

Report praises, criticizes university

Saint Mary's University comes in for some praise and more than a little criticism in a 12-page report prepared by National Education Council Commission of Inquiry. The report is based on investigations which took place in '67-'68.

One copy of the report was delivered to Students' Representative Council President Mike de-Verteuil. Other copies were mailed to most members of the administration and the heads of the Faculty and Alumni Associations.

The purpose of the Commission of Inquiry was "...to prepare and publish a General report that reflects the extent and quality of the involvement of the Catholic Church in higher education in Canada."

"Significant distinctive role"

The report calls Saint Mary's "...one of the few Catholic universities that...has a real prospect of fulfilling a significant distinctive role in the higher academic life in Canada."

In the report's section on General Impressions, the Commission comments on the rapid growth of faculty and student enrollment. "They were surprised that Saint Mary's had withstood such growth so well," the report says.

But "Secondly, they were struck by the difference between the 'theory' behind St. Mary's and the 'practice' in carrying

it out."

"What is actually being done reflects a mixture of former ambitions and older concepts and a modest if not poor, understanding of the newer visions."

"In other words, the ideas and ideals seem to be well-articulated by many members of the university community, but they are not supported in the present experiences."

by Mike
Smith

The commission was also struck by communication difficulties between people inside the university and the alumni and the Board of Governors.

"It was particularly noted that neither the Board of Governors nor the alumni had any real concept of the kind of university St. Mary's was or was trying to be and as a result had very little sympathy with the problems it was facing..." the report says.

The commission recognized that "St. Mary's University does not enjoy autonomy in the contemporary sense of the word. It is owned and operated by the Archdiocese."

"In fact, however, St. Mary's

operates very much like an institution with a great deal of autonomy, notwithstanding some suggestions and accusations that were made to the contrary."

"Nevertheless, the autonomy of St. Mary's is not legally real and this has resulted in a great deal of 'blurring' of the patterns of responsibility both in administration and in academic affairs."

"There appears to be a need for more competence in the exercise of responsibility by board, administration and faculty."

Academic freedom exists at St. Mary's according to the report. But it issued a warning.

"While recognizing that there are no limitations on academic freedom, the Commission notes that as yet there are no procedures for dealing with problems in this area should they arise."

The year after the Commissioners visited St. Mary's the Sutherland affair proved that their analysis was correct. There were then no channels for dealing with accusations of infringement of academic freedom and the result was a three-day sit-in in the administration building.

"The Commissioners were surprised to find out how many of these in administrative posts felt that much of the business could not be fittingly shared with the faculty. Serious consideration should be given to having open Senate meetings," the report said.

The report said that curriculum and programmes were ade-

quate. The Commissioners were impressed by the Deans, at the way they work together and at their understanding of the basic aims of the university.

"Noticeable reservation"

"But there is a noticeable reservation about developing anything significantly new or imaginative in the way of academic programmes," the report said.

The Commissioners were impressed with the high regard shown to faculty, particularly since St. Mary's has grown so rapidly in the last few years. They felt that St. Mary's must have been very fortunate in its recruiting procedures.

"In general the academic qualifications of the faculty are good; but there is an imbalance of junior staff. The Commission suggests serious consideration be given to appointing more senior faculty," said the report.

"Student leadership inadequate"

The Commission was concerned about promotion criteria. They were worried that "...criteria for promotion and the granting of tenure are not uniformly followed throughout the various faculties and departments of the university."

The Commission said that "...student leadership was somewhat inadequate and that there was a great deal of lethargy on the

part of the student body." Student leaders "...gave the impression that they had to create issues in order to establish their role as leaders among the students."

"The Commission said that the large majority of the students were not really interested."

"Paternalistic attitude"

"A share of the responsibility for this lethargy must be borne by the other segments of the university. St. Mary's has a rather paternalistic attitude towards the students and this is manifest in some of its structures."

"For example, only three of the ten members of the Student Affairs Board are students and the Board itself was reported to have met only once in ten months."

The Student Affairs Board was a presidential advisory committee set up three years ago to serve as a mediating body between students and the administration. It was replaced this year by the Student Life Committee, which has a majority of students on it, but has no real power. It was ignored during the residence crisis in November despite making two recommendations to administration president Henry Labelle.

The report is the first stage in a study designed to tie all of the strands of Catholic secondary education together. The General Report will be issued shortly.

Radio SMU: One year and \$3,000 later

Five students approached the Student Representative Council in March 1969 for \$20,000 to buy "broadcast quality" equipment for a proposed radio station on campus.

One year and \$3,000 later, they're running a small station on the fifth floor of the SUB and even without the rest of their proposed budget, they say they're doing it successfully.

With a five man executive board

by Francis
Abbott

and a few broadcasters, Radio SMU has, since the end of last year provided a program of rock music on the top floor of the SUB and is working its way down to the cafeterias. It may be down by next week, according to Station Director Ken Weston. Weston said that the station plans to run wires into the gym, the residence, the stadium and the rink.

Plans also call for a news wire and coverage of all sports events. Weston hopes that the station will eventually obtain an FM license.

"But that will depend upon a lot of things," he said. A local radio station may soon build a transmitter and there is "a good possibility" that one of the universities may obtain one of the bands, providing that it can afford the cost of the license, from the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC).

Weston said the station would

provide more and better service and programming than the old Internal Publicity Office that relied on taped music interrupted for announcements. Radio SMU has a few tapes, but will use mostly records, he said. He said IP was run "inefficiently". He plans to have the radio serve as a "communication channel, that the university lacks". Through "good, radio-quality entertainment" for the faculty, admin and students, using the building, he plans to do this.

The programming will be mainly rock music during the day news and "easy listening" music in the evenings. Weston said they would "steer away" from the classical. He said he aims to please the majority.

Radio SMU began early last year when students Ed Gausie and Peter Solmes took over the old IP office and operation, and with the inspiration of Dal Radio decided to set up a similar operation on this campus.

By April, Weston had joined them, and the group got its charter the recently-elected council of SRC president Mike de-Verteuil.

They proceeded to plan their operation in the new SUB. Ian Campbell an Engineering student last year, designed the present station wing.

All students are eligible to join, but, said Weston, there are only a limited number of positions open and there are already 15-20 applicants for these. People are considered on the basis of amount of time free to devote to radio work, and the kind of posts that

are open. Eventual staff is chosen by the four man executive staff made up of Weston (C3) Executive Engineer, Doug Mader (E2) News Director, Conrad Lutes (A1), and program and Advertising Manager Cam Rhindress (A2).

Weston considers them all competent in their fields. Mader is a ham radio operator and has worked on TV repair shops, Lutes

worked in the CKCL (Truro) newsroom, and Rhindress is "very familiar" with the Canadian music field, he said.

All decisions regarding the station are made by the executive staff.

However, not everybody is satisfied with the way things are going. Dave Porter (A1), a member of the station staff agreed that the executive is strong in

technical matters.

"But they seem to have a limited appreciation of contemporary university-oriented music," he said.

There is also a tendency for the executive to be somewhat authoritarian, he said.

Other students shared his opinions, but agreed the station may be doing the best it can with what it has.



Mike Abraham Photo



John Daigle Photo

a strange man

clergymen said the ritual facing
the wall
multitudes prayed in unison and
believers formed their countless
denominations-
meanwhile, an african boy died
from malnutrition,
a strange man got off the crowded
subway
he said
love your neighbor
the religious ones cried out
he is a revolutionist!
the strange man was hastily ar-
rested
he died in the electric chair

important things

i'd rather fight than switch
the love is the message
"he touched my perfect body
with His mind" - thanks
Leonard Cohen
US government considers the
anti-anti-anti-anti missile
joy, despair and hope
a notable modern problem is
obesity
what color is
god's skin
khrushchev is alive & living well
in peking
my mind still thinks of
of you andrea
communism is the #1 danger
did
you see the raindrop
with regards
to simon & garf.

joe a mcdonald

Please!

How I am wearied from my short time awake.
My eyes,
Once opened,
Are now raw sores;
Blistered by the lonely lights of darkness.
Their festering wounds
Weep a heavy puss
Of painful memories.

And I am wearied
From my short time awake.

Go slowly now, please;
Go slowly.
Ease me deeply under
Soft, green, waters.
Let its soothing coolness
Bathe my eyes;
Its rhythmic waves caress
My aching mind.

For I am wearied
From my short time awake.
Yes! Oh Yes!
Go slowly now. Please,
Go slowly,
And let me spread myself
Through life's moist lining;
Let its dark embracing warmth
Bring sleep,
And peace,
At last!

Sing me a song,
A gentle lullaby
That I might rest...
might rest...;

For I am wearied,
And lonely,
From my short time awake.

jim mulcahy

I Miss You

Kneeling down in church,
Head in hand
Pretending Meditation;
Seeking Solitude.
Watching feet, running,
Tramping, bumping;
Striving desperately to escape the place -
As one would the plague.
Legs and feet, unattached,
Politely racing.

Alone now.

A few old ladies whispering, whistling
Their tired prayers,
Nervous fingers,
Staring at the crucifixion,
Reach out your hand Jesus;
Lift up your head!
Heavy smoke falls from the extinguished candles.
Sudden spots of darkness appear,
As lights are switched off
From some hidden place.
It's all over.
I feel like crying.
I mean,
It's all over.

jim mulcahy

Residence attacked in massive panty-raid

Halifax (BIS) — A and B blocks of the low-rise residence were attacked Saturday morning (Jan. 17) in a massive panty raid, the first ever staged at Saint Mary's.

The raid apparently began at about 2 am, when about 50 male students invaded the women's residence. They were led by Student's Representative Council President Mike deVerteuil.

by Wanda Lust
JOURNAL
Obscenity Reporter

The well-known West Indian agitator said the raid was sparked by discontent over "...authoritarian administrative laundering policies."

"We want to do our own things," he said. "We don't need Big Mommy to tell us how to wash clothes."

SRC Secretary Sue Mader stopped the raid by threatening to call the police. "You've gone too far this time, Michael," she told the short-haired deVerteuil.

Mader was angered by what she called deVerteuil's "...undiplomatic approach. "How can we expect to get anything when we keep alienating them? Besides, Father President won't like this."

But administrative reaction was generally favourable. Administration president Henry LaBelle was pleased with the conduct of the female students in the residence.

"You, the students, have managed to steer away from the youthful kind of abusive confrontation towards the more mature approach of progressive dialogue," he said.

"May I extend my congratulations."

The soft-spoken Labelle has

been president of Saint Mary's for too long, say his superiors. But student reaction to the slight agile Jesuit has been favourable.

"He has done everything he ever promised," said Ian MacKenzie, Arts 4, "and not only that he's done some things he never said he'd do."

Gnosis Pappadopoulos, a correspondent for the Los Angeles LOYOLAN, said "I've never met such a strong character as Father Labelle."

"He's got one hell of a lot of discipline."

The coed residents were not enthused by the panty-raid. They reacted strongly and after thirty minutes repulsed the invaders.

Female students fended off the raiders in various inventive ways. They dumped gallons of water from the residence windows, and one man was temporarily hospitalized after a salt shaker was dropped on his head from an upper story window.

Several Women put one of the raiders on the defensive. They locked him, a freshman, in their bathroom. "He was petrified," they all agreed.

After the raid, members of the Women's Liberation Movement (M-L) attacked deVerteuil for "Another male chauvinist attempt to place women in an inferior position."

deVerteuil reacted by throwing the group out his office.

As they left the group hurled threats on the inscrutable deVerteuil. "We won't take this lying down," they said. "You've put us up against the wall and we will be swift to react."

Forecasts for the future indicate that the administration will allow the students to launder their own clothing. The move is expected to be announced next week.



Pete Vaughan Photo

The *Kamp* will go, say directors

The Kamp will probably be a reality.

S.R.C. recently appointed Ernestine MacDonald (Arts 4) and Tom McCaughey as co-directors to develop the idea and initiate a program.

The Kamp, a unique kind of summer camp, will be an effort of the students of Saint Mary's to demonstrate their concern for the less fortunate youngsters of the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

Three Kamps are planned, each of two weeks duration, on campus during July and August.

Each Kamp will cater to about 30 youngsters. Its program

generally is intended to provide as much as possible many of the activities and benefits that probably they would be missing in their own home environment.

The Kamp will be under the direction and supervision of S.M.U. students. Although counsellors will be, as a whole, inexperienced in the operation of such an endeavour, advice will be readily available, if necessary, from trained social workers.

Interest and enthusiasm in helping the kids, not only to enjoy themselves but to show them that a higher standard of living is

attainable to them, are thought by the directors to make up for the lack of experience of the counsellors.

The proposed budget for the Kamp indicates that it will probably run in excess of \$8,000. Funds for the operation will have to come from public donations, but the directors are quite optimistic. They feel that the money will come through so that the Kamp will not only be a reality but that it will be successful.

Anyone desiring further information can receive it at the Kamp office, in the S.R.C. wing, fifth floor of the Student's Centre.

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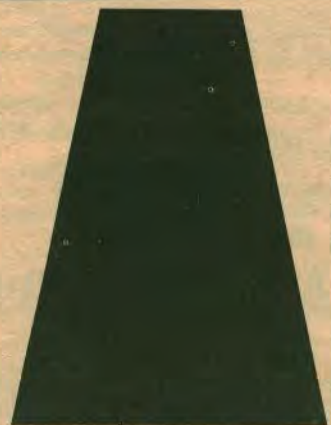


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Saturday, Jan. 17

Basketball UNB @ SMU 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18

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SMU Gym 8:30 p.m.

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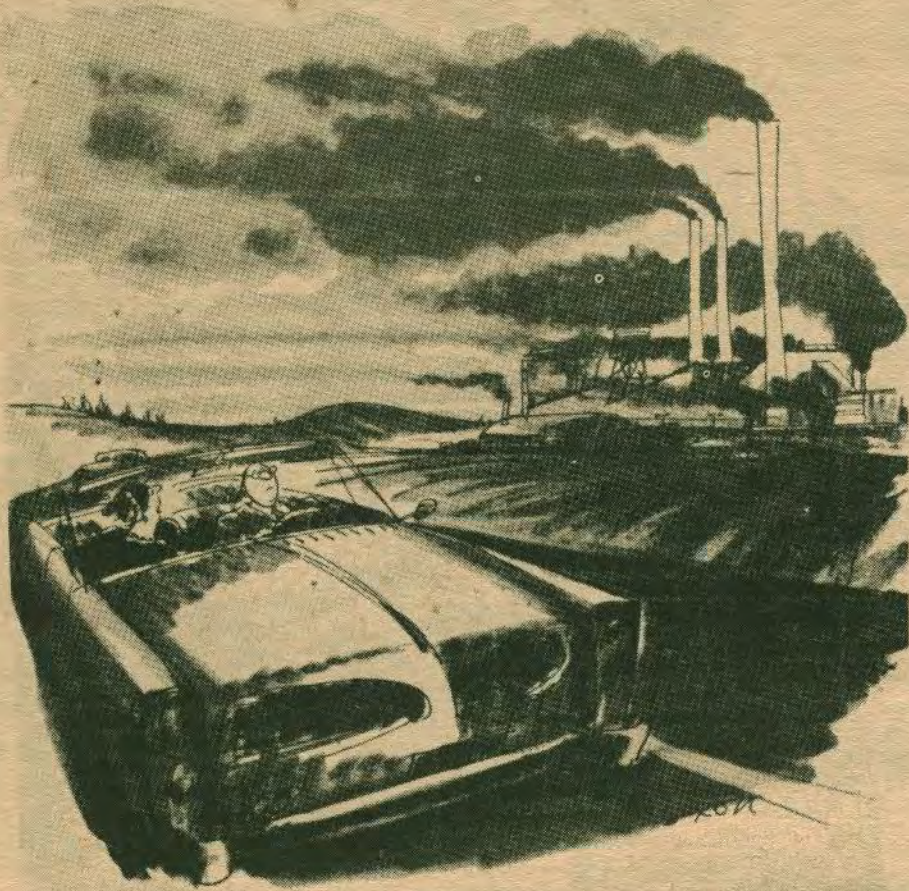
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"Shouldn't someone be speaking out about this?"

The sun beat off the Northwest Arm like light waves off a mirror. A hot dry day, perfect for a swim or sail, even though the Arm is polluted.

But people swim there every year despite the warnings. Raw sewage pours in from many places along the shore and oil slicks are not uncommon.

Even this is not as bad as the Bedford Basin. In a pollution contest, it could probably come out ahead of the Arm. Harbor pollution floats in on every tide. In the same direction there is the Halifax dump, which is an island growing right into the Basin. Ships enter the Basin, dumping garbage and sewage left and right, and it also has the same raw sewage and oil slicks that characterize the Arm. Soon, even sailing will have to be banned because it will be dangerous to fall into the water.

The Basin is supposed to be cleaner towards Bedford, and it would be, except for the Sackville River, probably the most polluted river in Nova Scotia. At Sunnyside, one can hardly see the river bottom for the garbage. Surprisingly enough, some fish, mainly eels, still swim around in it.

But doing without such recreation as sailing, swimming, and scenery is nothing compared to spending money to clean up the

mess that is being dumped there daily. That seems harder to do for most people.

Drinking water is still supposed to be safe, at least it doesn't come from polluted rivers. The watershed area may be enough for present needs, but where will the needs of the next ten years come from? Even then, there is talk about letting industry and recreation use the area and then purify it before it is used domestically. Many engineers, biologists, and chemists advise against such an approach. They do not think it is a valid one.

by **Wayne Gillis**

They may be right. Halifax is one of the Canadian cities that pours its raw sewage into a water area without treatment. Some of the others are St. John's, Newfoundland, Quebec City, and Victoria, B.C. Dartmouth is only slightly better off, it treats about 3 per cent of its industrial waste.

But it may not matter; in ten or twenty years, there may not be anyone left to worry about it.

Anik '70 is Winter carnival '70

Anik is the name of a satellite that will be launched in 1972 for the purpose of communications. Anik 70 will be launched as this year's theme for winter carnival on Feb. 4.

by **Brian MacInnis**

Under the chairmanship of Charlie Decker (SMU) and Dace Reimanis, MSVU there has been a greater degree of bureaucratization or involvement, with many smaller committees reporting to one central committee, the winter carnival committee. The organizational work has been completed and tickets will be on sale tomorrow, Friday, January 23, at the carnival office, SUB fifth floor. SRC vice-president, Paul LeBlanc, was impressed with Decker's ability to chair the carnival committee.

"Under Decker's leadership, the committees will complete their work," he said.

The first event of Winter Carnival will be the giant "Junior Walker and the All-Stars" con-

cert to take place in the SMU auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The Halifax-based "Pepper Tree" will also take part in the concert. Admission will be \$2.50 and \$3.00.

During intermission at the Walker show on Wednesday evening, Miss Winter Carnival will be crowned. In this way she may reign over all the festivities rather than being crowned at the end of the carnival as has happened in year's past.

THURSDAY the fun begins at 7:30 with skating and tobogganing at the Mount. This will be followed by a party at \$2.00 a person.

9:00 will be Mardigras time in the SMU gymnasium. This will be a costumed event with prizes for both male and females. A hot buffet will be served and the cost will be \$5.00 a couple. The Privateers will be in attendance.

NO CLASSES FRIDAY.

FRIDAY at 11:00 a.m. there will be a girls football game. At half-time there will be such activities as three-legged races. Judging of the snow-sculptures will also take place on Friday, as will a basketball game at 6:00, Dal vs SMU.

Friday night at 9:00 in the SUB - a Barvgrian Beer Garden. For \$2.00 a person, there will be German foods and drinking music. There may be some bar maids.

Friday evening at 9:00 there will also be a dinner dance in the MSVU cafeteria. Cost is \$5.00 a couple, attire is semi-formal and Joe Sealy and the Unusuals will provide the music.

SATURDAY, Feb. 7, there will be a fiesta pizza party in the SMU SUB. It will begin at 9:00; cost will be \$2.00 a person and one free pizza will be served for that price.

At 9:00 in the MSYU cafeteria, - the Queen's Ball. Dress will

be formal and the cost will be \$5.00 a couple.

On Saturday afternoon at 1:30, the Privateers, a Halifax folk group, will present a concert in the SMU auditorium.

SUNDAY, there will be a hockey game at 2:15, with Moncton vs the Huskies.

At 8:00 in theatres A and B there will be movies, as of yet unannounced.

Carnival information booklets and souvenirs will be on sale with the tickets on the 23rd.

Dennis Gurley, who has worked on the carnival committee said, "I think winter carnival is going to be a big success, much more

so than last year's was."

LeBlanc, had only praise for the Carnival.

"It's a good program, and the societies have proven themselves in that they have shown that they have the ability to administer functions. The activities have been designed to cover the majority of students, both singles and couples. A dating system will be in effect for the carnival," he said.

Francis Fraser, SRC treasurer, best summed-up the feeling about winter carnival. "I'm impressed generally" he said, "but it only will be better if people participate."

Community Development is organized

Suppose you've got a problem. No curtains in your room at the highrise. What do you do to solve this problem? Yell a bit?

There's not much you can do. But eventually you will bang your head against the wall long enough and you'll get your curtains. Still, the problem which created your dilemma is still in existence and nothing you can do will eliminate it.

But there is another way.

You can get together, organize committees to attack the root of the problem and continue to attack until the problem is eliminated. This approach is called Community Development, and you can learn how to do it.

On January 30, 31, and February 1, there will be a Community Development Conference at Saint Mary's University. SRC Internal Affairs Representative Ralph Holt is organizing it.

The conference will consist of films, discussions, and training seminars, all aimed at instruc-

tion in problem solving. Many concerned people from the university society in Halifax have been invited to the conference, including the students of Saint Mary's University.

Holt first brought up the idea at the Council meeting of January 15.

"There is a need for the people involved in the problem to help in the solving of it", he said.

"It has a lot of faults", he added, but the Community Development Approach has never been adapted to a university setting. Before this, it was always used to form trade unions and co-operatives.

Organizer Saul Alinsky pioneered in the approach that has been effectively used in both Canada and the United States, a neighboring country.

Insurance plan accepted

North American Life Assurance will be offering a term (it only pays if you die) insurance plan on campus this year.

A motion to allow the corporation to approach students on campus was passed unanimously by the Students' Representative Council Thursday (Jan. 15).

SRC Treasurer Francis Fraser called the proposal "... a pretty typical plan." He com-

pared it to the insurance plan once offered by the now defunct Canadian Union of Students.

The plan, code-named Tempus, is open to any student under 40 and costs \$1.60 to \$1.80 per \$1000 coverage. Minimum coverage is \$10,000 while the maximum is \$12,500.

The University of Saskatchewan (Regina campus) has allowed the plan on their campus.

Will accept 2 seats

Saint Mary's students will accept two seats on the university's 21-man senate, bringing the number to 23.

The decision was made Friday (Jan. 16) in a campus-wide referendum. The vote was 358 yes votes to 130 opposed. There were 2 spoiled.

The 490 votes represent only about a quarter of the total en-

rollment of 2118.

Representation on Senate will likely be a short-term measure in any case, since studies have been going on to restructure the university. At the moment, Saint Mary's is legally a part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax. The new structure, expected to be unveiled next term, will be designed to separate the university and archdiocese.

FOCUS: The case for a public ombudsman

The Ombudsman is an officer appointed by the legislature to receive and investigate complaints of unjust administrative actions. The system originated in Sweden in 1809, was adopted by Finland in 1919, and recently has spread to Denmark, Norway, New Zealand, and the Provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick and in Quebec in Canada. It is now being widely discussed in other democracies, and has been proposed for, and in some cases accepted by, countries as far apart and

'mix' of the interrelation between the governing and the governed. Because of this there are administrative orders which bear unequally on a citizen. As a result there arises dilatory administrative folly and what is known as 'red tape.'

Another problem presents itself as there is a possibility of the citizen's rights being jeopardized because the administrative branch which makes the decision is often the sole source of appeal.

not afford the expensive legal aid.

We agree with the views expressed in the 1964 Nova Scotia Legislative Committee Report which states "that it would not be in the best interests of the Province of Nova Scotia to recommend the appointment of such an official, if this official were merely to be the receptive official of 'crank' letters, or if the official were merely to duplicate the services already being performed by the officials charged with administration in various departments." However an Ombudsman in Nova Scotia would not merely be a recipient of 'crank' letters or a duplicate of services already being performed. This statistics found in the Second Report of the Ombudsman which was presented to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick will bear this out. It was noted that there were only 16 more complaints that were not justified than there were ones which were justified; there were 37 which were either referred to the proper authorities or in which information was given; and, significantly, there were 156 which were investigated or under investigation.

Further to this, the safeguards which are presently built into our system are too time consuming, expensive and involve a large amount of red-tape for the average citizen. One thing which existing safeguards do not prevent is partisan politics, something which there is no need for but which is almost impossible to eliminate from administrative efficiency.

Another reason which was advanced in the 1964 Report for not instituting the Ombudsman was that the frequency of contact between the Legislature and the Members of the Executive Council would be weakened. This is not necessarily a valid argument, for if the Ombudsman were required to send a copy of the complaints and his intended course of action, if any, to the relevant M.L.A., such member/citizen contact and Legislature/Executive contact would then be continued and the member would still have the opportunity to question the Minister in the House.

We suggest that, just as in the Nordic countries and our sister province of New Brunswick, the Ombudsman must be able to investigate any written complaint from any citizen, company, or corporation without reference to any superior authority; he must be able to initiate investigations and make inspections; he must be able to call upon government agencies to give reports and he must have the power to demand departmental records.

The Ombudsman should not be authorized to comment on decisions of the whole cabinet or on

matters of policy and he should have no power to interfere with a minister's decision, but only to get at the facts upon which those decisions were taken and, if necessary, to report them critically to the legislature.

These suggested powers are the ones which have been granted to the office of Ombudsman in New Brunswick.

The same type of office should be created in Nova Scotia and further, our Ombudsman office should encompass the additional points.

The fact that some ombudsmen have no jurisdiction in areas where there is an opportunity for appeal or review to any court or tribunal (whether or not this action has been taken or the time to do so has expired) leaves a questionable lacuna. A government should not permit a wrong

copies of all complaints received, indicating in each case whether or not he intends to investigate. To insure the independence of the Ombudsman, he could report to a special legislative committee and the chairman of the committee should be a Member of the Opposition.

A very important addition which should be included in the powers of the Ombudsman is the power to recommend review of outdated laws. He must have the power to recommend that the law be exposed to be reviewed. He would not have the power to change the law but only the power to order review by the Legislature.

But, before the institution of this office in Nova Scotia, there should be an educational period during which the government would educate the public as to

A similar brief was presented to a special committee of the Nova Scotia Legislature by these Saint Mary's Political Science students:

Charlie Decker, Paul LeBlanc, Brian King, and Joe Healy

as different in constitutional nature as Britain, India, Holland, and several of the States in the United States.

The purpose of this brief is to explain why the Ombudsman System should be implemented in Nova Scotia and what changes are necessary in present ombudsman type systems before its implementation here.

The argument for the Ombudsman scheme derives from the fact that all democratic countries in the twentieth century have experienced a shift from the laissez-faire to the positive state. This shift has brought with it the need to grant increasing powers of discretion to the executive side of government. Thousands of administrative decisions are made each year by governments or their agencies, many of them by lower officials; if some of these decisions are arbitrary or unjustified, then there exists no easy way for the ordinary citizen to gain redress.

The widening of the government's role tends to change the

The right to complain to one's local M.L.A. does not adequately meet the problem. The normal method of dealing with such a complaint is for the member to forward an inquiry to the department concerned. This in itself does not guarantee the citizen of an impartial investigation. If the M.L.A. is dissatisfied with the department's reply, then the member can ask a question of the minister in the House. This latter procedure is of limited usefulness as the House sits only six to eight weeks a year. The only further present recourse is for the member to take up the matter in caucus or debate the complaint in the House in which case the House will generally favour the Minister since he is a member of the majority party in the House.

Cases in which redress might have been given had they been taken to courts, quite often, are not taken to the courts. In many of the cases the citizen would not be expected to know his rights, would not know what to do about them if he did, and very likely could



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to go uncorrected because of ignorance on the part of the citizen or because a specified time has elapsed, but rather it should be concerned about correcting the wrong which has been done. The Ombudsman could play a key role here.

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what an Ombudsman is, his function, the range of his jurisdiction and the procedure for registering a complaint with him.

To conclude this brief in a lighter vein and in following the example of our sister Province of New Brunswick, we would find no difficulty in finding candidates for the position of Ombudsman. We are sure that students would be willing to nominate several university Presidents for the position.

Bodies banned
Saint Mary's students will not take part in beauty contests in the future.

A referendum on whether the girls were in favor of beauty contests for SMU students taken Friday (Jan. 16) gave 54 yes votes to 63 no votes. There was one spoiled ballot.

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As I see it: Campus unrest

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Unrest, rioting, defiance of rules and just plain, old-fashioned rebellion is so much part of university life today, one is almost inclined to believe it is part of the curriculum.

I have heard many reasons for the chaotic state universities had to deal with from time to time. Administrations, have said with some degree of validity, that universities are institutions of learning and not a breeding ground for radicals of every stripe in the spectrum of anarchy. I'll drink to that, but first I'd like to have explained to me the true definition of learning.

What constitutes a well rounded student? Is he one that goes to classes everyday never questioning the professors, the curriculum, the administration, his fellow students and the actions of the Governments and the public? Or is he one that not only questions these things but takes such an interest in them, he is

out but we may have to accept it because the two extremes we are given are blatant lies.

Let's take the two extremes, throw them out and try and look at the demands and refusals objectively. The students want the right to make their own visiting hours. They feel they are entitled to this because (1) the university is their home and (2) they or their parents are paying the shot. I was speaking to a student recently and when I, said that as long as the students were responsible I saw no reason they couldn't or shouldn't set their visiting hours. I was told they wouldn't be in university if they weren't responsible. Now fair is fair and just because a person is in university is no criteria to responsibility or anything else for that matter. I have no intention of conning anyone and I've seen too many sunrises to be conned that easily myself. Father

by Francis Campbell

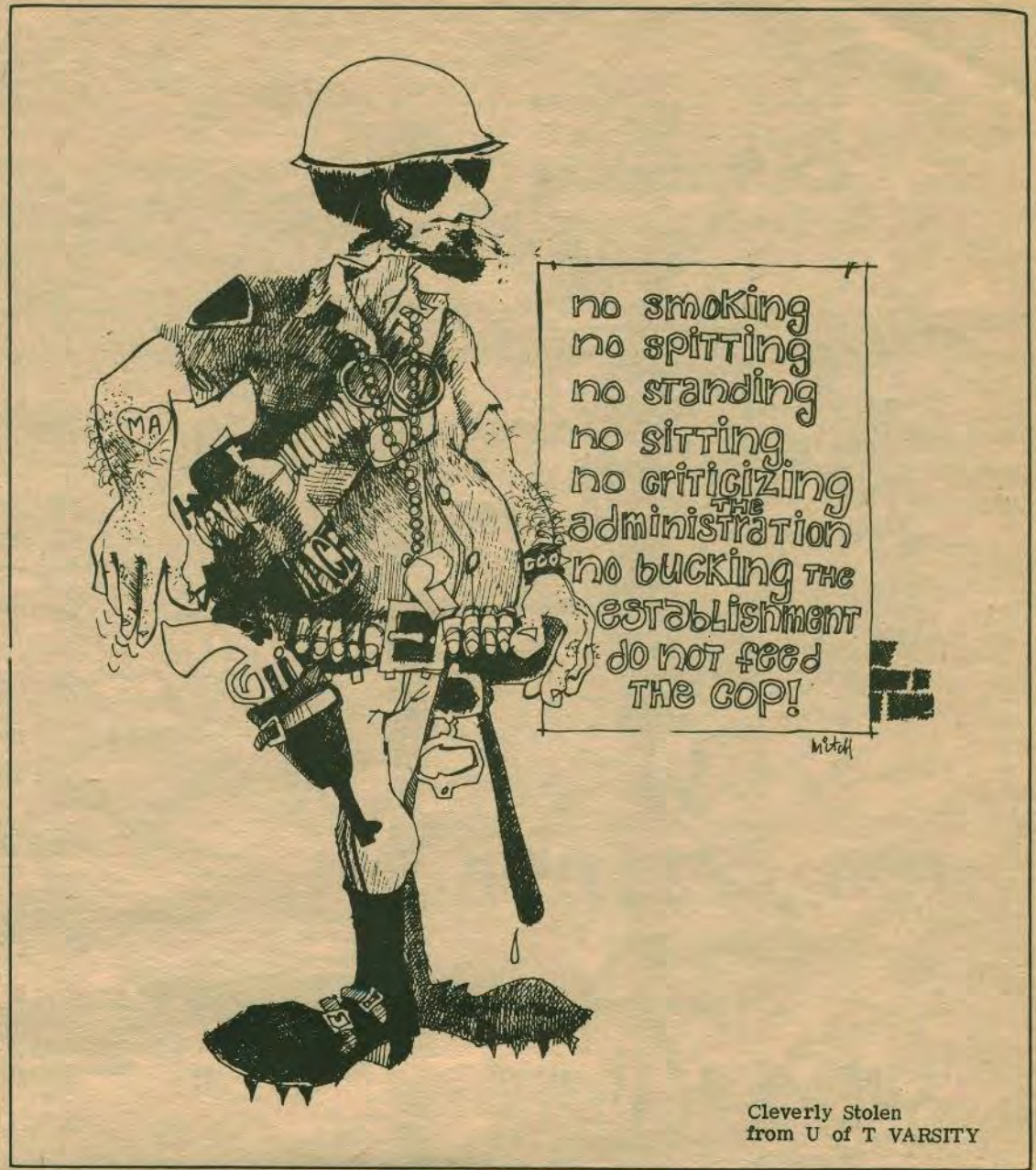
labelled an activist? I'll put my money on the latter and if he is labelled an activist or radical, more power to him. I say it is not a stigma but a symbol of honour. Alfred North Whitehead said, "A quiet sedate university is one that doesn't accomplish very much". If there is such a person as an authority on university life, Mr. Whitehead must be placed in that position, having dealt with every facet of universities all his life.

Let me now take this a step closer right in the entrails of St. Marys. Recently, you had a confrontation with the administration that made the daily newspapers, radio and television. This flare-up had to do with your visiting rights with the female students. Here again, we were given such a distorted picture of the situation that I personally suffered under the misapprehension that the students wanted the freedom of shacking up or living common-law with each other and having their little orgies at any time of the day or night. On the other hand I was led to believe the administration was run by dictatorial tyrants that were living in the past and forcing the students to do likewise. So what's the story? Tyrant or anarchist? Or do we use the old cliché and say the truth is somewhere in between. That's an easy

Labelle has taken a hard and fast line that I'm not sure I agree with because, it smacks of a dictatorial dictum rather than a just and amicable ruling. I would have thought that a man in Father Labelle's position would have handled the situation with more diplomacy, for surely he must realize that subtlety and compromise make for a more harmonious and lasting settlement than the rule of the big stick.

Friends of mine, have said that these kids have shown themselves to be irresponsible, immature, with no respect for their elders or institutional rules. Now that's quite a mouthy condemnation and when I asked for factual incidents I was given a barrage of half truths and innuendoes. The public relations of universities on the news media over the last few years has given such a distorted portrayal of students, it is little wonder that people on the whole think universities are hothouses of immorality, and any other bag that goes against the administrative grain. You really haven't done much to straighten out the picture either, and if you want support (and don't kid yourselves that you don't need it) get on the ball with a solid programme of good P.R.

I'm not asking you to water down your principles or projects but I am asking you to inject them



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with a little new blood. Before you take the transfusion see that the blood has the factors that is going to give you the strength and courage not only to fulfill your projects and adhere to your principles but to sanely rationalize your objectives and most important your presentation of the same.

If there is one thing I've learned on this road of life so far, it is that you can have right, reason and honour on your side but if your delivery is out of kilter you're sure to fall and land on your pratt. If any of your presentations to the administration are comparable to some of your presentations in

the JOURNAL, it's on your pratt you belong baby. This JOURNAL could be a paper the students could be proud of instead of the attitude some of them now hold. I'm not trying to con you when I say I believe the staff has the journalistic ability to do much better than it has shown. Why not steal a little thunder from the T.V. show, Laugh-In, and instead of the "fickle finger of fate" call it Journal Jabs. Think of all the lovely candidates that need a good jab.

I know of no rules in the arena of journalism that say the more vulgar obscene and downright filthy your composition is the

better your chance of interesting your readers. What's this hang up you have that motivates you to use vulgarity? A guy must be pretty insecure if he feels the only way people are going to pay any attention to him is, if he uses foul language. No one has ever accused me or paid me the compliment of being a saint and when it gets down to hard rock, I'll hold my own with anybody. I just don't believe it serves any useful purpose in this field of communication. In the final analysis if you serve the flock rotten feed you'll get a foul reception.

letters

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Sty dining

Dear Mr. Editor:

The other day I had THE misfortune of dining in the Student Centre Cafeteria. One would think that the company which runs it would maintain an adequate staff to keep it clean, even if it was just to wash the tables of the slime and filth which adhere to them.

I have heard of restaurants being called greasy spoons, but your cafeteria can be best described as simply greasy, not only the food but the floors, walls, woodwork and ceilings, not to mention the uniforms worn by the staff.

If you have ever read Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales", you have come across the description of the cook, which I think aptly describes the staff that awaits you as you enter the dining stys.

But I must thank Saint Mary's for this experience. As a scholar once said, you cannot enjoy the better things of life until you

have experienced the worst. Thank you for allowing me to experience the worst.

G.D. MacR.S.
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copy copy copy this week as the editorial board stole the front page and ran it off into the wilds of seventy. The editorial page preserve of boy editor in the past has been usurped by francis campbell who writes with wit and charm from his home off the campus and far away, the news room was cold tonight as we suffered along with itch who used to be known as the hopalong, his face is better now that its half covered. wayne gillis wrote nice peice on pollution while new staffer dave the porter wrote and rewrote like most new staffers. tom wrote his kamy article and smith didn't do too much. the photogs were hard at it but didn't get their article in this week due to lack of space, which was inexplicably filled with an ad. money money money this week too. well that's all i can think of from g. harvey working hard in the old bearpit. good something or other. claud says he really isn't as profane as all that, it is just our bad influence we say bullshit.

Huskies mangle Axemen in 8-2 win


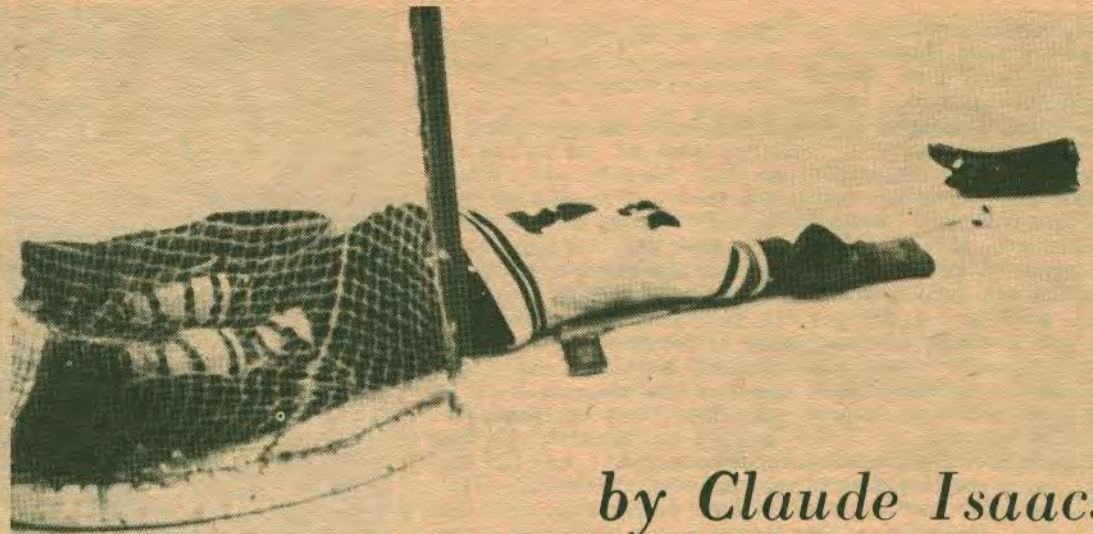
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Ho Hum. Well another game is out of the way and the Hockey Huskies, or as they say in Newfoundland, the 'ockey 'uskies, have won another one. The score was 8-2, but I wonder if it might have been just a little lower had things been different.

Acadia came out hustling like hell and started checking the asses off of the Huskies. They were breaking up plays and causing a lot of missed passes and icing calls and then fore-checking to keep us bottled up in our own zone. I don't think there was any time when one could say that Acadia controlled the play but even though SMU had the puck they were unable to do much with it. This was due to some fantastic goaltending by Bob Ring, which I first mistook for luck.

Making mistakes around their own net they found themselves behind by a goal. It wasn't until late in the first period that Saint Mary's were able to get on the score board on a power play goal by Herbert from Hindson and Murray. About two minutes later with O'Byrne off for high sticking, Martin scored from Maxwell. That was at 19:23 and the period ended 2-1. It was apparent from the beginning that

it was just a matter of time until Saint Mary's started to "come on" and those two goals were the beginning.

The second period was very close and I was surprised that Acadia was able to hang in there cause the Huskies had a million chances but couldn't get it past Ring. The only goal of the period came on another short handed effort. This time Hindson deflected a shot by Hebert right in front of the Acadia net.

It was with mixed emotions that I watched a former star of our high school team get a breakaway for Acadia. I had often cheered for 'Soapy' Stoddard and had seen him score on many such plays, but when Chuck Goddard came up with a great save I found myself on my feet yelling with the rest of them. The second period ended 3-1.

The Huskies came out playing in the third and Dickey scored at 3:14 and a minute and eight seconds later McNally picked up his first of the year on a nice shot that beat Ring. Then Gerry Cameron scored from Hebert at the 6:59 mark and after that Ring started to get pissed off. At 8:03 Ring picked up a penalty for slashing. Then it happened.

At 8:35 a big fight started after Dickey had apparently clopped Ring over the head with his stick. Then MacDonald started throwing his weight around but a Huskie fell on him and injured his leg. Both Ring and MacDonald had to be carried off the ice. Ring had a bad cut on the side of his head and lost a lot of blood. I didn't really feel like staying after that.

Ellis and Maxwell scored a couple more for SMU and at 17:15 old "Soaper" put it in for Acadia on a fine play. The game ended 8-2, with Saint Mary's out shooting the Axemen 43 to 24.

I thought Murray played a nice game for SMU, along with McNally, Dickey, Cameron and Maxwell. Bob Dawson has become quite a favorite with the crowd and its easy to see why. It takes guts to play like he does against all those "whities". Oh yeah, Hindson took over the scoring leadership from Ron Naud of Dalhousie.

Next week the Huskies are off to New Brunswick to play Saint Thomas and UNB. They are on the road for the next five games and do not return to their home ice until Feb. 8.

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