

S.R.C. FACES VARIED PROBLEMS

SRC COMMENT

GUY POTHIER

Since my last appearance here, the Council has held four open meetings. None of these has aroused any noticeable interest among the students, perhaps because nothing spectacular has taken place. This virtually total indifference by the students has led Pat Curran to ask for an interview with the JOURNAL. (see other story).

**ARTS SOCIETY
PLANS SUPPER DANCE**

The Arts' Society is planning to hold its annual supper dance on Thursday, Feb. 25th. The event will take place at the Flamingo restaurant between the hours of eight p.m. and one a.m.

This information was revealed today by the president of the Arts' society, Derek Johnston. It was also learned that due to short time it follows upon the heels of the Winter Carnival, the executive have decided to do away with a full meal which would cost about two dollars and fifty cents in preference to simply sandwiches which would bring the total cost of the evening to one dollar.

Reservations have been made at the Flamingo for fifty couples. It is, therefore, important to the Arts' society that tickets will be purchased early in the event that more should like to attend. With the purchase of tickets at an early date and if more than planned are sold it will give the society time to make the necessary reservations.

**Honour System Acts
Student Turns
Himself in**

At last the Honour System has been put to the test. The newly instated system which replaces the old regime of rules demands that any Senior or any student twenty one years of age or over turn himself in should he break one of the rules of residence.

Such an incident occurred last Sunday night when one of the students on the honour system, Bert Van Vulpen turned himself in to Mr. Burke after a water throwing incident in which he was involved.

As a result of his self-conviction, Mr. Van Vulpen has received the penalty of a two week campus session. A stiff penalty for such a minor incident.

However, the stiffness of the penalty is unimportant. What is, is that the Honour System has been shown to be one that will not be laughed at but rather one that will be respected by the students.

The Journal feels that all those under this system should not abuse it but rather respect it. The University has seen fit to consider these students as intelligent young men and is prepared to treat them as such providing they, as intelligent young men, treat the honour system accordingly.

The Journal congratulates Mr. Van Vulpen for his course of action and sincerely hopes his comrades under this system will behave in a similar manner.

In the meeting of Dec. 10th., Paul Ferguson moved that anyone who signs for a society activity that costs money should be required to pay the amount or else be subject to the action of the Disciplinary Board if the society in question requests it. Some members thought this would be unfair to students who had missed an event through no fault of their own. Some others suggested some form of payment in advance but this was unlikely to be popular with students. The real issue, however, turned out to be the necessity of bringing the notion up at all. Ron Gomes believed that the Disciplinary Board already had the power to bring recalcitrant members before it. This implied that the Board had carte blanche to deal with anything that anyone might be prepared to bring before it. Few of the members were willing to go so far as this. The motion barely passed. Ferguson, Francis, Haney and Belanger voted in favour; Knight, and Gomes voted against; and Skaling, English and O'Leary abstained. Dave Bulger, the Council's Parliamentarian, questioned the vote because it had not been carried by two-thirds of the members. He argued that this was, in effect, a bylaw. The President thought that since it had not been put forward as a bylaw, it did not require the two-thirds vote. To which Mr. Bulger replied that in this case, the motion had no force. He asked that the motion be tabled so that he could consider the matter further. Father Hennesey, the Council's moderator, suggested that what was needed was a clarification of the Board's powers. It seems likely that the rules which the Board can enforce will be listed with its charter. Otherwise the Board will be the occasion for greater confusion and miscarriages of justice.

BELANGER RESIGNS

The meeting of January 11th. dealt with various items of business, especially regarding the 62-63 Yearbook. The President read a letter of resignation from Ron Belanger, the cultural affairs chairman. Mr. Belanger was to resign because of academic pressure but he was later persuaded to keep his seat to avoid a by-election so late in the year. An election would have required the Council to suspend Art. 4, Sec. 3, Sub. Sec. i of the constitution which requires a by-election to be held within two weeks of a vacancy on coun-

cil. Mr. Bulger believed that Art. 4, Sec. 2, Sub. Sec. g took precedence because it involved the rights of students. This clause requires names of candidates to be posted two weeks in advance so that independent candidates may have that first week to collect the signatures they need in order to stand for election. This the council did for the by-election that brought Dave English to Council; however, this time, Mr. Belanger was persuaded to remain. All this was discerned and settled on Jan. 21.

To get back to the meeting of the eleventh, it seems there has been friction between Saint Mary's and Dalhousie over sales of Clancy Brother's tickets. The situation was obscure and has by now been settled. All that has to be said is that some Dalhousie students were too aggressive while some Saint Mary's students have been too lax, too disorganized and too overwhelmed by the other university to prevent them from being thrust into the background.

ENGLISH MARKS QUESTIONED
The meeting of the fourteenth was marked by an episode concerning the English 101 marks. Ron Gomes moved that the 91% failure in that course be investigated by the President's Committee, that a committee from the Student Council approach the Dean, the Registrar and the President, and the English department for a statement of policy. This last item was struck because it was thought to be too obvious an intrusion into academic affairs. In support of this motion, Gomes spoke of the student in English 101 as being "the cream of the crop," who were "walking blind", and could not be blamed for their failures. A former member of the Administration was quoted as saying that such a high failure must be the fault of the professor. A student taking the course for the second time complained that he would require a mark approaching 70% to pass his year. (This is untrue as the final English marks will be based on the results of the final exams).

Members of the Council were anxious to put some pressure on the Administration in order to bring about some redress for the grievances. What was most desired was an assurance that the students would not have to make impossibly high marks to pass.

Mr. Gomes was congratulated from the chair for raising this

motion and his interest in it. With the ring issue in mind and the part played by Mr. Gomes, the President added, "There's some good in everybody."

POSSIBLE FEE INCREASE

The meeting of Jan. 21st. was much in the same vein. David Miller, David Shortall and Paul Vostermans explained the various activities being undertaken by CUS this year. Most interesting among these, to the Council members, were the resolution of the apartheid policy of the South African government and the student's means survey. A panel discussion to include two South Africans will take place in February and a resolution in Council may be forthcoming. The Council with its new formal confidence is ready to pass resolutions on political and social questions. The student means survey was the instance for several interesting disclosures about student fees, Ron Gomes commenting on the Dalhousie Gazette's report of a fee increase at Dalhousie, said that universities were anticipating the report of the Bladen Royal Commission and increasing their fees. Dan Knight said that now that student loans are available, private universities feel more free to raise their fees. They interpret the government's intention to be that students should bear a greater part of the cost of their own education.

Ron Gomes presented the program of events for Winter Carnival; this will be posted later.

The Committee on the JOURNAL and the Yearbook gave its report. The JOURNAL now has a debt of \$159.00. This is partly due to the fact that \$172.00 of its accounts receivable are uncollectable. The JOURNAL has bills of \$398.00 that are collectable and it will be able to meet its bill with the Dartmouth Free Press. The phone has been disconnected; despite the lock on the phone, the last month's phone bill was \$78.00. The Yearbook was reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

The President then brought up the topic of next year's elections. These will have to be held in the middle of February because the changeover date is March 1st. The deadline for official nominations is February 5th. Non-executive elections will take place Feb. 19th. and executive elections on Feb. 26th. Some inconvenience will be occasioned by the mid-term tests which come about this time.

**Student
Council Elections**

The Student Council has issued the following information concerning Student Council elections.

Feb. 3 is the last date names may be submitted to nominating committee for non-executive positions.

On Feb. 5, the Nominating Committee must submit two names for each non-executive position.

On Feb. 9, campaigning for non-executive posts begins.

Feb. 11, is the last date names may be submitted to committee for executive positions. Campaigning ends.

On Feb. 12, the Nominating Committee must submit two names for each executive position. Last date for candidacy by position for non-executive posts.

On Feb. 9 the non-executive elections will be held. It is the last date for candidacy by petition for executive posts.

On Feb. 23 campaigning begins.

On Feb. 25 campaigning ends and elections will be held on Feb. 26.

On March 1 the new Council will take office.

Carnival Events

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
2:30—Queen's Reception at Lord Nelson
7:00 P.M.—Parade of Floats
8:30 P.M.—Fireworks Over Harbour
9:30 P.M.—Winter Freeze at St. Pats.
9:30 P.M.—"Two for Seesaw"—Neptune
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
2:00 P.M.—Snow Sculpture Contest
8:30 P.M.—Louis Armstrong and All-Stars at Forum
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
9:00 P.M.—Sled & Snow Shoe Races
2:00 P.M.—Go-Kart Races at Dal. Gym
2:30 P.M.—Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs at Forum
3:00 P.M.—X at Dal - B-Ball
4:00 P.M.—St. Dunsdan's at SMU - B-Ball
8:30 P.M.—'Twist on Ice' featuring Ken Chandler at St. Pats.
8:30 P.M.—SMU Winter Carnival Ball at Nova Scotian
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
2:00 P.M.—'Dice on Ice'—Car Rally
3:00 P.M.—Motor Cycle Display
3:00 P.M.—Skating Carnival at Public Gardens
8:30 P.M.—Clancy Bros. & Tommy Machem at Capitol Theatre.

ON THE INSIDE

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Oxford-Union Features In Upcoming Debate

On Feb. 9, St. Mary's will engage the University of King's College in a scheduled inter-collegiate debate. This debate will be unusual in that it will be conducted under parliamentary rules, at least as far as the rules of the AIDL permit. The rendering of the resolution has not yet been worked out. This matters

little since the resolution, whatever it is, will probably be meaningless.

St. Mary's is to be represented by Joslyn Grassby and John Fulton, both of whom are ideally suited for this style of debating.

Guy Pothier, the President of the Debating Society, hopes the debate will draw a good crowd. He believes that only this style

of debating can ever become popular at Saint Mary's. "We have proposed the Oxford style to several other universities last year as well as this." Mr. Pothier said in an interview with the JOURNAL, "When Kings offered it to us, we were only too glad to take it on. I only wish I could have been in it myself."

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EDITORIAL

The JOURNAL finds it a propos at this time to make a statement concerning the high rate of failure in the English 101 course in the Christmas exams.

There has been a great deal of criticism directed at the English department for the low grades they have given throughout the year on various term papers and primarily on the English exam itself. It would appear that one considers "the cream of the crop" capable of achieving such low marks on an exam. Instead doubt has been raised about the qualifications of the members of the English department.

One of the main reasons and perhaps the most important for the high failure rate is that the Freshmen students are not capable of careful and close reading and understanding and answering in an intelligent way the questions presented to them. In the term papers assigned last semester very few students made satisfactory marks, the reason being that they did not answer the question asked of them. A more careful reading of the question in an attempt to ascertain just what was being asked of them would have resulted in a higher number of successes. This fault also showed its ugly head on the examinations. Its appearance is unforgivable in the light of the fact that these students had been made aware of this fault consistently throughout the first semester PRIOR to their exam. However, the error appeared as usual and as a result many students failed because of it. Can this be considered as the fault of the professors?

Some say that the course is too difficult for the freshman student embarking on his first college English course. That is, the transition from high school English to a college course in this subject is too demanding and that the course should be geared to the student. However, is it not the purpose of the university to advance upon the student's knowledge and offer him more advanced knowledge in his academic pursuits. It should, therefore, rest on the student to adapt himself to the greater, more advanced degree of knowledge presented to him. However, it is apparent that many of the freshman students have not achieved this academic maturity. Rather they are still treating their English course in the manner they were accustomed to in high school. This attitude was satisfactory in high school perhaps, but totally inadequate for a college course. Despite the efforts of the markers and the professors to weed out these high school flaws, the exams showed the freshman students had not attempted to overcome this failing. Should the students' error be blamed on the professors? Should the English course be lowered to that of a high school course so that the student can pass easily? Does the freshman student desire an adequate college education or does he want his course given to him? If the latter then we feel the student should not even be here at Saint Mary's (whether "the cream of the crop or not").

In summation then, we would ask those students to consider whether it is the professors who failed them or whether it is they who have failed themselves. Perhaps a realization that college is more demanding than high school (will result in a more mature attitude among the freshman students as shown by the English marks). You must raise your standards the university cannot lower its.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

It has been recently brought to my attention that the week before the final exams is not set aside as a study week but rather it is one of regular classes. This year it will be particularly awkward. There will be classes after the Easter holidays and this will tend to disrupt the study habits of most students if prepared work is required for the next class.

The classes the week before exams could only be substantiated if they were devoted to nothing but question and answer sessions.

Being a former Ontario student I can appreciate the value of a study week. The students are 'let out' a week or a week and a half before the departmental exams which start in June. This gives them a chance to settle down to a period of concentrated study. Since this practice is employed at many other universities I fail to see why it could not be brought into use here at Saint Mary's.

The Administration should be able to give us all our work between now and April 14th., when the Easter recess starts. Many a student will want this time to concentrate on one course perhaps which he requires a pass in (such as English 101). The graduating student would surely put this time to good use in order to acquire high marks needed for graduate work.

I feel the Student's Council should investigate the possibilities of having such a program.

Yours truly,
ERWIN PENNER

Dear Mr. Editor:

Guilty until proven innocent—and no opportunity to prove one's innocence. This is the law of the courts at Saint Mary's University.

The reason I am writing this letter is to inform all of the injustice being perpetrated in the north wing.

Last semester my roommate and I were downtown, while we were absent someone broke into our room which was locked and threw my mattress out of the window (we live on the fourth floor). Later that same day, the mattress was set on fire probably by a cigarette flicked out of one of the windows. However when I returned after Christmas, I found myself and my roommate were to be campused until we had paid \$80.00 for the mattress. Mr. Burke was deaf to any explanation we had to offer. "Eighty bucks or campus until it is paid. I've been pressured by Fr. Brown so I don't care who pays."

Is it fair we should suffer for the crimes of another? Does not Mr. Burke realize we cannot afford such money and therefore try to find the actual culprit?

We have no intention of paying this fine. If we are forced to pay or pressure is brought on us, we will certainly leave Saint Mary's after our first year with a disgusting, vile taste in our mouths. Will not someone help?

Yours truly
Ted Purnell

Dear Sir:

I thoroughly enjoyed your last issue and feel, as do most of my fellow residents that the JOURNAL is doing an excellent job of keeping the students well informed as to the manner in which the students' interests are being

looked after.

Now down to the business at hand. Would it be possible to have a student committee set up to investigate the English 101 marks?

My only contact with the English department has been through Mr. —. Under his patented method of professorizing (one couldn't call it teaching or lecturing) the student is informed that it is his duty to raise himself to the professor's level and not vice versa. He then proceeds to professorize in a manner which could do nothing but leave the average student well below his standards throughout the year.

I do not know that the other professors in this department are guilty of the same manners as Mr. — but they definitely must be guilty of equally glaring mistakes. Their failure rate points to this fact. It is inconceivable that 91% of the freshmen are incapable of passing an English 101 exam. If the fault is composition, then I suggest a change in the English 101 course for next year. It should become one of composition. If the fault is the inability of the professors to convey to the students exactly what is expected of them, then I suggest that they be replaced with ones who are capable. If the fault is lack of application on the part of the students, then the professors should be commended for their courage in marking in the way they did. I personally do not feel that they should be commended.

Yours truly,
A DISGUSTED STUDENT

Dear Sir:

Although I find the JOURNAL, on the whole, very informative in respect to student activities I find a trend in the paper which I feel warrants some comment. The trend to which I refer is toward too critical an attitude on the part of the JOURNAL staff. I am fully aware that a prerequisite to any reform is the criticism of the old regime. But I suggest that the JOURNAL keep in mind that this criticism loses its value if it is not offered in conjunction with a sincere attempt to suggest solutions for the exposed problems. I need not explain that it is an easy matter to criticize but quite another thing to provide answers. I am sure that if a more positive approach were adapted by this the JOURNAL, it would occupy a much more influential position

in student affairs and would gain the respect of both the faculty and the student body.

Yours truly,
LAWRENCE MURPHY

Dear Mr. Editor:

Since the JOURNAL contains much criticism, mostly destructive, I thought a little constructive criticism would be a good start for a new year.

There has been much said lately about the lack of spirit and participation in the university. I reject that statement of apathy as unfounded and made with the complete lack of earnest thought. It may be said that one always sees the same faces doing all the planning and all the work, well this is the same everywhere from government to janitorial work.

Do you know that there were only two major floats in the Atlantic Bowl parade, and that the one other than the entry from S.M.U. was built by paid and skilled workmen at Stadacona?

As you well know, the name Saint Mary's is just as well known in the Atlantic provinces as any of the larger universities. This is only because of the school spirit that is generated at all extra-curricular activities. A prime example of this was the Lobster Bowl Classic where the maroon and white representation of interested students was seen.

In closing this vain note in a less than vain newspaper, I hope that all students will pull together to make a successful Winter Carnival.

Yours truly,
IAN FORBES ROBERTS

Dear Sir:

Remember the great ring episode of a few months ago?

Well Birks have just written the final chapter to this saga.

The only large university ring which graced the pages of 1965 catalogue was, you guessed it, St. Mary's. But before those @*#* seniors on council start patting themselves on the back, I think it fair to add that it was not the one chosen by them. The ring Birks felt would best demonstrate their fine products is the one that the council originally rejected. The one with the cut stone.

With respect,
One Who Tried To Fight City Hall

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Other people see things
and ask "WHY?"
But I dream things that
never were and ask

"WHY NOT"

NEW DEAN OF STUDIES

Many were shocked by the results of the last set of exams, the failure rate was greatly increased over that of the previous years. We were surprised to see that unfortunately some of the seniors fell by the wayside along with many of the lowerclassmen. In looking into the probable causes for such apparently unnecessary slaughter we find that although this action would have been ridiculous under last year's administration, and presently appears to be so under this year's, it could be an indication of what is to come. The key to the above sentence is one man, Father Hugo P. Kierans. The feelings of a few that the best Jesuits are sent to Loyola of Montreal, while St. Mary's has to make do with the left overs, will have no foundation if Father Kierans (brother to Eric Kierans, Finance Minister for the Province of Quebec) possesses a fraction of his father brother's ability. Through his reputation we have learned that the father not only possesses these but has many unique qualities which will serve him admirably in his present post. He is the reason for our belief that these examination results are the first step towards raising the standards of this institution. In the past a system where by the professor marked his own papers in his characteristic manner was in effect. The results were, as was to be expected, eighties and nineties being given where sixties had been deserved and some sixties being doled out where seventies and eighties were earned. After the December exams the professors were advised as to whether their marks were too high or not. This action should effect a more uniform set of marks in the future. We feel this is an indication that Father Kierans influence is already being felt, and look forward to any other reforms which might be born in the Dean of Studies Office.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX

While the administration is attempting to improve the standards of this institution we hope that it will also look into methods of improving its products. We suggest that this goal can be provided through co-education. We feel that the mere fact of girls being present will subdue the canteen conversations and could conceivably change their topics from sports, drinking and broads, to subject matter of courses and, naturally, girls. Dealing with the opposite sex is a required course of instruction for young men yet it is totally lacking at St. Mary's. Without it one tends to become socially inept and quite often harbours warped ideas as to the type and extent of relationships he should have with this gender. We feel that any development such as co-education could only serve to make our education at St. Mary's more complete.

The ideal solution, for the sake of economy and expediency, would be amalgamation with the Mount St. Vincent's College to form the "Catholic University of Halifax". This solution presupposes a willingness on the part of both institutes to discard their suffocating medieval shrouds of isolation. The Mount has seemingly frustrated this cause by proceeding to build a new residence on the site of their present campus.

This institution has snubbed two outstanding problems which face it in making this decision to maintain that mantle. The first is an economic problem. From what source will the Mount draw its students if St. Mary's is forced to become a co-educational institution without it? We do not pretend that the girls will leave the Rockingham college simply to be with the boys. We do, however, believe that economic reasons, both monetary and temporal, will cause a good deal of their prospective students to choose St. Mary's over the Mount, if that choice were made available to them.

Some feel that the Mount offers a higher standard of education than does St. Mary's. This could be true, we do not know, but we do know that if the government and the people of the Archdiocese of Halifax had to support but one Catholic University their money would see far greater returns. Unnecessary duplication cannot be justified. This extravagance could only be excused if this isolationist policy had been proven beneficial. A growing number of experts in the field of education feel that strategy is in fact detrimental. We are in accord and cannot condone such practice.

Just as there should be as little duplication as possible between St. Mary's and the Mount, so should there be a minimum between the other universities in Halifax. There are laboratories and equipment at Dalhousie which could be of unlimited value to the students of smaller universities in this area. They should be made available to these students and to make this possible a University of Halifax must be formed. This University would be comprised of Dal, Kings, The Catholic University of Halifax, (at present St. Mary's) and N.S. Tech. We feel that this institute is inevitable. This is the largest university in the Maritimes and seems to feel that it is the only one in this city. We realize that no amount of pressure brought to bear by the smaller universities could force this unity, unless they agree to hand over all rights to self government to this power. There is, however, one body which has within its powers this capacity, the newly formed Provincial Grants Commission. It would be to their advantage to bring this about and from all indications, although nothing has been made public about this, we expect that they will attempt to do so.

The University of Halifax is then the second big problem facing the Mount. What relationship could it have to this new university? If it desires none then it is pursuing the correct course. But it must realize at this time that with Dal, Kings, St. Mary's and Tech all situated within blocks of each other the Mount is out of the picture.

COUNCIL NO LONGER A DANCE COMMITTEE

For those who read this column last issue I must report a new picture of the S.R.C. They still come late (Aileen 11:48, Haney 12:17) but now they are supporting the students rights. With one motion, by Ron Gomes, this body ceased to exist purely as a Dance Committee. The motion - I move that the council set up a committee to investigate the 91 per cent failure rate of the English 101 examination... This motion was passed unanimously and this body for the first time took upon itself a responsibility for things beyond the field of extra curricular activities. We must congratulate its members and remind them that no matter what the results of this step they have pioneered a trail of trust between their office and administration. We hope to see them on that trail again.

GOD AND SUPER GOD

Does God exist? What a stupid question! Only an idiot would ask a question like that. Only a mere freshman, or a cowslop perhaps, who fails to recognize the possibility of a proper ontological intersubjectivity based on the transcendence of eidetic consciousness would ask a question like that. In case you missed it, the answer is yes, God exists. But the point is that the question is irrelevant. The real question, rather, is, "Why does God exist?" For does it not follow that the reason for God's existence will be superior to God Himself? just like the ground from which a tree grows is more basic than the tree itself?

The answer to this question must be an inflexible as it is self-evident, as metaphysical as it is profound. The absolute answer to this absolute question can be none but the universally unconditioned reply: "God exists because St. Thomas says so." (This is the unquestionable, the absolute - evidenced by the centuries, ratified through Eternity) Hence does it not follow that St. Thomas is superior to God? Does it not also follow that the Ultimate Happiness will not be the mere attainment of heavenly bliss, but a perfect understanding of THE TRUE METHAPHYSICS? Mere Ultimate happiness is inadequate, Comrade Thomas can provide the Super Ultimate.

Might I add that I have the full assent of my most vehement critic, the celebrated Mr. D. B., insofar as this point is concerned. This is significant, because comrade D.B. and I differ so violently on other points (like the question of how many Spirits can dance on the point of a pin), that he is given to firing Leibnizian monads upon my door with a peashooter until I am driven into such a frenzy that I huff and puff and creep the upward and downward paths.

But on the theory of the Super-God I have the full support of comrade B. And not only does he support it, but when I mentioned it to him he had the great mental acuity, the sheer metaphysical intensity, to suggest that we renew the Spirit of the Inquisition. O, repent ye questioning philosophers! Repent ye beatles, beatniks, and Volkswagens! Repent ye Transcendental Idealists! Repent ye Neo-Kantians! Repent ye Phenomenologists and Existentialists! Repent all ye who have not accepted THE TRUE METHAPHYSICS, for THE TRUE METHAPHYSICS will consume all in its inflexible Supertruth. And we ominously add that mere Christians will not be exempt from the might of THE TRUE METHAPHYSICS; for do mere Christians, with their chanting and praying, recognize the SuperTruth? No! Then mere Christians must be overwhelmed - there will be a Bible-burning on March 7th in the parish center; the Summa will be immortalized on the same night. (For anybody who wishes to attend, our code is Ph. 303).

Now there are those who say that the world is absurd, others who say that philosophy breeds heresy...but that is another matter.

-The SuperEgo,
President of the Society
and Oracle of all Wisdom,
human and Divine.



Here we are back again for another semester of basketball games, dances, controversial council meetings, scintillating issues of the JOURNAL, mid-term exams and of course, classes. One sometimes wonders whether after such a hectic holiday of wear and tear one is ready to settle down to another semester's hard work.

Such a student is freshman Mike Gllagher pictured above upon his return to the university and realizing that he has yet another semester to go before a summer's 'rest'.

THE HULK SINGS

(For reasons beyond the ken of the coagulated masses the "onion" is henceforth to be known as "the HULK".)

I begin by insisting that you DO NOT READ THIS, unless in silence and solitude. And only if you dig poetry and psychology, and have a spark of compassion, a splash of sentimentality and a broad but soft-pedalled sense of humor. I am going to peel back the lid of one of our fellow students in order that we may gain an insight into MELANCHOLIA.

#82 (A Stirling Idea)
Do I drive fast?
Yes! Faster than any man.
She left me cold.
Now only the hand of Death
Carressing my neck can stir my passions.

88 (Hungover on a Sunday)
Does drinking really help?
Of course! I can unwind!
It's a release! It eases my mind!
It builds my confidence!
It.....
..... No, it doesn't.

#96
Do I fear the Bomb?
No! Nor any way of Death!
She gutted me!
What matter what should
Collapse the hollow shell.

#99
Do I dream of Her?
Oh God! Were it that I did not!
And more waking than asleep.
But I fear the nights for then I cannot
Shape the fantasy.

#100
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Dec. 26, 1964

Dear Santa.

We all want to thank you very much for the book entitled "1001 Things to Investigate".

We are all in your debt for giving us something to do.

Yours in Tom Tsoumas
- The Student Council

P.S. Santa - Even Ron Gomes believes in you now.

The Warden's Office
St. Mary's University,
Dec 29, 1964.

Dear Santa,

I thank-you for the book "The Beginner's Guide to Bigger and Better Maximum Security Prisons."

I promise to be a good Warden next year and hope you will send me the do-it-yourself electric chair kit I asked for this year.

Yours truly
John Burke.

Dear Santa.

I would like to express my gratitude for the ~~two~~ pamphlets entitled "Noble Causes to Fight For", and "101 Wrongs to Right"

This will be of great ~~aid~~ assistance to me in the ~~next~~ ~~next~~ ~~next~~ ~~next~~ ~~next~~ performing of my job.

Yours in all that's noble

Ron Gomes

Saint Mary's Univ.
Dec. 28, 1964

Dear Santa.

Thank you very much for the white length dress you gave me for Christmas. It proved prove to be of great assistance in council meetings.

I'm most grateful.

Yours truly
Aileen O'Hara

P.S. My brother Paul doesn't believe in you but I think I can talk him into it.

LETTERS TO SANTA

SAINT MARY'S UNIV.
DEC. 27, 1964

Saint Mary's Univ.,
Dec., 28, 1964.

DEAR SANTA.

WE THANK YOU FROM THE
BOTTOM OF OUR CAULDRONS FOR
THE BOOK ENTITLED "ARSENIC
AND OLD LACE".

WE HOPE WE CAN LEARN
A GREAT DEAL FROM THIS MOST
ENJOYABLE BOOK.

WE REMAIN,
THE KITCHEN STAFF

Saint Mary's Univ.
Dec. 27, 1964

Dear Santa;

I want to thank you very much
for the very interesting and, we hope,
helpful book by Dale Carnegie.

We hope to use Mr. Carnagies'
book, "How To Win Friends and Influ-
ence People", this coming semester.
It should prove to be of great assi-
stance in our dealings with many of
the students and students' organizat-
ions.

Once again thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,
The Registrar's Office.

Ps. I'm a little old but I still
believe in you, Santa.

----- You know who

Saint Mary's University
Dec. 26, 1964

Dear Mr. Claus;

On behalf of myself
and all those concerned
with the financial side of
things here at the bank
university, I would like to
express my thanks for the
tickets to the play "How To
Succeed in Business Without
Really Trying" now showing
on Broadway.

Thank you once again
The Office of the Bursar

Dear Santa;

Thank you for the aluminum
cards numbering 1-45, they have
proved very helpful in the marking
of papers.

We merely place the cards
on a flight of stairs. No. 1 at the
bottom step and so on until we
have no. 45 on the top step. Then
we stand back and cast the
papers at the stairs. The step on
which a paper lands indicates what
mark the student has acquired
Thanks again
The English Department

THE RAPE OF SOUTH AFRICA

By Charles K. Taylor



Not since the Nazi terror has any state so brazenly and ruthlessly violated the most basic of human rights and denied freedom to all its citizens in order to maintain its racist policy. That state is the Republic of South Africa and its policy is "apartheid".

Apartheid is the official policy of political, social, and economic discrimination and segregation enforced against non-whites.

The racist policy deprives the vast majority, 81% of a total population of 17,050,000 people the most basic of human rights. The franchise is extended to anyone who is eighteen and is one of the 3,250,000 whites. The remaining 13,800,000 Africans, Asians, and mixed-blood "coloreds" have no representation in the government.

Since the beginning of 1960, the formerly "open" universities have been forced to reduce annually the number of non-white students admitted. One result of this is that the non-white Medical School at Natal University is the only one in the country for prospective African medical students. It was estimated on the basis that one doctor is required for every 800-900 people, that there are over 14,700 doctors needed in South Africa. The Medical School at Natal can only accommodate 60 students per year and so the demand for doctors cannot be met. This does not only take away a man's right to an education but many children will die because there is no doctor to care for them. Infant death rate in 1961 per 1,000 live births for white children was 27.6, for Asians 43.3, for colored 126.8, and for Africans as high as 400 in some rural areas.

The policy of the South African government is to use the Africans as a cheap supply of labour. Africans doing the same work are paid a fraction of the wages of their white co-workers. Average monthly wages calculated from the figures published by the Transvaal and Orange Free State Chamber of Mines Annual Report for 1962 were \$20.80 for 392,000 Africans and \$294.00 for 48,639 Europeans. The cash wage of the African workers is about half the total cost to the company; the other half consisting of housing, food, and recruiting. The Chairman of the Bantu Wages and Productivity Association said on October 30, 1963 that the average monthly income of the heads of households was \$58.87 per month. In 45.8% of households the head is the sole breadwinner. The minimum family income needed for subsistence is calculated at \$64.40 per month.

POLICE BRUTALITY

The tortures employed by the Security Police make them the Gestapo of the Republic of South Africa. The 90-day Detention Law gives them the power of detaining anyone for 90 days in order to obtain information about alleged offenses. All these detainees are kept in solitary confinement. At least 60 people have been detained for more than 90 days. One man, Alfred Nze, was detained for 247 days. The cells are painted black and the

light is never turned off.

African detainees are subjected to the S.P.'s "special treatment". One of their specialties is to cover the victim's head with a sack, attach electrodes to his fingers and turn the current on and off. A "confession" is as cheap as electricity. As a result of this treatment Looksmart Ngudle committed suicide in his prison cell in September 1963 and Sipho James Tyitya in January 1964.

Six persons were admitted to mental hospitals after their release. Mrs. Norma Kitson was allowed to suffer from claustrophobia in her cell, her screams and pleas ignored until she slashed her wrists.

The S.P.'s have also devised the "statue" torture. The detainee is made to stand in a chalk square for periods ranging from 7 to 57 consecutive hours. If they faint they are revived and made to stand. Norman Levy stated that despite the medical certificates submitted by his wife attesting to his cardiac complaint that his interrogation continued for 42 consecutive hours.

Detainees cannot bring evidence to Court of their ill-treatment while they are detainees and when they are charged the methods of obtaining "information" from them cannot be used as evidence in their defence. 26 former detainees alleged they had been kicked and beaten. The Minister of Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. B.J. Vorster said, "It is not a very nice thing to see a human being broken, I have seen it. . . . The man taking these powers must take the responsibility for them." The responsibility must not lie only with the men who use the 90-day Detention Law to commit such outrages, but also with the government which legislated the necessary machinery, facilitating such inhuman practices.

BLOOD AND IRON

The defence and security budget presented by Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd for the 1964-65 fiscal year was the equivalent of \$362.7 million. \$294 million to strengthen the army, navy, and air force, and \$68.7 million for the national police. The country intends to have 145,000 men under arms before the end of the year. The national police are responsible for the

security of the government's policy of apartheid. At last count they had 29,646 men, 429 riot trucks, 80 armored cars, 210 dogs, tear gas and automatic weapons. There is a police reserve of 6,000 men. They enforce the race policy of the Republic of South Africa. The South African government claims the money is being expended to give them a bigger "fist" to head off the chance of an internal uprising by the country's black majority.

The army 19,000 regulars and some 6,000 in an active reserve. The government has recently expressed an interest in a French medium tank. The first automatic rifle was recently completed in South Africa. It is of Belgian FN design, 7.62 mm. caliber. It is the one that Verwoerd is holding in the picture.

The strength of the Navy is not questioned. It consists of 3 anti-submarine frigates the President Pretorius, President

Mark II's, a naval jet. The South African government has a squadron of North American F-86 jet fighters reportedly made in Canada. They also boast at least 62 American C-47 prewar American Trainers, now fitted with rocket and bomb racks and at least 50 Alouette II & III jet helicopters bought from France. Accepting a present of the first automatic rifle to be completely manufactured in the Republic, Dr. H.F. Verwoerd said: "I appreciate that we could never have arrived at this stage without the help of our FRIENDS overseas." The Premier receives the rifle from the Minister of Defence, Mr. J.J. Fouché.

Can there be any doubt in the minds of Verwoerd's "friends overseas" as to how these weapons will be used. The South African government claims that the recent arms buildup will give them a bigger "fist" to head off the chance of an internal uprising by the country's black

Africans call it, also has space for his taxes receipt and a list of previous arrests. If an African is found without his passbook he can be fined or imprisoned.

The demonstration was passive. About 20,000 Africans turned up at the Sharpeville police station without their passbooks and demanded to be arrested. The plan was to peacefully force the government to revoke the law. Reinforcements were rushed to the police station; 130 police supported by four Saracen armoured cars. The crowds were buzzed by Sabre jets and Harvard Trainers in an attempt to scatter them. The people threw stones at the armoured cars. Three policemen were struck with stones.

The "fist" struck at 1.20 p.m. The police under the command of Police Commander G. D. Pienaar hit the crowd with a spray of bullets from revolvers, rifles, and Sten guns. The first



Kruger, and President Steyn all built in British Yards, 2 former British destroyers fitted as helicopter carriers, 3 former British frigates, 10 costal minesweepers, and 6 patrol launches.

They have a squadron (17) French Mirage III-CS, delta winged fighters with top speeds of over 1,500 mph. Britain has sold S.A. four Westland Wasp helicopters and an undetermined number of Blackburn Buccaneer

majority.

The brutal use of this "fist" even when it was comparatively weak shocked the world on March 21, 1960 at Sharpeville, 28 miles southwest of Johannesburg. The Africans at Sharpeville were demonstrating against the law requiring them to carry passbooks which lists their name, birthplace, tribe, and contains his picture and serial number. This "passport to nowhere" as the

bullets cut down a woman in a store and a ten-year old boy fell to the ground. Terrified the crowd turned their backs on the bullets and ran. Left behind were 200 wounded and over 70 dead, many of them shot in the back.

Police Commander G. D. Pienaar's comment, "My car was struck by a stone. If they do these things, they must learn their lesson the hard way."

WHAT SORT OF HYPOCRITES ARE WE?

In November of 1962, the United Nations urged it member nations to effect economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa. It was hoped that by such sanctions the cancerous growth of racist policies in South Africa could be starved into submission. Six nations voted against this resolution Number 1761. These "friends overseas" as Dr. Verwoerd calls them, were; Great Britain, the largest investor in South Africa, the United States, the second-largest investor in South Africa, France, the third-largest investor in South Africa, Spain and Portugal, which still have colonies in Africa, and of course the Republic of South Africa. Although Canada voted in favour of the resolution are we any better. Even though we may condemn the racist policies, the inhumanity, and suppression of basic human rights in the Republic of South Africa, we continue to aid that government in its rise to power.

Canada's Domestic Exports to the Republic of South Africa.

1960	\$52,655,000
1961	\$37,819,000
1962	\$37,525,000
1963	\$49,610,652 (January to September)
1964	\$53,423,315 (January to September)

Canada's Imports from the Republic of South Africa.

1960	\$11,482,000
1961	\$12,202,000
1962	\$16,952,000
1963	\$ 7,662,380 (January to June)
1964	\$12,275,557 (January to June)

Those are the facts. What are we going to do about them?

MIND YOUR SPEECH

PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

THEN TEAR IT OUT AND PLACE IT IN ONE OF THE BOXES PROVIDED AT THE CANTEENS OF BOTH M.S.V.C. AND S.M.U.

1. WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND? M.S.V.C.
S.M.U.
 2. DO YOU FEEL THAT THE RESULTS OF THE LAST SET OF EXAMS AT S.M.U. ARE AN INDICATION OF AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF THE INSTITUTION?
YES NO DON'T KNOW
 3. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ST. MARY'S BECOMING CO-ED?
IN FAVOR AGAINST
 - 4a. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT AN AMALGAMATION OF SAINT MARY'S AND THE MOUNT?
IN FAVOR AGAINST
 - 4b. IF NOT IN FAVOR WHY?
 5. IF THERE IS TO BE AN AMALGAMATION OF THESE INSTITUTES, DO YOU THINK THAT AN ENTIRELY NEW UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE FORMED? EX. THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX?
YES NO DON'T KNOW
 6. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT A CO-ED ST. MARY'S WITHOUT THE MOUNT?
IN FAVOR AGAINST
 7. CAN YOU FORSEE A "UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX" (DAL, KINGS, ST. MARY'S AND TECH) IN THE NEAR FUTURE?
YES NO CAN'T FORSEE
 8. DO YOU THINK SUCH A UNIVERSITY IS DESIRABLE?
YES NO DON'T KNOW
 9. DO YOU FEEL THAT LOYOLA OF MONTREAL HAS THE FIRST CHOICE OF JESUIT PROFESSORS AND ST. MARY'S MUST "MAKE DO WITH THE LEFTOVERS"?
YES NO DON'T KNOW
 10. DO YOU FEEL YOUR PHILOSOPHY COURSES ARE BEING TAUGHT ADEQUATELY?
YES NO NO OPINION
 11. DO YOU ENJOY READING THE JOURNAL MORE THIS THAN LAST YEAR?
YES YES YES
- IF A WRITE-IN NO PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY



Pictured above are (from the left), Paul Dyer, Pat Hickey, and David Bulger as they prepare for the upcoming production of the Dramatic society entitled "The Matchmaker". Mr. Bulger is this year's president of the dramatic society and he has already succeeded in producing a most successful workshop which was held last semester. At present Mr. Bulger is casting for his next production. The play requires seven male and seven female leads. The seven female leads will be filled by the girls from the convent who have already proven their acting ability by their performances in last semester's workshop. The dramatic society hopes as many students as possible will attend "The Matchmaker" and it is billed as being a most entertaining evening.



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SPORTS REVIEW

S.M.U. Huskies vaulted into a commanding 4 point lead in M.I.B.A. action during the past eight days. The Maroon and White recorded lopsided wins over Dal Tigers and Mount A. Hawks while losing out in a close contest to the Axemen from Acadia.

In the first of the three games Coach Goodwin's Huskies whipped the Hawks of Mount A. 102 - 71. With the outcome never in doubt from the opening jump the Huskies opened up a 19 - 9 lead, by the end of the first quarter. At the end of the half the starting five of John Russell Buzz McHale, Jack McCarthy, Jim Daniels, and Ed Brandt had built up a cushion of 23 points with the score 44 - 21. Going into the final 10 minutes of play the fast breaking Huskies held a commanding 72 - 40 lead over the Sackville squad. Jack McCarthy filled in brilliantly for injured Rick Dougherty coming through in clutch situations for a total of 16 points. Jim Daniels' 14 Buzz McHale's 17 Ed Brandt's 23 and John Russell's 18 points were more than enough to give the Huskies the win.

On Wednesday night before a packed gym of solid Huskie supporters the Huskies dropped a real thriller 77 - 72 to the Axemen from Acadia.

The Huskies tendency to foul, (although at times one would wish for a clearer definition of the term "foul" from the men in black and white) would seem to have cost them the game. St. Mary's outscored the Axemen in the field goal department by completing three more than their opponents but the Huskies committed almost twice as many fouls, and that along with a second quarter offensive lapse spelt defeat for the Huskies. A team cannot commit fouls to that degree against Acadia with a player like Konchalski waiting to take advantage. Credit must be given to the fine coverage job of Konchalski by Jim Daniels (sore ribs anyone).

After the fast breaking Huskies jumped into an early 16 - 7 lead Coach Goodwin slowly watched his players offensive punch peter out. The Axemen

came on strong and managed a 16 - 15 quarter time lead which they fashioned into a four point, 35 - 31 bulge at the half.

Playing an unexciting, ball control brand of game the ever cautious Axemen hung onto their slim spread which got as close as a single point on three occasions in the final exciting twenty. Key foul shots in the last minute of play put the game on ice for Acadia. Ed Brandt's 24 points was tops for the S.M.U. squad while John Russell, Rick Dougherty and Buzz McHale each had scores in the double figures.

After getting off to a poor start early in the game St. Mary's overcame a six point quarter time deficit at the hands of a fired up Dalhousie club and took complete command of the game in the final eight minutes of the first half. Getting off to a fast start in the second half the Huskies scored three straight baskets and never found themselves in serious trouble after that as their pressing game kept the Tigers off their opening quarter pace. Going into the final ten minutes St. Mary's had stretched their lead to 19 points with the score 69 - 50. Final score 96 - 78 in favour of S.M.U. John Russell's outstanding performance of 38 points was tops for the squad. John got his points on 17 field goals and four foul shots. He also picked off 20 rebounds. Pivotman Ed Brandt's 22 points and 27 rebounds were instrumental in setting up of the fast break pattern. Jim Daniel's 12, Jack McCarthy's 10, Buzz McHale's 6 Rick Dougherty's 8 points rounded out the scoring for the Santamarians.

As my "Player of the Week" I have chosen Ed Brandt the 6'6" sophomore center from Norristown, Pa. who has been turning in excellent performances for the Huskies in all the games played this season. In the past three games Ed has scored a total of 67 points as well as setting a new school conference record when he plucked 29 rebounds off of the boards against Mount A. (pretty good for a guy with a bad knee)

Interclass B-Ball In Full Swing

For the past two weeks now the gymnasium has echoed every Sunday night from the loud shouts of Cos Morandos and the many class fans as Interclass Basketball gets underway at Saint Mary's.

Both day and resident students have teams representative of the individual classes. Day hop action takes place every Sunday afternoon. That league seems to be a toss up to date. Next issue will carry a more detailed report on standings and top scorers.

In the residents students division, there is a race going on for first place. The seniors, freshmen and sophomore teams each hold one loss and two wins. The sophomore team seems to be pretty well out of the picture with three losses in as many starts.

Big guns for the individual teams are: for the freshmen, Erwin Benner, Mike Gallagher, and Ted Purnell; for the Sophomores 'Shoes' Mastroanni; for the Juniors, Owen Dunn and Rog Henderson; For the seniors; Charley Salinetti, John Schneider, Gerry Hurley and Brian Murphy.

Action begins again this Sunday night when the Juniors trying for their first win of the season go against the seniors. Sunday night will also see the freshmen clashing with the sophomores.

PINBALL TILT

In the tradition of flag pole sitting, twenty-four hour basketball games, bed pushing, telephone booth cramming, rocking chair contests and shower dunking, Saint Mary's has added yet another page to the book of endurance contests.

Two Saint Mary's students, Pat Hickey and Bob Murphy, and one Dalhousie student, Howie Tishman, will step before the pinball machines this coming Monday and attempt to set the world's record for the longest period of time any team has played a pinball machine.

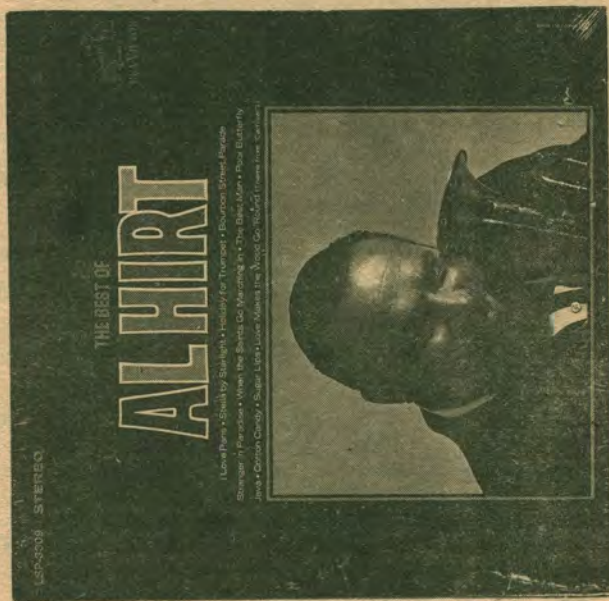
The courageous trio attempt to perform this feat at the Continental Restaurant, on Barrington Street. Beginning Monday, the boys hope to last until Winter Carnival begins on Thursday.

Marathon B-Ball

Starting Friday at 3:30 p.m., two teams will attempt to set the record for the longest basketball game on record. The two teams, the HAY-HAWS and the WHAT-NOTS, will take the court and try to break the fifteen hour record set by two teams in Baltimore.

The HAY-HAWS have in their lineup; capt. Dave Smith, Fred Feeney, Ralph Berigan, Dave English and Greg Tanner. The WHAT-NOTS are comprised of capt. Dave Laurence, John Mullane, Barry Inglis, Cos Morandos and Wayne Bennet. There will be no substitutions.

Five cents admission will be charged to help pay for the lights. Officials will be needed.



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