

CUS REFERENDA:

SMU REJECTS MAJOR POLICY

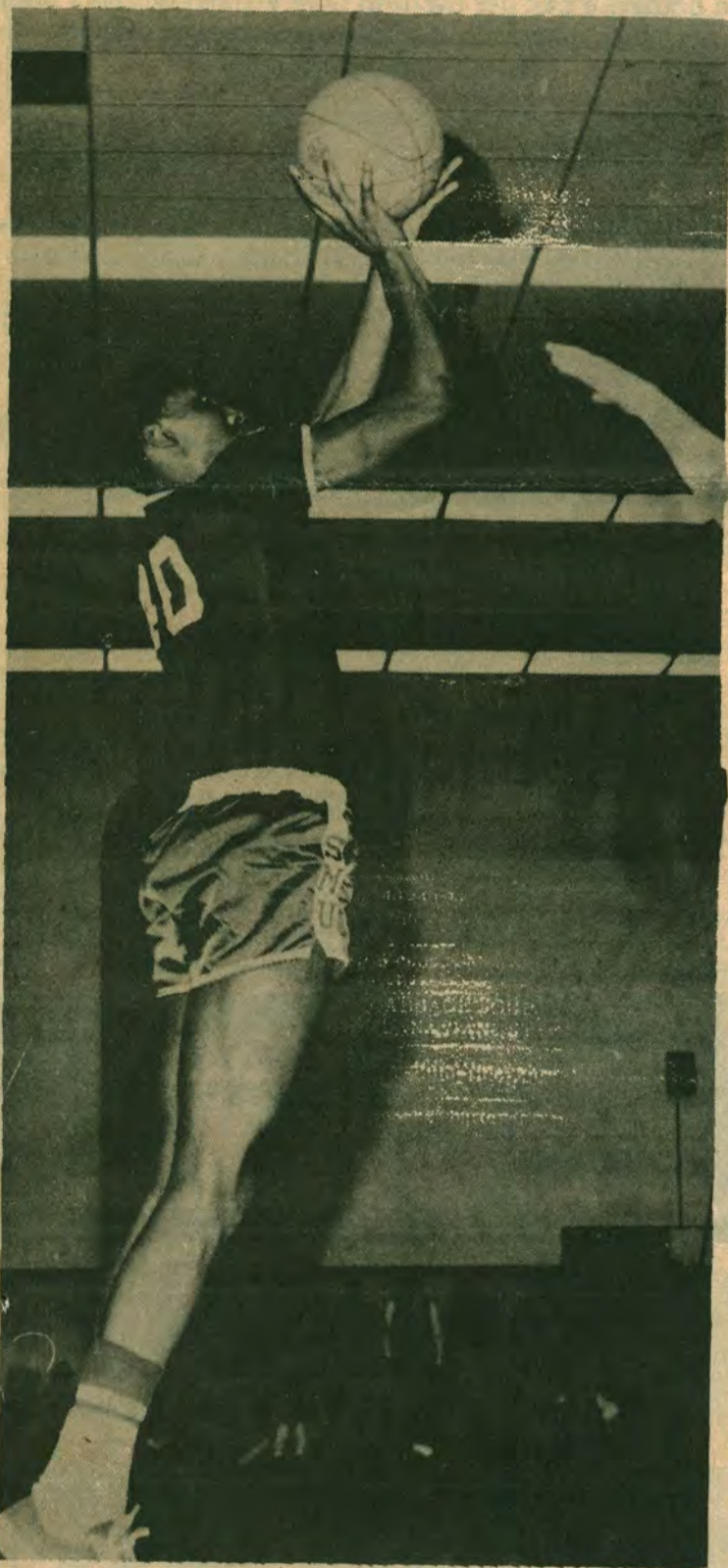
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Plagiarism Not Widespread



YOU'LL See plenty more of this type of action when the Huskies take to the court against Dalhousie's Tigers Friday for the Winter Carnival basket-ball game. The Tigers won 76-75 in their last meeting with the maroon and white.

By
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and
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Plagiarism is a fault with which most students are afflicted, say some faculty members, but most others disagree.

Interviewed by the JOURNAL recently Dr. William Dalton of the Political Science Department said that he believed plagiarism is evident on "30% to 40% of the papers in general and particularly among Freshmen. Dr. Dalton said once the facts of plagiarism are brought to the student's attention, he generally improves. When asked if plagiarism is the result of a weak background, Dr. Dalton replied, "I don't like to blame everything on high schools; it's partly because of laziness".

The university might have less of a problem on its hands if students were trained to write short essays in their own words at the high school or grammar school level. This would be far better than the long, drawn-out type of essay which the student hasn't the foggiest notion of what it's all about, he added.

The Political Science Department recently distributed a hand-out dealing with plagiarism, to show that the department feels that plagiarism is a definite danger. In a series of interviews with eighteen different professors a short poll was taken by the JOURNAL.

To the first question: "do you think there is a great deal of plagiarism on term papers and essays by S. M. U. students in general?" 5 answered no. Naturally, cautious as they are, 7 were undecided because they did not know what happened in the other courses. But 6 of them felt there was a great deal.

The second question, asking if there was a high incidence of plagiarism among their own students, was very interesting. 11 felt that there was no large group guilty of the offense while only 2 of the professors felt that plagiarism was widespread.

The last question asked what punishment should be given to offending students. 11 felt that a zero should be given on the particular essay or mid-term exam. 8 felt that the student should be asked to leave the course while the same number felt that the students should be asked to leave the university. 4 of the professors, the majority of whom were English professors felt that the paper should be re-written.

From this poll it is evident that if the problem of plagiarism is as widespread as the Political Science Department would have us believe it is, their colleagues are not aware of it.

Saint Mary's students have rejected several major policy items of the Canadian Union of Students Jan. 13 and 20.

Although only a minority vote was recorded on each of the two referenda, projected trends from results indicated general disapproval of the policies in question naires dealt with CUS' policy on universal accessibility and its general education policy.

SMU students voted strongly against the abolition of all tuition fees, while approving a system of student stipends to help achieve equality of educational opportunity indicated that they approved of loans and means tests as a form of financial assistance for students, but followed the CUS line in rejecting mandatory parental support as a condition for a student loan. They also expressed dissatisfaction with the present system of financing education by a vote of more than three to one.

The Jan. 20 referendum confirmed the desire of the students for a drop in university tuition, but completely discarded any plans for free tuition, student salaries, or a freeze in fees. With regard to university admission, entrance exams and high school certification both received majority votes, but aptitude tests or the waiving of any entrance requirements were rejected. St. Mary's feels that the greatest barrier to equal opportunity for higher education is financial, with social and intellectual differences together ranking a distant second. The present voting age of 21 years was approved, and students felt

that CUS should Not become involved in international affairs.

External Affairs Vice-President Mike O'Sullivan said earlier this month that he will use the recommendations indicated by the students' votes to formulate an analysis of St. Mary's stand on CUS policy.

Reagan Advocates Tuition

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CUPI)-- California's new governor, Ronald Reagan, said last week he believes the mental attitude of University of California students would be improved if they paid tuition fees.

"There is no such thing as free education--the question is who pays," he said his first news conference since becoming governor. "I think there is nothing wrong with young people being responsible for a part of the cost".

He suggested that those "who come to agitate, not to study" might think more seriously about demonstrations if their money were invested in school fees.

Only non-Californian students pay fees at the University. But charging tuition to California residents would raise \$16 million towards an anticipated deficit budget of \$475 million planned for California this year, Reagan estimated.

BULLETIN

HALIFAX (CUP)- Two referenda submitted to the student body January 27 resulted in the approval of Saint Mary's membership in CUS, and the adoption of a new set of by-laws for the government of the recently-incorporated Student's Association.

During the voting, a riot occurred in the Student's Lounge near the polls when a Journal staff member, wearing a "Vote No" tag, was questioned on his stand on the by-laws referendum. A petition was circulated asking the publication of the Journal be suspended until a "new management can be placed which is loyal to the students and to this university". (sic).

The acceptance of the by-laws led Journal Editor J.P. Goldring to submit his resignation, effective February 7. The Journal had denounced parts of the by-laws as "the results of carelessness, poor grammar, or very poor judgement". He commented in his letter of resignation, "The Editor's tenure in office is irrelevant if he does not enjoy ... at least the tolerance of a significant proportion of the student body, whose agent he properly is ... The results of the referendum ... indicate that I do not enjoy this tolerance or support".

He added later, "We explained what was wrong with the by-laws and what could be done about them; the students accepted the mess in spite of our information and advice. Clearly this student body does not want an editor like myself, and it is equally certain that I have no further interest in working as Editor for them".

The referendum on the by-laws, voted on by about 57% of the stu-

dent body, passed 438-148. The referendum on CUS approved SMU's membership by a 355-123 margin.

A spokesman for the CUS committee confirmed the fact that the referendum was not binding on Council because less than 50% of the student body voted on it, but he added that the turnout was large enough (48%) for the question of withdrawal to be considered closed.

Informed spokesmen also indicated that if the referendum on the by-laws had been defeated, it would probably have been declared invalid because of irregular proceedings. Such irregularities are cited as being the instruction to poll supervisors to give each voter with his ballot a letter from the SRC President urging support of the by-laws, and the fact that not all student voters were asked to produce their Student I. D. cards when voting.

RETRACTION

I wish to retract the statement appearing in this space in the Journal of January 20, to the effect that "There are rumours that on Monday mornings the janitors spend two hours picking up the empties which line the north end of the university."

This statement had been made to me by resident students, and being a non-resident myself, I was unable to verify the validity of the above statement myself.

- E. MICHAEL SMITH

TWICE WEEKLY -

AT LAST!

from the Editor's DESK

It is evident that when a newspaper becomes outspoken, or deals bluntly with controversial issues, it will be accused of prejudice, irresponsibility, or simply bad taste.

These charges have been made recently against the JOURNAL, particularly with regard to two recent reprints from other CUP newspapers regarding the war in Viet-Nam. A number of students, particularly Americans currently classified as 2-S, have complained about unwarranted bad taste.

At this point it might be advisable to explain why Canadian college papers deal with such matters, and why they are particularly appropriate in the JOURNAL.

It is commonly accepted that a University, besides providing an "education" in the common understanding of the term, should serve as a cultural and intellectual centre for the community. Yet most

maritime Universities, including those in Halifax, seem more like "knowledge factories" than like universities. Outside of classrooms, intellectual and cultural pursuits are barely noticeable. For reasons which are hard to understand, universities are little more than advanced high schools as far as the intellectual life of the students is concerned. Santamarians ignore the topics which are discussed with interest and conviction by large parts of the student bodies on most Canadian and American campuses. These are topics of national and international importance - why are they ignored here?

There are many factors on this campus which discourage student awareness and student activism. Academic stimulus towards such things is missing here, except for some of the 300-level courses in the social sciences. Similarly, there is little stimulus for student activism in the Halifax community. But student government and all its agencies have failed wretchedly to inform or interest the student body on topics which are relevant to our times and position.

As a part of the student press in Canada, the JOURNAL believes it has a role of acting "as an agent of social change" and that it must stimulate "student thought and awareness of the problems and topics that affect students, the nation, and the world". (Excerpts from the Charter of the Student Press in Canada.)

We are not radicals, nor do we expect to give birth to any sort of extremism on this campus. However, we would like to see the students of Saint Mary's interested in, aware of, and involved in the affairs which are of current interest, instead of using University as a sort of ivory tower. We are ready, if necessary, to offend a few people if in so doing we can get them to take a stand on their point of view, and thereby - hopefully - convince others to become involved as well.

AS I SEE IT

By Gerry Parsons

One of the most peculiar traits found within the group designated as the power of government is the intricate system of communication which sometimes is confined to the immediate members of the power structure.

In Gulliver's Travels, there are societies in which animals, other than humans, have established a system of government. The Houyhnhnms are horses which speak a language comprehensible only to themselves, and foreign to their alleged lessers. The numerous Yahoos were the alleged Lessers and were compelled to enjoy an existence of apathy until the Houyhnhnms made a fatal mistake which the Yahoos quickly pounced upon and took the advantage. It was lack of comprehension that resulted from the stagnant form of communication, plus the self-induced feeling of superiority on the part of the Houyhnhnms which prevented any exchange between the rules and

the ruled.

Similarly, The Lilliputians, though smaller in many regards to the Houyhnhnms, also had a clique type of power structure. If we are willing to attempt the impossible, we could try and initiate a communion between the Houyhnhnms and the Lilliputians. The reason that this is an impossibility is that, for each sect, personal ambition and pride would exclude consideration of the common good. Although each would realize that the other is entitled to certain rights and privileges, they would also observe that one would have to operate on a higher level of power, for the sake of logical control. Who would have the higher level would be the point that neither would be willing to concede to the other; for there could be no means of compromising - since communication would be impossible.

Now, let us see what would happen if this impossible situation were to come to pass. Suppose the Houyhnhnms were to be the group in the position of control, then we would find the leader of the Houyhnhnms, Lenadaribus Rambeauibus, speaking from a platform to the leader of the Lilliputians, Jameibus Doyleibus. Lenadaribus would speak out over the head of Jameibus in a loud foreign voice, tinged with authority, advocating complete control by his faction, and Jameibus would be listening in a whisper with an equally foreign ear, denouncing dictatorship. Neither would understand the other, because they really don't want to; if they did, they would speak face to face in a language that each would understand. This language would be based on compromise and the consideration of the common good - the common good which includes themselves and those whom they have been appointed to govern. As it stands, we would find two factions of control fighting over who will be the horse's head and who will be the other end. This is accomplished with no effort from either side.

The Mind Sweeper

For the first time this year, a tour of the university was organized as a part of the initiation. This is a very good idea. For the upperclassman, however, it was not much help, since they were never offered such a tour.

I don't want you fellows to feel left out on anything, so I will now tell you of a typical tour. You freshmen may as well come along too, just in case you missed something.

We shall begin our tour just outside the main building, in fact at the main entrance. Our guide for the tour is U.N. True, a most reliable Santamarian. U.N. TRUE: Welcome to SMU, gang. This is great university and like most universities this one has a great tradition. It was established in 1802 and believe it or not, this is not the original building.

STUDENTS: This guy is really sick! Do we have to put up with these lousy jokes? U.N. True: So all right, guys. I can't help it, that's what's in my script. Let's say we forget the script. I can't help it, that is what is in my script. Let's say we forget the script and all that junk.

STUDENTS: Yeah, let's skip all this history rot and get on with the tour. U.N. True: Okay, let's go.

The students, led by U.N. True enter the lobby and greeted by a deep growling sound off to the right. The students turn and start to run. U.N. True: Hey guys, come back here. Don't be afraid. That's only Bulldog, everyone knows he's fierce.

The students creep past Bulldog's kennel and approach the next point of interest on the tour. U.N. TRUE: This is the Treasury Department.

STUDENTS: What's a treasurer? U.N. TRUE: Father Cashfirst is our treasurer. You see, what happens is that whenever a student comes in with cash, Father Cashfirst bursts out with a smile. But don't ever go in there unless you have money, or Father Cashfirst might become perturbed. Then the happy little group pro-

ceeds around the corner and down the corridor to the right.

U.N. TRUE: Here we used to have the office of the Dean of Studies, so who needs that position anyway? Further on down this corridor are the President's office and the Jesuit Right Wing. There's no sense going down there though, nobody does and besides, most students around here are left-wingers anyway. What the... Duck! Run! AAAGH! Flatten against the wall! That was close! STUDENTS: What was that? U.N. TRUE: That was Mr. Starey, the Registrar. He's a nice guy, quite friendly and capably, but he is dangerous the way he runs out of his office all the time. He usually doesn't look where he is going. Let's get out of here before he comes back. As the students move along, they pass the chapel.

U.N. TRUE: This is the chapel where a few people go to pray. You guys don't want to see that, do you? Let's go up to the Common Lounge? The students enter

the Common Lounge to behold in the corner a fellow student kicking a cigarette machine and using common language. They are also impressed by the common garbage on the floor to the depth of a common foot.

U.N. TRUE: This is where everyone gathers to become educated. The TV set is in the corner over there. Hey Guys! Bugs Bunny is on! Let's go over to the residence and look at a typical room. (Knock Knock, Knock.) RESIDENT STUDENT: Who the... is it?

U.N. TRUE: It's me gang. The resident student opens the door. The group enters to find ten resident students sitting on the floor in a circle, playing poker. There are another 15 over at a desk in deep thought looking at the latest Playboy. The group became so interested in the latest Playboy and the poker game that U.N. True is unable to tear them away. See how he solves this problem and finishes the tour next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Sir:

In reference to the ad in the January 20th issue of the JOURNAL which showed a picture of President Johnson and advertised a vacation in Viet Nam, I would like to ask what the point of this vain attempt at humor was?

I realize that anyone has the right to state his own opinion on the United States policy in Viet Nam, but why must your paper criticize the policy with petty wit when the consequences of this war are of international interest?

Therefore, I ask, if you wish to criticize the United States for their action in Viet Nam - would you please do it in a serious and intelligent manner.

Thank you,

Respectfully yours,

William F. Dinneen.

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Canadian Campuses Show Discontent, Ferment

(CUP)

Students threaten to crash a closed board of governors meeting at Waterloo University.

Glendon College Student Council calls for an assembly on the subject "whether or not the president of this university has the intellectual integrity to discuss his views publicly."

At the same time, a Montreal newspaper predicts the University of Western Ontario could become Canada's Berkeley.

In Calgary, students at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology attack paternalism in an administration which forces them to attend 90 per cent of their classes and refuses to listen to their complaints about lack of adequate health services and residences at SAIT.

UBC's award-winning newspaper, the Ubysey, announces it is tired "of being irrelevant" and adopts a radically different political-journal format.

And across the country, student councils hold superficial discussions on the problems of education, the social and economic barriers to post-secondary education in Canada and the inadequacies of university factories. Their unstructured rivals in student activism, the Student Union for Peace Action, hold a meeting and decide that more structure is needed in their protests.

Most of this in one week. And all amid the politeness and bromides which are Canada's Centennial year.

All a manifestation of the Significant Sixties - an age of mods and miniskirts, a faraway war and continued poverty at home and abroad.

This week, the campus hotspots are the University of Waterloo and Glendon College of York University.

At Waterloo, students' council president Mike Sheppard has vowed

to back up his council's resolution calling for open decision-making in his university community.

He and other council members were planning to show up at the January 19 board of governors meeting - in spite of protests from university president J.G. Hagey.

In a letter to Sheppard, President Hagey said the student president's plan to attend the board meeting, with the student newspaper present, could jeopardize work being done by the joint senate-student committee currently studying university government.

Sheppard has denied the student federation is trying to alter board procedure, saying it is impossible to change the board's structure without revealing its operations to the student body.

And when the committee submits its report to the board of governors, debate on the subject

will be closed.

Sheppard said that while there is little immediate likelihood of an organized student strike being called to support student demands for the "open-door" policy, he warns that Council won't accept compromise solutions and could call a strike if all methods of sober debate and negotiations fail.

Student Council members at Glendon College, another center of campus ferment, are seriously examining the new advisory committee on Student affairs there.

The committee fell apart in November when student representatives from Glendon and York campuses refused to support the university president's closed-meeting policy.

However, President Ross set up another committee - termed a "bastard committee" by council vice-president Rick Schultz - similar in every way to the old one.

"He's just set it up in the same old way, thus making student representation on it impossible", says Council president Jim MacDonald.

MacDonald is now trying to establish a university-wide, student faculty committee which he hopes will overshadow ACSA and

eventually advise the president on matters of student concern.

Several faculty members have already indicated strong interest in this proposal.

MacDonald and Schultz are fighting for a committee which will give students full representation on matters affecting them.

Although council itself realizes secrecy is sometimes justifiable, it "must be the exception rather than the rule", says Schultz.

Rumors are already flying that students will strike if President Ross refuses to meet their demands.

Meanwhile, Allan Offstein, former editor of Glendon's student newspaper, the Pro Tem, is blasting students for their "apathy, silence, and ignorance of their group power."

No one escapes his scathing tongue, which accuses the faculty of selling "their obligations as cultural and intellectual leaders to the machinery of bureaucracy, and prostituting their values and ideals for the whoremaster known as security".

And until students realize what they are missing - in the way of leadership and education ideals - they will continue to see themselves short, he says.

DAILY MASS

11:30 A.M. and 12:25 P.M.

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He was not mistaken in saying such things about a play which is not dated but vivid. Rostand's dedication was extended in the soul of Cyrano, but since that soul was reborn in Coquelin, it was to that great actor that Rostand dedicated the play. In 1898, while Coquelin was appearing in France, Richard Mansfield, the foremost American actor of the time, was preparing "his" Cyrano. It is said that Mansfield acted the part admirably; but Coquelin

walked on and was Cyrano, and that was the only fact regarded.

We cannot call back Coquelin, Mansfield, or Rostand from their graves, but this gallant play is still as thrillingly alive as it was in 1898. Rostand was like Shakespeare in one regard at least: for he wrote "not for an age, but for all time". It is only the realists, who write about contemporary manners and morals, grow speedily old-fashioned: the romantics, who escape from their own period, remain forever young and ever new. "And it does seem to be a great pity," says Clayton Hamilton, "that, because of the faulty organization of our theatre, such a play as Cyrano de Bergerac should be banished from our stage for decades at a time".

St. Mary's should take pride in SMU Dramatics Society bringing this play to us. Under the directorship of Mrs. Faith Ward Cyrano De Bergerac will be presented in mid-February.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd -

SKI DAY At Wentworth Valley. (Busses leave at 7 o'clock A.M.)
GIRL'S HOCKEY: MSVU vs. DAL. - 11:00 A.M.
VARSITY BASKETBALL - Huskies vs. Tigers at SMU - 2:30 P.M.
CENTENNIAL BALL, Lord Nelson Hotel - 9:00 p.m. (\$3.00 per couple).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th -

Judging of Snow Sculptures - 2:00 P.M.
Girls' Hockey: MSVU vs. DAL - 3:00P. M. (at Dal. rink)
Candle Light Supper and Dance at MSVU (\$5.00 per couple)
Music by the MARQUIS from Toronto.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th -

Communion breakfast at MSVU 11:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker
MSVU vs. SMU Broomball (Carnival Executives) - 4:00 P.M. at SMU Rink
Tobogganing at MSVU - 6:20 P.M.
Hootennanny at MSVU - 8:00 P.M.
Movie At Mount - 9:00 P.M.

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