



# Varsity Show Is Scheduled For Playhouse

## Students Deliver Excellent Talks Before Large Audience

On April 5th, the educated Catholic youth of this city expressed itself freely on the modern social problems of today. At a modern public speaking contest between Mount Saint Vincent and St. Mary's College held at the Nova Scotian Hotel under the auspices of the Halifax Catholic Women's League, J. Guy Renner of St. Mary's emerged as victor.

With clear systematic reasoning and Christian logic, intellectual criticism and strong condemnation were brought against communism, divorce, modern materialism, immortality of the stage and goddess education as the six college students presented their ten minute addresses.

On the completion of the addresses each contestant was given a question pertaining to his or her subject and was required to present a three-minute impromptu talk on this question. It was with these talks rather than with the prepared major speeches that the individual showed his knowledge on current world events and his ability as a public speaker.

Mr. Justice Carroll presided and the judges were Dean Vincent MacDonald, of the Dalhousie Law School, Dr. C. S. Campbell and A. J. Halliburton.

Mr. Renner, the prize winner in speaking on "The Need for Catholic Action" stressed the necessity for a

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## Large New Library Opened Last Week

A milestone in Santamarian progress, an epoch in the history of St. Mary's, the grandest development within many years—the New Library. On Thursday, March 31, it opened, a lasting, rich memorial to Bro. Lannon.

Only three months ago work was begun on the building of the room, and today we own a choicely-stocked, up-to-date library. It will be open each day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

It's a very large, airy room, tastefully finished in subdued colours. The seven big windows ensure perfect lighting. Several tables, desks, and comfortable pieces of furniture have just been installed. One unbroken wall is completely lined with book-shelves, while stands and smaller racks are placed in other convenient places, leaving plenty of space for more and more book stands which we hope to install and fill as time goes on.

The library so far consists of twenty-three hundred volumes, classified and arranged in orderly systems. No fiction has been included as yet.

The completion of this larger library will be the cause of a revolution in our studies. The greatly increased facilities for mass reading will mean the assignment of much more outside reading in each subject, especially in Philosophy, English, and History.

It also opens up an avenue through which friends of St. Mary's can prove their worth. Many, many more books are needed. As a matter of fact several kindly donations have already been made. And this year's graduating class, following the time-honoured custom of leaving behind a really useful gift for the College, have decided to present to the new library a line of books.

At last we've got a library that has been sorely needed by the College for a long time. Let's help to make and keep it a library to be proud of. (See picture, page three)

## Commerce Study Club Holds Final Meeting

The activities of the commerce Study Club under the direction of Prof. H. G. Beazley terminated on March 28th. The Club had chosen as its topic of discussion present affairs in Europe and America and many pleasant and interesting meetings were held. At each meeting a different member took a phase of present world affairs that he was interested in and led the discussion. The latest magazines and periodicals were used as texts and as a result the topics were fresh in the minds of the members.

At the last meeting the discussion was about the Austrian situation and the executive and members wish to thank Mr. D. J. Mackey of the Engineers who so kindly drew a map of Europe so that the events could be better traced.

## Boarders Sponsor Daily Drawing

Some time ago Bro. Lannon acquainted the boarders with the fact that he had on hand sixty copies of Msgr. McGrath's famous book—"The Dragon At Close Range." Now, Msgr. McGrath is certainly well-known and thoroughly admired

around here. He paid us a visit two years ago on his last trip home. We've all been following with interest and anxiety the accounts of his present grave predicament in Shanghai. So Bro. Lannon scarcely needed to give us a pep-talk to awaken in willing listeners real sympathy for our friend and his fellow missionaries who are in such desperate want. Everyone is ready and willing to do something, and selling these books is an admirable idea.

The President offered suggestions as to ways and means of selling them for Msgr. McGrath and called for nominations for a committee to be comprised of two Seniors, one Junior, one Sophomore, one Freshman, and one High School man. This executive, which was to assume control of the campaign, resulted in the following: Jack Murphy, Joe Foohey, Dermot O'Keefe, Scotty MacDonald, Mike Fitzpatrick, and Harry Inder. And the drive began.

These, backed-up manfully by the rest of the Boarders, have been turning the place upside down ever since. By dint of blazing advertisement and persistent, "go-get-him" salesmanship—eleven books have been raffled off in five days, and thirteen more have been sent around and sold outright. Worthy of special mention is Lyall (Spud) Murphy who sent home no less than five books to be disposed of by lottery.

Now, fresh sales-schemes are being devised and the books are continuing to go strong.

"The Dragon At Close Range", spiced with vital human interest, depicts vividly and revealingly the kind of life a Chinese Missionary is faced with. It's a swell book, and it's a great cause. The price is one dollar each. How about asking your fathers and mothers to buy a copy? Wouldn't it be great if we could send sixty dollars along to Msgr. McGrath?

## Covering The Cadets

With all due respect to our genial O. C. and the authority he represents we feel that once again we must infringe on the well-known Cor. 438 of K.R. & O. (King's Regulations and Orders). Although we are violating the law as it is set down in its literal form there can hardly be any offence taken at the nature of the infringement.

We refer to the general inspection of the N.S.T.C. C.O.T.C. contingent, held recently by Brigadier General Boak. Our congratulations are extended to the St. Mary's Battery which, although acting independently of the senior and more experienced Tech battery presented a fine display of skill, alertness and discipline. It shows the interest and pride that the fellows take in their unit and it also bespeaks efficiency for our officers.

To the casual observer, the inspection presented a wonderful display of efficiency and coordination—the rhythmic tramp of marching feet as two hundred feet echoed perfect timing on the floor of the historic Armouries—one hundred palms slapping as one on rifle straps as the trumpeter sounded the "Present Arms" and the officers waved their swords in their colorful salute—the sharp clear voice of the G. P. O. (Gen-position officer) piercing the silence of the huge armouries, conveying complete yet brief orders to the awaiting gun crews; then as those four eighteen-pounders swung into action sighting on an imaginary machine-gun nest, the order came down—"Fire"—as one gun, these four cracked their reply, with firing pins snapping harmlessly in empty guns.

All this and much more external efficiency did the surface observer notice, but there was another type of audience who viewed that parade, an audience who remembering the vivid and bloody past, gazed into the future, vainly piercing the clouds of obscurity in an endeavor to ascertain the future lot of those marching youth.

Here they stand today, one hundred strong, symbolizing the young men of our nation. They are not tramps nor failures nor human derelicts—the result of vice and despair. No! their dawn is just breaking. They are intelligent, every man college bred; their eyes are to the future, their ambition almost superhuman; their ideals are high and their ideas of life as yet untainted by a perverted world.

And yet what has this world to offer today to these men of tomorrow, to the cream of our cultivation? With such a tense condition of unrest and bitterness prevalent as it today—with powerful and perfidious dictators defying the world at large—with the ominous clouds of war and hate slowly but surely o'ershadowing our universe, the future is anything but bright and so as these young men step into this world of today we can only say May God be with them.

Of late there has been a rumor prevalent around the college that the unit is destined for the command of a new O.C. How far this rumor has become a reality in official circles we do not know, but we would suggest that until official orders are posted there is only ONE O. C. What is most disconcerting about this rumor is the air of mystery that permeates the whole issue. Official orders even seem to be conflicting. Will some authoritative person kindly remove the obscurity?

## With The Engineers

Once again the Engineers have come to the fore in the field of extra-curricula activities, using their natural gifts in the interests of the various organizations within the college. On previous occasions nothing was ever heard and very little even known of the lengthy periods of time and sometimes personal inconvenience that a certain few gentlemen of artistic talent spent in gratifying the interests and wishes of others. In many cases even the little word "thanks" was not forthcoming from the non-appreciative employer of this talent. They took it for granted that these talented fellows were only too glad to be at the "beck and call" of every Tom, Dick, and Harry.

Now we have thought it only proper to give these fellows a break and allow the outside world, along with us, to sing their praises.

By the way, have you seen that Old English printing on the A.A.A. College Athletics Certificates? Well, don't you think its just about perfect? Did you notice all those fine lines and those perfectly-formed letters. There's not a blot or a mistake in the sixteen certificates. Now that was a long and tedious job, and it certainly merits the appreciation not only of the A.A.A. executive, but also of every athlete who receives the award. So fellows give a hand for Jimmie Spruin, that stellar athlete and perfect gentleman of the Engineering Department. And by the way have you noticed the printing on the cases and presses in the Physic's Lab? Well Jim is the designer of those also. Do you remember that A.A.A. thermometer placard signed "Engineer Etching"? Well that was one of Jim's best jobs this year and it certainly wasn't his fault that didn't have the desired effect. And by the way, Jim has a brother Doug who is always able and willing to lend a hand in the artistic field. He has aided the A.A.A. this year with many publicity signs and placards. And as to the Spruin brothers—Blondie and Red we say "thanks a million" and keep up the good work.

We pass on now to another Engineer—that genial lad with the perpetual smile—Doug Mackey. Doug is always ready with a brush in one hand and a pen in the other, to dash off a sign or two for this society or that society, and with no thoughts for remuneration whatsoever. Perhaps that is why his kindness is abused sometimes. Doug is the author and sole owner of Science Signs Incorp. To attain this important post, he had first to successfully operate the subsidiary companies of Junior Engineering Publicity Department and Senior Engineering Publicity Department.

One of Doug's masterpieces has been on display in the college for quite some time. We refer to that ornamented heading on the C.O.T.C. notice board. That is a beauty. Doug has also been a great asset to the A.A.A. this year, always obliging with a publicity sign when asked. His latest artistic venture is by boosting the coming college play. Good luck, Doug and may we extend to you a general vote of thanks for your many kindnesses.

The C.O.T.C. camp will be held as usual at Sandwich Battery from May 22nd to 30th, at least this is your correspondent's information to date. The hoped-for trip to Petawawa seems to have slowly faded into deep oblivion. Ah well, such is the well laid plans of mice and men.

## Tolson, MacDonald To Share Top Spots in Dramatic Show

### Will Publish Special Issue

At the request of a large number of high school students a special high school issue of the Journal will be presented in the latter part of May. This issue will be written almost entirely by the high school students themselves. It will be edited by several members of the college staff. Students in the high school are asked to send in their contributions as early as possible. This issue will be a fine souvenir for the Matriculation students who this year complete the course of high school studies. This issue is being presented for the benefit of the high school and their whole-hearted cooperation is needed if this undertaking is to be a success. College students and subscribers will receive their copies by mail.

## Tau Gamma Gets Ready For Election

Tau Gamma Sigma Society will resume activities soon with a meeting to prepare for the annual meeting, which is to be held in the Easter term as set forth in the society's constitution. Mr. Corcoran, the President, on being interviewed, refused to speak for publication, and is keeping his plans secret. It is expected, however, that one or two social events will feature the final term as well as the business meeting. At the latter the election of next year's officers will take place. It is predicted that Brian O'Connell, runner up for last year's presidential honors, will be again a strong contender.

As the annual meeting is the only time when amendments to the constitution may be made, the President wishes to warn the members to be prepared for such. It is desirable that the amendments submitted be in proper form, and should be, if possible, discussed beforehand in order to obtain the most precise form.

The meeting will probably be held at such a time that the graduates may attend. Many questions, however, await the decision of the preliminary meeting.

## Frosh, Sophomore To Meet in Final Debate

Featuring very forceful addresses and bits of oratory the Sophomore Arts class has finished its annual debates. Each debate was closely contested and the margin of victory very slim. The captains of the winning teams were Gerald Scallion, Gerald Murphy, and Gerald Moffat.

It has been said that the Freshman class of this year is a cinch to defeat the Sophs in their yearly meeting, but your author begs to differ and states that if the Freshman team is going to defeat the Sophs they had better be very good, for those fellows aren't going to be licked easily.

The Sophs are pinning their hopes on such stalwarts as Bill Grant, Gerald Scallion, Joe Nunn, and Gerald Kelly. From these along with three or four others will be picked three men who will present a formidable barrier against the hopes of the ambitious Freshmen.

"The Varsity Show's rehearsing Today at three o'clock!"

In fact it's rehearsing all the time. In every corner of the building you hear various, melodious, commingling strains of soft harmony emanating from the Glee Club, Orchestra, Quartet, etc., etc., all vigorously competing for the supremacy—and through it all we can distinguish the beautiful enunciation of the members of the Play as they soar to the heights of histrionic perfection—or else.

Brother Keough, the master of ceremonies, has definitely announced the when and where—the Theatre Arts Guild on Thursday and Friday nights, April 21st and 22nd respectively,—and when we say 'announced' we mean blazoned forth to the high heavens and the four winds. Posters can be seen all over the city, on street-cars, on "Past No Bills" fences, everywhere. The artistic author of the big sign on the Bulletin Board is William Ryan, Freshman Engineer. Don Campbell of Freshman Arts is the creator of the second one. Brother Keough really seems to have adopted as his creed the title of the play: "It Pays to Advertise".

The drama to be presented, three-act, ultra-modern, intellectual and farcical comedy, is without doubt going to top the list in entertainment and make the presentations of former years look very amateurish. The Director, Mr. Jack Lynch, B.A., has succeeded in moulding his cast into fine shape. After several trials, the "Dramatis Personae" is now definite and here's the line-up: John MacDonald, Bernie Tolson, Thomas Connolly, Michael Fitzgerald, Jack (Continued on Page Two)

## Graduation Slated For Nova Scotian

For some time past the student body in general and the graduating class in particular have been wondering where this year's Convocation activities would be held. The building of the new library necessitated the using of a considerable portion of the large College auditorium. Thus, the auditorium which in former years couldn't accommodate the crowds that attended the annual Convocation activities, will be too small for this year's graduation.

Consequently this function will be held outside the College. The Journal recently learned that it is planned to conduct the graduation ceremony in the main ballroom of the Nova Scotian Hotel. While it is generally regretted by the student body that such a move is necessary, still they will be pleased to learn of the selection.

The splendid library, procured through the tireless efforts of Rev. Brother Lannon, is an achievement of which we are justly proud. Its need has long been felt by the students, and though it means going outside the College for the last function of their college days, still it is well worth it.

It is to be hoped that sometime in the near future St. Mary's will be in a position to erect a much needed building. At the present time lack of sufficient lecture rooms is a major problem at St. Mary's. So, though the seniors will this year receive their degrees outside the college, perhaps the graduates of tomorrow will receive theirs in the auditorium of a new and bigger St. Mary's.





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**THE IRISH CHRISTIAN BROTHERS**

In past years it has been our custom to publish an issue of the Journal on St. Patrick's Day. This year, however, due to circumstances entirely beyond our control, we were unable to follow this custom.

The St. Patrick's day issue usually carried an editorial dealing with the Apostle to Ireland. The editorial column also carried a humble tribute to other lesser apostles who came to Halifax to shepherd the same faith in our local youth and supplement it with the education that our changing world demanded. We refer, of course to the Irish Christian Brothers.

While their labor and zeal is appreciated, still it is seldom that the students express this appreciation through the medium of the press. These men have labored in our midst since 1913. They have toiled zealously in our behalf. Sometimes perhaps the student body has not been fully appreciative on their difficult task; sometimes they have forgotten the sacrifice made for them but they always repent of this forgetfulness.

The success of the Brothers is clearly manifested by the way they endeared themselves to the Santamarian hearts and by the fact that we too have added to their numbers.

The St. Patrick's day issue wasn't printed but we feel that we would be sadly neglecting our obligations if we failed to make mention of the Christian Brothers of Ireland. So in this issue we pay our respects and express our gratitude for all they have done for us.

This editorial itself may seem rather poor but the sentiments it expresses come from the heart. May success continue to crown the efforts of the Brothers, not only here at St. Mary's but in every institution where Catholic youth seek their counsel. May God bless their undertaking and aid them in their difficult task.

**IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE**

On April 21st and 22nd, the long awaited Dramatic show will be presented. This offering was prepared only through strenuous work on the part of the performers and directors alike. Day after day students selected to fill the various roles in the performance, have returned after class hours and practiced under the watchful eyes of Rev. Bro. Keough and Mr. Jack Lynch until they have completed an entertainment that promises to be an outstanding success.

However the whole hearted support of the student body is needed. Students should make every effort to attend as well as disposing of several tickets outside the college. This is a student undertaking and it is only right that those who are not taking part in the performance should show their appreciation for the efforts of those who are taking part in this show. The play itself is entertaining and interesting. Remember the dates and be sure to attend!

**A REAL TEST—A FINE DISPLAY**  
(Contributed)

The Debate and the Elocution Contest have been, and always will be, a valuable and necessary part of training at St. Mary's, but as a test of knowledge and power of expression we are afraid they must step aside and make way for the latest innovation—the Modern Public Speaking or Declamation Contest. This type of contest as recently conducted by that active organization, the Catholic Women's League, is, in our humble opinion, a far more searching and decisive test of the orator and scholar than the older types of contest could ever hope to be. Not only is the student watched by competent judges for all the recognized refinements of oratory but in addition he or she is subjected to cross-examination by these judges and the student's knowledge of his or her subject matter is thus revealed. The emphasis has been taken off memory and placed on knowledge and that is as it should be.

Perhaps however, the most notable fact concerning the recently conducted contest lies in the knowledge that two of our leading Catholic Institutions met in competitive oration on topics that should be of paramount importance to every Catholic. The large number of Catholics in attendance were given an excellent opportunity to witness the work of education and Catholic action that is daily going forward in these institutions. In a contest of this type in which such institutions as Mount Saint Vincent and St. Mary's engage, Catholics are given an excellent chance to view, in the making the leaders of tomorrow's Catholic ranks. If the sight doesn't thrill them and fire them with a desire to rally to the support of such projects and such institutions, then it has been in vain. This sort of thing is the very essence of Catholic action—it can suffer neither from repetition nor from support.

It is with a good deal of pleasure that we congratulate the Catholic Women's League, the judges, the contestants and all others who in any way contributed to the success of such an excellent endeavour. To J. Guy Renner, who so ably upheld the reputation of St. Mary's and won in the face of such splendid opposition we pay special tribute.

B. O'C.

**THE CLOSE OF LENT**

Before the next Journal makes it appearance the Holy Season of Lent will have drawn to a close with the joyous celebration of that most glorious of all Church feasts—The Resurrection. Since this is the case, we wish to take this opportunity of wishing to all our readers, a Happy and Blessed Easter.

**Rambling Around**

In the last issue we asked the readers to comment on this column. The comments received were as varied as they were numerous. Some thought we should change the name of the column. We tried to think of a more suitable name but we could not find one. Some suggested we use "Little Acorns" as the head. While we liked this idea, still we felt it would be doing an injustice to the former writer of this column. Mr. Brian O'Connell—the former Editor and author of this "Little Acorns"—succeeded in having in his column, humor, yet not too much humor. It was personal, yet not too personal and informal. In other words, "Little Acorns" was just about the best column you could find in any college publication. So you see this feeble attempt at Journalism hardly merits that name. So we decided to hold the name we have for the present.

We would like to make mention of the article on "Glass" written by Doug Mackey and carried in the last issue of the Journal. In our humble opinion it was one of the most interesting articles we have read for a long time. Doug deserves plenty of credit for this work.

The name "Doug" reminds us that the Journal's proof reader felt quite embarrassed when he saw Doug Kline's name spelt Klive in the last issue. He didn't feel any better when we told him that penance and Journal were wrong too. Oh well, everyone makes mistakes once in a while.

We have received an unconfirmed report that Ron Wallace intends to form an S.M.C. club in Toronto. According to the report Ron is to be President, Bruce, Treasurer and George Hall, Secretary. We don't know how true this is but the three ex-students see quite a lot of each other in Toronto.

The Journal is now faced with a competitive and opposition paper in the school. We tried to think why anyone would wish to oppose the Journal. It can't be politics. The Journal is an independent paper and definitely refrains from political controversy. We don't think it started because the Journal doesn't carry Pop Eye and Mickey Mouse. No, it couldn't be that because the new paper hasn't got them either. We know it couldn't be that the Journal doesn't satisfy. (Quiet, please). Why the Editor and his staff are constantly besieged with the question: "When do we get the next Journal?" Of course we admit they never say why they want it. One high school student told us why. He wanted to purchase a good leather brief case. So he got the Journal, looked at our advertising section, and then marched down to Kelley's Limited, on Granville St. But when he bought the case he forgot to mention the Journal. Anyhow we still don't know why the other paper is printed.

Nevertheless, once a week this other paper rolls off the presses. Its name?? The Commercial Recorder. When one of our energetic (?) reporters endeavoured to learn something about this paper and its staff we found the commercial lads strangely silent. Finally we learned this much. The Recorder is printed once a week. When we asked on what day—anyday from Monday to Friday was our answer. We found that the commercial men don't believe in a small group controlling a paper. (I wonder if that was a crack). Every student is on the staff on the Recorder. Next we asked the number of pages. One, but the Journal only has four, was the answer. It seems the Recorder is printed on a sheet 8x8—standard type-writing paper. Only one copy of each issue is printed, so if you didn't get your last issue don't write the circulation department. If you had looked at your address label you would have seen your subscription had expired. Besides do you expect the lads to type all day just for you? So my dear readers we have announced the new paper. Our advertising rates are—oh, well, ask Mr. Scallion. Anyhow we gave them this space absolutely free—and it wasn't because we didn't have anything else to print.

The Editor has asked me to acknowledge contributions from the following students: D. J. Mackey, Jack Hanson, Neil Meagher, Ed. Morris, and Graham Dyer. Thanks, fellows.

**Orchestra Prepares For Annual Show**

Once again the orchestra is beginning to loom up into prominence from the heterogeneous mist of curricular activities. This year it promises neither the magnitude nor the quality of its predecessor, nevertheless it's beginning to shape up.

Mr. Hopewell, the competent conductor, waves his baton over Randolph Delancy at the piano; Harold Laurence and Laurie Hinch, violins; Wilf Coolen and Cyril Hoganson, clarinets; David Romans, saxophone; Greg Purcell, trumpet. Their ranks will later be considerably augmented by veteran and skilled members of the College orchestra.

The aim in view is the annual concert at which they will offer several renditions during intermissions. Their list of orchestrations is steadily growing and at each successive practice the individual instruments, showing heartening improvement, are blending ever more pleasingly.

By all evidences the coming concert is going to be a real achievement.

**Tolson, MacDonald—**

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Murphy, Marty Ney, Norman Ibsen, Robert Faulkner, James Fennessey, Donald Campbell, and Robie Cartile.

Brother Keough's Glee Club will be a highlight of the program. Their choicely selected repertoire is varied to suit every mood and every taste. The renditions range from the rollicking "Stouthearted Men" to the beautiful Schubert's "Serenade". And here's a real coup! Bro. Keough has succeeded in capturing as the official accompanist of the Glee Club at the concert, Mr. Cyril O'Brien, B.M., One of the most popular and talented directors of choral groups in the city. Mr. O'Brien, despite his many present engagements, very kindly and very willingly consented to so much for old St. Mary's, absolutely refusing remuneration. He can only come up once a week for rehearsals, but already he has put new spirit into the Glee Club. Besides being a masterly pianist, his experience in the direction of vocal harmony enables him to offer most useful constructive criticism in the "touching-up" process.

The College Quartet will make their last appearance at this concert. In May, Jack Murphy and Marty Ney will graduate; the Quartet breaks up, and "finis" will be written to many happy 'hours of harmony' they have spent together. They will present as their swan song an extra-beautiful arrangement of the haunting melody "Sylvia", Jack Murphy taking the first tenor, Marty Ney the second tenor, Dermot O'Keefe the baritone, and Bob Faulkner, bass.

Worthy of special mention on the business end of this grand undertaking is Mr. Frank Reardon, who has assumed the responsibility of collecting the ads for the programs. Gerald Sullivan and Joe Grandy will take over the job of "Props". The ushers will be: Graham Dyer, Harold Dyer and Alec Rossiter.

Brother Roth has taken on his capable shoulders the considerable task of managing the sale of tickets. And now the rest is up to you. Yes, You! Sell those tickets! Now! Remember we've only got a few days to get rid of them, because the tickets not sold must be handed in again on April 19th—if not, the holders will be responsible for the buying of them. This is not because we want the money, but because we want to make sure that the theatre will be filled on both night. Last year, tickets that were not turned in could have been sold at the door.

You are interested in St. Mary's. Your families are interested in St. Mary's. Your friends ought to be interested in St. Mary's. There should be no trouble selling tickets.

The following may not be an incentive, but we just mention in passing that on Sunday Brother Keough sold fifty tickets out at the Mount—magic word!

Now you will come! Let's go to work. Let's pack that house on both nights.

The Graduating Class, Arts, Commerce, and Science have decided to present a set of books to the Library as a graduation present. The books are expected soon and will be formally presented at some later date.

Well I guess that finishes our rambles for now. Don't forget we appreciate your comments and your news.

**St. Mary's C. O. T. C. Seeks Recruits**

Dear Freshman:

In two months you will have finished school for this year. When that time rolls around, you will have completed your first year as a College student and you will be preparing yourself for four months of holidays before returning to take up your studies for a second year. You will no longer be a "Freshman." But before school closes for this year, we want you to consider joining the C.O.T.C. of St. Mary's. As you probably know from reading the College Calendar, admission into the C.O.T.C. is limited to students of Sophomore year or higher. We are writing this letter so that if enlistment is being considered, and we hope it is, you will join us in May. By coming into the Unit then, you are not only able to come to Camp with us this year, but you enable yourself to obtain a better grasp of the work which will be given in the form of lectures, beginning next October. Canada maintains C.O.T.C. Units in colleges because it wants college-trained men as officers. Today, it is the college-trained man who must lead in the military as well as in the civil field. The C.O.T.C. in St. Mary's College has grown from about twenty-five members during the first year of its existence, to fifty-five, its present strength. This is about one-third of the College enrollment. It is our aim to receive at least twenty more Junior Cadets from this year's Freshman Class.

We are most anxious to have you, Freshmen, exercise your Sophomore privilege and join the C.O.T.C. It will be a pleasure for us to give you the cards, which, with proper instructions, you may fill in. Ask us for them.

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## High School Highlights

### MATRIC NOTES

The entire class wish to thank most heartily Rev. Br. Flannery for his hard work, and co-operation, as a result of which the "Rorum" has had an excellent ice surface during the entire season, for hockey and skating.

The members of the class salute Mr. Grandy and Mr. Aucoin for their fine performance in the Passion Play, recently presented at the Theatre Arts Guild Playhouse, in aid of the Foreign Missions.

The class has decided upon a novel idea, by which it hopes to increase the funds in the class treasury. The class has decided to enter a popular cross-word contest, conducted by a local newspaper, in the hope of acquiring additional funds with which to plan a better than ever "Outing" during the final term.

In a few weeks' time, Matric will prepare for the presentation of its annual paper, "The Matric Review". This year's edition promises to be better than ever, and the class is hoping for the co-operation of every other class, in order that the usual excellence of the paper be maintained.

Now that debates have concluded in the class, weekly discussions are held on important topics of the day. These discussions feature many arguments, and have served to bring out a number of fine speakers in the class.

Matric is anxiously awaiting the day when a team representing the class will debate with a team representing the Freshmen. Such a de-

bate has been the dream of many Matric classes, but this year it is to become a reality. In the recent class debates many excellent debaters were discovered, and the debate with Freshmen certainly promises to be closely contested.

### GRADE IX

As a result of the added application to study for the Easter Examinations just finished, great things are expected, including the surpassing of the results of the Christmas Exams.

Since our last notes were written three of our classmates have been selected by Bro. Regan to represent Grade Nine in the Oratorical Contest. The names are Harold Bede, John Lynch and Edmund Boyd. These boys have been outstanding in many ways at school-work during the year, so we hope they will fulfil our expectations when they meet in public contest.

In aid of the foreign missions the Grade Niners have had a raffle for three of "The Dragon at Close Range" books. All the boys showed a spirit of co-operation with the "Mission Enthusiasts" who got this idea of helping the missions afar.

Our last class meeting for this term was held during the week and we all agreed that it was the most successful meeting we had since we commenced. Great credit is due to the class executive for the efficient manner in which these and especially the last meeting came through. Great interest was shown by the members and there was no time lost in idle discussions.

## St. Mary's College Library



Miss Madeline Jones of Mount Saint Vincent who dealt with "Materialism and its Consequences." Miss Jones painted a vivid realistic picture of a materialistic cult invading the domain of the intellectual and spiritual through the medium of radio, literature and screen. She pointed out the consequences of such an invasion and appealed to her listeners to stand firmly on the foundations of Christianity.

Miss Marie Foran and Miss Lenore Pelham, both of Mount Saint Vincent spoke on "The Moral Responsibility of the Stage" and "The Menace of a Godless Education" respectively. In speaking of the stage, Miss Foran enumerated the countless writers who are today using the legitimate stage as a most instructive teacher and as a strong defence of Christian doctrines. Miss Pelham emphasized the importance of the spiritual in the training of children.

Messrs. John Redmond and Jack Murphy presented very instructive and interesting talks on "Communism, a Menace to Civilization" and "Leo XIII and the Laboring Man." Mr. Redmond vigorously denounced the communistic countries of Russia, Mexico and Spain, censuring them for their paganistic principles which have undermined and ruined former Christian countries. Mr. Murphy contrasted in a very able manner, the living conditions during the Domestic Period and the machine age following the Industrial Revolution, showing that to combat the degradation of society and morals came the famous "Rerum Novarum" of Leo XIII.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to these six college students who prepared so carefully the fine speeches they presented. These talks were the external expression of much research and study and realizing this we say to them that their endeavors were not in vain for judging from the attentive silence of the crowded auditorium on that night the fruits of their work were realized.

And to the Catholic Women's League may we express our sincere thanks for the long awaited opportunity for a combined and concentrated effort between the two Catholic Colleges of Halifax in the field of extra curricula activity. With the marked success of the pioneer venture we look to the future for a continuance of such functions not only of a scholastic but also of a social atmosphere.

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## MEMORY PARADE ALUMNI NEWS

It is established. That for which St. Mary's has yearned so long has become reality. The new library is open and ready for business. Now is the time, "Old Boys", to keep those oft-repeated promises and avowals of loyalty. Some of the members of the Alumni have already given very generously in the matter of books but we others must not be satisfied with this. Particularly do we refer to the "Graduates Society" which, at its annual meeting this year voted in favor of establishing a Graduate Department when and if the library came into being. Well it has come into being and as yet no move has been made. Perhaps it is a bit early to begin criticizing but there is no time like the present. Let's get busy now. Don't let the matter slide.

Another important item to which we would like to call attention is the presentation by the college dramatic society of the comedy, "It Pays to Advertise" which will take place shortly after Easter at the Theatre Arts Guild. This is another feature in the life of S.M.C. which we as Alumni should support one hundred percent and from what we know of the excellence of the entertainment prepared this year, it will be money well spent.

Now for some random shots.—Al. Renner, plant superintendent of the Maritime Paper Products—"Dud" Chisholm selling automobiles—Harry Burns expecting his flying licence this spring — Father MacPherson making a great success of the Catholic Boy's Club—Johnny Quinn preparing for another strenuous rowing season—Norm Stanbury prominent in business circles in St. John — Art and Cecil Hamilton working in Alberta—Pat Colgan engaged in a cotton mill in Yarmouth—Joe Flemming in the air force in Trenton, Ont.—John Dickey making a very valuable contribution to the new library — Len Halley getting his Doctor's Degree from Dublin University—Dr. Wilf Dyer appointed as Resident Physician attached to the

Surgery Department at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal—Father Jim Dyer, S.J., teaching at Loyola College in the same city — Omar Taylor a dentist in Sydney, C. B.—Greg. Lovett selling stocks—Ron and Bruce Wallace both in Toronto, one studying and one practicing Optometry—Quenton Walker, a member of the Permanent Force—Tom Chambers, a member of the Halifax Police Force—Frank O'Neill becoming a rabid curling fan — Jack Reardon selling typewriters—Gerald Hayes coaching the Junior Canadians—Phil Walsh getting a B.Sc. from Dal — Jack Dyer building himself a home in St. Catherines—Dick MacDonald married, and living in Sydney — Cyril Murphy, Sexton at St. Mary's Cathedral—Pat Falvey coaching St. Thomas Aquinas hockey team—Joe Jennings dressing window at Eatons — Jim Bates in New York studying to become a Brother—Jack Fullerton spending a few months in Chile, South America—Mat Mahoney working for Thompson & Adams Insurance Co.—Roy Edgar, hockey referee "deluxe" — Dave Redmond handling the lead in "A Fantasy of the Passion"—Rev. Father Neary, enjoying the sun at Bermuda—Bob Donahue employed on the Lady Hawkins — Abie Sumarah attending St. Dunstan's College—Rev. Father Smith, Parish Priest in Amherst.

Word comes from Canadian College at Rome that Greg Murphy, soon to be Father Greg, is doing remarkably well. He reports as being very happy and why wouldn't he be with all those European politics on all sides of him.

Father Don Murphy is at present engaged in teaching junior school at Southampton, England. A classmate of his, Frank Nealy is now in a Jesuit Seminary at Georgia.

We take the liberty of extending to all members of the Alumni, Bro. Lannon's invitation to visit the library and suggest that it will be well worth while to do so.

With these miscellaneous remarks we say adieu, until a future date.

### Students Deliver—

(Continued from Page One)

united Catholic effort against the paganism and immorality of our modern perverted world. He pointed out the evils prevalent in our world today showing the upheaval they have caused in peace and security and then went on to propose a remedy by the return of a godless world to Christianity. Dealing with the daily press he showed the unlimited facilities they had for good or evil and deplored the tendency of some to print false philosophy and dangerous propaganda.

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### Students Defeated In Second Match

St. Thomas Aquinas Students' Club suffered defeat in the second game of the series against the Young Men's Society of that parish. The students' team, composed of St. Mary's College students, had previously defeated the older and more experienced players to the tune of 30-16.

In the second match the students failed to overcome the slight lead of their opponents and dropped the game, 30-29. Ed. Smith and Marly MacDonald starred in both games, both registering many points for the students. Pat Flemming and Jack Christian were the best of the young men. Joseph Foohey, Marty Ney and Ed. Thomas acted as referees for the two games.

### A. A. A. Will Hold Annual Meeting

Mr. Frank Corcoran, President of St. Mary's Athletic Association, has announced the annual meeting will be held some time in the near future. Students are urged to consider the appointment of their various representatives. Mr. Corcoran, on being interviewed, pointed out the necessity of thoroughly knowing the society's constitution. Since this is the only time when amendments may be made, students should carefully prepare such amendments and be sure that the rules for amendments, as set down in the constitution are followed out. The complete constitution may be found on the sport page of the first issue of this year's Journal.

### Senior Arts Plan Outing

At a recent meeting of the Senior Arts Class it was decided to hold an outing after the conclusion of the final examinations. We were unable to learn before press time any details of this proposed event. However, it is generally believed that the seniors intend to stage this affair at Seabright.

However, the only definite news we could obtain was to the effect that several members of the other classes will be invited to attend. Should these plans materialize it will be the first time in several years that the entire senior Arts Class has held such an outing.

### Students Hear Fine Speech on Communism

On the 21st of March, the first day of spring, that season which is connotative of new life and ambition, the Mission Crusade Society met in the Auditorium and started spring off with a bang.

Mr. Corcoran, capable president of the society, reminded the students of the play "The Fantasy of The Passion" and earnestly exhorted all to attend the performance. He also read to the assembly parts of a very interesting letter which he had received from Rev. Father Strang, a missionary in China. Father Strang, who at one time was a pupil of Rev. Bro. Birmingham, moderator of the society, told of the many difficulties encountered whilst endeavoring to convert the Chinese. The picture he paints in his letter is far from being a pleasant one, and one that should open the heart of every Crusader to these poor missionaries.

The address for the day was given by Owen Quinn, who discussed "Communism". Mr. Quinn's speech was both educational and interesting. He explained different points concerning the Red Menace and showed the students how it has been steadily increasing on our continent. To prove his point he mentioned the great Communist meeting which recently took place in New York, at which close to seventy thousand were present.

Jack Murphy then drew the attention of the members to the sale of books on behalf of Msgr. McGrath who is trapped in war-torn Shanghai. The Crusaders were asked to cooperate in the sale of these books. Each day, if things go right, a book will be drawn for, until the supply is gone. This campaign has already started and the fellows are really backing it. The meeting concluded with a hymn.

### AWAIT RESULTS

The seniors are still patiently awaiting the results of the "A" certificate exams. From these results there should emerge a few new commissioned men—Let's hope so. However the work is not yet completed.



# CORCORAN COMMENTS

The Editor told me that I should make the column more personal. Of course, what the Editor says goes, so I shall tell you about my good friend, John Coombs, and what he has sent to the students of St. Mary's.

John Coombs is one of the greatest pitchers ever to have played in the Major Leagues (as if you had to be told). He was a super star on the Athletics when the pitching staff was made up of such greats as Plank, Bender, Waddell, etc. Coombs pitched the Athletics to several World's Championships and still holds records that have never been equalled. What made him one of the immortals of baseball, besides his ability, is exemplified by the fact that now as head coach of one of America's great universities he is still able to think of his friends and give them the benefits of his great knowledge of baseball. I have received a letter from Duke University, where Coombs is now coaching, containing a copy of the baseball exam which students in his class must pass. The exam covers all the fine points of the game and will be placed at the disposal of the student body by the Athletic Association. Students will derive great benefits from the wealth of information contained in the answers to the exam questions. Thanks, John, but remember I can still beat you at Russian Bank, so don't kid me too much for the idiotic answers I made to your questions on the exam.

Last month this column lauded the Athletic excellence of the Tech men. Your writer has often been accused of indulging in Spanish Athletics so the showing of Tech in the Maritime Intercollegiate Boxing trials brings a deep sense of satisfaction. The boys whipped together a four-man team and with little practice placed second in the trials. Had Tech sent one more representative of the calibre of the four they did send (and they could have, Don Kerr is only one man) they would have won the title. Monnon of Tech was the star of the meet and his room-mate Cadegan fared very well as did also another member of the team, Hickey.

President Wilkins of Oberlin College, after investigating twenty-two colleges, says that contrary to popular belief, football is a costly proposition to smaller institutions and not a source of revenue. Full corroboration of the above statement, which appeared in the Moncton Times, can be had by any student of St. Mary's simply by perusing the budget of the Athletic Association for the past year.

Brunnhilde to the rescue. Acadia Axemen recently slapped in on to the Mounties to the tune of 41-33 and thus won the Maritime title. Three days later the Mt. Allison Co-Eds came to bat for their defeated brothers and won the Maritime title in the Ladies Division by beating the Dalhousie girls 31-18. No. Mr. Editor, it was Basketball not War.

The proprietor of St. Mary's favorite rendezvous has once again come through with a hit. Mr. Russell has put up fine medals to be awarded each year to the winners of the City Intermediate High School Hockey League. St. Mary's won the medals this year, so now Russell's is tops not only for sodas, sundaes, magazines and "Bull Sessions" but also for medals.

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# BOYS IN BRIEF

When the Editor told me to write up one of the fellows I really did not know whom to select. I thought to myself, Bus Bulley is one of the best but why should I single him out? Then the answer came. Three years ago a young lady said to me, "I have never heard Bus Bulley speak anything but good of anyone." Thus, I decided to tell you something about a fellow I not only like but also respect.

Bus came to St. Mary's in 1929, and has since been distinguished as an athlete and a truly fine fellow. What has been said of him can now be changed and we can say, "I have never heard anyone speak anything but good of Bus Bulley."

Bus played hockey and rugby in High School and also served as High School Representative on the A.A.A. In College, he played Intermediate rugby and for four years starred as an Intercollegiate hockey player. Bus ranks as one of St. Mary's best hockey players and in his last season was Captain of the team. He has also won a handball championship so he can rightly be said to be one of St. Mary's all-star athletes.

This year Bus is President of the Engineers and thus gains the distinction of being leader of the best and most progressive class society in the College.

This is by no means a full line-up on Bus but his classmates do not have to be told what he has done or what he is like. All those who know him admire him greatly and feel sorry that this year will take him from our midst. You will not find a finer fellow. The perfect description of Bus is found in the lines of Dinnert, "There are kind, thoughtful men whose names will never be known to the world, but whose lives appear as masterpieces to those who knew them well." There fellows, you have Bus Bulley. St. Mary's proof that Cardinal Newman's type of gentleman is still with us.

## Handball League Promises Action

As the ice slowly melts in the Rorum, and the winter snows dissolve into tiny streams and as the ground gives up its frost and begins to dry, one senses that winter with all its sports has passed for another year. The days are gradually becoming warmer, and a few lovers of handball are again taking to the courts and loosening up muscles and joints for another season of that very popular sport.

To those who make handball their favorite recreation of Spring, it means that the leagues will soon be getting under way. These leagues provide, perhaps the greatest class rivalry of any Intra-Mural sport, because every class in the school is represented and each team wants to bring the Championship to its own class. The league, which was only instituted three years ago, has become very popular to player and spectator. Each year, enthusiasm has increased, and the gallery has grown from a few by-standers to almost organized cheering sections. The league provides its thrills and excitement, and the fact that a team may play way over their heads, or blow sky-high at a critical moment of a game all adds to the atmosphere of tension and suspense.

Last year Commerce defeated the pick of the College in a rather start-

## S. M. C. Represented On Canadians' Line-up

This year's edition of the Halifax Junior Canadians brought the first Junior Maritime Title to the Garrison City, and, while in Upper Canada, although playing against far more experienced teams, they gave a good account of themselves. Perhaps, one of the big reasons, why the team enjoyed such success, was the fact that it was coached by a Santamarian Graduate, and that five St. Mary's men performed on the team.

To Gerald Hayes, alumnus, Senate member, and hockey coach of St. Mary's goes a bouquet of congratulations for his achievement of developing the finest Junior team, the Maritimes have ever seen. It is a signal honor, both to Mr. Hayes and to his Alma Mater.

Vinnie Vaughan deserves a great hand for the sensational manner in which he tended the draperies during the season and we would like to have seen him in action during the play-offs. This is the first time that Vinnie ever donned the big pads, and your scribe is willing to bet that Vinnie has a future in his new position.

Ed. Coolen, who will go a long way in hockey, enjoyed a great season on the Candians rear-guard. Ed. was covered with bone-bruises all season but every time he bumped some opposing forward, he covered his unsuspecting opponent with similar bruises. Keep it up, Ed.

Mooney O'Connell, dished out his best brand of hockey yet, and while holding down right lane for the second line, he became one of the team's highest scorers. Ready, willing, and able, Mooney will make a name for himself before he is through.

Jerry Mulcahy and George West both contributed a great deal to the Canadians' success. With Jerry burning up left wing, and Georgie, weaving through the center lane, they both combined to become powerful scoring threats and feared marksmen.

Congratulations, boys, we're proud of you.

ing upset and minus two regulars, Reardon and Foley, they are out to make it two straight this year. Last year's Frosh, who proved such a source of discomfort to the Sophs, will attempt to lift the championship, and with MacDonald and Hinch as their leaders, they stand a good chance. The Juniors will be out for the pins with blood in their eye, and if "Sandy the Great" MacKay, can tear himself away from his Shakespeare studies, he may lead them to victory. Science, minus John Roue, but with the ever-steady Doug Spruin, and the erratic Pumble, will be a big threat to any team. The Engineers, both Junior and Senior, are, as usual, unknown quantities, while it is doubtful if Senior Arts will cause much trouble. Not much is known of the abilities of the Commercial Class, but they will put out a team that may possibly surprise everyone. Frosh are the biggest threat of any class, and with Bro. Doyle's coaching, they should be near the top at the conclusion of the league.

It is to be hoped that the league will commence as soon as possible, for with the late Easter season, and the exams following immediately after, the players may be hard pressed for time. But in the meantime, it would be advisable for all would-be participants to get out and limber up, for, Spring is here to stay!

## Interclass Baseball League Abandoned?

Is the College Baseball League to be revived this season? Will the students support such a league if organized? Would the Athletic Association offer pins for the winning team?

Since the warm days have arrived, these questions have been assailing the baseball-minded of the student body. There are many, particularly those who don't participate in handball, who would welcome the return of the Senior Intra-Mural Baseball League. This league was always popular in other years, and created intense interest amongst the students, and in fact, many passersby along Quinpool Road watched the games from the fence. Freshmen, Arts, Engineers, and Commerce always yielded strong teams and many a close pitching duel or free-hitting game was the outcome. Why can't all this be revived? Why can't the various classes get together and endorse such a league? It isn't the most difficult matter in the world.

It is to be admitted that there would be difficulties and objections to overcome before a league could get underway. Lack of time between the Easter Vacation and the Final Exams would be the main objection, then too, the Handball League might interfere to some extent. And of course the notorious Halifax climate cannot be relied upon. However the campus should be well-sunned and dried out by the time a league would commence. If time was short, the schedule could be very limited and most of the games could be played within a week, weather conditions permitting.

There is a wealth of material to take the places of Langley, Thomas, Corcoran, Trainor, Farrell, etc. Among those attending the College at present are: Ney, J. MacDonald, Coolen, Mulcahy, John A. MacDonald,

Grant, Kline, Welch, O'Connell, Mulcahy, Devine, etc. There are many more veritable Ruths who have nothing to do during these sunny afternoons who would gladly welcome the opportunity to play baseball. Are you in favor of a League? Well if you are, let's hear from you and in the meantime talk it up!

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