

Sr. Catherine Wallace to Resign

by Liz MacKinnon

Sister Catherine Wallace will finish a six year term of office as President of Mount Saint Vincent University in July, 1971 and has asked the Board of Governors that she not be considered for a further term. The news has shocked and disappointed many at the Mount and those who have been here for all or part of her administration can see that she has given herself completely to the Mount and will be difficult to replace.

In a letter transmitted to the Board of Governors earlier this year Sister Catherine said: "As you know, I have for a long time wished to serve in a developing country. University personnel are very much needed in Africa, and I hope, when I leave the Mount, to continue university work in Ethiopia". When her plans for the future are more definite she will convey them to the university community.

Sister Catherine Wallace has been at the Mount for the past twelve years and been President for the past six. During her administration the university received its charter, built Assisi and Rosaria Halls, added many new degrees and courses, signed an agreement for co-operation with Dalhousie and started the new academic building. Looking at this record of achievement we must agree with her when she says in her letter to the Board: "I am convinced I have given the institution whatever of value I had to give it . . . I do not think I am leaving any major task incomplete. Most tasks, such as construction, fund-raising, co-

operative arrangements, organizations, will be able, by July 1971, to be continued by others."

It has also been during Sister Catherine's term as President that student' have become more active in university government. Without her help and inspiration we wouldn't have received voting power on the Board of Governors and Senate. In her letter Sister mentions that the government of the university has changed. She says "There will be time during the coming year for all of us together to review the past, evaluate the present, and plan for the future. As we do so, I think we shall become more and more aware that the responsibility for the control of the University has become the shared task of all of its members".

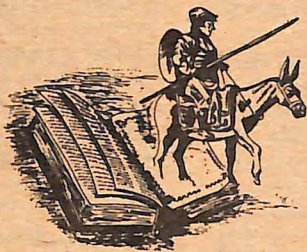
The Board of Governors has started to form a Search Committee for a new President. The committee will become active very shortly. The Presidential Search shall consist of:

1. The Chancellor of the University
2. The Chairman of the Board of Governors
3. Three members of the Board of Governors in addition to the Chairman.
4. Two members of the Corporation.
5. Two representatives of the Sisters of Charity.
6. Two representatives of the Senate.
7. Two representatives of the Student Body.
8. Two representatives of the Faculty.
9. Two representatives of the Alumnae.



You're either part of the problem, or part of the solution.

- Eldridge Cleaver



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Welcome Says President

I would like to extend a warm and sincere welcome to the new students of Mount St. Vincent University. Why you have come here and what you hope to accomplish are questions that can be answered on an individual level. However, we all share a common goal and that is acquiring a better education.

It is the fall term of 1970 and the university has commenced its academic responsibilities once again. So what - it happens every year. But this year is unique in that you are the first class of a new decade - of living, of thinking and of experiencing.

As such your responsibilities are great and the challenges you face vital and important - to yourselves and more important to society at large.

No longer are we restricted by old institutions for they are dying. Rigid conformed ways of thinking and doing things are being questioned and evaluated, many for the first time. And we, by the very fact of our youth, are on the "ground floor". We are the builders. It is our responsibility to change the ills of society with something that is better, in all ways we will shape the "new civilization" that is imminent. A university education will add to the pressure you may have felt already because so much depends on how you use your education.

How does all this relate to the new students? First of all on this campus you represent change. You bring with you experiences and ideals that are totally different from freshmen of even 1968. On you depends the future of this university because you will shape it - how, is your responsibility. The new students are our most valuable resource. You are well aware of some of the issues. Become actively involved in them and don't wait for graduation day to start "using your education." We need you now - don't let us down.

Becoming involved in anything means making sacrifices and I would be a fool if I tried to point you a picture of peaches and cream. It is a common trend to attribute unbent, innocent minds to the freshman class. I think this attitude is changing because each year these students show themselves to be the most aware people on campus in some areas. Your potential is the greatest attribute you possess; don't waste it.

So freshmen, once again welcome to M.S.V.U. You are enthusiastic, highly motivated, concerned people and we need you. We need your ideas, your hard work and dedication or better still your blood sweat and tears. If you give this, you will indeed be using your education and accepting the main challenge of 1970-1971.

I wish you peace and happiness in your year and hope you realize the opportunities that are yours. You are interested - now become active, get involved and participate positively in the building of a better world.

Voting: Who? When? Where?

WHO CAN VOTE?

A person must:

1. be 19 years of age on or before Oct. 13, 1970,
2. be a Canadian citizen or British subject,
3. have been ordinarily resident in Nova Scotia for the twelve months immediately preceeding September 5th,
4. have been ordinarily resident in the polling division on September 5th.

WHERE CAN A STUDENT VOTE?

A married student is ordinarily resident at the place where his wife and family lives and sleeps and to which, when away, he intends to return.

An unmarried student with NO family home in Nova Scotia is ordinarily resident at the place where he lives and sleeps, regardless of where he takes his meals or is employed or where his family lives and sleeps.

An unmarried student with a family home in Nova Scotia to which, when away, he intends to return, is ordinarily resident where his home is. An unmarried student with a family home in Nova Scotia:-

1. votes in his university's constituency if he has lived in it on September 5th and has no intention to return home;
2. votes in his home constituency if he has lived in the university constituency but intends to return home;
3. votes in the university's constituency if he has

maintained an apartment or room in the summer, and if he does not intend to return home;

4. votes in his home constituency if he has maintained an apartment or room in the constituency for twelve months but intends to return home.

An unmarried student with a family home outside Nova Scotia, who has been in Nova Scotia or maintained an apartment or room in Nova Scotia:-

1. who was in Nova Scotia on or before September 5th, 1970 may vote;
- (a) he votes in his university's constituency if he was there or maintained an apartment there on September 5th, 1970;
- (b) he votes in his university's constituency if he has maintained an apartment or room there, even if he has worked elsewhere during the summer;
- (c) he votes in the constituency where he worked in the summer, if he was there on September 5, 1970, if he did not maintain an apartment or room at the university.

N.B. An apartment or room may include a room in a university residence if it was reserved and a deposit made at the beginning of the summer.

The few exceptions to this rule can be found in Section 28 of the Elections Act.

Enumeration Dates - September 12-17 (Sat. - Thurs.)
Revising Dates (get added to list) Oct. 1-2 (Thurs.-Fri.)

ELECTION DAY - OCTOBER 13TH

Dal-Mount Make Good Bed-Fellows

The first year of a five year agreement with Dalhousie has passed and the first signs of cooperation are beginning to show. Last week approximately 50 Mount students were accepted into Spanish, Psych, Economics and Sociology courses at Dalhousie. According to Mrs. Hartley very few were turned away because of cramped quarters at Dal. In addition about 100 Dal students have registered for Psych. 100 at the Mount because they were turned away at their own university.

The first step in the prevention of unnecessary duplication of courses has been the centralization of the Nursing department at Dalhousie. Only time will tell how this arrangement will work out, but at the present everything seems to be going smoothly and the problems that arise with this type of change have been carefully ironed out.

The biggest problem, from the students point of view, arising from the agreement is transportation. At press time the bus system from the Mount to Dal to Dartmouth seems to be having difficulty with the Public Utilities Committee. The PUC thinks that the bus system run by the Dal Student Union is duplicating a service already given by the Halifax Transit System. But anyone who has ever waited at the bottom of the Mount hill for a bus or attempted a trip to Dartmouth by bus, can testify that their beliefs are unfounded. It seems that the Dal Union should have no problem

conveying this message at the public hearing scheduled for October 1.

Besides academic cooperation, it appears that the student councils of the two universities are having no difficulty in finding areas for cooperation, as they did last year. Mary Martin and Andrew Winstanley, presidents of the Mount and Dal respectively, have been working all summer on joint projects for the coming year. Although it proved impossible to share a whole week of Orientation, plans for a joint Winter Carnival look promising. Plans are also underway for inter-residence sports activities for the two universities. The presidents also hope to put the combined efforts of their councils to work for community action.

As soon as the Killam Memorial Library opens Mount students will again be able to enjoy borrowing privileges at Dal. This is indeed a privilege for the facilities at the new library are much better than those at the old library and far superior to anything we can hope to have at the Mount for a long time.

Last year at this time many fears were expressed that the Mount may have lost its identity and become swallowed by Dalhousie. Those who harboured these feelings can set their minds at rest. By closely observing the transactions that have taken place so far one can look to the future with optimism.

Editorial

Roses and Mustard Gas

ON ORIENTATION

As tradition has had it we begin publication with a constructive criticism of Orientation week organization and activities. I won't pan it altogether, so breathe easy Orientation Committee. The hard work and long hours spent in planning certainly showed. The "lost and lonely" Freshmen had no time to get homesick and adequate opportunity to find substitutes for the guy they swore undying devotion to back home. Most had a working knowledge of what courses and professors to avoid before they registered, thanks to the group leaders who provided such aid.

But why, oh why, was no notification of Orientation given to the New Students until they arrived and found themselves in the middle of it. Resident students were handed a slip of paper as they came, in many cases, informing them of activities they had already missed, while day students fell upon plans inadvertently, if at all, while registering. To insure participation which is necessarily the objective of Orientation Week, one must give adequate notification to enable people to arrange their schedules.

However, the committee must be congratulated for avoiding the pitfalls of last year, when Women's Lib. and political discussions so terrorised the unsuspecting freshman that she would have run crying home to mama were she not convinced that behind every corner lurked a female karate expert.

THE POLITICAL CLICHE

Ten years ago, Political Scientists were saying that the Age of Ideologies was over. But then a new upsurge of ideology began to be felt in the early 1960's with the formation of the SDS, The Students for a Democratic Society. This was the beginning of the New Left, a movement of radicalized students, which is still concentrated on the university campus.

I think the New Left is good. only with rebellion to the corruption in the social system can society move forward. Why then did I call it the political "clinche". Because the New Left is, as it were, a second growth of the earlier ideologists - Marx, Trotsky, Lenin, etc, etc. The Old Left has been picked up without any kind of a critical grasp by most of its proponents in the past few years. Certainly, some have read, reasoned and chosen. But it seems that for all too many, the thing to do once one leaves high school is to pick up a few pat phrases and jump on the ideological bandwagon. It's the in thing. For all too many the manifestation of the New Left has become a conglomeration of unsystematic outbursts of ideological language, imagery and prejudices against the system, without any effort to understand the working of the system. The New Left, in many of its exponents is nothing more or less than an absorption of slogans, a pot pourri of cliches. These people, in their lack of understanding of what they profess to believe, are only serving to destroy the philosophies they propound.

All should have an ideology, whether Right, Left, or in between. But the only way a sound ideology can be built is to question, consider and reject what is not good and work from there.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the editor of 'National Review.'

ENVIRONMENTAL LITANY TO THE FORGOTTEN MAN

Beautiful Earth Day,
Regulated Birth Day,
Congested Air Day,
Bottom of the Sea Day,
Shorter Work Day,
Longer Play Day,
Continuous Holiday,
Tax and Pay Day.

Robert M. Moses
New York City

THE POLICE ESTATE

Outwardly, the Mount campus, with its trees, lawns, flowers and ponds would appear to be the poetic ideal of pastoral contentment. However, in the residences, the pot has just about reached the boiling point and if some rules are not changed soon, all hell will break loose. Students are just fed up with the ridiculous provisions and restrictions placed on them, and on their visitors.

One wonders if the residence administrators are preparing to handle a full-scale student revolt. Surely they do not expect that we will placidly accept rules that were not nearly as stringent as last year?

In only one week, the grievances have piled up. The hours for late leaves are most certainly acceptable for almost anyone's standards. But even on weekends, no provision has been made for entertaining guests or boyfriends past midnight. A boy is not even permitted to escort a girl into the lobby while she checks in--a mark of courtesy on his part. What can one do when she wants to spend an evening with a male? Obviously, she can't invite him to visit at "home". They could go to a dance or movie and while away the hours till three o'clock in a restaurant, but most university budgets don't permit that every night. For many, the only place left to talk quietly is the car. Can we deduce that we are to spend the evening making out for the practical necessity of keeping warm? And by the way, this alternative might lead to a traffic snarl, as all but Assisi parking lot have been made restricted zones. Since when?

Floor rules in Evaristus Hall are also a source of complaint. A girl making or receiving a phone call in the evening (and none are permitted after 11) must bear with a proctor standing over her shoulder and counting the minutes. There is no privacy. There are specified times to rise and times to go to bed.

It's unfortunate the boarders' council has not been formed yet. Obviously, there is a great need for this representation to mediate between students and administration - who cannot be entirely blamed until the student's position has been coolly presented.

One of the objectives of the Mount this year is to make the community realize that we are not running a private finishing school for girls -- that we are a University. Rumours will continue until just cause for them has been removed. Rules are necessary, but most university students are capable of a degree of responsibility.



New Start: Student Union Activities

With the hopes of a promising year ahead, Mary Martin, President of the Student Union, outlines future plans with optimism. "Our main concern is the community action program," she said. "We need to get the students involved." One plan is the promotion of inter-college activities between Mount Saint Vincent and Dalhousie. (Winter Carnival) A Residents Society and a Day Hop Society are also on the agenda.

Miss Martin went on to explain that it is necessary for the students to come to them with new plans and ideas, especially the Freshmen. She said, "It is their job to keep us working because we are working for them and the Student Union cannot operate without interested students."

ABSOLUTES

by Carl Dexter

The art of Self-Sacrifice

If self-sacrifice is your mortality, mediocrity your standard, and slavery your ideal then I would suggest that you read no further. This article is not for you. It is for those who have been unable to find any justification for living their own lives, for their own benefit, under the evil eye of the sneering altruist.

To assist the poor, lead the blind, and raise the standard of underdog is all very fine and noble but to help someone in anything presupposes the ability to help yourself. The ability to help yourself presupposes the capability of dealing with reality. To give things away to the less fortunate, be it your time or some material possession, presupposes the fact that you have something to give. (Something that belongs to you.)

Now let us put the picture in perspective because all that I have heard since my arrival at the Mount is glorified homage to the ideal of self-sacrifice. All else, apparently, is totally evil.

A small dab of fine tuning reveals the routine of the average social-conscious, duty-bound, university student who has spent an exhausting winter damning the world for its every existence and who is about to embark on a summer of soul-cleansing to prove to everyone that at least someone cares enough to save the earth from the vicious consequences brought to bear upon the helpless by those greedy blackguards who refuse to work for anyone but themselves. His first step is to enroll himself with the local Do-Gooders Association so that he will be properly paid for his services (room and board) and then he commences to spend the money collected from the selfish worker by the impartial government. At the end of the summer he returns to relate the noble deeds of his work to those whom he can corner and smiles with an air of moral superiority upon the misled who stayed at home to complete their Masters Degrees before he starts another year of university on public funds. What could be more noble?

From the time we are old enough to understand the English Language we are taught by our elders that there is nothing more noble in the line of gathering virtues and insuring an unquestioned entrance into that great vegetable patch in the sky than being more than proficient in the art of self-sacrifice. Let us touch briefly upon that interesting philosophy. The graduating requirements are simple enough; total selflessness. Merely avoid any act which could be interpreted as selfish as you would the Bubonic Plague. For example, breathing is a selfish act because one breathes for the purpose of sustaining one's life. So stop breathing. It is quite easy to understand how such a noble philosophy could quickly end the world's problems if only everyone would show enough sense to follow all the rules to their final implications.

However since the world doesn't do just exactly what the altruists say, we must stop again to take a look at the results. The world remains enslaved to a philosophical ideal which it can never hope to achieve thus at the mercy of those who claim to be the divine prophets of the above mentioned. In the name of whatever suits the occasion they keep mankind in a constant state of servitude. But for those of you who refuse to submit to the mass moral sabotage, yet who at the same time feel guilty for lack of justification, remember that where there is servitude there is someone being served and you can bet your B.A. that where there is self-sacrifice there is someone collecting sacrificial offerings. By refusing to be the tools of the code of ethics presently in vogue you have preserved your individualism and stuck a blow for life and freedom.

Morality claims its own. So choose carefully. And if those of you that have read this article remain convinced that self-sacrifice is still the most noble of all human achievements then stop screaming and start sacrificing. Virtue is its own reward.

Miss Martin also described the need for communication among students this year as greater than ever because of the university's new co-educational program. A result of this may be a better understanding of the operations and responsibilities of the whole student governmental system. She hopes that this may trigger some enthusiasm among the apathetic and increase the power and efficiency of each specific branch of student government.

Rather than a divided campus, girls on one hand and the boys on the other, the Student Union has strong ideas for the contentment and good-will for both but it can be done only with your help. The abundance or lack of that will determine what kind of year it will be for all of us.

Even A Tortoise Caravan Would Get You Hare Faster

When I'm bored I smoke; smoke like a fiend. My smoking capacity knows no bounds when I'm bored. I'm bored. I'm on my third package of cigarettes. Why am I bored you ask. Well I'm not hard to get along with so I'll tell you why I'm bored. I'm bored because I've been standing in front of Scotia Square for an eternity waiting for the bus that takes old people to the Mount out on the Bedford Highway. Now I don't really know for sure that it only takes old people; I just said that because that's what I'm going to be by the time that bus gets here. The Arab - Israeli war was started and finished in the time I've been waiting for that bus. Now granted, that's not a great length of time but at least you get a clear idea of why I'm bored. (Excuse me while I get another deck of cigarettes.)

Now I see a bus coming and I'm beginning to get all excited. It's not the one. Well you knew that I was going to say that anyway. Now I'm talking to the bus driver and he is telling me that the bus I'm waiting for won't be here for another hour. That's O.K. I've got a really good grip on my cool so I only swear for a very short period of time. (It's always a good idea to keep your cool in your shoe and that way it's almost impossible to lose. Except of course when you go swimming which probably accounts for so many people drowning in the summer rather than in the winter because in the winter when you go swimming you're more inclined to leave your shoes on.)

So now the hour is drawing to an end and the bus has not yet arrived. You knew I was going to say that too, I'll wager. (Fifth deck) There is another bus coming now and again I'm getting excited. Some people would describe this excitement as being a little spastically inclined but not really. I don't even care if it's my bus. (I have to go to the bathroom)

Now I'm talking to the bus driver just like the last time and he is telling me that the bus I'm waiting for no longer stops here. I have to catch one to the Simpson's building and transfer to the Bedford Highway bus from that point. All this time I'm holding onto my shoe. Like I said I always keep my cool in my shoe and now it's

swelling. My cool that is. Not my shoe. Shoes only swell during the mating season.

The bus driver is showing me where to catch a bus to the first stage in my journey. I've been in front of the Square for about two hours. I should really have walked and put my cool in my pocket.

In fifteen minutes my bus to Simpson's is here. I get on. I'm not so bored anymore. As a matter of fact I'm really feeling good. In an hour I'm at Simpson's. (Mainly because its Sunday and there's no traffic to slow our progress.) At Simpson's I just miss my transfer to the Mount. Crap!

I buy three more decks of cigarettes to carry me through the waiting period. My driver informed me that it would only be one-half an hour before the bus returned. An lo and behold he was right. Right on time.

Now the bus is pulling up and I'm just about to get on when it changes its destination sign. It's going back to the garage. The next one will be along in another 1/2 hour. Lunch time. I'm starved. Me and my cool haven't eaten since breakfast. That's something you really have to watch. Cools have to be fed regularly or they're just no good. Cools are susceptible to all kinds of terrible things if they're not fed. They can even die. Then you've had it. There's nothing worse than being stuck with a dead cool. Morticians refuse to handle them then you have to wrap them up in paper and throw them off the bridge. Just imagine how many cools there must be under that bridge. And purely out of neglect.

So now my bus is here. And my cool is dead. Dead from starvation. But that's all right because so is the bus driver. What do you expect after losing your cool. I'm bored again and no doubt you are too so I'll stop this nonsense and let you go.

And may the bus drivers on the Halifax Transit system be forever haunted by my dead cool.

Housing Problems

Housing at the Mount reached semi-crisis proportions this year, with an increased enrollment bringing almost 130 more students clamouring for residential accommodations. However the problem was dealt with successfully. Many of these students are being accommodated at the Motherhouse in what was once part of the Academy residence. An effort to phase out the Academy by 1972 has cut the enrollment down considerably since last year.

Above and beyond these students, boarding rooms, chiefly in the Rockingham area were found for approximately 40 students through a high-scale advertising campaign. Frequently, rooms were found with families whose own son or daughter was away studying.

A one year government freeze on CMAC loans for university expansion in Nova Scotia has made further building impossible. This will create problems next year as the Mount has already reached its capacity. A population explosion at the university can be expected.

The situation has its disadvantages to those students who miss the pampering of Assisi or Evaristus Halls, where everything is located under the same roof. One boarder in the Motherhouse said there would be a greater temptation to skip classes in poor weather.

Freshmen in Seton and Evaristus are enthused because they are among Juniors and Seniors - a situation formerly unheard of. Many felt it would lead to a more united spirit.

General opinion of boarders seems to be gratitude at being accommodated in Halifax mixed with disappointment at not being able to get into residence at the Mount. However one Freshman said: "I'm quite willing to accept the inconvenience of living off campus for the many advantages the university still has to offer!"

Oops! Your Pants Are Showing

There aren't very many of them, but the handful of male students seen about campus makes evident the fact that the Mount is indeed a co-educational institution. However, the girls don't appear overjoyed at the prospect. Many feel that had they wanted a co-ed university they would have chosen one. Others don't mind attending classes with male students but would not care to see a men's residence established here. After all, men have their place.

Professors too seem in favour of maintaining a woman-oriented university. In the past the whole atmosphere and outlook of this university have been geared toward women. By today's standards, though, an all-female or all-male university is old-fashioned. Most of the students are ready to accept the change and benefit from it, but the prevalent hope is that the Mount will not become just another co-ed university forgetting the special educational needs of women.

How do the fellows feel about being pioneers at the Mount? They seem to be enjoying their singularity and all the attention it brings. One said, "It's like being a rooster in a chicken house." Chicken's Lib, anyone?

Notes & Asides

... University administrators on many campuses are doubling their expenditure on Aspirin as they hassle with insurance companies and already tight budgets. It seems that, particularly in the U.S., the cost of insurance has soared to unheard of proportions because of the risk of property damage and death during demonstrations and protests. The president of the American Insurance Association says: "Violence has made the laws of probability meaningless. Insurance is based on such laws and predicated on a state society. Obviously now we have neither." Well, that's the price we pay for peace rallies.

... To clear up false rumors: Most everyone who was at the Mount last year remembers Mary Clancy. At one time we feared she would never leave! However, Mary did pull up roots this spring and left for Europe, and London and work for a year (at least). She travelled for a month and settled down to work as - you'll never guess it - a Nanny. Yes, for three and a half days. Now, back in Halifax, she is not despite several appearances enrolled. Probability has it, she will soon be off again - to Toronto.

... For a long time the Food and Drug Administrations have had people ver-r-r-y uptight about their bodies. Fish is contaminated by industrial waste. Don't eat it. Milk contains the critical level of nuclear fallout. Don't drink it. Animals have absorbed dangerous amounts of insecticides through hay, fodder, etc. Better feed your steaks to the dog. Smog has left sinus patients practically bedridden. Now, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration is sending out alarming warnings that antihistamines (for stuffy noses) are toxic. Drink lods of fluids ad pad me de Klednex.

... Geri Gaskin, past-president of the M.S.V.U. student's union was married this summer to Kenneth Steer. She is now living in Alberta. Originally, Geri had planned to work with CUSO in Africa.

... "Human Sexuality and the Young Adult" will be the subject of an address on Tuesday, September 29 at Mt. St. Vincent. It will be directed especially to new students, but all are invited. Dr. Gonsalves will give the talk.

A panel discussion, "Perspectives on Today's Sexual Freedom", will be offered as a follow-up on October 6. The panel will consist of a priest, doctor, social worker, and married woman. It is hoped this will be the first in a series of panel discussions on such relevant topics as the population explosion and the role of the Pill, pollution, and drug misuse.

A Hectic Week Of Orientation

As Orientation Chairman I had the pain and pleasure of planning a week's activities for 500 new students. It was a hectic, enjoyable and sometimes nerve racking experience. But I've come through it thanks to the help of so many generous people among the administration, faculty and student body. Without their assistance orientation week would not have been the success I feel it was.

On the top of the list are Sister Mary Jean, Dean of Students and her assistant Miss Hornby who were willing to give us their time when we needed it most.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to Mrs. Hartley, and her staff whom I seemed to be continually bugging for one thing or another.

Mr. Collins! Thanks. Without your co-operation the social wouldn't have been such a "filling experience."

I'd also like to extend a very special thanks to all the group leaders, who put up with me during the week and were so willing to pitch in and do other odds and ends when it was needed.

Of course orientation would not have been possible if it had not been for the new "FROSH." To them I'd just like to say that it has been a pleasure to work for them and with them. They put up with some of our "bo bos"? and were very ready to smile for their 'Oh Almighty Upper Classmen' even at 5:30 in the morning and especially during breakfast. They proved that they are not apathetic and I know they believe in POSITIVE PARTICIPATION.

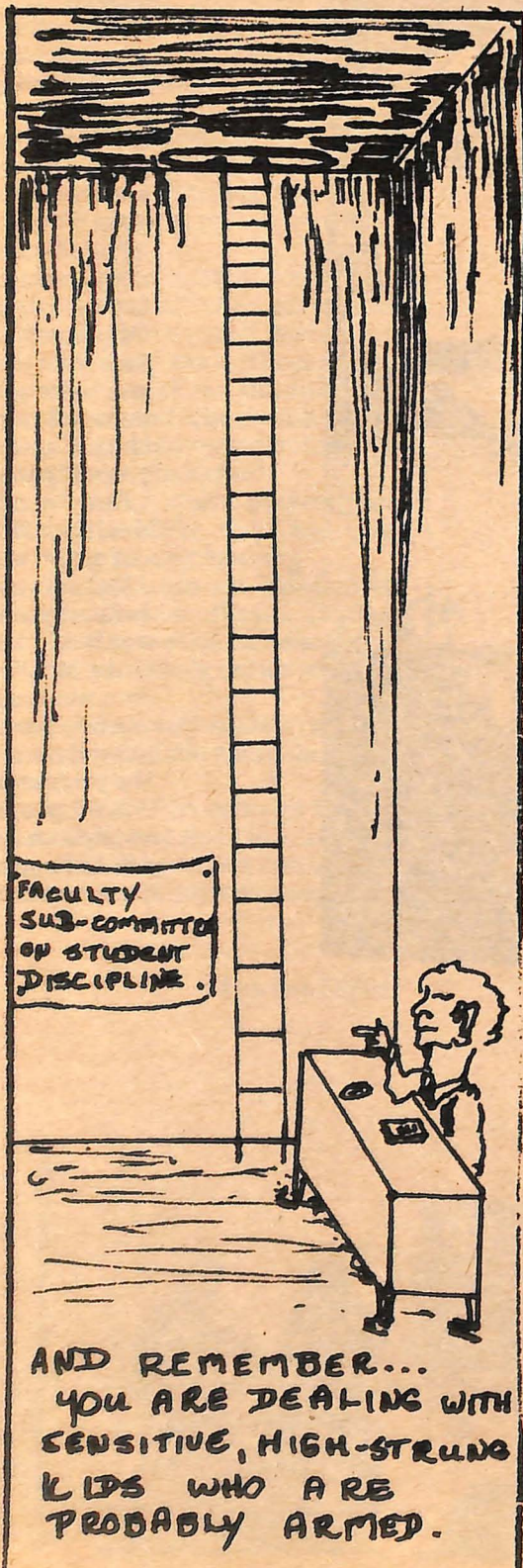
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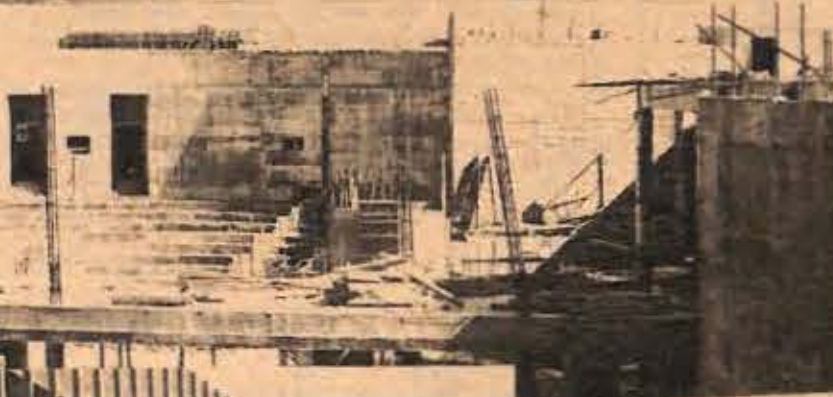
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**HOLIDAY
OCTOBER 13th.**

**to enable students to
vote in their home
constituency.
Long Weekend**





ORIENTATION

Congratulations to Nancy Baglole, this year's Orientation Chairman for the time and effort she put into an MSVU welcome to the frosh. We are constantly aware that we learn from our mistakes. Women's Lib. was completely omitted from this year's schedule. The main theme, this year, was to acquaint the new students with their surroundings so as our frosh trickled in they were presented maps and schedules of their weeks activities.

Whether most forgot their maps or were waylaid, the first social consisted mainly of oldtimers catching up on summer conferences. Evidently they also thought group organizations were both useless and needless. Thus they exerted their desire for independent individualism - and self seeking adventure. However, much to the miscalculations of our pioneer adventurers groups proved helpful assets at registration. It was a great idea to employ upperclassmen to assist with muddled schedules and confusing red tape. However, things began to look up with the Windsmen folk concert. This group of two managed to create a feeling of solidarity and the awesome committee saw that all was not lost especially on observing that no one left for the airport after hearing the rendition of 'Leaving on a Jet Plane'. Needless to say Fran White cemented it all with her contributions. At least it assured the wary frosh that some talent did exist.

Week-ends - Who doesn't live for them? As an introduction to Halifax night-life - beyond our pearly gates the girls and Stephen were herded on buses destined for Dal. A post dance observer concluded that frosh thoroughly enjoyed themselves! So what better opportunity was there for an unexpected initiation. Thanks frosh, you were most congenial. We know you loved getting up at six and starting a dreary Saturday singing good morning to your predecessors! The drama society should take note! Here we have a very talented group. Chin up girls, that was probably the first and last time you'll get up to see dawn at the Mount!

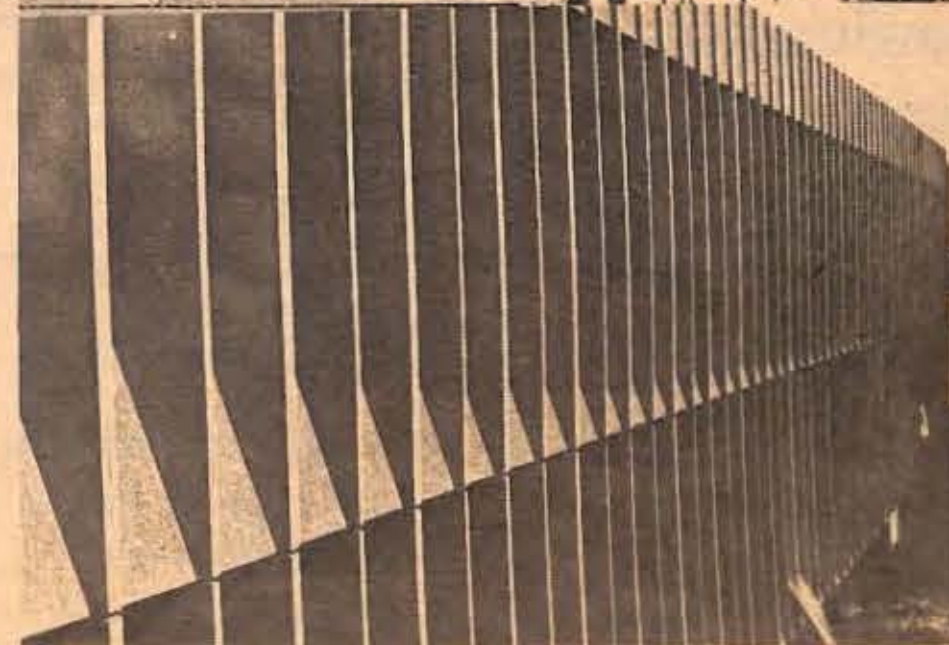
Due to circumstances beyond our control and many frosh prayers, our Maritime Monsoon rains forced cancellation of the planned hike, swim and cook-out which would have been the ideal follow up to an entertaining morning.

Dal's fabulous bands, lack of sleep, apathy and phlegmatic indifference evidently endeavoured the freshies to steer clear of the discotheque. In other words our dance was a bomb out! One thing that will always retain its consistency is the MSVU dance reputation. We can hardly expect an outside crowd when our own students boycott activities.

Alas, frosh week came to an end with the annual faculty-student tea. Apparently a good number of students did without supper so first encounters with the professors have to be in the classroom environment.

Well people, its about time we realise that we are here! In order to succeed establishment of cohesiveness is pertinent. This is Sept. and April is a long way off. Let's make this year less than a drag. Apathy should become a factor in the past - not a way of life. It's not called self-sacrifice rather self-preservation.

Maureen Laffin



by Mary Morris

Start the Revolution Without Me

The actual story takes place during the few days before the outbreak of the French Revolution. Donald Sutherland and Gene Wilder play dual roles; they portray two sets of twins miss-matched at birth. At the time the story opens, one set of twins are reluctant members of the Paris mob, the other set are Corsican noblemen, experts in killing. The confusion of identity begins when the patrician brothers, disguised as peasants on their way to plot against the throne become confused with their low-born counterparts, who, to their horror, are propelled by circumstances into the palace of the king. This particular device is as ancient as early Greek tragedy, but the movie makes not attempt to continue the similarity. From this point, all pretense of dramatic authenticity is forgotten and any remaining dramatic situations are reduced to absurdity. Intrigue, courtly repartee, noble eccentricity and military prowess are grossly overstated from the beginning. Herein lies the unity and the humour of the movie itself. Viewed in the light that it is a satiric comedy, the movie takes on a kaleidoscopic effect. The satire is present on two levels; the obvious, which is well-designed to amuse every movie-goer, and the more subtle under-current of parody which at

Start the Revolution Without Me is a funny movie. As they say on the entertainment page of the local paper, it is in its "3rd Hilarious Week!!" My advice; see and enjoy.

Ben Hur

Ben Hur finds its climax in the now-famous chariot race. Here we see brilliantly demonstrated the brutality and courage of the Roman Era. Ben Hur himself is driven towards the confrontation with his Roman counterpart because he feels the injustice of Roman rule, in the personal tragedy of the death of his mother and sister. His mistake is that he chooses to fight on his opponent's terms - not guessing that his victory is an empty one if gained by compromise. Ben Hur tells Esther, his compatriot, that his goal is to wash the land of Judea clean with the blood of its Roman oppressors. Esther can see only an extension of Roman brutality in his wish, and within the structure of the movie, the rather sombre precursor of the eventual cleansing of the land with the blood of Jésus of Nazareth.

Speech: Uncredited Course

Fine Arts is a course of a similar nature, and yet it is accredited. Why not speech and drama? Perhaps those who decide these matters can tell us.



Charlene Irving; Arts I
 "Seriously? Huh? I don't think many
 guys will come - - - who in their
 right mind would?"



Coleen MacNeil; Home Ec. II
 "Liked it just as it was before, a girls college - wouldn't put me out as co-ed."



Carl Dexter; Arts I
 "A good idea basically." (He came because he felt that it was the lesser of "three" evils.)



Rita Murphy, Business I
"A great idea!"



Donna d'Entremont; Arts II
"I don't mind it at all."



Wendy Turner; Arts I
"The Mount going Co-ed? It's a good thing, universities should be Co-ed."

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CLUBS PLAN FOR YEAR AHEAD

If you're interested in any aspect of theatre, the MSVU Drama Society will be interested in you. Mrs. Una Way, our new drama coach, is planning a wide and varied program in theatre training. This includes mime, workshops, verse-speaking, and both conventional and experimental drama.

Mrs. Way plans to prepare a one act play for entry in the forthcoming Nova Scotia Drama League festival. In the line of experimental drama, she hopes to do our own version of 'Hair.' According to Mrs. Way, 'Hair' is already dated, but we can use the format of 'Hair' and develop it to suit ourselves.

In order to do all this actors are needed, sure -- but so are the people who prefer to work behind the scenes, people who are very important to a production. A meeting will be held in the Common Lounge, Rosaria, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7:00 p.m. A permanent meeting time will be arranged to suit everyone's schedule. For further information see Linda Dean, Assisi Hall, 9-8.

WHAT IS MCA?

The Movement for Christian Action is a tri-campus organization involving university students in the Halifax area with their community. MCA's projects include:

- packing books to be shipped overseas
- visiting the Nova Scotia Hospital
- outings with blind children and orphans
- citywide tutoring for underprivileged children
- socials for MCA members

We only ask for a little help in your spare time, mainly on weekends. All interested students should attend the first meeting on Monday, September 21 (watch the bulletin boards for time and place) or call the MCA office 423-5194. Why not round out your university education while having a lot of fun? We'd like to meet you!

MOUNT OVERSEAS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Once again students from different parts of the world have decided to come to the Mount this year. And the executive of the Mount Overseas Students Association extends a warm and sincere welcome to each of you.

We know you are far from home and our

Association is formed with this in mind. It is formed for the purpose of providing a common meeting ground for all overseas students at the Mount, so that we can all get together and learn more about each other and from each other.

We wish you a very successful year at the Mount. You have much to give to others, much to learn from others, much to share with others. Participate in as much as you can, get involved - its a great remedy for homesickness!

There are many activities planned just for you this year, (watch for those posters.) So once again, welcome to Canada, to the Mount and the best of luck in your new experiences.

BUSINESS SOCIETY

The purpose of the Business Society is to bind its members in closer friendship and loyalty to one another, to dignify business activities and to promote interest in all branches of business, while encouraging participation in school activities. Any student in the Business Department is automatically a member of the Business Society. Meetings are held at least once a month. The Society of 1969-1970 held a dance, a chocolate bar sale, organized a week-long trip to New York in March, and held many other activities. The Business Society has many things planned for this year, so please participate.

Sport - less?

It all started with Mrs. McVictor's resignation in March. The Sports Council was left without a sports director, and this paper has been brought forth with the fact that, although six months have passed, the position has not been filled. Qualified peoples seeking this position, have found Mt. St. Vincent's offer quite un-inviting as compared to other educational foundations. Question?

Meanwhile back to the Staff-of-one-, Nancy Bagloe as acting president is not quite sure of her position. Nancy left with the impression that Mary Coady was to be 70/71 term president, so far there hasn't been any sight of Mary or her application form. My oh My!

Any one interested might like to know that we belong to the Atlantic Women's Inter-varsity Athletic Union. After waiting a year to be accepted, the Junior Varsity Basket-Ball Team for two consecutive years has won 1st and 2nd place resp. and has gone on to play in the Maritime finals moving closer to the championship each year. As a member of this union we must at least have one league, if not we are - out! We must re-apply, wait a year or more, after only being a one year member so far, and chance not being accepted at all. Looks like a lot of peoples efforts have been thrown into the Bedford Basin.

Oh dear old Alma Matre, I know that although we are not actually Athletically inclined, I look at the Sports Council then at all the other organizations of this University and shudder to think that maybe the Picaro will be next to disappear into a promising memory.

Returning Profs

Several professors have returned to the Mount after leave of absence for study purposes. Sister Teresa Corcoran rejoins the History Department and Sister Greta Conrad the Home Economics Department. Reverend J.B. Wheaton, who has been studying theology in Minnesota, returns to the Theology Department.

Sister Mary Lua, professor of biology, spent a year of study and research that took her from Newfoundland to Europe to the U.S.A. Sister Lua was studying sponges which she collected in Logy Bay, Newfoundland and researched in Boston and Florida. Sister's itinerary included visits to marine biology labs in Newfoundland, Plymouth, Naples, and Monaco. She also went on field trips with various universities and took courses in Devon, England, and at the Florida State University in Tallahassee.

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MOUNT FACULTY ON INCREASE

There is a noticeable increase in faculty this year. Nearly every department has at lease one addition. The new professors interviewed are from outside the Maritimes and were attracted here by what they call "a different way of life". Those who previously taught in large universities are enjoying the change. They say they prefer the more personal atmosphere of a small university.

Dr. Jacques Goulet has joined the Mount's Theology Department after studying and teaching on both sides of the Atlantic. He was educated in Quebec City and in Rome and has taught in Belgium and in London. Dr. Goulet has also spent seven years in Uganda teaching theology and anthropology. He is joined in the Theology Department by Rev. Daniel Meunier, our new chaplain, who plans to be also a part of the academic life at the Mount. Father Meunier, who is from Montreal, will teach two one-semester courses.

The English Department has also added two new members. Dr. David Monaghan recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He also taught freshman subjects at U. of A. Previous to that, Dr. Monaghan studied at home in England where he took his B.A. and M. Phil. in American Literature. Dr. Michael Blonar is from Montreal. He has taken degrees at Loyola College, St. Joseph's Teachers' College, and the University of Montreal. When working on his doctorate, Dr. Blonar did research at the University College University of London. He has taught high school, and since 1960 he has been on the faculty of Loyola College. In his last few years at Loyola Dr. Blonar served as Acting Dean of Arts and then as Assistant Dean of Arts.

Dr. Joseph Foy of St. Louis has joined the Philosophy Department after study in St. Louis, in Toronto, and at the Catholic University of America in Washington. He was originally interested in politics and this led him into ethics, which is one of the courses he will teach at the Mount. Dr. Foy hopes to implement a new method of teaching philosophy in which the student works at his own speed with the professor acting as a "coach."

Mrs. Una Way will teach speech and drama. She is from England where she studied theatre in all its aspects. In Halifax Mrs. Way has worked with Neptune Theatre and Theatre Arts Guild. She is keeping registration in her classes open in hopes of attracting more students. Her public speaking class is "designed for anyone who may ever be asked to give a speech, lecture or lesson; appear on radio or television; or chair a meeting." For those interested in theatre, not only will Mrs. Way coach the Drama Society, but she will also conduct a class in theatre workshop. This class will delve into all the realms of the theatre. The time for these classes will be arranged to suit the students.

Political Science Professor Mr. Larry Fiske comes to the Mount from Edmonton. After achieving his M.A. at Queens, Mr. Fiske worked on his Ph.D. at the University of Alberta. While there he was a graduate teaching assistant. As a member of the Students for a Democratic University, he was active in student politics. In teaching political science Mr. Fiske hopes to be able to concentrate on that in which the students are most interested. Since the subject is such a broad one, he prefers to let the students "experience some of the frustration" of determining the direction their courses will take.

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