were fatal. The Axemen built up a thirteen point half time lead and then widened it in the second half.

Lahey was ejected from the game late in the third quarter after becoming involved in a discussion with the referees who turned in one of the poorest performances of the year. From that point on the Axemen were in complete control and they went on to an 84-48 victory.

Lahey, the Maritime scoring champion led all scorers with twenty-five points. Hickey was the only other Huskie to hit double figures with an eleven point effort. Russell added seven and Padden hit for three. This pair also teamed up with O'Sullivan and Miller to provide good hustling defense.

The hockey team had their goal output doubled twice in their two losses to Saint F. X. The first contest saw the Huskies get beat 10-5 at the Shearwater rink. In the second encounter of the home and home series the X-men were victorious 8-4.

In the Huskies' home contest the standout for the Saint Mary's six was Ron Smythe who collected a goal and an assist as well as leading a hard checking defense. Howie Hasuk hit for two goals while defenseman "Squeaks" Naugle scored on a slap shot from the blue line. In general the game was well played with the Huskies showing a weakness on defense. They allowed the X-men too many rebound shots and Antle was frequently unable to get up for the second shot. As a result several shots were lifted over his prone figure.

The second contest was a replay of the first with Smythe, Radford and Hasuk providing the scoring punch. Another goal was scored by Jack Lovett playing his final game in the Maroon and White.

In one of the best earlier contests in past weeks the Huskies scored a stunning upset over the Acadia Axemen at the forum. Mike Antle sharpened by a 8-2 drubbing which marked his return to intercollegiate hockey, held the Axemen to one goal. He was aided by the sparkling defense work of Al Keith and Naugle.

At the other end of the ice Nauble, Radrod and Hasuk were the goal getters as Harry Powell, the Acadia "All Star" kicked in a fourth goal for Ron Smythe. At the end of the game the Huskied had well deserved 4-1 victory over one of the two teams to defeat Maritime Champions UNB this year.

Lahey, Smythe Chosen Tops

The JOURNAL sports staff chose Bob Lahey and Ron Smythe as the outstanding players of the basketball and hockey teams respectively in their annual ballot last week.

Lahey, the legendary "Blonde Bomber" in Maritime basketball circles, was chosen on the basis of his scoring ability as well as his playmaking skill and team leadership.

A senior, Bob led the MIAU for the second straight year in scoring with a 30-plus points per game average. On the way to this title Bob broke the previous game scoring record of fifty points twice. He scored sixty points against Dalhousie in the season opener and then hooped fifty-four in the final home appearance of the year for the Huskies.

Bob also led the Huskies in assists over the season and was praised on several occasions by Coach Goodwin for his fine defensive efforts. He was honored by the Canadian Intercollegiate News as "Player of the Week" on three occasions and was subsequently named as the outstanding player in Canada by this publication.

Ron Smythe is just a freshman and there seems to be a golden path lying ahead of him. He was chosen by the staff on the basis of his fine team play and his devotion to the game.

Ron is a tireless competitor and has always been in the thick of action. He established himself early in the season as a powerful scoring threat and at the same time has been known for his unselfish team play. He also proved that he was able to exchange

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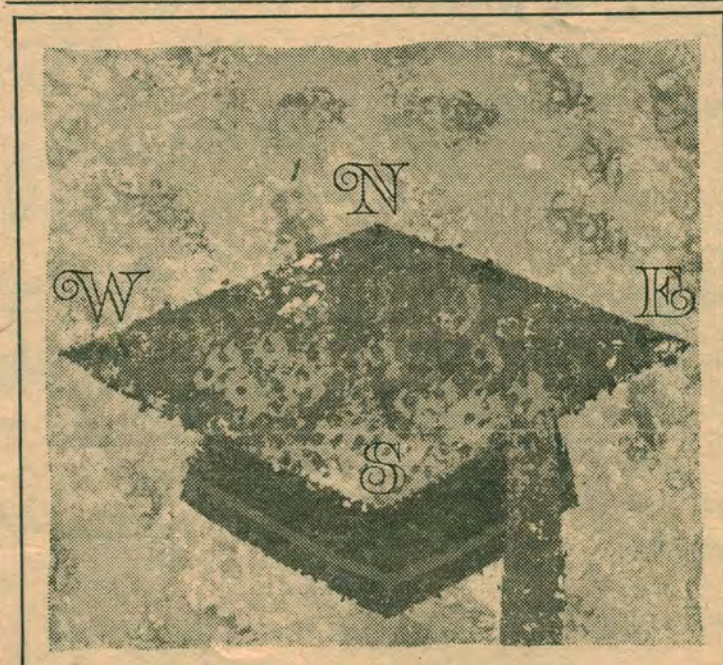
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by **DAVE KEITH N.A.A.C.N.**

Terence R. Donahoe, a Haligonian, is in his final year of Commerce at St. Mary's. A successful candidate for the office of President of the Student Representative Council in last year's elections, he resigned during the summer for academic reasons. The fact that he is a member of the N.A.A.C.N. was not considered in the selection of him for this interview. Long known for his outspoken manner, Mr. Donahoe was asked to express his opinions on the following questions prevalent on the S. M. U. campus.

Do you feel that the Administration is to some extent stifling the extra-curricular activities of the students unnecessarily?

Any rules that the Administration has imposed on the student body and student organization on this campus have been entirely justified. Too many people at S. M. U. feel that the Administration owes them the right to be allowed to do anything they want. If the student body was able to control and run properly their balls, stags, guest speaker engagements, and all other activities, then, and only then, will the Administration be able to extend greater power and rights to the student body. It all depends on how long it takes the students and their leaders to grow up!

Do you think St. Mary's should be more closely associated with Dalhousie and Mount St. Vincent? Yes and no. St. Mary's could benefit from such associations as could Dal and the Mount; but on the other hand, there are many facets of life at St. Mary's which should remain wholly within St. Mary's itself. I think that academic rather than social attachments are most important. One will lead to the other, resulting in a full benefit for all.

We are at present in the midst of a Building Campaign. Do you feel that the parents of students who do not reside in the Halifax

archdiocese should be asked to contribute funds to our University?

Yes. The very fact that a parent feels St. Mary's is the place at which his son should be educated, in my mind, presupposes the sentiment that St. Mary's is worthy of keeping in existence. I think that parents of students from outside the Archdiocese should be just as willing to contribute. It is not Halifax, as Halifax, that is being furthered and advanced but it is St. Mary's University that is being helped to grow. A monetary offering is a good measure of one's belief in St. Mary's and in the things for which St. Mary's stands.

How do you feel about the great influx of Americans, none of whom are assessed for the support of Canadian Universities, to Maritime schools, almost all of which are privately operated and supported by Maritime money along with the Canadian taxpayers' money?

If every academically qualified Maritime applicant to any Maritime university is accepted by those universities, then and only then will I say: "Invite and accept non-Maritime students". It would be a sad state of affairs if a deserving Maritime student is refused admission and a non-Maritime accepted. I appreciate the associations with non-Maritime students which St. Mary's has afforded me but I will survive without them if they replace deserving students from our own area.

Do you think it is worthwhile joining the Day Hop Society? Or for that matter, any other societies on campus?

I feel it is a waste of time to join the Day Hop Society as it is now run; this society, however, could be re-organized in such a way as to have it become the best and most influential group on the campus.

In my four years at S. M. U. it has been worthwhile being a member of any of the faculty societies. I think they have been well-run, almost without exception, and have offered their members a sensible extra-curricular program. My main complaint with every society on campus is that too little has been done along the academic lines. I feel these groups are missing the boat if they do not let a Commerce man know about the entire world of Commerce, a Science man about the entire world of Science, etc. They have not done enough of this at all.

The post-high school aged girls of Halifax have somehow cultivated the idea that the fellows from St. Mary's are childish and generally to be avoided. Have you noticed this and what reason would you give for this assumption on their part?

This idea, as far as I can see, stems from the fact that too few men at St. Mary's concern themselves with female intellectual endowments as opposed to physical endowments. Many a St. Mary's student worries not about whether he can talk to a girl but rather how well he can make out with that girl. I think this is the main reason why it is so easy for a highschool girl to become so sought after by St. Mary's men. I object not to those younger students at S. M. U. but to those at anywhere from 20 to 24 who have no qualms about taking out a 15 year old. If this is indicative of their intellectual and social level, then this is all we can expect from them.

Some locker room stories attribute this problem to a general lack of maturity on the part of the American students. Are you in accord. Do you think this applies also to Haligonians?

It is more prevalent among the Americans as far as I can see but is by no means unknown in the Canadian students. I think that such a topic as this is entirely subjective and one which can not be generalized.

Do you attend the Saturday night dances at St. Mary's?

I rarely attend. The Saturday night dances at S. M. U. are about as dull and uninspiring as any I have gone to, and I find it very difficult to enjoy myself at them. The dances are frequented by people who should have difficulty getting into a highschool dance and hence the level of the dances at St. Mary's is appreciably lowered. My enjoyment of a dance depends on the people attending - the people I meet at S. M. U. dances are either too young to bother with anyway or too high to even know who they are talking to. In general they are not worth attending.

What is your opinion of the Autumn and Senior Weekends? The idea of the weekends is fine. These weekends provide a much needed break in the academic terms but now have come to be too expensive to allow every student at St. Mary's to partake of them fully.

Is the present Student Representative Council doing a good job? The SRC has done a good job with those things which it has attempted. I feel, however, contrary to what any member of the present Council might say, that their diversity of endeavours has not been carried far enough. My main bone of contention is that too few of the members can tolerate being bucked. When a member has been bucked, or told that he is wrong, out of place, or out of order, the discussion and the action of that member usually ends up being petty and childish. With fewer conflicts of personality and interests this present SRC has among its members good enough minds, hands and feet to prove to be one of the best ever at St. Mary's. I praise them for what they have done and criticize them for what they have not tried to do.

If you were to do it all over again, would you go to St. Mary's or Dalhousie? With no hesitation I would attend S. M. U.. My impression of Dal is of a place of cliques and personal isolation. If you start on the outside you usually end up on the outside. At St. Mary's I have been accepted by many different people and organizations and have accepted many myself. It would be impossible for me to enumerate all of the benefits which I have received from St. Mary's and looking back I could never imagine any other institution offering me the same advantages.

WANTED

Two students to take all expense paid trip to Quebec city. For further information see any member of the Students' Council executive.

That's the offer which the Students' Council is making to all interested students. The occasion for the trip is the annual CUS Seminar which will be held this fall at Laval University. Any interested students are urged to submit an application to the Students' Council. These applications should contain information on the student's academic standing as well as his record of participation in extracurricular activities.

Two candidates will be chosen to represent Saint Mary's by a board consisting of the Student's Council President, the CUS Chairman, two members of the faculty and a third student. They will join with 150 other representatives from Universities across Canada in discussing this year's topic "Toward a New Confederation: The Biculturalism Problem in Canada".

Last year Bernie Cullinan represented Saint Mary's at the seminar which was held at the Federated Colleges of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario.

Future Tense

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Anonymous

LAHEY, SMYTHE

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bruising checks with any player in the league and in this respect he has earned the title of "policeman" on the Saint Mary's sextet.

Ron's value was shown to all at the conclusion of the season when the Huskies were playing with nine men. Ron was able to play at forward or defense with equal facility.

Hats off to these two fine sportsmen.

FACULTY, STUDENT

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question asked, but more important, with the reason why a certain question was asked. We were relieved to note, however, a refreshing lack of uniformity in the opinions held by the members of the faculty who participated.

We hope that these panel discussions will continue and that the students from the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and from Mount Saint Vincent will continue to take part, as well as the students from Saint Mary's. In dialogues such as these, between faculty and students, the participation of the students is essential for their success. If any student has a suggestion for future topics that might be covered in these discussions, he is invited to leave it at the JOURNAL office, on the top floor, or to submit it directly to Dr. Mac Cormack.

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SEPARATISM GOES SICK

By CHRIS ROBBINS

Separatism, unfortunately, may be gaining support as a legitimate cause for the radical fringe in Quebec; however, already aberrations have taken form from true, blue, Separatism.

It came to my attention just the other day that English-Canadians have been over-stimulating their peptic ulcers unnecessarily. The newspapers have been carrying accounts of armoury robberies by teen-agers in Quebec and then filling our minds with such ominous sounding names as M.R.Q. (Movement Revolutionnaire du Quebec) and A.L.Q. (L'Armee de Liberation du Quebec).

Actually these 'sons of F.L.Q.' are not serious like the old Federation de Liberation du Quebec. Instead of going all out to kill middle-aged janitors and to maim bomb dismantlers, these new groups are in existence just for the fun of it. In fact, creating Separatist groups is the latest student fad in urban Quebec.

This may not appear too evident from the way the newspapers have coloured the stories of the armoury hold-ups. The idea did not occur to me either until, as I stated earlier, just a few days ago. Then I received a circular letter in the mail urging me to be proud of my 25 per cent Acadian French blood and to join the A.B.C. (L'Association pour la Balkanization du Canada), a quasi-Separatist group. Their motto on the letter-head is:

"It's as easy as A.B.C. To rob an armoury".

In the letter an anonymous author described the details of the A.B.C. . . . Their platform is quite comprehensive although impractical in my opinion. It includes:

1) the use of all weapons stolen from the Canadian government to be concentrated in a siege on Westmount, Quebec, that last outpost of the Anglo-Saxons (and the home of the infamous founder of the N.A.A.C.N.) Their purpose in laying siege is to drive all English-Canadians out of Quebec.

2) the proposal for the construction of a causeway between Quebec and St. Pierre-Minquelon so that these colonies of France may have a material link.

3) the abolition of the N.A.A.C.N. and the liquidation of those odious vermin who make up its membership.

4) the discarding of Hockey as a popular sport in Quebec, it being replaced by the 'roaring game' — not curling but bomb-throwing.

5) the division, ultimately, of Canada into as many weak, isolated states as possible.

These points were considered essential to the principles of the A.B.C. by the unknown writer of the letter. The A.B.C. is pro-American since they believe that the present division of the U.S.A. into East, South, West, Mid-West, and New England is in accord with their ideals. The A.B.C. especially approves of the methods of Southern Democrats.

It may be occurring to one now that the A.B.C. is irresponsible and therefore not worthy of one's support. This just is not so. The A.B.C. is a fun-loving group and so is as necessary as the Shriners or the Knights of Columbus. Another fact in their favour is that they seem to be against violence — unless, of course, it is absolutely necessary. They consider violence necessary only on such rare occasions as when it is raining out and so there is not much to do indoors.

Although some blue-nosed people may object to a spirited group of youths charging around with nitro-glycerine, the A.B.C. argues that this is no more dangerous to life and limb than gold-fish-swallowing, bed-rolling, and telephone booth cramming — in fact, they believe it is safer — unless, of course, it explodes. (Heaven forbid)

Then again, it is not imperative that one believes in the A.B.C.'s principles if you place the desire for having a good time before all else. It is conceivable that joining the Association pour la Balkanization du Canada could provide much amusement; it is conceivable that one would also receive life imprisonment if you murder sufficient people to get the R.C.M.P. angry . . .

Biculturalism Seminar a Success

By GUY POTHIER

On Mar. 7 and 8, St. Mary's was host to the CUS regional seminar on biculturalism. The universities represented included besides St. Mary's Dalhousie, Mount St. Vincent, Mount St. Bernard, Mt. Allison, St. Dunstan's and l'Universite de Bathurst. This is the first such seminar that I have attended from hearing the remarks of other delegates, I think I can say that it was better than average. It was not dominated by any clique of speakers or scarred by any really bitter wrangling. Almost all the speakers were moderate in tone and as a result the conference was valuable in bringing into focus the problems that come from the existence, of two cultures and two languages in Canada.

The guest speaker for the first morning session was Mr. Emery LeBlanc, formerly editor of l'Evangeline and now doing public relations for the CNR. He gave us his impressions of the situation in Quebec. He believes that Quebec is just now emerging from a self imposed isolation that has lasted since the conquest. After the Plains of Abraham, only the clergy were left to lead the French community. They determined to preserve Quebec from outside influences and kept themselves aloof from the modern drift of society. This might have changed after the last war had it not been for Maurice Duplessis, who ruled Quebec solely for the interests of his political machine. After his death, movements which had been stifled under him grew with that much more intensity.

The other problem noted by Mr. LeBlanc was language. The situation in Quebec is only made more obvious by the control of most of its industries and natural resources from outside the province. The industries are located in French speaking communities and staffed by French speaking workers. But the executives are English speaking.

Mr. LeBlanc believes that the experience of the Acadians shows a possible way to resolve the conflict. The Acadians have always been conscious of their minority status and have been content to put forward their requests and not to make demands of the English. This has made them look timid and accomodating but they have been able to establish themselves especially in New Brunswick. Mr. LeBlanc wondered whether separatists in Quebec were thinking of the one million French Canadians outside.

Most of the discussion revolved around whether Canada is made up of two or many cultures. In line with this, one of the St. Mary's delegates mentioned assimilation of French Canada as a possible solution. Neither of



Saint Mary's Delegates to the CUS Regional Seminar on Biculturalism listen attentively (?). Shown left to right are Jack McCarthy, P. Valentine Hickey, Dan Skaling, and Guy Pothier.

these ideas were taken up at any length probably because most of us realized that these were not real issues. Assimilation, at least for the Quebec French is a long way off. Whether Canada is one nation or two was still a subject for argument. We all thought of the French Canadians as forming one nation but we were uncertain about English Canadians. In one sense we were fortunate in having as our subject that of biculturalism. This prevented us from wandering into the parlour game of finding a national identity for ourselves.

The afternoon session of the first day was built around a panel discussion made up of Emery LeBlanc, Prof. Dalton and Fr. BeLair, the latter two from St. Mary's. Two remarks that Prof. Dalton made seem best to sum up the discussion. He felt that what Canada lacked was a shared sense of national accomplishment. He also thought it was unfortunate that Quebec had become the champion of provincial rights as well as the province that was most resentful over Confederation. We concluded that while constitutional issues were important, what really lay behind them were attitudes brought about by the racial strain. This is what makes the definition of the terms of Confederation so difficult.

The Sunday morning session opened with a speech on the economic implications of biculturalism given by Pat Hickey, a member of our delegation. (Like the good economist that he is, Pat quoted statistics at length.) He occupied himself almost wholly with the ownership and control of Canadian industry from abroad. This led, more or less

naturally, to a discussion of the place of French Canadians taking university commerce courses. Soon, however, we moved to the question of the two languages. Several delegates wondered whether it was realistic for French Canadians to expect to speak French wherever they go. A Dal delegate pointed out that while French Canadians had to be bilingual in order to get ahead in business, English Canadians did not.

This lead conveniently into the final discussion on Sunday afternoon. John O'Dea, another member of the St. Mary's delegation, gave the keynote talk of bilingualism. John described the Cerlces des Amis here at St. Mary's, of which he is president. The object of the group is to promote better French through French conversation. We wondered how French was to be spoken more widely among English speaking Canadians. One of the Dal delegates suggested that some form of legislation might have to be passed for instance, requiring certain categories of civil servants to know the two languages. Business, it was also suggested might also do the same thing. I expressed the opinion that somehow the speaking of the two languages would have to be made to seem both important and desirable. A Dal delegate summed it up when he said: "You have to be educated to be educated". He meant that a reapproachment if not a fusion of the two cultures has to mean enough to educated Canadians if ever they are to resolve the problem.

This seminar, I think, performed at least two very important functions. It helped all of us come to terms with the real problems that lie in French-English attitudes towards each other. Also, it made us a little more optimistic. Once we have gotten beyond loose talk, we may discover that French-English differences are really misunderstandings that will resolve themselves if only we acknowledge them.

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