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PLAYSHOP FACING MAJOR CRISIS



Lack Of Responsibility May Cause Downfall

At an emergency meeting, held in the Debating Theatre yesterday, the President, Kevin Cleary, announced that the Playshop may cease functioning very shortly at the University.

Reason for the new developments was stated as the apparent lack of interest in the Playshop this year. Men were offering their services then "forgetting" to do the required work.

Father Labelle, Moderator of the organization, stated that three members of the cast have already been suspended for failure to appear at rehearsals, although they had usually been reminded a number of times of the times and dates.

A special CASTING will take place tomorrow evening (Wednesday) in the gym, and if the results are not satisfactory, "We shall have to disband the Playshop for this year", stated Father Labelle.

The play, "THE DESPERATE HOURS", has been planned for presentation in February. In addition, the Playshop is working on three one-act plays for showing on December 7.

At the moment it is presumed that these three productions will go on as scheduled, even if the major show IS scrapped. The plays selected are: "The Monkey's Paw", directed by Dan MacDonald; "The Man in the Bowler Hat", directed by Mr. Ed. Boyd, French Professor in the University; and, third, "Jinxed", of which Bob Hanrahan is the director.

Work on all productions had already begun, both behind the scenes and in front.

Kevin Cleary assured the Journal that the members of the organization would pull through and he also felt that, because of the crisis, the Playshop might emerge a stronger organization and regain the stature it has held in the past.

High School Uncensored

Last week the first issue of "Uncensored" appeared in the halls of the University. Uncensored is a weekly paper published by the grade ten students which will appear every Friday. The paper is edited by Bernard Leslie, with Dave Cassevi, George MacDonald, Thomas Hart, Jerry Hanlon, Mike Frazer, Joe Jameson and Mike Marquis as his staff. These young men gather interesting bits of information and events taking place in the High School and pass them along to others. On behalf of the Journal I would like to wish this little brother of ours all the success in the world.

Electronics Club Starts Generating

Another new organization has been formed within the University. This organization, The Electronics Club, was conceived by Gilles Losier, and is sponsored by the Science Society for all interested students. The club already has a radio station on the air called VEI-AEJ, similar to those of about thirty other universities all across Canada and many more in universities all over the world. For those wishing to obtain an operator's license the club gives a course in Morse Code. Mr. Riordon, president of the club, wishes the students to be informed that there is plenty of equipment available for those interested and training for those who wish to build their own Hi-Fi. Fr. J. Murphy and Mr. Tomsha are available for help and instruction for members of the club.

For the benefit of those who possess little knowledge of electronics a theory of instruction is given at the meetings. President of the club is Jim Riordan and Roger MacDonell is the secretary. Members are still accepted and all interested are asked to drop into the meetings, which are held in the electronics room, 7:15 Thursday evenings.

-Yves Pinet-



Heads Placement Programme

The Placement Program, brain-child of the Commerce Society, got off to a good start this year under the capable direction of Yves Pinet, the Secretary of the Society. This program, initiated in 1955 by Mr. Bob Cashen is intended to provide more and better job possibilities to the graduates.

In response to Mr. Pinet's letters, two Civil Service officials and the officials of five other large companies interviewed the interested students. These officials represented the Departments of Trade and Commerce and External Affairs, Canadian Industries Limited, The UpJohn Company of Canada, Imperial Oil, Shell Oil and the Hudson's Bay Company.

Plans are also being finalized, Mr. Pinet said, to bring in representatives of the DuPont and Ford companies. Because of the proximity of the mid-term exams, these interviews will not take place until January 29.

It is an assured fact that at least a few of the graduates of the Class of '57 will accept the offers of these companies and will owe their positions, in part at least, to the splendid job being done by Yves on their behalf.

STEER NEWEST SOCIETY

The officers for the newly formed Science Society, for this year are as follows:

President—Brian Flemming
Vice President—Carlos Ruiz
Secretary Treasurer—Jack Barret
A.A.A. Representatives — Dale Sinclair, Phil Josey.

The Science Society's activities will get under way officially on the evening of December 2, when the society will hold its first annual International Night. The show will be, as the name implies, a review of international talent featuring acts from various lands and places, all of which promises a very enter-

taining and interesting evening. The Society hopes to have the Sociology club of the Mount helping them in this effort. The Student Directory, which the Society hopes to have out immediately after Christmas, is in its initial stages, but as yet no editor has been chosen.

The Science Society hockey team will make it's first appearance on Saturday, Nov. 24th when it goes against Commerce. All those who signed for the team are requested to be on time as a full team is required to order to compete in the league.

shall be ineligible for membership. Secretary Mr. Cleary stated that this was owing to the large number of applications received and the small number who could be accepted, membership in the Philosopher's Academy is limited to 12 students.

Although the Academy was last year voted the most inactive organization on the campus, its present re-organization is slowly pulling it out of the doldrums of inactivity and should interest in it remain at the present standard it is doubtful if the members of the academy will permit themselves to be termed inactive.

Yea Mount!

A vote of thanks is due the Sociology Club of Mount Saint Vincent for the invitation extended to the Santamarians to attend a social evening held on Sunday, Nov. 11. The evening included a box supper, a television appearance of the notorious 'Elvis' and an excellent and no doubt inspired impersonation of the latter by Miss Marilyn MacInnis. Dancing was from nine to eleven.

This was the first social function sponsored by the club to date and the evening proved very enjoyable for all those who attended. We hope to hear more from this group in the future.

Essence Of Academy's Existence

Once again the Journal has the opportunity to report a meeting of the Philosopher's Academy. The Academy which consists of twelve members of the University, chosen by secret ballot, and the moderator Rev. Father Stewart, reconvened for the first time in the school year on October 26. The academy is one of the lesser known organizations functioning on the campus. This year it consists of three former members, Kevin Cleary who holds the position of secretary, the only executive position in the group, Arthur Murphy and Graham Walker, and nine new members, who are, Al Roria, Charlie Burke, Mark MacManus, Don Murphy, John MacGillivray, Yves Pinet, Jim Riordan, Dan MacCarron and Frank

In their meetings to date the group has discussed the topics, Communism as a Religion and, Faith Fact and Philosophy. At the first of these meetings the constitution was amended in order to establish a continued interest in the club, this amendment provides that any member who misses two consecutive meetings sans sufficient excuse

Day Of Recollection

"To be a Sodalist, one must live by faith".

One of the means of "living by faith" was demonstrated last Sunday, when the Sodalists held their monthly morning of recollection. At 8:20, the students participated in a dialogue Mass, celebrated by Rev. John Keenan, S.J., and received Communion in a body. Following Mass and breakfast, silence was observed for the remainder of the morning, and there were three periods of meditation and contemplation on prayer and the methods of prayer.

Father Keenan, who led these periods, recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit. He is director of the Apostleship of Prayer in both the college and high school, and has had a wide experience in retreat work.

The large turnout on Sunday morning was indicative of the high spiritual value that is attached to these days of recollection. They certainly go a long way in helping Sodalists attain their goal of being "whole men, Catholics without fear."

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To Top It Off

Recently complaints have reached the Journal Office concerning students attempting to "leave something to the University" when they graduate by carving their initials on the desks. Some individuals have attempted to bring the prohibition of such an act to the attention of the student. Two have gone so far as to carve on the desk a sign stating, "Do Not Write On the Desks". What a sense of humor!

The Journal takes no pleasure in having the occasion to write an editorial condemning such childish, sub-juvenile, puerile actions. We blush when realizing that this sort of information will be read by students in every part of Canada, some places in the U. S., and so far away as Germany. Let us hope these other college students just glance and do not read this item in our paper; otherwise the comment might return that we seem to have a very large publication for a kindergarten class.

Come, come, gentlemen! Surely you can find another means of expressing your strange "abilities".

Mid-Term Blues

The following, reprinted from the University Post under the Mid-term Blues Bring Open Season on Deans, is a very timely article which should be of interest to Santamarians taking the last, nervous breath before "mid-years". Rear and take heed . . .

Foresight is better than hindsight — so they say — and never more so than in the selection of courses for the Freshman.

Every year, just before and after mid-terms, Deans' offices across Canada are besieged by queues of mournful students who have suddenly realized that Herpetology 116a is not for them.

Sometimes this revelation occurs while attempting last minute cramming. But often as not the moment of enlightenment arrives when the student turns away from the notice board after searching in vain for her name on the pass list.

This of course is not a tragedy which befalls only Freshmen. Even more knowledgeable upperclassmen make these mistakes.

But today most Universities require that all students complete certain pre-requisites in the first year.

BEWARE NEXT YEAR

A brief survey of first year requirements for Canadian universities reveals that most require the Arts student to complete mathematics courses and Ancient Language in that year. To the student fresh from high school and anxious to get away from "all that" it may seem more important to leap into "real college courses such as Sociology and Psychology. But beware! Next year it may be a little bit harder to get back to the intricacies of 2x and the Iambics of Virgil.

Some of the reasons given to Deans and Faculty advisors by students requesting course changes are almost unbelievable. The two most common, as shown by an informal poll of faculty members across Canada, are, "All my friends were taking it," and "I didn't know what Herpetology was."

NOT THE TYPE

Neck and neck with these were "I understand Physics well enough, that is the general principles, but I can't seem to get the hang of the mathematics", and, "I guess I'm just not the type for languages."

Says one faculty advisor: "What everybody else is taking may not be your cup of tea at all."

"Give us a chance to be sympathetic at the right time of year — not just before or after flunking a mid-term or quiz but in the first few weeks of the term, a period during which most colleges will give time to make course changes if they seem necessary."

ODDS 'N' ENDS and LETTERS

Well it appears as though the Journal has finally struck oil. After having tried every means of trying to enthuse and interest the members of the University, without success, we finally had to turn to the High School. Although the interest shown by students of the High School is perhaps a bit vindictive, it is, at least, interest. For the past three issues the Journal has been struggling to produce a publication, both interesting and informative, but the University students did not co-operate in the least. Perhaps the only way in which we may obtain copy from the students is to libel each and every one of them, but this method would not be acceptable in a publication, the stature of "The Journal".

We hope that the members of the High School will curb their suggestions in the future towards more constructive criticism, and perhaps, in the future your ideas and articles will fill more of the Journal's pages than will those of the University students. We hope not, but don't let your interest die with your recent letters, keep the letters coming, also from the members of the faculty.

Editor,
Saint Mary's Journal

Dear (with restrictions) Editor:

My Compliments to the writer of "High School Still Trying" (November 12, 1956), and to the editor under whose approval said article appeared. They have both contributed more than any other to alleviate S.M.U.H.S. support of your paper and that of the University it represents. As to the forty dollars in question, they have effectively cancelled the debt by their smear tactics. For who will say that money in reality compensates for the loss of one's fair name? Certainly not an Arts student who knows his Shakespeare, or his Ethics.

My compliments, again, to the Journal for consenting to publish a news item, though short and a stab in the back, pertaining exclusively to Saint Mary's University High School. The first in how long?—and on page one at that!

My compliments, too, for providing a splendid example to the young high school students on just how low Journalism can sink, and how cheap it can get, as illustrated by this thoughtful slur so openly and irresponsibly cast upon the honesty of one of their organizations. They should consider it a nice return, from men they are taught to admire, for their recent all-out support of the Saint Mary's University Football team at rallies and games. The high school players of that team, contributing in no small measure to its success, not to mention the team's coach, himself a member of the High School staff, were truly impressed at the University's news-organ's kindly admission of the existence of their high school by a public slap in the face. Truly, a nice sense of gratitude here. Congratulations! I am sure the high school students are looking forward to carrying chairs, shifting tables, and even washing dishes, as they have done in the past for various University organizations, to inept to handle such details themselves —

just to express their gratitude for kindnesses received.

Congratulations to the writer of that article on his inconsistency. (His title says "High School Still Trying"; his write-up denies the caption.)

Congratulations on his poor reporting (no names, dates, places, time mentioned).

Congratulations on the martyr-like spirit in which the mentioned debt is accepted, and the charitable conclusion drawn that it will never be paid.

Congratulations on the Journal's interest in Saint Mary's University High School—forty dollars worth (cf. last paragraph).

Lastly, congratulations to the Journal's representatives (guests, if you please!!!) at the "meeting of all those interested in publishing a high school paper . . . held recently!" They came, they saw ???, they slammed. Helpful, weren't they?

"High School Still Trying"? Maybe, but in my opinion it's about time The Journal should START TRYING to either to show some appreciation for the high school that contributes more than any other high school to Saint Mary's University's welfare, or ignore it altogether. The dubious honor of being callously pilloried on its page one is something it can well do without.

J. G. Lonergan, S.J.,
Teacher, Grade IX.

We have a few debts of our own which will not be written off, despite the above unnecessary sarcasm. The Journal wishes to apologize to the students and faculty of the S.M.U.H.S. for the harm the article in question has done to the relations between the university students and the High School. We realize that our debt to the High School and, although we are sure the high school students are not seeking any glory for themselves when they contribute so much to the University, we would like to make an effort to recognize their assistance and support at university functions.—Ed.

Re-Open Letter To Journal

I was not surprised to detect the note of bitterness conveyed in this letter; if I may say so, the rebuke was well deserved. In retrospect, I find it hard to believe myself capable of composing such a blunt, (though not entirely false) article.

It was my intention in bringing up this point to stir up some interest both in this publication and in

the 'Beacon'. If I have failed in this purpose by treading unconcernedly on innocent and unsuspecting toes, I am sincerely sorry for the transgression.

The quality of the Grade X publication so recently produced causes me even more regret for my impetuous action.

. . . The Reporter in Question.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am interested in both the High School and the University and consider the article, High School Still Trying, quite out of place.

The Journal should encourage the High School Paper, not discourage it. This article ridicules it.

In case some members of the Journal Staff have not read the latest edition of the High School paper, I suggest they do so . . . they might learn something.

Yours sincerely,
"Doc" Baldwin.
My but YOUR letter is MILD, Frank!—Ed.

On and Off the Campus



"She Didn't Ask
You To The Prom
Either?"

I feel like saying something happy this issue, but nothing seems to come to mind. I suppose it's because of the pall hanging over you boys, what with losing at football, and the cut warning list, and the raids by a certain member of the Jesuit shock troops on the day-hops common room, and, well I could go on and on with things that make me sad but I'm supposed to be a cheery fellow, you know pass the word about our neighbors, etc., so let's get on with it.

In looking over the latest list of miscreants I found it pretty hard to choose a headliner, there were quite a few names there, a lot of the guys seem to be pretty regular customers, like Muise, Hanrahan, Father O'Donnell, but these guys get all the good luck so this issue I have decided to pick on the University Four Hundred.

First on this list is Curious Carl, (Dujay, of course) who is the head of the University dance setter-uppers. Carl thinks he's pretty lucky because the power of the press has laid off the mob he represents, at least so far. Watch it Carl, Dan MacDonald's spies are everywhere, even Walker, the talker.

Next, in order of how important he thinks he is, comes, the entrepreneur of the athletic, (he prefers to call himself the boss,) association. Poor Duck, now he not only has the A.A.A. Advisor (?) to contend with but all the Junior Footballers hollering for jackets and crests, and dinners, and gold filled footballs and all the rest of the things that go along with winning a championship. Bear up Mr. Reardon, wasn't it worth it?

I guess that's enough on the big boys for this issue. I mean I don't want you to think you have to become president of something to get your misdeeds recorded in the annals of immortality. Take for instance Dave Murphy, (no relation to Bridey), there! he never did nothing but he got his name in print; or Art Ahearn, one of the "little day-hops". What's he ever done to get his name in print, well I'd rather not tell you, Charlie Burke might tell him who I am.

But then there are the real hard cases, like, Frank Romo, who, according to a reliable source of information, is comparable to the great Bob Reid in the field of coaching freshmen pool-sharks. Bob Reid was immortalized in the never to be forgotten (?) classic, "Jotter's Column, Vol 21, page four," if you are interested just drop into the Journal office, or on second thought just drop.

Well, the medicals are over for another year and just in case of an emergency I procured a list of everybody in the University who wears false teeth. Perhaps some day when I run out of stuff to say I'll publish it. It contains some very interesting material, You know, "a tooth in the hand" sort of thing, ask Paul.

Well, pretty soon it will be time to pick the half man of the year, or rather the man of the half year; the first is true, the second the Editor will let me print. I have been asked to start the nominations, and so I'm asking you to send them to me c/o the Journal, (That's the paper of the University, if you remember, and the editor doesn't think you do). You may nominate any one, excluding of course the Faculty, who has done something, or anything, or for that matter nothing, just so long as we can draw a nice cartoon on him. Remember, man of the year, send your choice in just as soon as Christmas is a little ways in the future.

Well, that's about all for this issue, except of course the things I overheard when crawling around the Mount's Television Den. Overheard . . . Bill Weagle, 'What! dancing on Sunday Night', not very interesting, but unusual. One little tid-bit you might be interested in, The Journal is going to publish the beefs of the Infirmary girls, and the Mount's inmates. Better watch out, boys, you know what an infamous poet remarked?

Beware the gossip of a Mount girl,
yes even of an Infirmary daughter
for words have wings, someone-sings
and you wind up mincemeat for the JOTTER.

Might not even be a bad idea for us to pool our talents, and that doesn't imply jumping in with them.

Well, adieu, mes amis, I hope to hear you again, and don't forget the nominations. Also remember, if you drink, don't drive . . . Don't start forest fires, and Go to church on Sunday . . .

G. B. MURPHY

Jewellers

HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH
NOVA SCOTIA

IN GOD'S CORNER

Two Santamarians, of junior and senior rank, are with two Infirmary nurses at the first S.M.U. ball of the year. Another couple arrives to make six. At this table, lots of laughter and fun are in evidence, — and, be it noted, without any evidence of the surreptitious flask. The laughter and fun are the products of the persons themselves. Noticeable by its absence from the table is the artificial, liquor-produced giddiness behind which the immature hide their natural, — and supernatural selves.

This group of six believe dates have a God-given purpose, and that dates, like every other part of normal life, are times and opportunities for growing in the supernatural life of grace. They believe this God-given purpose of dates is better accomplished by group-dating than by single-dating. They believe, — and they are right, — that dates and liquor should be kept separate. They are not necessarily tee-totalers, but they believe one time and place NOT to drink is on dates.

They arrived at these and other important conclusions about dates at the Sodality discussion held on Sunday evening, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., at 99 Morris Street. There for two hours, 15 S.M.U. sodalists and 15 Infirmary sodalists discussed dating in the light of Christian teaching. Some of the subjects touched on were the purpose of dating, drinking on dates, kissing, steady dating, single or group dating.

Highly entertaining throughout the whole evening, at times the discussion became quite fiery, especially when the nurses expressed their ideas on drinking on dates. Everything was kept on a straight theological track by the presence of Father Gallagher and Father Topp of S.M.U., and Sister Marie Bernadette of the Infirmary. Ending the discussion was the resolution that each group take back to the Sodality members the results of the evening for further discussion.

A social and lunch, with delicious chicken sandwiches heading the list of good food lended the final tone to a most enjoyable evening. Each one present will have much more to say on the same subject when the date for next discussion finally arrives and an enthusiastic group of men head for their meeting with the residents of 99 Morris Street. The next discussion will be held December 9th.

November 15, 1956

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of "The Journal" an item appeared on the front page of that paper concerning our High School. In this article you proceeded to rub our noses in the dirt by making the fact known that we are in financial difficulties with the office of the "Journal". You also said that for this reason you would like to see the High School publish a paper. Though this article was not very becoming of the High School we are glad to see that at last we have been able to make news headlines in your paper. The articles which have appeared, if ever, have been few and far between.

As you mentioned in the paper some thought was given to publishing an edition for the High School, but due to lack of interest this idea soon faded. This however, did not mean complete abandonment of our plan. A short time ago a proposition was put forth by Father Monet in regard to a class paper. This idea developed until at last we have a class paper. Though it is not a large paper it comprises much work by all concerned. So far everyone in the class has contributed greatly toward its success. The financing of this paper is left up to the students. A dime a copy is all that is asked. Grade Ten is very proud of this publication as is every person connected with the High School.

"Student's Photographs"

Every student in the University will have his picture taken this year. This is something new but something very essential. The prime purpose of this undertaking will be to provide pictures of each student for reference in the records of the University.

The pictures will be taken on Thursday, November 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for all the day scholars and Saturday for boarders and on Saturday the football team will also be photographed.

These pictures will be available to any student who wants them. They will cost \$2.00 for ten wallet size prints and one photo about 4" by 6".

Reading Course Inaugerated

Another major advance in the Adult Education Programme, sponsored by Saint Mary's University is to be inaugurated November 21. This is the course in reading, already so successful in the universities of the United States, which is to be conducted by Father Belair, vice-president of the University, and Mr. John Mulrooney, well known Halifax optometrist.

A total of 24 local businessmen and women of the Halifax district have filled the registration for the course to capacity.

These courses have been very effective, in greatly increasing the speed of readers, in every institution, which has utilized them.

The money which is owed to the "Journal" office we hope will be paid in the near future. Meanwhile if you can suggest any ways by which we may compensate for your loss we would be very glad to hear from you. As you may, or may not know the gentlemen who were in charge of running the paper last year are no longer with us. Some have left to go to other colleges, others may be found in the University. To the best of my knowledge you even have one of them on your staff.

In conclusion I would like to say that the interest and cooperation shown by the College toward the High School paper is typical of all High School-College activities. And you may rest assured that the debt will be paid in full. I hope this news brings great satisfaction to you and your staff.

Respectfully yours,

Ned Kelleher,
President, Grade 10.

THE PROBLEM OF TWO GERMANYS

By SKIP KANE

Julius Caesar, opening his commentary on the Gaulic wars remarked that Gaul was divided into three parts. Surprisingly enough much of Caesar's Gaul is still divided into three parts. Although most North Americans think of Germany as being partitioned into East and West in reality it is three: West Germany or the Federal Republic, Middle Germany or the German Democratic Republic (Soviet Zone) and that part of Pomerania and Silesia which lies east of the Oder and Niesse Rivers and which is under Polish administration.

Reunification (or the German Problem as it is often called) seems as far away today as it ever was. Since West Germany has promised not to go to war to recover any of her lost territories a diplomatic solution, which necessarily involves the co-operation of East and West, seems to be the only answer. Of course reunification would be possible tomorrow if one side would agree to the other's terms. The possibility of this hap-

pening is quite remote—a fact that becomes painfully evident when we realize the strategic value of East Germany to Russia. As East Germany is part of her front line it brings her armies within 150 miles of Holland and a little further from Belgium and France. Since the big-scale revolts of June 1953 in Eastern Germany it seems quite likely that in an open and free election a majority would vote against Communism.

Therefore to ask Russia to relinquish East Germany is to ask her to face a military readjustment and an economic problem as well as a political loss of face. Furthermore if Russia gives up East Germany she faces the possibility of a new and united Germany rearming and entering the Western camp.

She cannot accept the risk of theoretically neutral and disarmed Germany coming over to the West any more than we can leave a disarmed and exposed Germany open to tempting offers from the Russian side.

It is in Berlin that the Problem of Two Germanies is transformed from an idle topic of conversation to stark reality. On arriving at Templehoff Airport one of the first things that attracts the visitor's eye is a great concrete monument commemorating the Berlin airlift, in the centre of the city burns a perpetual flame reminding all Berliners of the June 17, 1953 revolt and that their's is a divided city and then there is the Brandenburg gate — main entrance to the East sector.

One day we visited one of the city's refugee camps. Here are 400 living reminders that half the world lives under the threat of persecution. Many of them have been living under a dictatorship for 20 years, cut off from the mental life of the free world. There is no work for them other than maintenance of the camp. To re-introduce them to their unaccustomed freedom they are given lectures on what to expect when they leave the camp. Discussions are arranged and good literature is made available.

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Student and Faculty Opinion

QUESTION: "WHAT IN YOUR MIND IS LACKING IN THE STUDENTS OF SAINT MARY'S AND WHAT STANDS OUT AS "A MERITORIOUS. TRAIT".



Interviewed by Ted Flinn



George Leach, Arts 3

I feel that the students of Saint Mary's, with a few exceptions, lack enough creative ability, but yet have one of the best traits for school spirit, as has been shown through their recent participation at athletic functions.



Gilbert Frontain, Eng. 3

I believe that the average Santamarian lacks the initiative to organize and be a leader even though he has the ability. The most outstanding good trait in the fellows is college spirit which has been particularly shown this year.



Father G. Topp,
Professor of Philosophy and Latin

The trait I most admire in the students of S.M.U. is their genuine, open-hearted friendliness towards each other and towards the members of the Faculty. Snobbishness and pseudo-sophistication have made no inroads at S.M.U., but Christian Charity has. The trait I most deplore and find most discouraging is lack of intellectual interest and curiosity. Its signs: Indifference and utter passivity in the classroom — slumped down in their seats, some never take notes or ask a question, never read ahead in their subjects or around them. On the intellectual level these boys, they don't deserve the name of student, get little or nothing out of their stay at S.M.U. because they contribute nothing.



Father E. MacGillvary, High School Professor and Football Coach.

I am delighted with the opportunity to state publicly what I have met upon returning to Saint Mary's. Most outstanding—I would say—is the spirit animating the new Saint Mary's. The welcome accorded our new Maritime football champs proved to me that all the students of S.M.U. were intensely proud of our team's achievement. I do not remember ever seeing such a demonstration of college spirit. Also the friendliness at Saint Mary's is quite striking. A newcomer is quickly accepted and put at ease in the company of the present students. Do you think a person in my position, coming back to share in the glories of October and November 1956 could find a lack of something in our students? If something is wanting, then the men at S.M.U. have succeeded in keeping this unhappy side out of my sight.



Gerald Richards, Comm. 3

In my opinion a great many students at Saint Mary's lack mental maturity. The outlook of many students is actually childish. However, this very fact leads to a trait which I consider very meritorious; that is the great deal of enthusiasm, which exists in Saint Mary's for any type of student endeavor.

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ESSAY'S TO ASSAY

Each issue we hope to be able to print an essay by a member of the English Four Class. Although not necessarily the best, they have been picked because of some particularly good quality of writing.

The first, which follows, has been written by Kevin MacPherson:

A LEAF

While sitting in my room, under the pretense of study, my gaze was arrested by the flight of a leaf, nudged by a friendly breeze, as it travelled from its lofty position, high atop a majestic Oak. It danced merrily on the breeze, wafted downward, ever downward, to the bosom of Mother Earth.

The Sun shone and was held in the multi-colored leaf as it floated, like a bird in uncertain flight, finally coming to rest amid a pile of grey stones.

This common Autumn occurrence stirred my mind to reflection of the passing seasons. The soft breeze—the breath of Spring; the tripping flight to Earth—the frolicsome lightheartedness of the Sparrows in Summer play. The many colors and the beautiful sunlight were those of a perfect Autumn day. The final "Revelation of the Seasons" was realized as the leaf came to rest among the shadows of the cold, grey stones. The touch of the leaf was as a crash of cymbals heralding the approach of Winter.

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CONSPICUOUS BY IT'S ABSENCE

By SKIP KANE

One of the most important organizations on any campus is the debating society. During the past few years the position of the Debating Society as an influence among the students at Saint Mary's has been steadily declining. Last week its reputation reached a new low as rumors had it that its position on the Student Council was being questioned. What are the reasons for the decline of this once-respected organization which has helped develop some of the province's leading citizens?

Although no formal definition of a campus society exists it would seem that by comparison the Debating Society fulfills fewer of the aims of a university society than any other. One of the fields in which it has been remarkably deficient is representation. The Society sent two representatives to the MIDL convention. However, as far as the members of the Society were concerned, they could have been representing themselves. No meeting was called prior to the convention to discuss convention policy. Only three men of the six-man executive had any knowledge of the motion proposed by the president at the convention that women be barred from the MIDL. Even the vice-president, who was also a delegate, was ignorant of the motion until it was proposed.

Last year in an unprecedented move the Society ended its active participation in the MIDL (except for attendance at conventions) by relinquishing its right to appoint and train MIDL debaters to the Gamma Gamma Society. This means that no longer is one eligible for participation in MIDL debates by virtue of membership in the Debating Society unless he is also a member of the Gamma Gamma Society.

The Society president as a member of the Student Council duplicates representation. He does not represent any homogeneous group but conglomeration of interests that are already voiced on the Council by the Presidents of Arts,

Commerce, Engineers et al. Although it might be argued that the same applies to the Sodality and the Boarders' Society it is not quite true. The members of these organizations have a wider range of common interests than the members of the Debating Society who meet for one class each week to debate. It is not the purpose of this article to suggest that the Debating Society be denied its seat on the Council but to advance a more efficient means of representation.

No criticism would be constructive without some thought given to improvement. Three changes that immediately suggest themselves are:

1. Make membership in the Society voluntary. This would in all probability reduce membership, however it would insure an interested membership. It would also give those interested in debating a chance to debate more often.

2. Restore to the Society the right to train and appoint MIDL debaters.

3. Have regular business meetings to discuss debating policy and to sound out membership opinion on current student affairs. This would give the Society president some insight on the opinions he is supposed to be representing on the Student Council.

The debating society is an important organ on any campus. Why isn't it at Saint Mary's?

The Editor,
The Journal,
S.M.U.

In your recent, Nov. 12th issue of the Journal an article appeared on the front page concerning the High School paper. In this article you apparently decided to extinguish completely the little flame of ambition and hope that still remains in the High School literary organization. As to the matter of the bill owing to the Journal I can't imagine the immovable Journal faltering because of the lack of a few cents, which the Journal was glad to allow them when they thought they might aid in the establishment of a High School paper. However when the High School paper bogged down the Journal was the first to jump off the bandwagon and begin yelling for its money back.

If the University paper is truly intersted in the High School paper I think a little constructive encouragement and advice, still on the front page, would be more appreciated and useful.

Edmund O'Leary,
President, Grade XI



BY THE WATCHDOG

My but the corridor is dead this year, even the effects of the trip to Montreal has worn off. Do you know fellows that I accidentally overheard the Sheriff of Sleepy Hollow say "I have fallen asleep at eight o'clock for the last two nights in a row, all I can say is this would never have been permitted in the good old days. Yes sir, you are really a subdued lot this year. However Stove Pipe Burke is living up to his old reputation and I firmly believe that it was for his benefit that the firemen arrived at the College last week. I understand Claud has taken up imitating his friend?? in 209. Be careful Claud you can go too far you know. I understand BERNIE has taken up the old Practice of Bringing a Hot water radiator to bed with him. That could be dangerous especially for the chap sleeping below you. Some fellows will go to any lengths to attract attention to themselves, Cronin is a typical example of a fellow who fools around with the troops. What puzzles me is why VALERY and GILLIS exchanged rooms. Could it be that Jack likes the second floor, hardly. This week we also found out what was causing a bit of tension in the Middle East, What? Why Tang's (the lion tamer) trunk of course, it was stuck in the Suez Canal. Last Friday I saw Macdonnell with a coil of wire ten miles long, could it be he has some arrangement with the mount like I mentioned last week. LIPPY stepped out to a Ball at the Nova Scotian Thursday last and his parting words were "I am going to have a good time if it kills me". It seems that Pete owes his popularity with the women to his Manly?? appearance. Gerry Doucette seems to have quite an interest in a certain brunette down the street, I think the boys are going to see that he has a private phone soon. Parker was invited out to the V.G. again but no go says Carl. If they won't take me without my piano then I will stay home and read. It's more profitable anyway, Carl. What do you do when you go to a basketball game and find two of your girl friends there, just ask DALE. It seems that RONALD believes in a cut for a cut, at least that is the impression that I got from some latin scholars the other day. The boys on the fourth floor are best behaved boys in the college. I have been scouting them for nearly three weeks and nary a thing do they do wrong, my how dull must life be for them. However I am confident that they still have a little red blood left in their veins and that they won't disappoint me much longer, of course there is the engineers ball that should provide a little

The Editor,
The Journal,
S.M.U.

Mr. Editor:

I should like to make a few criticisms which I think if put into effect would go a long way in the making of a better paper. The first of these criticisms is directed at the sports editor, who is without a doubt a far cry from his colourful predecessor, Jerry Conrad. A man in this position should have a vast knowledge of each individual athletic activity about which he is writing.

My next criticism is about the Jotter's column, which shouldn't even be printed, let alone printed in a college paper. Yet if you as editor feel that this foolishness should be contained in the Saint Mary's Journal then why not find a man rather than a child to do a man's job. He should be a man of literary ability who is acquainted with the students as well as the student's activities, around the campus, and not an adolescent writing childish antics which we presently have.

Sincerely yours,

Don Clark, Arts III

Seems to me Jerry played basketball too, and who said it was a man's job.—Ed.

LETTER TO THE TWO GERMANYS—

(Continued from Page Three)

Each family is given an allowance of four marks per week (about one dollar). By our standards the food would be probably be judged poor—however we soon realized that it was a mistake to judge everything by our standards. Special extra ration is given to children. Men live together, 12 sometimes 23 to a room. Women live with their children. The buildings would compare roughly with some of those found in our tenement districts—comparatively clean although singularly unattractive — long dark corridors and drab crowded rooms.

Walking down one of these dimly lit halls I stopped and talked (through our interpreter) to a lady who had come to the door of her room to watch us pass. She told me that this was the second time she had to flee for political reasons. She said that she was quite happy because she was to leave the camp within two or three weeks.

Refugees pour into west Berlin at the rate of almost a thousand a day. Only those who can produce creditable evidence that they are in danger for political or other reasons are recognized as refugees (and hence are eligible for state aid). These are placed in refugee camps until work can be found for them in other parts of Germany. This process usually takes from 6-12 weeks. These camps are subsidized by the West German Federal Republic, the International Red Cross and the city of Berlin (which bears most of the cost).

While at the camp we visited the kindergarden. When we entered a game of ring-around-the-rosey was in process. The teacher danced and sang with the children. They were all neatly dressed (the boys in short pants—a rarity in North America where children try to look as old as possible as soon as possible. After the game was over the children proudly showed us their printing and pictures they had painted and all those other wonderful things children do in kindergarden. Although you couldn't understand a word they said everything seemed perfectly clear. It seemed paradoxical to see such innocent happiness in a refugee camp.

Reunification is a long way off and the Germans who are first and foremost realists know this better than anyone else. NATO, rearmament and trade have linked her firmly with the West. Thus far the West has not done much except to say that it is in favor of reunification.

However there is a question of first things first. For the 18 million people in east Germany — friends and relatives of those in the Western Zone, their fate is a tragedy but it is no worse than that of the Poles and Czechs who were our allies and about whom we have conveniently forgotten. No one suggests we should alter our policy to save them.

The Editor
The Journal
S.M.U.
Dear sir:

May I suggest a caption for a future article in The Journal: "Is the College . . . trying to scuttle the High School?" For several years I have been an interested reader and admirer of the Journal. During my leave of absence from the University 1952-56 I looked forward eagerly to each successive issue of the Journal, since my return I have held it up to the High School student body as an example of what can be done by a group of students, High School or College, who are willing to pool their resources and work together for a common good.

Can you imagine my dismay when I read the front page of your last issue! Is there a crime in owing an honest debt? In order to collect a debt from any man is it lawful to stoop to black-mail? Because the Communists like to wash their dirty laundry in Public must 'The Saints' do likewise? Is it or is it not a fact that I personally promised the Editor-in-Chief, that the debt would be paid? Did you forget to mention this in your article.

What then was the purpose of printing such an article? To help the High School? To encourage them to follow your example?

You will receive your 'forty pieces of silver', not because of your insulting article, but because honesty is still the best policy in the High School. The debt will be paid but the harm you have done to the faculty and students of the High School, cannot be healed by anybody's forty dollars, not even the Journal's.

Disappointedly yours,
Emmet J. McKenna, S.J.,
High School Principal.

food for thought. But a word to the wise! Just remember fellows, I earn my living by this column and I must have material so why not show the spirit of the old boys and do something. Here is a little rumor and it goes to this effect, CAMMI and GEORGE will argue and point that has the word engineers even remotely connected with it. We understand RORAI plans on being a mail man when he graduates. In closing I would like to say that it is our opinion that you people like our column, otherwise we would have heard a few murmurs from you, or is it that you are, what is the word, CHICKES?? to write a letter to the editor and complain. But just remember jealousy will get you nowhere. Please not we make it a habit never to print words of this calibre and oh yes, no names please. So just remember if it is a lack of intestinal fortitude that is what's bothering you, it is flesh and blood that heroes are made of. So till next issue, a DULL DULL life to each and everyone one of you.

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by Ron Barnes

INTERCOLLEGIATE CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE???

Saint Mary's football team climaxed a most successful season by defeating Cape Breton on the University campus to officially become Nova Scotia Junior Champions. Although they captured the Maritime Crown by virtue of their win in Chatham they still had to settle the Nova Scotia championship as time had not permitted a provincial playoff before they left for New Brunswick. However, they were not to be denied and with their win Sunday proved conclusively that S.M.U. is capable of fielding an all-college football team. With this year's success tucked under their belt the Big Red team is already looking to the future.

Has the time come for S.M.U. to enter an intercollegiate league? In an attempt to answer this question the Journal has asked the opinion of one faculty member and two students. Those consulted, and their answers, are as follows:

FATHER O'DONNELL

In the event of an intercollegiate league forming next year we feel sure that Saint Mary's would enter a team. We have proven in the Junior league that we have the material and an all college league would provide ample spirit and widespread interest. Also several of our players will be over age next year for the Junior League. However, we do not feel that we are qualified to compete in a Senior Service league at the present time and unless there is an intercollegiate league formed next year we'll definitely remain in Junior competition.

FRED DOCKRILL

I do not think an Intercollegiate Football League should be formed for two reasons. One is from the viewpoint of Saint Mary's and other from the angle of the destruction it would cause.

Saint Mary's is not large enough to meet the requirements of football on an intercollegiate level. I know that there are many optimists who will disagree with me. However, I honestly feel that junior football at present is right down our alley and no move upward should be attempted for at least two or three years.

Secondly, it would mean the end of both senior (intermediate) and junior football in this area. It has already been stated in a number of corners that the services could not operate a league without the "college" teams. With the prominence that Canadian Football has reached in Halifax and the Maritimes in general it would be an absolute shame to promote anything which might tend to fold the Halifax League. It is the result of many years of hard work put in by such men as Father Rourke in the past, John Funston, past and present, and many interested servicemen. I actually feel that the result of their work would be on the verge of collapsing in the face of an intercollegiate loop. Also, if such an undertaking was to fail I am sure that the spirit of the fans would be lost. Thousands have supported the teams this season and deserve the best football that can be secured for them in the future.

KEITH TAPPEN

The idea of an Intercollegiate League for football is not as remote as it may appear. The interest and enthusiasm of many of the Maritime Universities has been high of late and something substantial may be in the making. Saint Mary's, Dalhousie, St. F.X., and others have voiced their opinions in favor of this proposed league. Saint Mary's are ready, willing and able to field a varsity team. It is obvious that Dal and St. F.X. are normally able to field strong teams and Acadia has become very interested in the Canadian game. They made their football debut by defeating Shearwater Juniors in an exhibition game not long ago. This Valley college has been a keen contender in other intercollegiate sports, such as hockey and basketball, and it is evident that they would favor such a setup for football, and be willing to enter a team.

In the present senior league the two college teams begin competition each year with a great handicap, that of conditioning. This problems faces them because of the late registration date for the students and their inability to begin workouts until

Revenge Is Sweet

by R. H. Randall

On Sunday, November 11, Saint Mary's Juniors got back to their winning ways as they defeated their arch rivals H.M.C.S. Cape Breton, 20-6. By virtue of this win Saint Mary's captured the Nova Scotia Junior Football League, and The Halifax Herald Limited Trophy.

This was the fifth straight victory for the Santamarians in the local league. The teams battled through a scoreless first quarter with Cape Breton drawing first blood midway through the second, when Allen went over on a line plunge from the four yard line. The big Red team came roaring back to tie it up before the half ended, when Ted O'Leary went sweeping around left end to tie it up.

During the first half Barnes and MacLare made good ground gains for the Saints, while Murphy and O'Leary caught some nice passes. Steele and Allen were the main ball carriers for the losers.

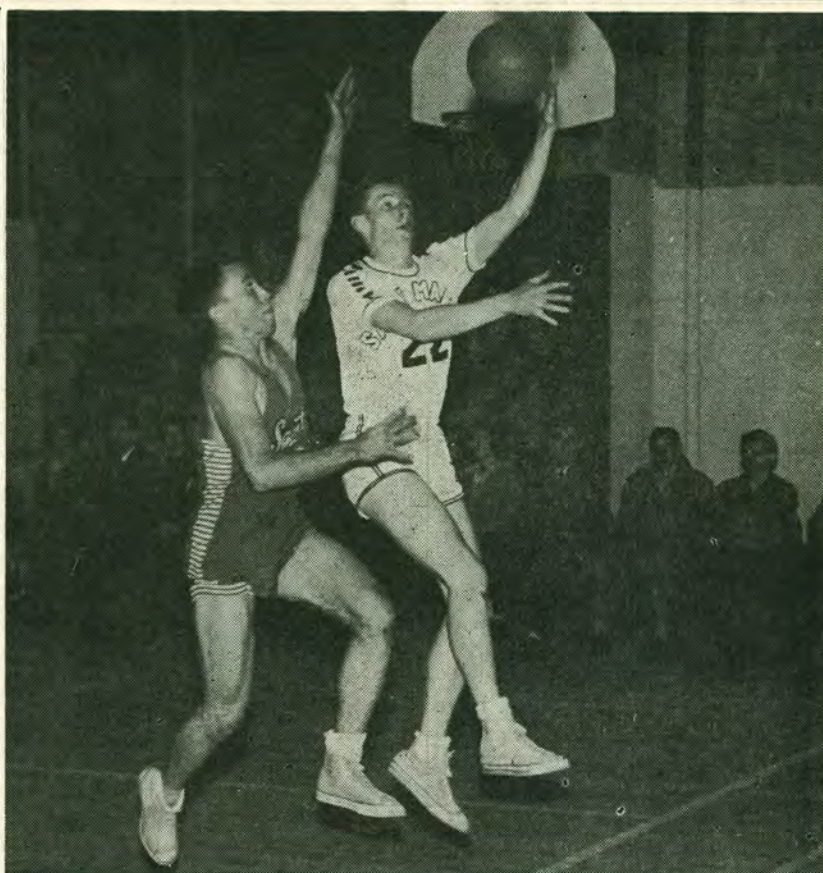
With the start of the third quarter the Saints started to roll after Barnes recovered a fumble on the Cape Breton 40. They marched to the 1 yard line but were stopped cold in their attempts to score. However, Bill Power of the Saints' defensive line recovered a fumble behind the Cape Breton line for a TD. The convert by Murphy was good.

From here on it was all Saint Mary's as the Cape Breton squad could not seem to get rolling. The score at the end of the third quarter was 13-6 for the Saints.

In the final quarter Saint Mary's added another TD to clinch the game. After losing yards on a first down Saint Mary's took to the air with Greg McClare, expert line plunger, completing a pass to Tom Murphy who caught it on the 20 and romped over for the TD. He again converted making the final score, 20-6.

The individual point leader of the game was Tom Murphy, Saints' end who scored eight points on one TD and two converts.

So it was a wonderful ending to a great football season for Saint Mary's. On behalf of myself and the other members of the team I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the team and especially to their great coach, Rev. Elmer MacGillivray, S.J. and capable assistant coach, Don Warner for their great work this year with the team, and the best of luck in the future.



Brian Ross makes a basket despite Kelly's (S.D.U.) attempts to spoil the play.

SPORTS REVIEW— Continued

FATHER E. MacGILLIVRAY

After a season like the last one, if an Intercollegiate League were formed, Saint Mary's would definitely be ready to go. Is this saying that Saint Mary's thinks it is ready for senior competition? No, it isn't saying that. But if St. F.X. and Dal decide that competing against the services was a little too tough, then the next move would be the forming of the much-talked-about and highly favored Intercollegiate Loop. Apparently Acadia would jump at such a suggestion and Saint Mary's would be number four. Imagine the college rivalry and school spirit that the popular game would arouse.

What about Junior?

Junior football proved very popular at Saint Mary's this year and will continue to do so if we are forced to play it. Yet a win over a service team hasn't the same thrill as a win over an old college rival. Colleges are made for keen competition which just doesn't seem to be found when teams are from other types of organizations.

How would Saint Mary's shape up in Intercollegiate?

Well, we have some of the finest football players ever developed at Saint Mary's right in our midst now. This group would form a nucleus—a nucleus that was good enough to lead us to our first Maritime football champion. (Don't forget we beat another Maritime college for this title—a college well-known for its football achievements.)

In my opinion we would only have to build around this group to produce a competent Intercollegiate squad. This building could be done from various sources. Right in our University there are a few good football players too old for the junior ranks. A school like St. Patrick's high, only a week ago, completed an undefeated season in copping the H.S. crown. St. Pats are always very generous in sending us their finished products of their championship teams. Our own high school has a number of gifts to offer us in the football market. Then annually there is a surprise package (or two) that pops in from N.B. (maybe trained in Ottawa), Nfld. or across the boarder that cheers up any coach. And you you mean to tell me that after our successful year in Maritime circles if an Intercollegiate League were formed and Saint Mary's announced an entry, that a few more gridiron stalwarts would not head down Robie Street way. Yes, if the green light is given to an Intercollegiate League, Saint Mary's is set to go.

early September. There is no such problem encountered by the service teams and therefore they are able to begin practices as early as the weather permits. As a result they are in top form by the time the students are beginning to arrive for their first workouts and when the league schedule gets underway they have a decided edge over the collegians. In an intercollegiate league the conditioning factor would not present such a large problem as each team would begin calisthenics approximately at the same time.

There is no reason why this proposed league could not prove successful as the colleges play a crowd-pleasing type of game and readily receive the support of the public and their respective student bodies. College teams have supplied many great thrills in the annals of sports over the years. Sports fans can recall the classics between Dal and St. F.X. during the last two or three years. It is inevitable that a college league will eventually be formed and I believe such a league will be on the scene within the next two years.

COMBINES, ALOUETTES, VICTORS IN HIGH SCHOOL INTRA-MURAL LEAGUES

Combines captured the championship of the Midget Division of Saint Mary's University High School Intra-mural football league yesterday afternoon at the college campus as they tured back the Mighty Mites 14-7.

The leagues were under the guid-

ance of Rev. E. McKenna, S.J., principal of the high school, but all the work during the regular schedule was done by the student body, and the final games were refereed by Rev. Elmer MacGillivray, S.J.

The Santamarians had 62 students taking part in the intra-mural

leagues out of an enrollment of 144. Only one injury was suffered over the season, this being to Jerry MacCormack of the champion Combines squad who missed two games with a sprained wrist.

Grade 10 Alouettes won the senior division as they eked out a slim 7-6

win over Eskimos who were made up from the students in Grade nine, 10 and 11. Carter scored the touchdown for the winners, with the winning margin coming off the big right foot of Nicky Fraser as he made good on the convert. The major for the losers, was made by Timmy Brennan.

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