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New "Rec" Hall Opens Monday

by J. HANLON

To the satisfaction of the student body of the University of Saint Mary's College, the Recreation Hall that has been constructed on the site of the old Rorum is near completion and will be officially opened Monday, March 25, Rev. Father McCarthy announced early this week. "It fills a great need of the College and above all it will provide a place of entertainment for the boarder students," Father McCarthy stated.

This new building which replaces the 40-year-old structure that was the scene of many ice battles of the past was constructed by Butler Bros. and although not modelled to facilitate sports such as hockey or basketball, it will be furnished with gymnastic equipment, pool and ping-pong tables and other indoor sports. A reading room is also listed in the plans of the 75 by 40 structure.

Literally this auditorium will be a paradise for boarders who at present have little or no facilities for entertainment. It shall be a place of social activity, a meeting point and scene of the spirit expressed by Saint Mary's. Just as all paths led to the Rorum after classes when the boys would head with their skates for hours of practice with the City's championship or intercollegiate hockey title their goal, so too, this building promises to provide the answer to a sports-loving boy's prayer.

To many "old-timers" this Rec Hall, with its home-like means for enjoyment, its parallel bars and punching bag, will not be the same as the old Rorum. For their sake let us reminisce with the old rink that was pumelled on the outside by storm and wind and hail, and within had the scars of many a bitter hockey war. Her tired beams and paining planks creaked and groaned with advancing years but her heart of oak neither creaked nor cracked.

It was as late as 1906 that the Rorum idea was conceived and grew in the minds of Saint Mary's students. The financing of so large a project could not be left to chance. The students of those days took the responsibility on themselves. A drive was held and was a success. In 1909, it is interesting to note, that the SANTAMARIAN (Journal) played a leading role in the venture of extending the premises and installing electric lights when through some journalistic wizard it pulled a \$35.00 profit out of the hat to meet the expenses of this added luxury.

There was a co-operative spirit about the Rorum. Let us now, the student body of Saint Mary's College continue in this spirit and thus carry on the tradition that the wind and the rain and the years could not touch.

Fr. Provincial Visits Saint Mary's

From March 8 to 15, Saint Mary's College was honored by the presence of a very distinguished visitor, when Very Reverend J. L. Swain, S. J., recently appointed Provincial of the Upper Canadian province of the Society of Jesus, made his annual visit. Reverend Father Swain, succeeded Very Reverend T. J. Mullally, who is now the President of Saint Mary's.

St. Mary's to Meet Mount in Radio Debate

A radio debate between Mount Saint Vincent and Saint Mary's College will be held from 10 to 10:30 o'clock over CHNS on April the 4th. The Mount students will uphold the affirmative side of the resolution, "Resolved that every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 24 should have one year of compulsory military training."

Representing Mount Saint Vincent will be Mary Casey and Jean Macauley, while the Saint Mary's debaters will be Paul Cormier and Ron Downie. Both of these teams have debated the subject before and it is expected that they will provide a most interesting discussion.

Play Successful-- Dance Not So . . .

Although a social success the College dance at Brightwood was a financial failure, to the extent of approximately seventy-five dollars. Ed. Chisholm attributes this to a hockey game and other affairs that were on the same night.

However, the play "Ramshackle Inn", was both a financial and social success. Business manager Bill Duggan reports that the play made approximately a hundred and fifty dollars. Despite adverse weather conditions the play proved to be a good crowd-getter as the receipts showed.

Coming Soon: Mock Trial-- Public Speaking

Plans are being laid by the Senior English Class in preparation for the annual Mock Trial to be presented on Wednesday, April 24. Early reports from playwright Dave Finlay indicate that the plot will be built around a mysterious character with a humorous view.

Fr. O'Donnell, moderator of the Debating Society, definitely states that he will remain on the sidelines throughout, allowing the Seniors to see that justice will triumph in their own manner. However, remembering last year's session, Father O'Donnell wants no one convicted because some one throws a butt in "Knucker's" coffee.

The Senior Debating Society has announced the dates of the 1946 Public Speaking Contest, both from the stage and over the air-waves. On Sunday, March 31, the eliminations will be held, and on the following evening, April 1, the best speakers will compete for two awards, Haliburton Medal, awarded to the best stage orator, and the CHNS trophy donated by Major Wm. Borrett for the best radio speaker.

All entrants are requested to hand in their names to Fr. O'Donnell before March 31.

Executives, '46 Are Nominated

Last week the students of the graduating class of 1946 met to nominate four men as their executive, which positions will be held for life. They met to nominate candidates for the following positions, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. According to a pre-arranged system, ten men were nominated, and when the results of the election come in, the man polling the most number of votes will be the president, and the remaining positions will be filled by those obtaining the highest number of votes. The men nominated at this meeting were Matthew Coady, Joseph Fultz, William Phillips, Frank Wallace, William Bourke, Bruce Hyland, Edward Chisholm, Paul Cormier, Jack DeLouchry, and Daniel MacLean.

Novena of Grace Held March 4th-12th

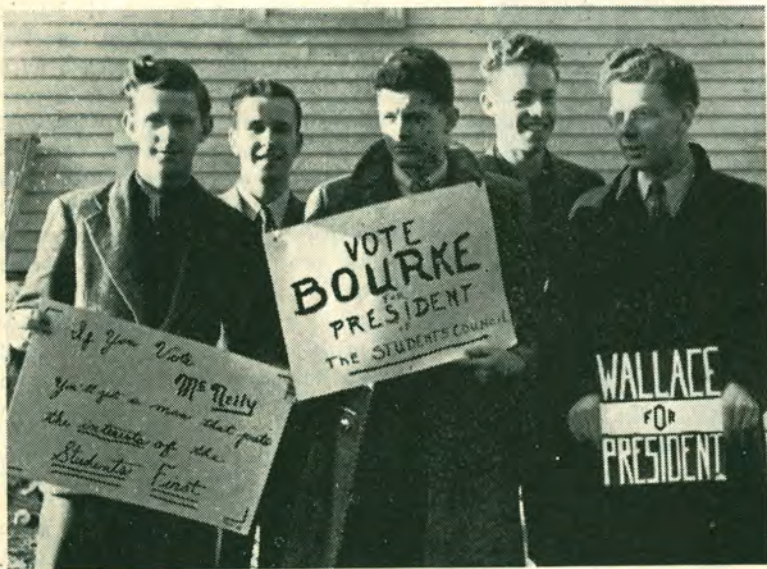
The annual Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier was held from March 4th to March 12th. During these nine days, devotions, consisting of short talks on the life of St. Francis, Novena prayers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place in the Assembly Hall before the shrine of the great Saint. Each day, a member of the faculty delivered a short talk concerning the history of the Novena and the life and virtues of St. Francis, showing how we might take him as our model, how we might apply the lessons learned from his life to our own and thus improve ourselves spiritually. The Novena ended on Tuesday, March 12th, with a talk by Very Rev. Fr. Rector, the usual novena prayers and Benediction. After Benediction, a relic of St. Francis, which had been displayed at the Shrine during the Novena was exposed for veneration. The devotions during the whole Novena were well

S. M. C. Successfully Defends 'Closed Shop'

On Friday, March 8th, St. Mary's Debating Society, represented by two capable men, Bill Bourke, captain, and Frank Wallace, defeated two debaters from Pine Hill, Roy Demarsh and Bruce Dickenson, by a two-to-one decision. The resolution read: "Resolved that the closed shop policy of Labour Unions is justifiable under existing conditions."

Bill Bourke, first speaker for the affirmative, opened the debate. He spent the first few minutes welcoming the Pine Hill representatives and lined up the arguments to be proved by him and his colleague. The arguments were (1) the closed shop policy is not undemocratic; (2) Industry would be unstable without closed shops; (3) To protect the union the closed shop is necessary. Bourke then used the rest of his time to prove, in his eloquent manner, the first of the arguments enumerated. Frank Wallace, as the third speaker of the evening, very capably delivered his matter in proving the last two of these arguments.

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Shown above are the men who are conducting campaigns for the Students' Council presidential nominees.

Left to right: Jim Delaney and Tom Murphy (backing Frank McNeilly). Steve Hagarty (for Bill Bourke), Ron Downie and Jerry Heenan (for Frank Wallace).

VOCATION WEEK TO FEATURE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

On March 25th the week devoted to vocational advice will begin, and we will be honored by a number of guest speakers. The lectures will be of half hour duration, commencing at 12 o'clock.

The first lecture, dealing with affairs in the political field will be delivered by L. D. Currie. On Tuesday the subject will be Engineering and the speaker B. A. O'Leary. Norman Stanbury will comment on life in the business sphere on the following day, then, Doctor Arthur L. Murphy will speak on the medical profession Thursday. On Friday Father Butts of St. Joseph's parish will give a talk on the Priesthood.

A committee of three are handling a library display dealing with religious vocations, they are: Gordon Allen, Max Pottie and Albert Driscoll.

Playwright's Skit A Sodality Hit

On March 15th the members of the Sodality were once again treated to an example of the dramatic flare of our budding playwright, Dave Finlay. Dave wrote, produced and took part in a narrated dialogue, presented over the P. A. System and entitled "The Atom Bomb--So What?"

This dramatic piece reminded the Sodalists, with reference to the life of St. Francis of Assisi, that a power greater by far than any atomic bomb descended on the earth 2000 years ago at Bethlehem. This power still guides the destiny of men if only men will realize it and draw from Christ's omnipotence by prayer and obedience.

The acting was of exceptional quality and the skit was enjoyed by all. Those taking part were Ted Levy, Don MacLean, Jack DeLouchry, William Bourke, Pat O'Neil and Dave Finlay. Jerry Mackey, prefect of the Sodality, introduced the skit. Following the play Father Moderator officiated at Stations of the Cross in the chapel.

Spirited Campaign Livens S. C. Elections

As one of the final tasks of the current year, the Student's Council nominated three students for the presidency of this body at a recent meeting held on March 13. It was decided to appoint Frank Wallace, William Bourke and Frank McNeilly as nominees for next year's president. This year's election campaign has been one of the most spectacular ever held, as the publicity managers have been going all out in their efforts to place their respective candidates in office. The results will be announced over the week-end as the students go to the polls today.

This year's campaign is unlike other contests in that the nominees were not appointed by the students. Previously, students nominated their own representative and the men with the greatest number of nominations then ran for the presidency. However, it has been pointed out to the

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Three-way Tie in Inter-fac Debating

The eighth debate in the Inter-faculty Debating League was held last Wednesday, March 13, between Arts and Engineers. Artsmen Dan MacLean and Lloyd Robertson defended the affirmative and the negative was upheld by Earl Kelly and Frank O'Neill in a spirited contest on the resolution: "Resolved that Spain be allowed to run her political affairs free from outside interference."

The decision was awarded to the affirmative by Judges Paul Cormier, Max Pottie and Wilf Maloney.

The present standing of the league now shows that there is a three-way tie for first place, with Arts, Commerce and Engineers each having won two debates.



SAINTS



PROVINCIAL FINALISTS



SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL INTERMEDIATES

Having taken the City title, and eliminated both Westville and Bridgetown in provincial play, they will meet Glace Bay St. Anne's to decide the provincial championship.

Front row (left to right): Bill Gerard, Ted Fagan, Bill Napier, Bernie Kemp, Joe Johnson, Ed Mulrooney.

Back row: Harry Rich (Manager), Paul Redmond, Paul Fellows, Mort During, Pete McCarthy, Ed Houlihan, Bobo Fultz, Ans McDonald, Father E. J. Tyler (Coach).

Senior High Move to Headmaster Finals

The strong Saint Mary's team defeated a fighting Kentville squad 8-1 to take the total goal series 17-4.

The scoring was opened by A. Smith, when he sneaked one by Ronnie Cole who was screened by a mass of players. Elmer MacGillvary started the maroon and white off with a goal on a pass from Campbell. This action was repeated minutes later when Naugler and Campbell passed to MacGillvary who again beat Carroll in the Kentville net.

Saint Mary's really showed their fighting spirit in the second period when Pud Reardon scored on a solo effort. Ed Fagan set Reardon on again to make the score 4-1. Elmer MacGillvary ended the second period scoring by a pass from Campbell.

In the third period Kentville gave all they had, but this was not enough to stop the goals of Kennedy from Feron and Ken Reardon; MacGillvary from Campbell and lastly Campbell from Naugler and MacGillvary. Cole, Kennedy and MacGillvary played well for the winners.

From where I SIT

By LARRY MURPHY

The Provincial Intercollegiate Hockey League has been decisively decided, in favor of St. Francis Xavier University. The League schedule has been just about completed, with only the St. Mary's at Acadia game to be played. Wolfville having only a natural rink, this final encounter is dependent on the weatherman. Unless the mercury drops within the near future, it seems unlikely that the game will be staged, as little swings on it with St. F.X. so far out front. Nevertheless, the railbirds would like to see the Saints meet Acadia again. These two teams have met only once this season, and then they battled to a 7-7 draw. Perhaps the playing of this final game would decide little as regards league standing, but at least, it would decide something between the Saints and the Axemen. If our balmy Spring weather continues, Acadia will be without ice and the game will be off.

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With Intercollegiate Hockey being run on a provincial basis, as it has been this year, the Inter-City competition has been more or less absorbed. Nevertheless, the city championship has been on the block, and Saint Mary's have taken it by the slim margin of one point. Competition was close throughout the season, with three of the tilts ending in ties. After the smoke of battle cleared, the Santamarians topped the heap with a win and three ties. Dal placed second, sporting a win and two ties.

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The boys in the High School have been covering themselves with glory of late, with both the senior and intermediate teams bringing home city hockey crowns. Without further ado the intermediates travelled to Truro to eliminate Westville in the first leg of provincial play. They were then at home to Bridgetown, and this tussle resulted in a 1-1 draw. The clincher of the two game total goal series will be played at Bridgetown.

If I may be permitted to toss the odd bouquet, this senior high squad is a potent little aggregation, and ought to do big things in Nova Scotia Headmaster's circles. They are a fast and heady squad, and have something recent St. Mary's High teams have seemed to lack; a competent rearguard. After taking the city title they went on to play Kentville's Kings County Academy. In the first of a two-game-goal series played at Halifax, the Saints won by a score of 9-3. From what I can see, they ought to take this series, provided they have solid ice for the final encounter. Here's wishing both the seniors and intermediates all the best, in their quest for provincial supremacy in their respective leagues.

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The bowling league has proved a great success even if the Treasury is no Bank of Canada. Due to lack of funds, the boys have decided to drop the idea of providing trophies. Trophies or no trophies, I think that those who took part in the Saturday morning pin-fests will agree that the league provided a lot of entertainment. Bill McCoombs showed that he was no mean bowler, as he stayed way out front consistently. With Bill taking the individual honors, the "Slab-Towners" are playing best as a team. Bob Sullivan turned out to be the league's "dark horse", his prowess being grossly underestimated.

SAINTS OUST BRIDGETOWN INTERMEDIATES

Last Saturday night in Bridgetown St. Mary's High School Intermediates fought their way to victory against the strong Bridgetown squad. St. Mary's took the two game total goal series 4-3, playing a hard fought 1-1 tie in Halifax, and then copping the final game to the tune of 3-2.

Because of the ice conditions, the play was ragged, but both teams were in there fighting from the opening whistle. Bridgetown took the spotlight in the first period and it wasn't long before Theriault, on a pass-out from Kaulback during a scramble around Kemp's Santamarian net, dented the twine for the first marker. St. Mary's pressed hard at this stage, but were unable to register on Bridgetown. Bernie Kemp in the Santamarian nets made some nice saves, as Bridgetown swept in, determined to increase their lead.

St. Mary's came back strong in the second period, and carried the puck to the Bridgetown zone, where Kaulback made many stops between the posts for Bridgetown. However,

Bridgetown registered again when Kaulback, along with Theriault and Taylor, broke fast and skated in on Kemp, who had no chance on the shot. From then on in the second period it was all St. Mary's, and it wasn't long before Johnson passed to Redmond, tore out front, and then took Redmond's pass to beat Kaul-

back on a corner shot. The Irish bored in again and soon smooth fast skating Paul Fellows after several unsuccessful attempts tore down the right boards and shot the nicest goal of the game—a sizzling backhand that fooled Kaulback completely. Soon after this Napier deflected the puck into the Bridgetown net on a scramble, but the goal wasn't counted.

The third period was fairly even with both teams boring in, and it seemed as though the period would be scoreless. Then with 37 seconds to go, St. Mary's carried the disk into the Bridgetown zone. Graves of the Bridgetown defense, in carelessly clearing the disc, shot it out front and hit Houlihan in the back. The puck dropped in front and Houlihan whirled and didn't take long to flip the rubber past Kaulback for the winning goal of the game and series.

WINGED VICTORY

BY FRANK O'NEILL

The trip to Charlottetown by the St. Mary's Junior team was one that will long be remembered by all those who went along. Not only did the team win the name and the Maritime Championship but they flew too and from the Island, thus making the first time a complete team has flown from this city.

Going over to the Island, it was a beautiful warm day and as it was the first trip by air for many of the team, it gave them a chance to see flying in the best conditions. Coming back was just the opposite as there was about an inch of snow on the ground in Charlottetown and we flew for about the first ten minutes in nothing but snow. Mother nature was good to us here also for we soon ran into nice fine clear weather.

The co-pilot took delight in telling us that in case we wanted to be sick the cups were right under the seat. As it turned out only two men had any use for the cups and they really felt miserable. When you drop down to land the change of pressure causes your ears to close up a bit and when you look around everyone is chewing their gum like mad-men, or swallowing, in an effect to clear their ears. Going up also gives you a great thrill as the engines roar and you fasten your safety belt, hold your breath, and hope for the best. When you first look down from the air, your heart comes right up to your mouth and then settles back in its usual place. You are sincerely convinced that if you were a paratrooper, it would take a regiment to get you to jump from the plane at such an altitude.

Seriously though travelling by plane has many advantages in that it gets you there quickly; you're comfortable; you're not tired when its over; and the trip is interesting all the time. If the team gets past Ottawa they will probably fly to Montreal, so let's back this team a hundred percent that they may be able to "go right through" all opposition.

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Spring's here again, or at least it seems that way, with the balmy weather we've been having of late. The handball fiends have been on the courts for a couple of weeks, and the eyes of the masses are on Mr. Baseball. It shouldn't be long before we'll be out these tossing them around the infield. The campus is still a bit too wet of course, but if the weather holds, baseball should be underway earlier than usual this year. If we do get the opportunity to get interfaculty ball off too an early start, we had best make use of it. In recent years Spring has come none too early, and the interfaculty schedule has usually run afoul of the final exam time. Just at present the open air rink is crowding the second base line, but it has been partially removed. It would be a good idea if the baseball enthusiasts would get out there and lend Father Crowe a hand in the job of removing the boards.

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The Caterpillar

NOTE: The Johnson Wax Company recently broadcast a story about a lonely caterpillar. We hereby reproduce it (the story, not the caterpillar) from memory with some changes and additions and dedicate it to the food-conscious boarders.

Once upon a time there was a little caterpillar. Now this little caterpillar was very sad because he was ugly. Yes, he was, he really was. He crawled along in leaps and bounds, like an animated toothbrush and nobody loved him.

He could not warble like the birds of the air nor be cuddled like a snub-nosed pekinese; even the pussy cat on the fence (a hep-cat kitty from Kansas City) was more admired than he. Of course he had never stopped a well-aimed boot at one in the morning; nevertheless, he still found life rather unbearable.

Finally our sad little monstrosity sat down in a dark niche and spun a tear-soaked cocoon around himself. He would end his misery.

By and by, spring came along and our wee caterpillar felt the warm sun on his back. Getting up and stretching, he looked around and lo and behold—beautiful golden-haired wings were his; a shapeless body now had the lines of an angel. He was a rootin', tootin' real live butterfly.

How gaily he dove and turned, testing his newly won silken wings. How grand it was to be envied by a thousand eyes; just being alive was a joy. So, dipping his broad planes, our joyous little butterfly floated off, and lived happily ever after.

Moral: Don't complain about the grub; you never know what's cookin' tomorrow.

Journal Jr.

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The Pupil's Progress

By JOHN MATHEHSON

Then I saw in my dream a black-robed professor, standing between two portals, the one gilded, but the other of purest gold. On the gilded door was written, "The Way to the Prince of Darkness." On the door of solid gold was written, "The Way to Life." Before the golden door lay a heavy iron cross, marked, "To Be Carried Down the Way of Life." But there was no such burden laid before the door of the Prince of Darkness.

Before the professor stood those who were to become the leaders of the earth. Some looked bravely toward the other door, that of the Prince of Darkness. All shunned the heavy cross on which was written despised names, such as "Latin, French, English, Algebra, Geometry and History." The teacher told the boys that the time had come, and they must pass through one portal, either that of the solid gold or that of gilt. So the pupils stepped up and looked now at one door, now at the other. Liar, Cheater, Disobedient, Worknot, Doodler, Dishonesty, Bad Conduct and Tardy passed unhesitatingly through the Door of the Prince of Darkness. The teacher murmured a prayer for them and shook his head. Yes, even Intelligence glanced at the heavy iron cross and stepped through the gilded portal. Then, of a sudden, a great smile broke on the teacher's face and he uttered a prayer of thanksgiving. For a single boy stooped, picked up the heavy iron cross, and advanced forth to the Way of Life. And the name of that boy was effort.

EDITORIAL

Vocations

March is designated as Vocation Month. The purpose of this is to promote serious and prayerful consideration to obtain light and guidance in choosing our vocation. We are asked to examine our character and our physical, mental, moral and spiritual aptitudes for that state of life in which God wishes us to serve Him. Vocation Month is a time for careful consideration of the three states of life—the religious, married and the single states, and not just a time to promote religious vocations.

In what state has God called me to serve Him? Has He called me to be a layman either in the married or single state, as a means to save my soul? Has He extended a special invitation to me, to follow Him and to help in the harvest of souls and in the spreading of His kingdom on earth? In other words; am I going to be what God wants me to be? These questions should be on our lips and should occupy our minds during this month especially. Upon the choice possibly depends success or failure in life. He who turns the deaf ear towards the Master's call is more apt to find failure and discouragement, while peace and happiness can be his if he chooses rightly.

On a bridge in Austria there are twelve grottos cut into the sides. In each grotto there is a statue of Christ, in one as a carpenter, in another as a shepherd in a third as a teacher, etc., remaining us that no matter which calling we have received, if we model it on the life of Christ we will receive the richest kind of fulfillment.

Campus OPINION

TED LEVY, '46

"Do You Think That Faculty Societies Have Outlived Their Usefulness?"

B. T. Burke—"Science '46"

No—They are not useless but unused. There is a definite lack of kinetic energy in all faculties and students seem to have forgotten how to use their societies.

Greg. Heenan, "Arts '48"



Yes. As they exist at present they are useless. However regular meetings and activities could readily revive interest and utility.

Jim Delaney—"Commerce '48"



Yes. Nobody takes any interest in Faculty Societies and nobody seems willing to shoulder responsibilities.

Jack Delouchry—"Arts '46"

Under present conditions, yes: The Students' Council, by representing the students in lieu of the various societies, has dealt these societies a blow from which they have not yet recovered.

Bernard Kline "Journalism '49"

No I don't think that they have outlived their usefulness, but they could be more useful by stimulating interest in faculty competitive spirit.

Larry Murphy—"Engineering '46"

No. They certainly are not useless. The fellows don't seem to realize however what a great thing they have in their faculty societies.

Spirited Campaign--

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students that according to the constitution any proposition, with the backing of twenty students or more, must be considered by the Students' Council. This ruling affords an opportunity to any person, who has the sufficient backing, to allow him to run for this office. The dissatisfaction expressed by some students as to the unfairness of this new method of nominations is therefore not justified.

President Ed Chisholm and Secretary Paul Cormier presided over the ballot boxes and the results will be announced as soon as the count is taken.

Atomic Energy

By B. NAPIER, XA

I bring fresh fear to this trembling sphere,
 As a threat to another war,
 I bear desolation for every nation,
 That will gut this world to the core.
 In a day and a night I displayed my might,
 That laid two cities low
 And left no mark but a glow in the dark,
 Where once had stood the foe.
 To the men who have charge of my powers large
 I have only this to say:
 Take a lesson from what Hiroshima got,
 And use me a better way.
 (Imitation of Shelley's Cloud)

Jotter Jr.

The other day Jan was walking home, looking very normal, (if Jan's everyday expression can be called "normal"), eating a microscopic ice cone (the best that Horne's can do) when suddenly three little girls came bouncing along. Now if these mopets had been, say, ten years older, Jan's reaction would have been different. As it was however, Jan assumed a horrible look, with a grin somewhat like Bela Lugosi as he starts to strangle the heroine in a second rate chiller at the "Orpheus", and his fist swept down as if to knock the little girl into the middle of next week. About an inch away from the started kiddy's face, the fist (whose gigantic proportions blinded the little girl) stopped and out came the immortal words "Ya flinched!"

 Ask Hools what happened the night he went to Bridgetown: To say the least, Jimmy had a very good time.

 Question: What is it that happens every Monday?

Answer: Tarz Slaney injects five nickles into "Beamlite" and five times the exasperating word "Tilt" lights up like the eyes of the manager of Coney Island Amusement Co. when the returns come in. Great cheers always accompany Tarz's gambling fever and the hero modestly sends the ball into play, buzz, buzz—Too bad, you lose. Then Tarz goes over and changes a dime and the cycle starts all over again.

"The lights went out, three shots were heard, and there on the floor, with a mighty roar, fell dangerous Bill Girard". Bill has turned songwriter and some of his deathless ditties are sure to rank with "Chicory Chick." Jan calls him "Shakey" after the bard.

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THE CATHOLIC PRESS

There is little room for doubt that the Catholic Press of this country and other countries is playing a tremendous role in the cause of the Church. In interpreting its teaching, explaining its doctrine, denouncing what is wrong, the Catholic Press is performing valiant service. Unfortunately, however, too many Catholics go through life without so much as glancing at a section of the Catholic Press. Therefore it more than necessary that we should have the Catholic point of view presented.

There is a growing need for Catholic editors and newspapermen who know their religion and are capable of defending it from the many insidious attacks made on it. Today there are too few of such men. Realizing the influence wielded by the Press, we must recognize the fact that to have the Catholic point of view upheld in modern journalism we must see to it that our youth are educated in a manner which will make that possible.

The Journalism course of Saint Mary's has that view in mind. This year the enrollment in this faculty was small, but it is a step in the right direction. Let us hope that in years to come it will increase and that Catholic journalists will take their place in the world mindful of the great responsibility that is theirs.

J. R.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

With the announcement of the date of the Annual Public Speaking Contest our attention is turned to one of the least appreciated, but surely one of the most beneficial forms of extra-curricular activity available at college. Although this year many have given notice of entering, there is still lacking an enthusiasm which should be present. It has been remarked that there has been a wealth of talent shown in the interfaculty debates. But how many are there whose names ought to be in, who either are not forward enough or who haven't the desire to enter competition.

To the first group may we say, here is your chance—take it. How many men in later life have regretted the day such opportunities were left behind. Those who may be included among the latter are missing a chance they may never have again. Win or lose, the experience gained will certainly do no harm, but can be of enormous aid later on.

LOYAL CITIZENS ALL

Contained in the second interim report of the Royal Commission on espionage in Canada was the name of Fred Rose, the sole representative of the Labor Progressive Party in the House of Commons. He is a Canadian, but he also is a Communist, and the fact that he is involved in the attempted disruption of this country should not come as a great surprise. Even if he is not PROVEN guilty, this matter should remind us of what we already know: that the first duty of a loyal communist is to follow the Moscow party line, even if it means betraying one's own country.

In every country where the Communists are prominent (and what country is free from them?), this loyalty to the Kremlin is to the fore. It is exemplified in Italy, where the Communists are supporting Yugoslavia's claim for Trieste. The reason, of course, is that in Yugoslavia Tito and his Communist henchmen are in power. The Chinese Communists are doing their utmost to place their government in power at the expense of the internal unity of China. Here again the guiding hand of the Kremlin directs others, and now in Canada the Russian influence has been brought into the open.

The Communist, whether he is a Canadian, Italian or Chinese, is out for no one's interests but that of Russia. He is a loyal citizen, but not to his own country. It will be interesting to watch the future of Canada's "loyal" citizen.

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by the way . . .

. . . Student Council President Ed Chisholm has come up with another good idea when he organized the elections for the Class of '46 officers. Saint Mary's, for the first time, now will have a life-time executive, a system long adopted by many other colleges. Just how much they will accomplish remains to be seen, but the idea is a good one.

. . . The race for the presidency of the Students' Council will be over at time of writing, but no one can deny that it was interesting. Candidates McNeilly, Bourke and Wallace had their publicity men working to good advantage; something which the college needs to arcuse more enthusiasm than was shown last year.

. . . Speaking of elections, comments were heard from some quarters which didn't seem to favor the system of nominations. Reports from the S. C. meeting say that this method was adopted in order to keep the elections on a proper level. Furthermore anyone with sufficient support could place himself up for nomination.

. . . whether you've noticed it or not, beside the path on the way in there stands an enclosure surrounded by boards, waiting to be taken down. It won't come apart by itself—so let's pitch in and help. If you're a second baseman, you'll want some room to move around—Fr. Crowe will be only to glad to accept your services.

S.M.C. Successfully--

Roy Demarsh, first speaker for the negative, argued on these grounds: (1) not fair to veterans; (2) dictatorial aspect; (3) the attitude of employees in Canada. Mr. Demarsh was particularly at ease before the audience, and was a very pleasant personality on the stage. Bruce Dickenson had little difficulty in giving strong support to his colleague. Mr. Dickenson spoke of the possibility of certain drawbacks and whether it would be fair to have the closed shop policy while these drawbacks exist.

The judges of this debate were, Dr. F. G. Morehouse, Mr. A. E. Tibbs and Professor N. E. Flinn of the N.S.T.C. St. Mary's have been twice victorious out of three intercollegiate debates. A previous victory was gained over King's College. Unfortunately, we met defeat at Chatham and as a result have lost our chance to win the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating Shield.

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. . . the bowling league is still in operation although word has it that there will be no trophies for the winners—for several reasons: The teams are too uncertain and the lack of funds. However the Arts sponsored project has provided entertainment and some surprises. (Note: what prominent lightweight bowler finds the bowling balls to light and now prefers the curling stones and a short broom?)

. . . Congratulations are in order for the fine showing of our High School hockey teams—both the Senior High and Intermediate squads have captured the city titles and are already advancing through the provincial playdowns very successfully.

. . . everybody is keeping their eye on another champion hockey team bearing the name "Saint Mary's". The Juniors, win or lose, are certainly a great team and should be able to match the best in Canada.

Seniors Review Modern Authors

Interest in the Senior English Class this term has been increased considerably. Each member of the class has been asked by Father O'Donnell to review and lecture on one of the modern authors. To date three very interesting talks have been given by 'Doc' Veniot, Ralph Maddison and Bill Duggan.

During March the following authors are to be revived. Owen Francis Dudley by Bernard Burke, H. V. Morton by Dave Finlay, Leonard Feeney by Jerry Mackey, Bruce Marshall by Jack DeLouchry, Willa Cotha by Sid Vaughan, G. K. Chesterton by Ed. Connolly, Quentin Reynolds by Matt Coady and Phillip Gibbs by Joe MacLennan.

These forty-five minute talks have prove to be very enlightening and all the Seniors are working enthusiastically.

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"A BOY"

by MATTHEW COADY

Just once again to be a little boy
Without the cares and worries of a man,
To know once more the fun and boundless joy
As only one in youth's short period can.

To look upon the earth as one great floor—
A place of never ending strange delights,
With many nooks and corners to explore,
And lots of things to dream of through the nights.

To know not of the earth's great social strife,
And make no class between the rich and poor,
To live from day to day a carefree life,
To open wide each morn the world's great door.

These are the wistful thoughts of many men,
Who happily smile as they remember when.

On and Off the Campus

Spring will soon be here and the first crocus will bloom to the crack of a baseball bat. Naturally, speculations will be arising as to what faculty will pilfer the pennant. We'll suspend judgment for fear of error; if we name one as the "team to beat", the remaining nines will likely do just that. But nevertheless . . .

. . . Harold Merlin should rise to great heights at first for the Engineers.

. . . Delaney will remain all-star batboy—complete with pencil and scorebook.

. . . If Fultz learns to pitch—watch Commerce.

. . . If Levy doesn't—watch Commerce and Engineers.

ODDS AND ENDS . . .

MacLean and Levy, the ping-pong fiends of the Auditorium have moved their scene of operations to the Handball alley where Levy continues to play a banged-up game.

Pat O'Neill, on being nominated for Life President of the Class of '46 said; 'sorry fellows, I'll have to refuse because I'm going West next year.' This only goes to prove that there is still an opening for 'Little Dictators' in Canada.

WHOSE NOSE? . . . A complaint is in order concerning the terrific odor emanating from the Chem Lab of late. The fumes of "sulfamairzydoats", or whatever they prepare behind those acid-beaten portals, are almost fatal unless one be blessed with a numb nozzle. Seriously though, something will have to be done; it's not that the air is thick; it's just that the knives we have to cut it with are dull!

PUBBA-PUBBA! Something new in political platforms has been raised. In the forthcoming elections, Frank Wallace will stand or fall on his ability to fulfil his promise of "beer in every hydrant". We've heard of more solid platforms, but never one presented in more flowing style!

Hereafter, no more talk about 'school spirit'!

ST. VITIS? Something has finally been found which approaches perpetual motion, — Harold Merlin! Master M goes into these girations the moment he steps on the handball court. The weird and wonderful figures he cut thereon are a sight to behold; Harold's latest trick, and it's quite a feat for him, is to hit the ball while actually standing on his feet! Nevertheless, 'tis said when playing the game Merlin uses his head — and he has three bumps to prove it.

According to history Nero fiddled while Rome burned; according to the papers Boyd slept while his home burned. Little did Mr. Boyd suspect when he tried to awaken his son just why he slept soundly. However, Mrs. Boyd must have, for the paper states she narrowly escaped injury trying to recover what sent C.F. into the arms of Morpheus — three lines of French homework.