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C.F.C.C.S. Center Of Campus Controversy

It seems that members of the student body of this University managed to hang some dirty laundry out in the public eye at the recent C.F.C.C.S. Conference.

Who was in the right and who in the wrong is something that the JOURNAL editors cannot judge, but we can say that it was an unfortunate affair.

Rather than take sides in the matter we present the story from the vantage points of the people concerned.—Eds.

By JACK BUCKLEY
As told to Joe Pelrine

By MAX BEATON

"I was attending the Conference of the C.F.C.C.S. as an observer. I heard the reports from the three other colleges which were read at the meeting, and then listened to the report which was presented by Harold Kane, of Saint Mary's.

"What struck me was that while the other colleges' delegates confined their reports to those activities in which the C.F.C.C.S. took part or sponsored, the Saint Mary's delegates recounted all SMU activities which happened to contribute to the aims of C.F.C.C.S.

"Because of the two different approaches it appeared that our group was much more active than the others, and apart from a feeling of inferiority that was generated I felt there was an aura of dissatisfaction with the proceedings.

"I had been told by the C.F.C.C.S. Moderator here, that as an observer I could speak at the meeting.

"So when the Mount Saint Vincent observer complained that had the Mount used the same approach, their report would have been comparable to its SMU counterpart, I made my controversial entrance.

"In taking the floor I told the delegates that the C.F.C.C.S. here was reporting on activities with which they had nothing to do, and therefore the other delegates should not feel inferior.

"I pointed out that I was not a member of the executive of the C.F.C.C.S. and was subsequently accused of saying that I claimed not to be a member of the organization.

"Now I have been accused of being unpatriotic towards the local Federation. I would like to point out that it was through the efforts of Bernie Sheehan and myself that C.F.C.C.S. is still represented on this campus, and it is through my efforts that \$25 was raised to help defray the expenses of sending a C.F.C.C.S. representative to the Pax Romana Convention this summer in London, England.

"I repeat: my actions were meant to alleviate an embarrassing situation among our delegates, not to create one."

A blast from a blowtorch interrupted the opening session of the C.F.C.C.S. Conference last Friday evening. But though the blast did generate some heat, it certainly did not cast any light on the matters being discussed.

The excessive heat from the rear of the conference room turned the faces of the official Saint Mary's delegation a crimson red.

"Imagine", said one delegate, "a member of our Student Council, claiming that he was not a member of C.F.C.C.S." Another, more constitutionally minded said, "I thought he especially knew that all students who pay their Student Council dues — which are contained in the tuition fees — are members of the C.F.C.C.S. (Article 5)."

"And all that crying he did about our report, saying in effect that we were telling a pack of lies", continued another, "after all, the C.F.C.C.S. is the whole organized student body. The A.A.A. handles sports, the Debating Society debating etc., and the C.F.C.C.S. funnels all these activities to the other Catholic Colleges. As for that question as to why we included all these activities in that report when it was never done before, all he has to do is read the last issue of Catholic Campus. The Debating Notes mention that St. F.X. featured their debating week with a student-faculty debate; that St. Patrick's has debated against Georgetown U., that that St. Dunstan's have compulsory debating classes; surely he didn't think that C.F.C.C.S. ran compulsory classes."

This local committee is yours. It is delegated by the Student Council to handle the affairs of the National Federation on the local level. It is the Council which pays the dues for each registered student. It provides the necessary backing for all projects. The Council provides the financial backing for attendance at the conventions.

There is then a better way to cast light upon a subject than the irresponsible use of a verbal blowtorch. Your local committee is now in a position to offer a definite program. They ask all students and organizations to co-operate. In return for this they offer:

- 1) A pool of ideas drawn from Catholic universities throughout the world;

"Where Are The Irish"

That multi-dollar not-so-extravaganza, "Where Are The Irish" which was two weeks in the making and had a cast of hundreds of thousands, opened for a limited engagement at Saint Patrick's Auditorium, March 17th . . . and closed two hours later.

Sounds bad, doesn't it. But it really isn't. Everything went according to schedule. Written by Carl Hunt and Murray Napier and directed by Billy Reid of Playshop and radio fame, the show offered approximately one hundred and twenty minutes of story, song and laughter. The Saint Mary's University Glee Club (better known to SMU students as the Religion 5 Class) comprised the backbone of the production. It was the first time a Religion Class acted as "Taverners" — with the approval of the Faculty.

The plot, an "American in Ireland" sort of thing, gave ample opportunities for such singing stars as Marie Brophy, Billy Reid, Frank Baldwin and "Chuck" McGuire. Thanks go especially to Rev. Father Mills, for choral direction, and also to Mr. Billy Reid, Sr., for orchestral accompaniment.

Playshop Announces New Officers

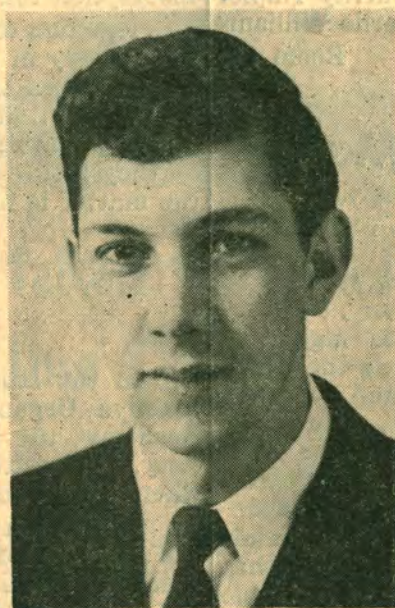
At the last meeting of the Saint Mary's University Playshop, an election was held for the officers who assumed their duties immediately, in accordance with the rules of the newly drawn-up constitution. The new officers will hold their positions until the end of the first term of the 1955-56 College Year. The new officers are:

- President—Murray Napier
- Vice-President—Dan MacDonald
- Secretary—Gerry Conrad
- Treasurer—Bernie Murphy

The new executive wasted no time in taking over. There was an Executive Meeting on the same afternoon, with the discussion covering such things as the soon-to-be-presented "Harvey" and the not-then-presented "Where Are The Irish?" The Journal congratulates the new officers and wishes them luck in their coming term of office.

- 2) a chance to publicize the university and your organization and make your good ideas grow;
- 3) a chance to join other Catholic students in presenting the Catholic students' viewpoint (Ex.: on scholarships and government grants). Remember, the C.F.C.C.S. is your organization. It is a collaborator and not a competitor.

To Japan



CARL DUJAY

It was announced early last week that Carl Dujay (above), a third year Commerce student, was chosen delegate to attend the annual World University Service Summer Seminar to be held in Japan.

Carl has only been at the university two years but during that time has done a tremendous amount of work for W.U.S. and the Sodality. He is currently secretary treasurer of the W.U.S. organization at St. Mary's.

The group will consist of 28 Canadian students. It is expected that the tour will sail from either Vancouver or San Francisco to Hawaii, and from there on to Japan. The trip is financed by W.U.S. and lasts approximately three months.

The Journal wishes Carl the best of luck during his journey.

The president of the Students' Council has announced that nominations for next year's Student Council president will be held on Sunday, March 20, at 2.30 p.m. The election will be held the last week of March. A.A.A. elections will be held one week later.

Student Council Sponsors Leader Course

The second of a series of six lectures called "Leadership and Organization" was held last Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. This non-credit course is under the sponsorship of the Students' Council and will be held every Tuesday evening until April 12.

The six lectures are being given by Rev. P. G. Malone, S.J., Dean of Studies and they consist of one hour of lecture and one hour of discussion. There are twenty-eight students registered for the course.

Sympathy

The faculty and students extend their deepest sympathy to Pat and Emmett Berrigan, on the recent death of their sister. She will be remembered in our prayers.

Harvey To Be Staged In Gym, April 14-16

The Saint Mary's University Playshop will present the popular comedy "Harvey" in the university gym on April 14, 15 and 16.

The public will not easily forget this hilarious story about the six and one-half foot rabbit who made himself visible only to Elwood P. Dowd. The story springs forth as a result of the strange relationship between Dowd and the rabbit, both of whom are fond of rum-pots and crack-pots. Before the end of the play you'll wish you were a crack-pot too, just so you could see Harvey.

Included in the cast are Bernie Murphy, Cris MacKinnon, Murray Napier, Elaine Connolly, Dan MacDonald, Florence and Dorothy Barter, Laurie Brean, Sylvia Lawrence, Mike Fortier, Charles Burke, and Heather MacEachran.

The play was written by Mary Chase and will be directed by Jim Britten.

Council Announces Award Winners

At a recent meeting of the Student Council applications for the gold and silver "M's" were reviewed. Eleven members of the graduating class will receive Gold "M's" while four will receive the Silver award.

Men receiving Gold "M's" are: John Martin, Lorne Hemphill, Doug Murray, Charlie Dixon, Jack Hayes, Bernie Sheehan, Joe Murphy, Max Beaton, Bob O'Connell, Jack Carey, and Joe Pelrine.

Silver "M's" will go to Bob Davies, Bill Reid, Ed Murray and William Sullivan.

Gavin Gives Best Answers In Contest

Jack Gavin, Commerce II, has won last month's droodle contest. Jack received the \$5.00 prize for the following answers: 1. Jimmy Durante in the bathtub, 2. a clean plackboard, 3. an explosion in a bird cage, and 4. Ken Hardy's mind. (Number 4 was the blank space.)

It has been decided that no more contests will be held along that line.

Closed Retreat Announced

The Student Counsellor has announced that the Annual Closed Retreat for the graduating class will be held from April 10-12. Although the retreat is held mainly for the grads, it is open to all interested students. The fee will be \$5.00.

It will start at 9 p.m. on Easter Sunday and will end 5.30 p.m. on the following Tuesday.

The director will be Father Edward Sherry, S.J., from Toronto.

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The Truth of the Matter

Reprinted from Queen's Journal

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I THE JURY

"I'll be judge, I'll be jury,"
Said cunning old Fury;
I'll try the whole cause,
and condemn you to death."

—Alice in Wonderland

The Athletic Association is in the middle of a ruckus for its handling of an unfortunate affair arising when three players quit the intercollegiate hockey team.

The three players in question — Bob Swindles, Everett Kelly and "Bucket" Thorne took themselves out of the lineup. They claim that they told the team management of their intention, while the Athletic Association maintains that they did not and says it is so obvious that they did not that it was not necessary to hear their side of the story before taking action.

A.A. action consisted of erasing the points they had earned as members of the team. It was indicated that they had earned the points for their play up to the time of the trouble, not in assumption that they would play a full year.

Reaction to the A.A. edict has been quick in coming. The school body in general — as far as the Journal can determine — has taken the attitude that they don't know who's in the wrong, but that the whole matter should be carefully reviewed.

It would be protecting the A.A. as well as the three players — they feel — if both sides could express their stands before the matter is finalized.

J. P.

A SITUATION

In the student poll taken by the JOURNAL the "Most Inactive Organization" was found to be the Philosophers' Academy; the second "most inactive" was the Boarders' Society. This situation is a radical change from previous years when these two groups were among the most active.

We have been informed that the Philosophers' Academy has had no more than three meetings this year, that includes executive meetings. Three meetings, in spite of the fact that the poll found Philosophy to be the favorite academic subject. In past years this group has been one of the most active and unless the executive wish the group to drop out of existence we suggest that they pull up their socks and put the Philosophers' Academy back in its rightful place among student activities.

The same fate has befallen the Boarders' Society. In past years that Society was the most enthusiastic and virile at Saint Mary's. Today it is not even a shadow of its former self. The day is gone when a Boarder would pay his dues just to have the privilege of sitting in on a Boarders' meeting.

Apparently the Boarders' executive feel they can run the organization without regular meetings because there are comparatively few of them. Whatever the reasons the Boarders' Society is gravely ill and members and executive alike should begin first-aid immediately before the patient dies.

UP TO OUR ARM-PITS IN "M's"

This year almost 6 percent of the student body at Saint Mary's will receive either a gold or silver "M". Almost everyone including the president of the Students' Council, feels that this figure is far too high.

At first glance it would appear that these awards are not too easy to get. For instance, it takes 150 points for a gold "M" and 100 for the silver "M". However, a second look gives the answer. First, far too many points are given for relatively unimportant positions and the situation is ever worse in the more "important" positions.

Second: over enthusiastic students are apt to claim points for positions they did not hold, in the present year as well as the past, while the council makes very little or no effort to check the points for their validity.

Third: and we feel that is the most important, the council apparently is not interested in whether the student carried out his duties, in the position for which he is claiming points. For example, the student who becomes president of a faculty gives it very little or no time and is thereby a poor leader. Nevertheless he claims and receives 60 points, more than half the number needed for a silver "M".

This can be remedied if the Council would ask those in a position to know to ratify the claims put forth by students.

Awarding gold and silver "M's" was designed to give recognition to students who were active in extracurricular activities. It is clear that the system has been abused. If the council continues to hand out indiscriminately these awards, their value will be nil. They will no longer be the distinctive award that they were intended to be.

The situation is clear. The Council must act.

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MARKING ANTONY: Before I get started on the ordinary students, I thought it's be nice to say something about Lorne. He's done it again. A couple of weeks ago, he appeared before the "rabble". He really came to praise the Hockey Team, but I think the "rabble" were there to bury Lorne.

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THE "GOOD GROUP": The Student Council wants every student to know this: Not everybody can get a Gold or Silver "M" . . . you definitely have to be registered at the University;

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A BOUQUET OF ROSES: Right here, I would like to introduce to you 1955's answer to Bill Jerrett. And I'd like him to take a bow — here he is — the Toast of the Sports World — the brains behind the brawn behind the Big Hockey Campaign . . . Jules Boudreau!

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And while I'm back-patting, I'd also like to introduce to you 1955's answer to the "How - To - Keep - Up - On - Your - Studies - When - You - Have - A - Jom, - A - Family, - Help - Out in - The - Library - and - Take - Active - Part - In - The Playshop - Etcetera" Problem . . . Jim Britten!

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BEHIND THE SCENES: I think Tommy Chiasson is getting tired of playing Ed Murray's fingers. I was in his room the other day. He was curling his hair and spraying his throat. Ed, you ought tot know you can't suppress talent.

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NEVER TRUST A —: I still think there's a catch somewhere. It ridiculous! . . . all that stuff for only a dollar and a quarter. I'm certainly surprised at Harold Clarke and Dave McAvoy. I thought they were nice, quiet boys. They really turned out to be quite the hustlers. But remember . . . "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time . . ." Of course that was written before the invention of Saint Mary's men!

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KEEP IT A SECRET: The Engineers really know how to throw a stag. But no one can beat tthe Commercemen. They threw one so far, that nobody knew about it . . . Ahem . . . koff koff . . .

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THANK-YOU NOTE: You know, I used to wonder what Jack Buckley was running around about all the time. Good heavens, he's always popping in and out of that little room South of the Journal Room. Well, I used to wonder, but not anymore. Look what he did. He got two days off for all the fellows who are making the Closed Retreat. Imagine! I thought that was awful nice, Gee, thanks, Jack.

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CALLING RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN: I was talking to Carl Hunt a little while ago, and he said that — HaHaHeeHeeHoHo — that HaHaHoHeeHeeHaHa — that he and Murray Napier wrote — HoHoHoHeeHeeHa — a musical comedy! Well, I must say I was — well — HaHaHa — surprised! Carl said they worked and worked (with that nasty Billy Reid holding the whip!) and finally came up with the title "Where Are The Irish?" Then, they saw the signs; "Irish Songs and Entertainment". So the thing had two names. Then the public saw it. Now the thing has three names . . . (The show employed the talents of the Reid family and friends.)

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HE'S LOVELY: The College Crest was flown at half mast last week when the news leaked out that John Garceau, student, photographer, and all-round g-g-g-good fellow, had been promised the hand of Mary Isiah, a student-nurse at the Halifax Infirmary. Lots of luck, boy, Har-Har-De-Har-Har-Har!

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WHAT THE HELLSINKI: I'm so proud. I just found out that one of our very own boys, George Leach, has been recognized as a good prospect for the next Olympic Games, and all he does is paddle a canoe! I really think it's all so wonderful. (Seriously, we're all rooting for you, George.)

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THE POOKA: A terrible thing happened the other night at a rehearsal for "Harvey". Harvey himself didn't show up, which meant that they had to go through the whole practice just pretending he was there.

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"QUOTATION": "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?" (I just thought you'd like to see it in its original form.)

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Well, look I really must go. I hope I didn't say anything mean. It's just that somehow you fellow "don't look right to me", so remember . . . I'll be watching you." Bye now,

Your friend and mine,

THE JOTTER

LITTLE JOE

by NAPIER



Saint Mary's Box Score At C.F.C.C.S. Conference

We reported:

- a) C.F.C.C.S. Committee: C.Y.A. Holy Hours Compiling List of Scholarships Sale of Christmas Cards Raffle
- b) Other Organizations on Campus: Dramatics—Journey's End Tri-U Drama Festival Debating—M.I.D.L. Spiritual (Sodality): Catechetical Group Mission Collections Apostolic Work

We suggested:

- a) Constitution Revisions (see Conference report)
- b) That a delegate be sent to Pax Romana.
- c) That a student brief be sent to the Federal and Provincial Governments deploring present low grants to Nova Scotia universities as well as the lack of Provincial grants.
- d) That National Commissions be fully explained as to meaning and purpose.

- e) That typewritten copies of all reports be made available to all members at the National Convention.

We Supported:

- a) St. F.X. revision of publications
- b) Raising of Dues.
- c) Selection of one National Commission.

Our Future Plan:

- 1) Regular Weekly Meetings.
- 2) Report on Scholarship Project.
- 3) Student Brief to Federal and Provincial Governments asking more aid to Nova Scotia universities.
- 4) Definition of National Commissions.
- 5) A survey of Catholic School financing in the Dartmouth area with emphasis on the tax burden.
- 6) Study Day.
- 7) Usual Programme (Holy Hour, etc.)

The Journal Staff announces with pleasure the engagement of Mr. John C. Garceau, picture editor of this paper, to Miss Mary Isiah, student nurse at the Halifax Infirmary. The date of the marriage has not yet been officially announced.

Students Attend Open Retreat

Last week the students of Saint Mary's University attended an open retreat, held in the university chapel. The retreat opened Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. with a lecture and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; it closed Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m.

The retreat director was Father H. J. Labelle, S.J.

All those students who did not attend this open retreat will be attending a closed retreat to be held on April 10, 11 and 12.

Engineers are evidently the same everywhere, witness the "Argosy's" headline: "Engineers Stage Annual Brawl".

Talkers Take Two Lose One

A unanimous decision by Vic Cleyle and Bernard Murphy over U.N.B. Law School, climaxed an almost perfect M.I.D.L. debating season for Saint Mary's. All three teams who represented Saint Mary's this year were expertly coached by Prof. William Dalton.

The first debate of the season took place at St. Thomas College, Chatham, N. B. Joe Pelrine and Max Beaton of Saint Mary's were defeated by a split decision in this Radio Debate. They upheld the affirmative in the resolution "Compulsory voting is in the best interests of Democracy."

The second debate resolving "that the Rearmament of West Germany is in the best interest of world peace," was successfully upheld by Jack Hayes and Graham Walker. This debate was held at Saint Mary's and the visitors were from Dalhousie Law School.

The final and most successful battle of the season, saw Vic Cleyle and Bernard Murphy wrest an unanimous decision over U.N.B. Law School. The S.M.U. team upheld the negative of the resolution "that public ownership of basic industries and essential services is in the best interest of a democratic society."

The McMaster Silhouette, in announcing Mount Allison University as Canadian University Debating champions seem to be perplexed that the "Herring Chokers" won.



By THE WATCHDOG

In the grim struggle to subdue the boys while they go through the cafeteria line, the Saint Mary's Dining Room Branch Office is contemplating an ingenious plot which, if carried out, will see us reaching through little peep-holes in a three foot wall for the nourishing little tid bits we receive at meal time.

Can't you just picture yourself advancing down the production line waiting for the peep-holes to open to allow one piece of pie, one cup of milk, and all the other ones slide through.

Oh well, at least we'll be able to see the dainty little hands of the kitchen staff.

CRIB NOTES—A short time ago LOUIS DION led the students in the best showing of school spirit in recent years. With this kind of enthusiasm we can't miss being the top college in the Maritimes . . . GARCEAU has decided that he likes what Canada has to offer. In fact, he likes it so much he plans to take a home grown product back with him when he leaves, Mary is her name . . . TOM CHU has been picking up a lot of new "words of love" to soo to his girl. It seems, however, she doesn't approve of them or their author . . . Believe it or not BOB ALLEN and LIP have something in common. They both believe in taking on things bigger than themselves. In Bob's case it's cigars while Lip has chosen a pipe . . . We wish to congratulate JACK SARK for his speedy recovery from a serious knee ailment . . . Between FORTIN'S clarinet and McCARRON'S guitar the third floor is continually rolling. A great sense of imagination is needed however, to appreciate this harmony . . . CLEARY has decided to try his luck again and, after a long absence, has gone back to the Infirmary for dates . . . We have had another addition to the ranks recently in FRANK VALLERAND. We'd like to invite him to make himself at home but apparently he already has . . . CLAUDE LAFLAMME thinks there are too many "Big Wheels" around this place and maybe he's right.

From O.A.C comes the ultimate in intra-mural debates — both sides prepared the negative side of the resolution.

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GREEN

by BOB O'CONNELL

I remember it all just as if it happened yesterday. It wasn't my fault, they told me at the hospital. I know that it was their fault.

It was in high school that I first noticed everyone was against me. Sure, nobody said anything right to my face, but I knew that they were saying things about me behind my back. Everyone, even my professors were against me. If I made a good mark they cut it down. If I did something right they said it was wrong. Even my father and mother didn't seem to like me. They liked all my brothers and sisters but they didn't seem to like me. They hated me.

It was in my senior year at high school that it began to bother me. The word green. It wasn't the color that bothered me, nor did I mind seeing things that were green. I just couldn't stand to here that word. Whenever I heard anyone say that word, green, it was if someone had struck me full in the face and I had to strike back.

The doctor my parents sent me to, said something about schizophrenia, about developing fantastic notions. I know that none of my notions were fantastic; they were true.

I knew before I got to the little college my parents sent me to that the people there wouldn't like me either. Oh yes, the students and professors smiled and were nice to me, always so careful not to mention the word green. Still in their hearts I knew they had nothing but the deepest contempt and hatred for me.

It was after I graduated and went to work in the office of a large business firm that I met the man who hated me the most. Of course, none of other office workers liked me but it was my boss who really hated me. He lost no opportunity to criticize my work, my attitude, and my ability.

It was the day he called me to his office because of some work he said I had failed to do, that it happened. When I walked into his office that day, he was standing, looking out the window which was just behind his desk. I saw the ash-tray that I had often heard the other office workers mention. It was a novelty ash tray with a very heavy base on which stood a drunken man in full evening dress leaning against a lamp post. The boss turned as he heard me enter and smiling very sweetly called me by name, asked how I was turned backed to the window and remarked on the beauty of the day. It was then that he said it. He said that the grass was becoming so green at this time of year.

Green . . . when he said that word all the hatred of those previous years boiled up before my eyes covering my vision with a red haze. Seizing the ash tray I walked slowly to where he stood gazing out the window at the green lawn in front of the office building. I raised the ash tray above my head and with all my strength brought it crashing down on his skull. The back of his head completely disappeared as he sank to the floor with a slight moan. I stood there watching as the brain and the red, red blood gushed out on the floor.

They were very nice to me at the hospital. I didn't have to work or do anything, and the doctor told me I mustn't worry about a thing. It was a long, long time before anybody mentioned the word green to me. When the doctors did mention the word and I told them that it didn't bother me anymore they told me that that was fine and that now I was better.

That all happened five years ago and for the first few years after I was released from the hospital people were very careful not to mention the word green to me. I don't know why. The word doesn't bother me, in fact, I like to hear it and enjoy it every time I do hear it. No, green doesn't bother me now at all; what bothers me now is red.



"Harvey"

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:

The Journal, this year, has, on the whole been very good. The staff has been doing a far better job than has been done in past years. However, there are certain articles which appear in every issue, that to my mind tend to degrade the standard of the paper and the university.

The most prominent of these is the column "Ferry Tales". It is possibly the most adolescent and repulsive piece of work, ever to be printed in a college paper. This and other columns like it can do nothing more than give the outside institutions who receive our paper, a distorted picture of the calibre of our students.

I would suggest, that if such articles cannot be raised to a higher standard, they should be omitted from future issues, as detrimental to the best interests of the university.

Yours truly,
Don Flinn, Comm. III.

What this University needs is fewer experts on what this University needs.

Dear Editor:

Throughout the past football season, Saint Mary's Junior Football team enjoyed the constant support of a great portion of the Mount Saint Vincent student body. During the hockey season, our Inter-collegiate team continued to receive this support. The various Playshop presentations have often received better support from Mount Saint Vincent than from the university itself.

On numerous occasions during the past two years, the Mount has played host to us. In spite of various reports to the contrary, these socials have proved extremely successful.

I just mention these things in passing . . . thought the editors might be interested.

Yours sincerely,
John Glenister, Arts III

Dear Editor:

There was an article in the last edition of the Journal entitled "Playshop Plans Harvey". Might I draw your attention to the fact that throughout the whole article there was absolutely no mention made of "Harvey".

Yours sincerely,
Carl Hunt, Arts III

More Than You Know

by J. BERNARD MURPHY

Favorite car: Oldsmobile; favorite cigarette: Players; favorite academic subject: Philosophy (I wonder!) First and Foremost in the Field of Favorite Fugues, "Lovers" seem to want to be "Let Go," "Life is Worth Living" is tops on T.V., and "Rear Windows" are of prime interest in the theatres. The Sodality is right in there, too, with the "most active organization" nomination.

But I wonder how many realize that most of the Sodality's activities are carried on behind the scenes, as it were; that the Sodalist who lives according to his Sodality rules, spends over an hour every day performing his "spirituals".

The Sodality is, after all, by its very nature, a "religious body". You'll find that in Rule 1. Through the almost four-hundred-year history of the Sodality, 33 Sodalists have been canonized, 53 beatified. Their spiritual life has been the activating force behind them, sans aucune exception.

Before you get the wrong idea, take a look at this: these all-time greats have almost all been men. For the first two hundred years no woman was ever accepted as a member. The Sodalist has to be striving towards a firm, deep-rooted, VIRILE spiritual life. The Sodalist is bent on nothing less than sanctity! Notice I say "bent on". He may be far from sainthood, granted. But the thing that counts is that he's doing his best, such as it is. Remember, though, he's always going to be human.

The leading Sodalist in the world today is Pius XII, and he says: "We are far, as you see, from the concept of a simple union of quiet and inoperative piety, of a simple refuge against the dangers that threaten weak souls, but also from that of a simple league of nothing but external activity, feverish because artificial . . ."

For the most part, the Sodalist's spiritual life is lived in private. It's simple and concrete. The highlights are daily Mass and Communion, if possible, daily rosary, examination of conscience, and that formidable-sounding "mental prayer". Everything is coordinated into the "Sodality Way of Life", and the particular spiritual life of the individual is guided by the helping hand of the fixed confessor prescribed by rule 36.

You might wonder just where Mary fits in. Ours is, remember, the Sodality of OUR LADY. Mary is the Mother of God; as such, the Sodalist venerates her. Mary is the Meditrix of All Graces; as such, he invokes her. Mary is his Queen; as such, he strives to serve her. By her sinlessness and holiness, God has given her as a model to be imitated.

By his Act of Consecration to her, he makes his life sacred to Jesus, through Mary. From the very moment of his consecration as a Sodalist, he may act only "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam". He has taken upon himself a new character, that of a servant of the "Handmaid of the Lord"; a "servus perpetuus", a servant for life, for more than life, for eternity. Further, he has become a Knight of the Queen of Heaven, propagating, spreading and defending the Kingdom of her Princely Son.

This is the inscription on the blue banner under which he fights, under which, with her help, he will surely conquer: "AD JESUM, PER MARIAM."

—J. Bernard Murphy

In discussing The Idea of a University, the Dal Gazette claims: "The student can get away with taking a great number of courses in one subject and none in others." No comment.



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Where Ignorance is Bliss —

Recently, on a quiz program, a naval officer stated that the barracuda is a bird. Now to anyone who has even encountered the barracuda in his native habitat, the folly of this statement will be all too clear. It would seem impossible to him that anyone could match in absurdity such a definition. That is, unless he had ever attended a Communication Arts class in the spring.

Take, for example, a typical spring morning in April, perhaps, the day after golfing season has opened. The professor strolls into class, a dreamy look on his face. The class snaps to attention. This snapping process usually takes about five minutes because by the time the second half of the class gets around to standing up, the first half, overcome by their effort, has sat down again. The professor's dreamy look gradually takes on a more or less night-marish tinge. He tells the class to take out their word books, which are designed to increase a collegian's vocabulary.

"Define ornithology, Skelton," the professor asks, for the fifth day in a row.

"The study of people, sir?" Skelton has done it again. The professor looks appealingly at the rest of the class but finds little solace there. Everybody is wondering out loud why Skelton didn't know that ornithology is the study of insects.

As time goes on, "homily" is defined as meaning "not good looking", and "bibliography" as "a life story written by somebody else." Eventually the perpetrators of these definitions are ordered to leave the room while the professor decides whether or not they should go to a home for retarded children. In a last ditch attempt to get at least one word defined correctly, the professor asks if anyone can distinguish between 'epitaph' and 'epithet'. Just out of curiosity he picks out Gleason whose arm is hanging limply in the air, and who usually doesn't bother to answer roll call. After he tells the engineering segment of the class, who were nosily engaged in debating, whether or not Gleason's arm was defying the law of gravity to go to the physics lab to make their calculations, he is about to pop the question when he notices that Gleason, who never wears a suitcoat or tie, is today without a shirt.

"Gleason," he remarks, "just because you played 'the Beast' in the last dramatic presentation doesn't mean you can come to class attired like one. Where is your shirt?"

"I lost it in the common room, sir," comes the reply.

"And I won it fair and square, sir," pipes up a voice across the room, whose owner is wearing two shirts.

"You may both leave," says the professor magnanimously, "until Gleason wins back his shirt, but before you go, Gleason, distinguish epithet and epitaph."

"Well, sir," he replies, wrinkling his brow in concentration, "epitaphs are what adults write on tombstones and epithets are what children write on them."

The professor, who was prepared for something like this, shrugs his shoulders and tells the class to take out their literature texts. As they do so, he asks someone to wake up Wayne and see if he knows who wrote "Vanity Fair".

"Ernest Hemingway?", guesses Wayne, rubbing his eyes and yawning.

Shuster, who inevitably laughs at Wayne's foibles, disdainfully states, "Anyone knows it was Bunyon."

"Very good, Shuster," says the professor, wondering how a slow freight like Shuster could have looked up the answer so quickly. But Shuster has not stopped yet.

"Yes sir," he says positively, "It was Damon Bunyon, the Bard of Broadway . . ."

"Don't get carried away, Shuster. Just leave the room and cool off," says the professor wearily, checking this juggernaut of ignorance in mid-stride. But he has not reckoned on the friendship between Wayne and Shuster.

"Wot is this, sir? A purge?" wails Wagne, pointing to the two remaining members of the class.

"If you think so, you may take your plea before the Dean, whose office is on the first floor, next to the registrar's," replies the professor. Wayne leaves the class, a "what-did-I-do-to-deserve-this" expression on his face.

As the class settles down again, a crafty look enters the professor's eyes and he wonders which of the two remaining members will be easiest to get rid of. His gaze settles on Hope, whose past record shows him to be a veritable treasure-house of ignorance where Communication Arts is concerned.

"Hope," he says, "give me ten lines from 'Ulysses'."

"Wasn't here last class, sir," grunts Hope, balancing a peanut on the end of his nose.

"That's no excuse. I gave that assignment last week," glares the professor.

"Was it on last Tuesday's class, sir?" queries Hope.

"No. On Friday's class," comes the reply.

Hope pops the peanut in his mouth, and chewing triumphantly, he states: "Well, I missed that class too, sir."

"You might just as well miss the rest of this one for all you are getting out of it," says the professor motioning to the door.

The professor warily eyes the final member of the class, a student named LaFranchi who never does anything but answer questions correctly. This professor is not overawed by this problem child, however. He pretends to be reading the attendance record and after several moments looks up quickly and asks:

"What are you doing, LaFranchi?"

La Franchi, a sensitive fellow, is startled by the professor's accusing tone and replies bewilderedly, "Nothing."

"Then leave the class. You are supposed to be doing something while you are here," the professor says.

As LaFranchi dejectedly goes out the door, the dreamy look re-enters the professor's eyes as he fondles the golf ball in his coat pocket. "Too bad the class had to end so abruptly," he thinks, "Now I have nothing to do but leave for the club. I hope I don't land in as many traps as these jokers have this morning."

Mock Parliament

The mace was only a baseball bat and the Governor-General stood up when he should have been sitting down, but parliamentary procedure was more or less adhered to when Liberal faced Conservative in the Mock Parliament.

This was the day when the snide remark stood supreme and in order to take advantage, some obviously rehearsed their jibes and one was observed with a book of witticisms under his arm.

In spite of it though, the parliament was adjudged a success in that it gave a good insight—well at least a bit of an insight—into the way things go at Ottawa.

The Jack Hayes-led Liberals introduced a bill calling for additional income tax exemptions for college students and it went through without a dissenting voice.

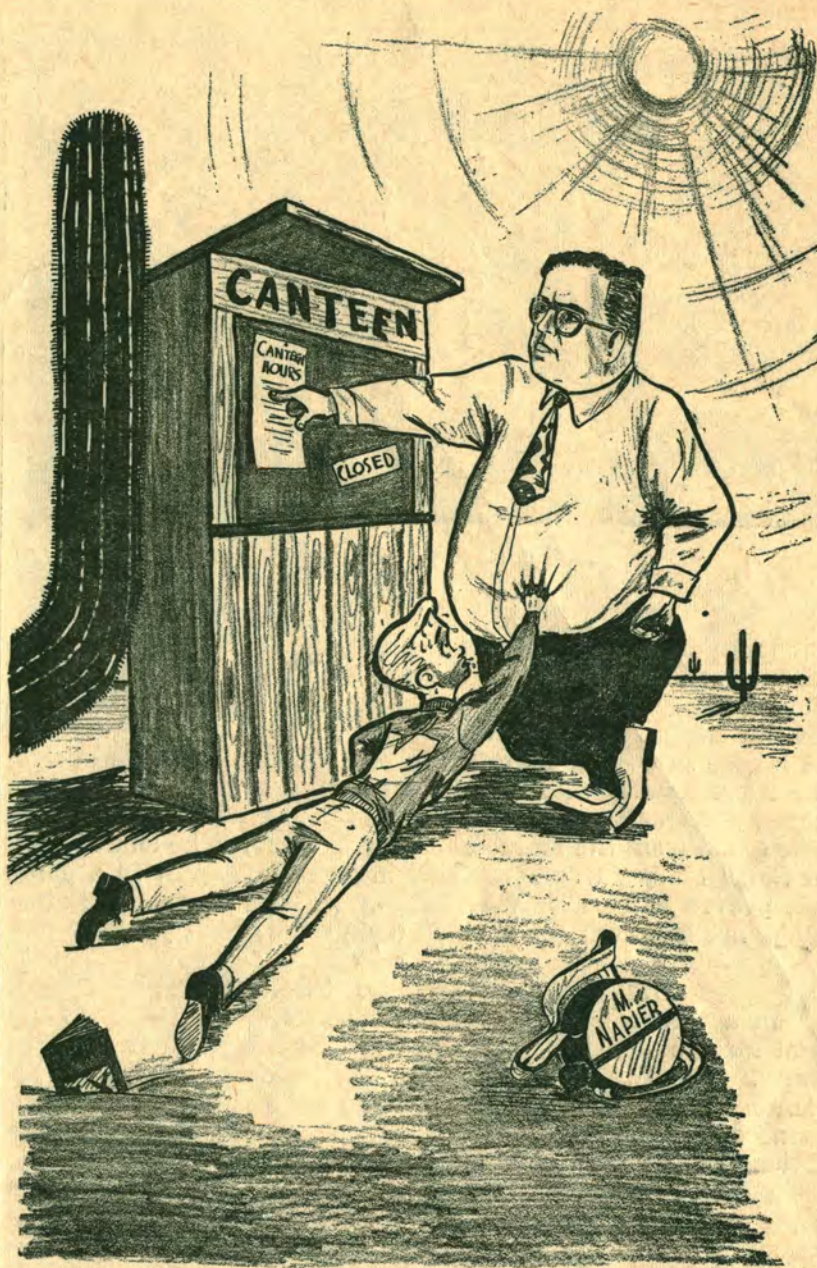
The old chestnut about Senate reform did not fare so well and was not enacted until there had been a lively if confused, discussion. One of the biggest arguments on this bill was whether or not an MP could use the word "Senate" in the Commons.

P.C. leader R. Fred Vaughan caused a flurry of excitement when he was removed from the House for unparliamentary quips. Sergeant-at-arms Ray Craig made a very good bid for posterity when he removed the leader.

Ushering him to the door with the dignity and pomp befitting his office, he shattered the illusion by calling after the crestfallen leader, "get out and stay out."

In defense of Ray, it might be pointed out that it is indeed difficult to maintain a high standard of dignity when one is standing out in the open dressed in a black gown and carrying a baseball bat.

The "Argosy" reports that Mount A held a hectic three-day Student Parliament with the Conservatives forming the government.



Ambition

O, mortal, do not chide a guiltless thought;
'Tis certain lechery within your soul:
To buy what other fools have often bought
Is giving good for nothing but the foul.
And yet the thought springs from ambition's lust—
A crying wish for credit and renown.
You get what pining passion says you must,
Or else within the great the good is found.
But for the man the man you shall not blame;
He is what God has made him, weak and frail.
Ambition is a curse to virtue's name,
And good within the bad cannot prevail.
Thus the blue sky must always have its cloud,
As in a man, 'tis natural to be proud.

—Danny McCarron, Arts II.

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Sports Review

by Lorne Hemphill

SMU DROOPS IN HOOP LEAGUE

... The year 1954-1955 was a disastrous one for our entry in the Intercollegiate Basketball League. At the last issue of the Journal the SMU squad was deep in the cellar. This issue we find our boys embedded even deeper. The last four games in the league saw Saint Mary's win one while loosing the others. The Xaverians from Antigonish outclassed the Santamarians twice by scores of 81 to 56 and 82 to 55. Acadia Axemen took their game from the maroon and white 66-37. The lone victory for Saint Mary's was over the King's College crew in a game that proved to be a thriller. The score was 51 to 46. Better things are expected (or should be expected) next year.

PUCK CHASERS TIED FOR THIRD

In a whirlwind finish in the Intercollegiate Hockey Loop Saint Mary's won two, tied one and lost two of their last five games. The two losses came at the hands of a strong "X" team of 12-4 and 7-6. Dal suffered an 8-7 loss in a game which featured two overtime periods and had the fans on the edge of their seats. Tech were walloped 10-5 by the Saints in the last game of the season. Acadia scored four unanswered goals in the first period to take a commanding lead over the SMU pucksters but in the next two periods the Maroon and White came back strong to tie the game 6-6 and send the contest into overtime. Both teams scored once and the encounter ended in a 7-7 tie.

TOM HARTLEY TOP SNIPER

In the last scoring statistics released Tom Hartley was far out in front of the pack and copped all the marbles in the Intercollegiate Hockey scoring race. Tom finished up with a total of 31 points, seven more than his closest rival "Ducky" Scarfe. Bob Chaisson was third while Fred Gallagher and Bill Bailly also entered the picture. This is an astounding feat for a team to have five men in the list of the ten top scorers and yet the Saint Mary's squad finished up in a tie for third place in the league. Nice going Tommy and company.

INTER-FAC BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS SOON

March 20 is the date and the place in our spacious gym. On this date and in this place will be staged the opening games in the Inter-fac Basketball League. Usually I don't go out on a limb but the four teams out of the six who will be present in this semi-final round will be the Engineering 2 team along with Arst A, Commercand and Engineers 3. The finals will, no doubt, see Engineers 2 lock horns with Arts A and who wins this one is anybody's guess.

ENGINEERS OR ARTS TO MEET COMMERCE

One game has been played in the semi-final round of the Inter-fac Hockey League and the result was most surprising. The Labmen squeezed out a 2-1 win over the Latin Scholars. The second game should be completed by the time this comes to press (so hopes the AAA). Allan Downie and Bernie Sheehan were the scorers for Engineers while Ray Craig shot the lone marker for the Arts squad.

CURLING TOURNNEY STILL IN DARK

Laurie Brean still has the curling teams working out and also has his ear peeled to the ground waiting for word concerning the proposed curling tourney. As yet no information has been received but when notification does come Laurie feels certain that our teams will be ready to make a good account of themselves.

SMU RACQUETEERS GO POINTLESS

The Saint Mary's Intercollegiate Badminton team suffered disastrous defeat at the hands of all their opponents in the recent tournament played at the Dal gym. Not one match was taken by our representatives with the result that the Santamarians were at the bottom of the list when the final standings were released.



Pictured above is the Saint Mary's University entry in the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Hockey League. The Saints ended the league in a tie for third place with Acadia. It is expected that the team will be intact for the next hockey season.

O'DONNELL AND HEMPHILL TO SACKVILLE

On Wednesday, March 16, Father O'Donnell and Lorne Hemphill left for Sackville, N.B. to attend the annual MIAU conference.



by John Driscoll

The best score posted since the last column are as follows: T. Muise 226, 192, 189; V. Driscoll 221, Kennedy 217, Davies 212, 203, 180; Tappen 215, Brean 212, 183; Deegan 207, Latter 205, Marr 204, J. Driscoll 196, Roach 194, Chapman 187, Currie 185, McManus 183, Meuse 183, 181; Surette 181, Mansour 180, Burns 180.

Top Ten

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| Muise | 96.7 |
| Davies | 94.7 |
| E. Berrigan | 93. |
| Marr | 92 |

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|-------------|------|
| Meuse | 90.2 |
| Roach | 89.6 |
| Currie | 89.3 |
| Mason | 88.8 |
| J. Driscoll | 88.7 |
| Deegan | 87.2 |

By the time this is read a list will have been posted of those ineligible for the playoffs. A league meeting is in the offing at which there will be a number of things to decide. Good luck in the playoffs. I say that now for the playoffs may be over before the next column. A complete list of averages will soon be posted so watch for it.

Famous last words from the "Sil": "But of course he's graduating, he's in his fourth year."

Saint Mary's Represented at Conference

Ray Craig and Ron LeBlanc were representatives for Saint Mary's at a recent football conference in which plans were discussed for the formation of a Maritime Inter-Collegiate Canadian Football League. Two sections would be formed with N.B. and P.E.I. in one group while N.S. would form the other group.

Saint Mary's did not make any commitments concerning entry into this league since not enough is known about the strength of our entry if we so decide.

A.A.A. Elections

The elections for next year's AAA president will take place one week after the Student Council elections. Nominations will take place at a special meeting also one week following Student Council nominations.

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