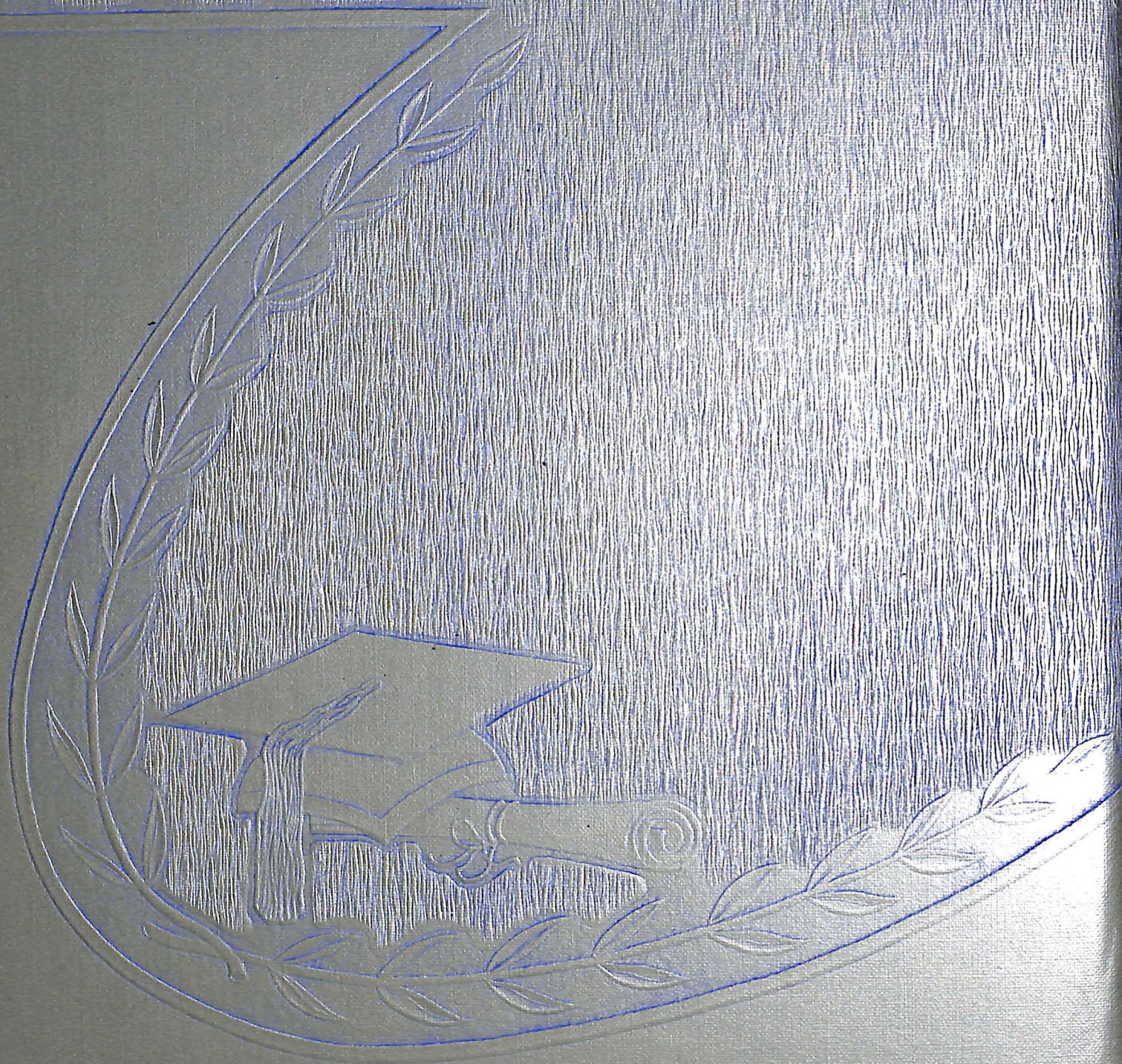
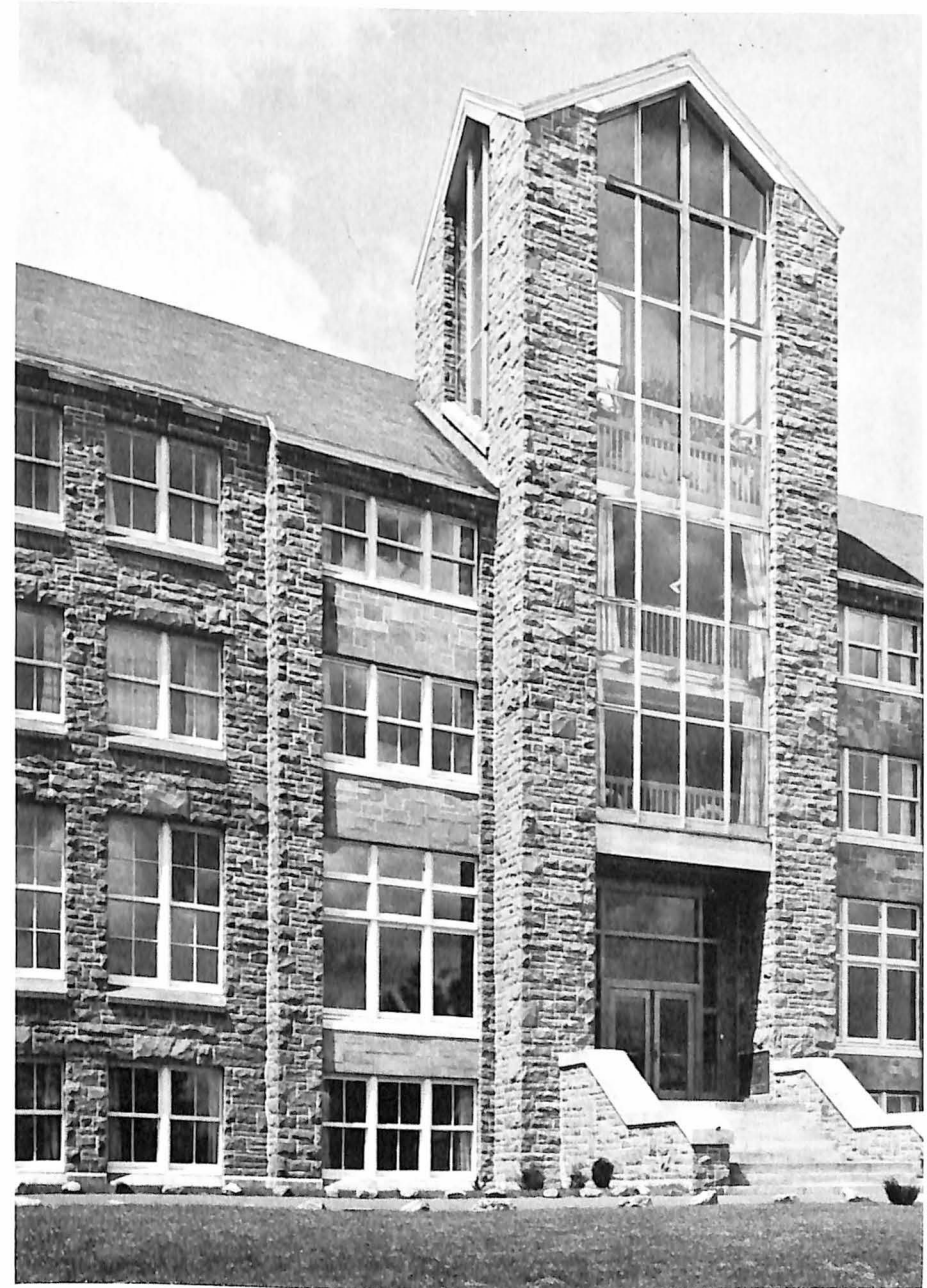


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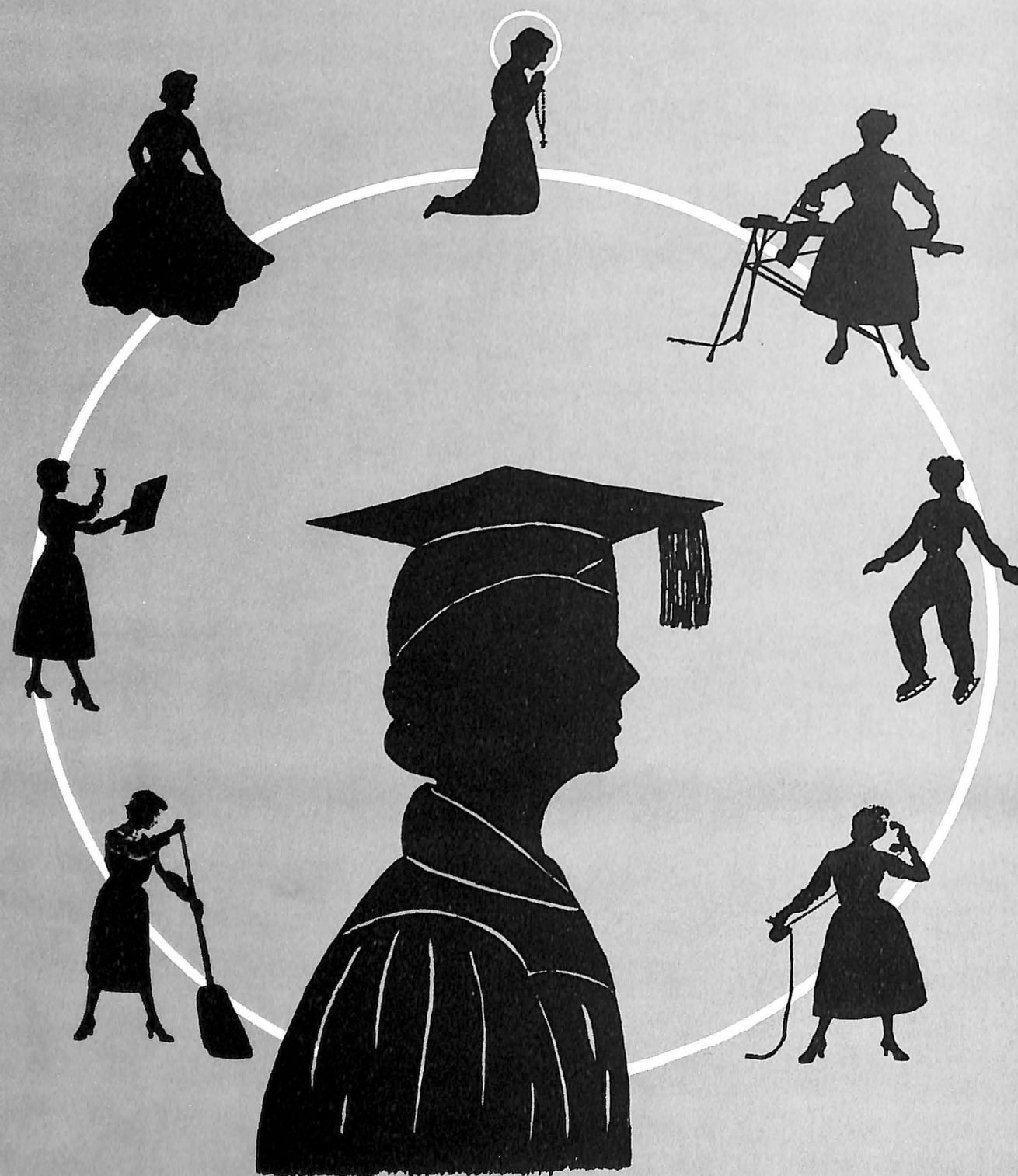
**KAPPA KRONICLE**

# *Kappa Kronicle*



*Mount Saint Vincent College*

*1956 - 1957*



# Foreword

## WHAT IS A MOUNT GIRL?

Like all other girls she is a paradox!  
 She is the early riser for Mass all week, and the  
 last one up on Saturday morning  
 The day-hop running for the bus with someone else's books  
 The conscientious student with no ink in her pen  
 A seeker of truth and a searcher for bobby pins  
 Last year's bobby soxer in a discussion on banking  
 Today's intellectual in white bucks  
 The prospective secretary with stencil ink on her best blouse  
 The scientist of the future with holes in her lab coat  
 The author of tomorrow with her term paper overdue  
 Next year's homemaker struggling with her ironing  
 The student of Bach and Beethoven jiving in the Lighthouse  
 She is the collegian in cap and gown and the "fair lady" in a formal  
 A clear example of the problem of "the one and the many"

This is the girl we have tried to bring you — the  
 Mount girl in the multiplicity of her activities and roles

at

Mount Saint Vincent College

in 1957

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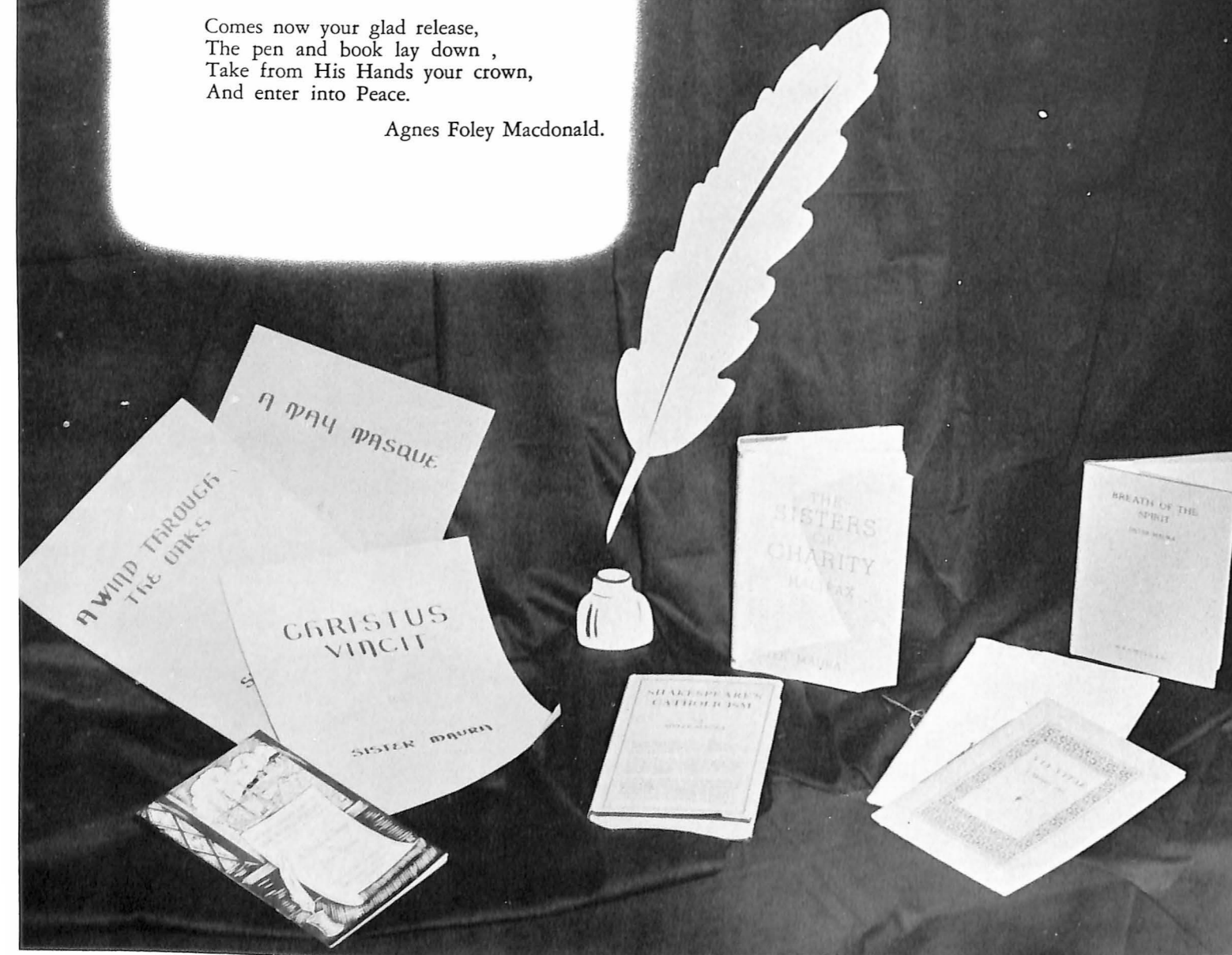
(For Sister Maura)

The dawn-winds greet you now,  
And the last tremulous star  
Awaiting you from afar,  
Touches with light your brow.

All that you were is past,  
Kind heart, forever stilled.  
Life's cup, abundantly filled,  
You hand to Death, at last.

Comes now your glad release,  
The pen and book lay down,  
Take from His Hands your crown,  
And enter into Peace.

Agnes Foley Macdonald.



## Dedication



To the memory of one  
who by word and example,  
by her love of beauty and her cultivation of learning,  
by her courage and sincerity of purpose,  
and above all  
by her devotedness to this College  
led us along the paths of gracious womanhood –

*Sister Maura*



Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Buchta



Renate Usmiani, M.A.



Henri van Ginkel, Litt. Hum. Doct.



Cecilia Morrison, B. Mus.

## Faculty

We were happy to welcome five new Faculty members to the Mount this year: Sister Mary Janet in the Home Economics Department, Sister Anne Fintan in the Secretarial Department and Sister Catherine Anne, Miss Cecilia Morrison and Mr. Charles Underwood in the Music Department. We hope the year has been a pleasant and rewarding one for them and for the entire Faculty.



Charles Underwood



Allan Sabeau, M.Sc.



Olive Guthrie MacDonald, B.L.I.  
Margaret Hyland Delorey, M.A.



John Ennitt, M.B., Ch.B.



September

*"Joyful are the thoughts that well up from my heart . . ."*  
*Introit, Feast of Our Lady of Ransom*



*Registration*



SEPTEMBER 23

As the train pulled into Rockingham station I felt that coming away to college was the biggest adventure so far in my life. In fact, I was so glad to be at least at the college door that I felt guilty about my joy, for my three friends expressed an almost tearful desire to go straight back home. Our first ring was answered by a Sister who brought us into the shining but silent lobby. The next step in my education was an introduction to the girl who was to share with me for the rest of the year a lovely pink and blue room. Without waiting for any comment on Sister's part, my new roommate and I immediately engaged in a conversation which consisted chiefly of questions and answers. Sister must have guessed shrewdly, for she invited us without further ado to a snack in the cafeteria, a welcome diversion, to say the least, after thirty-six hours' travel. We were too excited to eat much, and soon Sheila — that's my roommate's name — and I were back in "our" room, still talking. One would think that two prospective college women would have had more sense than to stay awake talking for three whole hours on the very first night of their new adventure . . .

SEPTEMBER 24

So eager were we to begin our college career that we were in the chapel this morning long before Mass at seven o'clock. After Mass we met many more of the early arrivals and by the time for Registration at 9:30, we had many new friends. (There are girls from just about everywhere — Mexico, West Indies, Bermuda, Venezuela, the United States, and Canada, of course.) Having registered early, a group of us took advantage of some free time to explore the building and grounds. One of the first sights impressed vividly on my mind is the Fatima group on the South side of the campus, which, incidentally, is much prettier than the pictures of it. Most of the day was spent writing tests; but even this was exciting since they were part of my first day at Mount Saint Vincent College. I can't wait to tell Mom and Dad of my first impressions of the Mount.

SEPTEMBER 25

My second day at college brought as many new experiences as the first. All day long the "old" girls were coming and going, hugging each other "hello" and hurling questions at one another. Several of them stopped to speak to me and their friendliness made me lose the feeling that maybe they hadn't noticed any of us new Mount girls—fifty of us! The day was another busy one, the schedule of classes posing the biggest problem. My courses settled, the afternoon was spent practicing for the Mass of the Holy Ghost which will mark the official opening of the College on October 1. We packed so many activities into the waking hours today that I didn't have a minute to write the family till after supper.



*Faculty Tea*



SEPTEMBER 27

Now, I'm officially a college girl, for today I attended my first four classes at the Mount. You could never imagine that finding your way to just four classes in a strange building could cause so much fuss. At one point today I was ready to go to the Dean to announce that Chem. 1 was just "impossible" to understand when I discovered that the class I sat in for was actually Chem. 4. Eventually the problem was solved when a helpful upper-classman pointed out that I was following Monday's schedule on Friday — there can't be one section of this building I didn't wander through today!



SEPTEMBER 30

Attired in my best dress and hat I joined the rest of the nervous new girls waiting to be introduced to the Faculty who were "at home" to the whole student body at the first official function, the Faculty Tea. If the Senior who introduced me hadn't been reassuring I think my nervousness would have made my knees knock so much that walking would have been impossible. As it was, my throat went dry every time I replied, "I'm very happy to meet you." However, I still managed to receive a few impressions on my distraught mind and one was that the Faculty seemed very glad to have me here.

# Kappa Kronicle Staff

To the Faculty who gave advice and aid  
To those who gave willingly of time and effort—  
To those who offered to help at any time—  
To all the girls who are not pictured here, who lent valuable assistance—  
To the student body for co-operation and encouragement—

A debt of gratitude,  
Not only for your actual effort—but also for the assurance of your willingness.

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October

*"Come Thou Light of all that live."*

*Sequence, Mass of the Holy Ghost*

OCTOBER 1

The many choral practices we endured last week bore fruit this morning as we raised our hearts and voices in the Mass of the Holy Ghost, the beautiful and inspiring opening of the college year. Our college chaplain, Father Duffie, celebrated the Mass while Father Robertson, chaplain of the Halifax Newman Club, gave the sermon. Father Robertson outlined the way in which the life of grace so closely parallels our lives in the natural order, for Holy Mother Church is with us from birth till death. In the course of his sermon Father made special reference to Cardinal John Henry Newman who experienced the full life of the Church in the last half of his life after his conversion. Newman realized and appreciated the magnificence of the life of grace and its bearing on man's life. Because of this, Father reminded us that we should be ever conscious of our role as Catholic students. The Proper of the Mass also was so apt that it might have been written especially for this occasion:

"Light Immortal, Light Divine  
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine  
And our inmost being fill."

With this prayer in my heart, I turned eagerly to the adventure that is college life.

OCTOBER 3

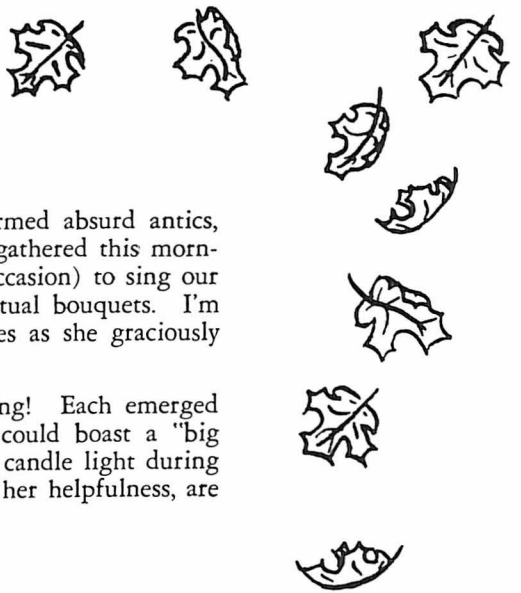
I am far too tired to write tonight, but I must, for this has been a day that I shall want to remember when I am too old for such shenanigans. It all began with the traditional Senior Corn Boil down at Marydale. A scavenger hunt and races made up the competition in which the enthusiastic Freshmen won a "trophy." After the races the upperclassmen must have realized that we should need plenty of energy for the coming trials for they smiled knowingly as they handed out second helpings of steaming corn-on-the-cob. After supper things began to happen; the president of the Junior class read the rules of Initiation, while the other Juniors tried (unsuccessfully) to subdue our laughter. Various members from our ranks were called upon to exhibit their talents (under duress, I might add) after which the unenviable task of cleaning up was graciously allotted to us! Still in high spirits we reached the comparative safety of our rooms and pieced together our "flapper" costumes for tomorrow's trials.



The class schedule



Initiation



OCTOBER 4

What a sight we were today! In our ridiculous garbs we performed absurd antics, bowing and giggling before the exalted upperclassmen. We even gathered this morning in the Sodality room (though we were hardly dressed for the occasion) to sing our greeting to Sister Francis d'Assisi, as we presented floral and spiritual bouquets. I'm not sure, but I think I caught a glint of merriment in Sister's eyes as she graciously thanked us for our thoughtfulness.

Night came and no appreciable damage done to anyone or anything! Each emerged the richer for having suffered the throes of initiation and each could boast a "big sister," an upperclassman, presented to us in the mysterious aura of candle light during a special ceremony. From this night forth her wisdom, her talents, her helpfulness, are ours to command! I must pray for extra patience for mine.

OCTOBER 6

An exploring urge took us this fine Saturday afternoon, under the able "guide," Janet Dupuis, on a winding trail through three miles of bronze-yellow and red-green autumn woodland, past scurrying toads, startled birds and even slithering snakes, until we reached the quiet sapphire waters of the lakes glistening in their stark rock setting. At the water's edge we made a fire and toasted marshmallows. It was a Saturday afternoon to remember.



October Hike

OCTOBER 8

Thanksgiving Day dawned clear and "autumny" and even in this seaport city there was a breath of harvest in the air. The traditional dinner at noon helped us celebrate the day much as we do at home. Mid-afternoon found us lining the bleachers at Studley for the big football game between Dalhousie and St. F. X., but even the cheers and the band couldn't completely drown out the insistent little voice that kept up an annoying reminder of an unopened Latin book that lay gathering dust through all the gay hours of this exciting week-end.

OCTOBER 9

I certainly felt a little rusty intellectually as I opened my books but Philosophy class soon dispelled that feeling. These classes are getting more absorbing every day. Most of our discussions center around "being" and the "soul." Today we discovered, of all things, that plants and animals have "souls."



Prospective journalists

## OCTOBER 11

It came this afternoon while we were in choral class — the first snow flurry of the year! Christmas is getting nearer — only 74 days away! Everybody is counting the days, the classes, the meals, till Christmas vacation. A fad for exotic calendars is sweeping the college. If there were a prize for originality Tess Healey would certainly be in the running for it.

Choral is one class I've come to enjoy thoroughly. Mr. Underwood seems to draw the best out of us and when I stop singing just for a moment and listen to the group it sounds absolutely angelic to me. But then I'm prejudiced — or maybe proud?

## OCTOBER 13

Saturday proved "made to order" for our campus field day with St. Mary's University. The three-mile hike to the lakes took no time at all when all were laughing, playing "catch," and generally enjoying themselves. The picnic supper in Marydale after the trek back was exactly what 150 hungry boys and girls needed. After the last hot dog had been consumed the open fire provided a glowing center for a big sing-song. Many willing hands cleaned up swiftly and at 7:10 we were in the Chapel singing the Benediction hymns. At 7:30 there was a C.F.C.C.S.-sponsored dance in the gym to round out a perfect afternoon and evening.

## OCTOBER 16

This has been a "red-letter" day in my college career for this evening in the gym I was officially capped by our President, Sister Francis d'Assisi. Many of the girls' parents and friends were on hand as we filed into the gym where the "old" students were already assembled holding lighted candles and singing "A Prayer of Youth." One by one we received our caps, and our President's address had particular meaning for the new girls. Speaking to us as college women, Sister exhorted us to develop our intellects. "An intellectual," Sister told us, "is obviously one who uses his intellect; who brings to bear on every aspect of life, the full force of his mind; the individual who thinks, who has ideas!" Our parents and friends gathered around us at the close of the program to offer congratulations and best wishes.



The Capping Ceremony Reception



*Foundress Day*

## OCTOBER 26

A oneness with tradition, a fellowship with the past, and sheer joy for the comradeship of the present made "Foundress Day" the most spirited of holidays; Mass was offered for Mother Evaristus, College Foundress. At the noon banquet where autumn colors blended in the decorations, we new girls were agog with wonder. We were not envious of the upper-classmen but were eager to catch that college spirit, born so many years ago in the indomitable College President that was Mother Evaristus—a spirit kept alive by Faculty and students through the years and evident this day in the words and character of Mary Morley, Mount Saint Vincent Alumna guest speaker.

In the evening the scene shifted to the gym where members of the STUDENT COUNCIL made a presentation to our President, Sister Francis d'Assisi. A group of girls under the direction of Sister Mary James, presented a Stephen Foster medley, "In An Old Kentucky Garden," all the more entertaining for the girls who impersonated "southern gentlemen." Foundress Day '56 was a most enjoyable day!

*"In An Old Kentucky Garden"*





Freshmen in Biology Lab.

OCTOBER 31

The "budding biologists" have been introduced to a model of the human eyes by Sister Lua, so I hear, for my friend next door, who fancies herself a future Nobel Prize Winner in the field of biology spent all supper hour informing me about that fascinating world! And that after one session!



Sophie Sock Hop



This evening we traded lab coats for plaid shirts to attend the celebration of Hallowe'en handled by the Sophomores, who highlighted the day with a "Sock-Hop" in the gym. The barn decor with its hay-stacks, wagon, wheels, and autumn leaves, set the atmosphere for the plaid shirts and socks. A big bouquet goes to the Sophomores for making Hallowe'en an occasion one doesn't have to write up to remember.



November

*"We offer to Thee, O Lord,  
The gifts of our devotion."*

## *Secret, Feast of all Saints*

### NOVEMBER 1

We honored all the Saints at Mass this morning and celebrated the Holy Day too! For those who do assignments on time there were hours of leisure, while the procrastinators like myself spent the day on overdue classwork.

### NOVEMBER 2

This has been a day of prayer and meditation which began with the three Masses of All Souls' Day. Classes were arranged so that the day-hops could attend Mass. The victims of the tragic Springhill explosion have been very much in our prayers during our frequent visits to the Chapel. Though the officials are doubtful that any of the men will be rescued we're hoping and praying.

### NOVEMBER 3

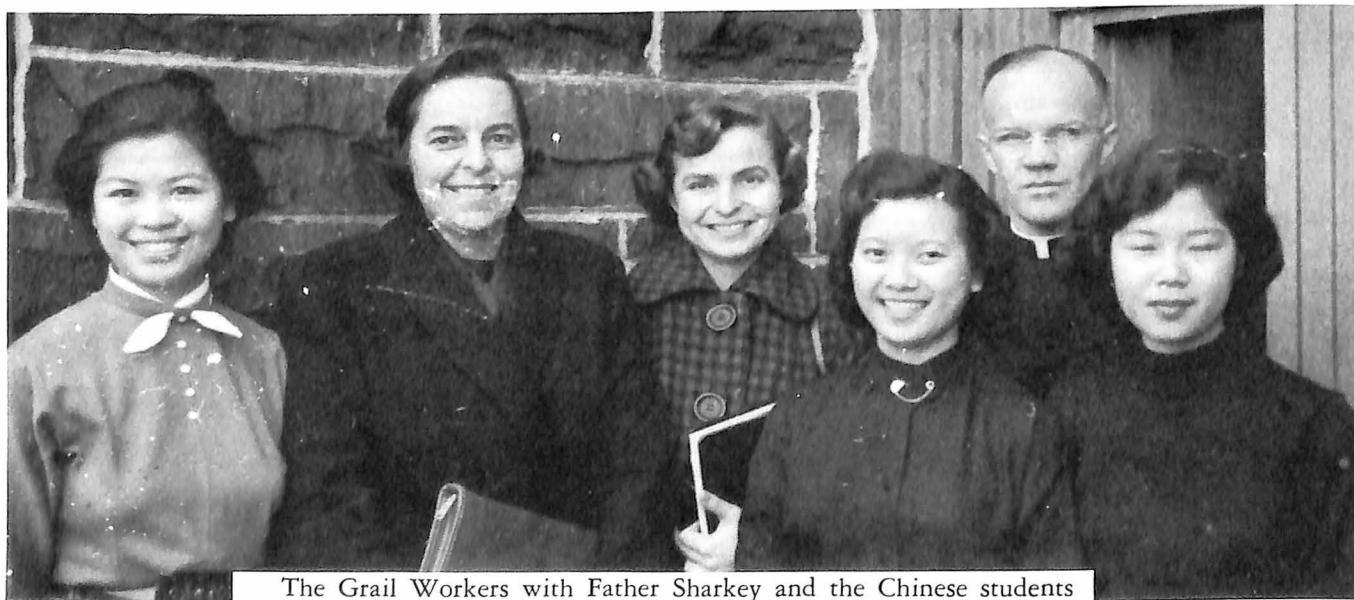
The quiet here today has been most unusual for a Saturday. Forty Hours' Devotion opened this morning with High Mass and at every hour of the day, you could see girls coming in and out of the Chapel. Every face is radiating the peace of Christ. Many of the Springhill miners were rescued this afternoon, so, together with their families and friends, we're lifting up our hearts in thanksgiving.

### NOVEMBER 4

I've just come up from Benediction that closed the Forty Hours' Devotion. My 3 a.m. vigil seems almost like a dream now. The corridors were so dark and strange at that hour! I was glad to reach the hushed Chapel which was so beautiful.

### NOVEMBER 7

Today's highlight was a captivating talk by ELIZABETH REID of the Grail Movement. She is so completely dedicated to her mission and so fervent in her appeal that everyone was compelled to listen. Her stories were so alive! I think we are all resolved never again to be complacent about the sufferings of people in other countries. The Mission Crusade gives us the chance to put our good resolutions to work.



The Grail Workers with Father Sharkey and the Chinese students

### NOVEMBER 9

First class marks of the year have just been posted, giving rise to exclamations of satisfaction, anxiety, disappointment and above all, relief. I passed everything, but my Math mark was nothing to brag about!

The Juniors are working on Prom decorations in the fourth floor lounge, doing some strange things with crepe paper and knitting needles.



Preparations for the Junior Prom

### NOVEMBER 11

Three cheers for the Sociology Club! It certainly was strange to see our friends from St. Mary's carrying trays in the cafeteria. Then, it was good to hear the men's voices at Benediction. What I liked was the idea of the crowd going to the Social Room to watch T.V. —even with many of us sitting on the floor. We had fun dancing in the Gym, and when we started a sing-song, Marilyn MacInnis had us all laughing with her impersonations.

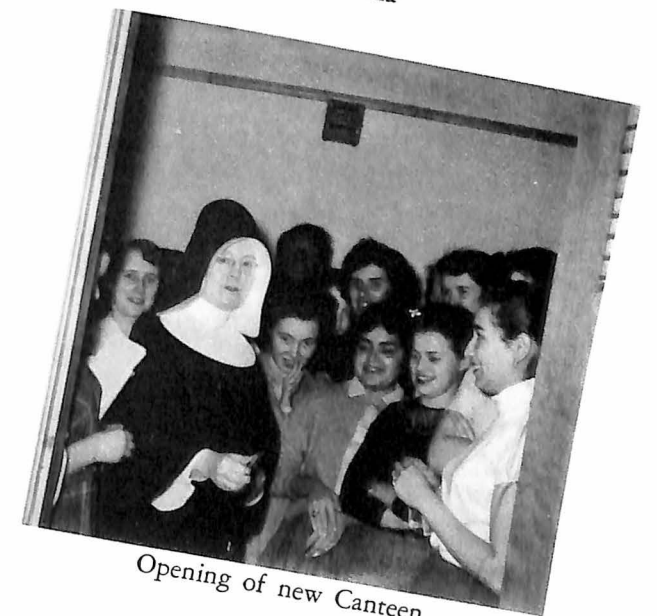
The SOCIOLOGY CLUB, which boasts one of the largest club memberships in the college is under the direction of a hard-working executive, comprised of Marguerite St. Amand, President; Marion Sheridan, Vice-President; Allana MacLeod, Secretary, and Patricia Marirea, Treasurer. Their slate of activities for the coming year is a full one and I am particularly looking forward to the Box Social planned for March and the series of Lenten Lectures on Marriage.



Sociology Club Executive—Marion, Marg, Pat, and Allana

### NOVEMBER 12

The new canteen on the first floor was opened tonight. At 9:30 we gathered in the doorway and Mercedes had a camera ready when Sister Marie Agnes, as Mission Club Moderator, cut the ribbon to make the opening official. After that, we went in to have a look and were treated to free popcorn and chips. One of the charms of this college is that every little event has a special ceremony attached to it so that we will delight in remembering it.



Opening of new Canteen

NOVEMBER 14

A discussion in Philosophy 8 class resulted in the formation of D.D.W.O.B.—meaning Don't Dance With One Boy. We girls are beginning to revolt against such social practices that are really limiting our fun and narrowing our circle of friends.



NOVEMBER 19

I'm flushed and out of breath! The Athletic Association had its first basketball practice this evening and I'm glad I joined. Already, I'm looking forward to the inter-class games.

NOVEMBER 20

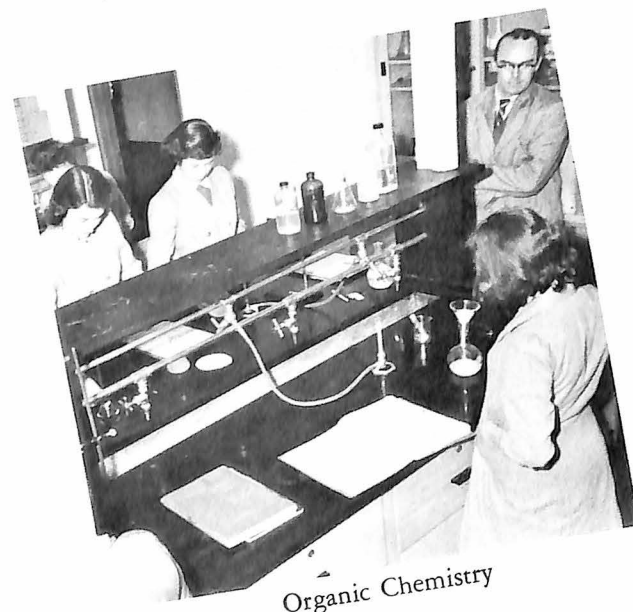
On our way to supper we stopped in the Home Economics Department to admire the beautiful lettering the Home Ec. students have been doing. Of particular excellence was the Kappa Pi Sigma crest which Carmencita Polo has been reproducing.



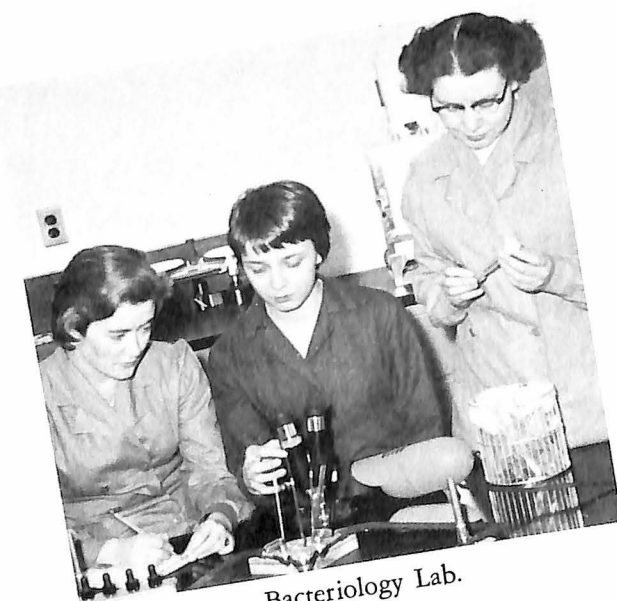
Science Club Executive—Carol, Shirley, and Ann

While I was touring the rooms previewing formals, I came upon a group of prospective scientists recounting the Science Club's field trip to the Imperial Oil Refinery. The girls first saw a movie on oil refining, then the tour began at the docks where the crude oil is pumped from the tankers. It ended in the Control Laboratories with the finished product. They were very pleased with the whole tour and impressed with the set-up, but were disappointed to learn that no women are employed there.

The SCIENCE CLUB is a new organization formed this fall and has already proved itself an active and enthusiastic addition to the departmental clubs. The first executives are, Anne Carew, President; Carol Hennigan, Vice-President; and Shirley Aquil, Secretary-Treasurer.

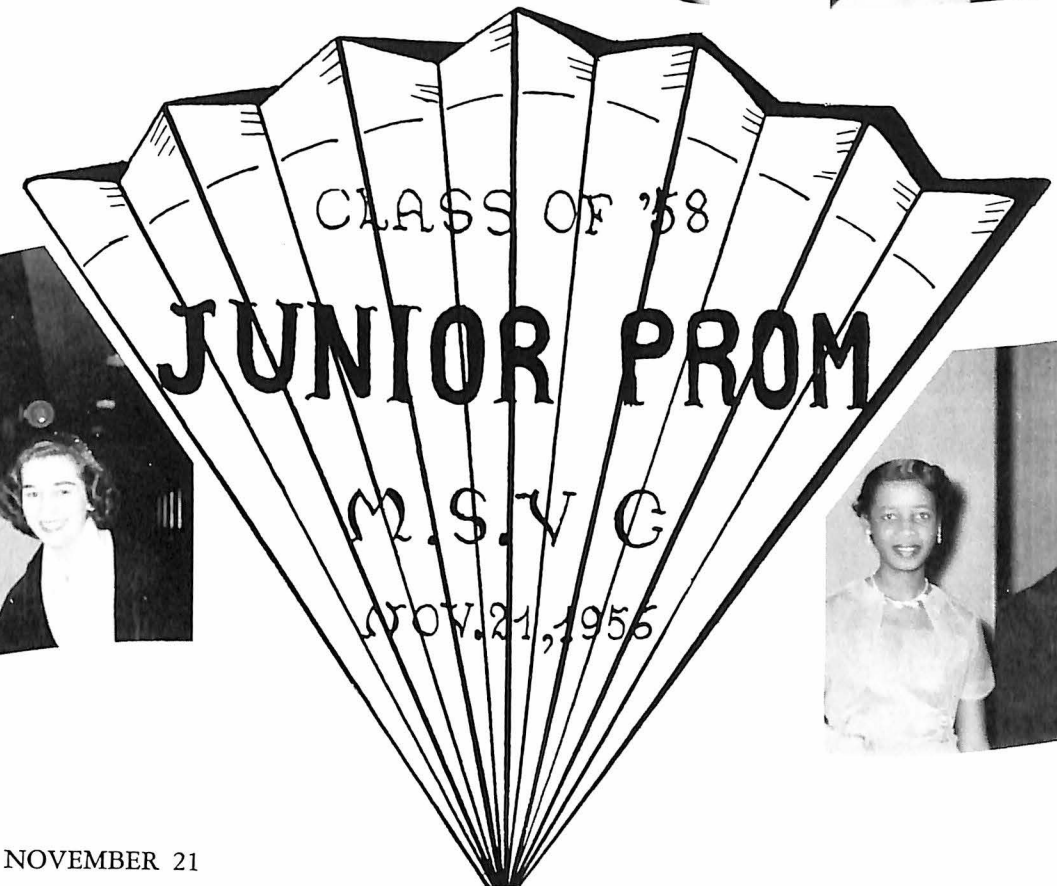


Organic Chemistry



Bacteriology Lab.

## My Fair Lady



NOVEMBER 21

"I could have danced all night . . ." And what a night it was!! The Juniors certainly made their Prom a night to remember, with the theme "My Fair Lady." My room is littered with souvenirs — fans, programs, balloons, and roses. The music was so perfectly danceable to that everyone was just floating. However, at 1 o'clock most of the fair ladies suddenly became Cinderellas and the Ball was over, but not before everyone had declared it a tremendous success.

Janet Dupuis was the Prom Convenor with Marg St. Amand in charge of decorations. Nevertheless, each and every Junior deserves a special word of praise, for a Prom is very much a united class effort, particularly one as successful as this one proved.

## Debating

We were jubilant tonight as two of our debaters, Joan Blackmore and Bernie Hureau, won the first inter-collegiate debate of the year on a resolution very near and dear to us all—"Resolved that a woman's college contributes more to the complete development of a girl than does a co-educational college." Many of us were in the audience to lend moral support and a few prayers. I felt so proud that I was a Mount girl as the judges announced the decision for the affirmative. As Sister Francis d'Assisi and Sister Frances Carmel were in St. John's, Newfoundland, at the time, the good news was wired to them at once; and the girls were delighted with the Sisters' telegram of congratulations that same evening.

NOVEMBER 22

This was certainly "the morning after the night before," for one sleepy young lady remarked at breakfast that she thought the "N. S." stamped on the eggs meant "Not Salted!!"

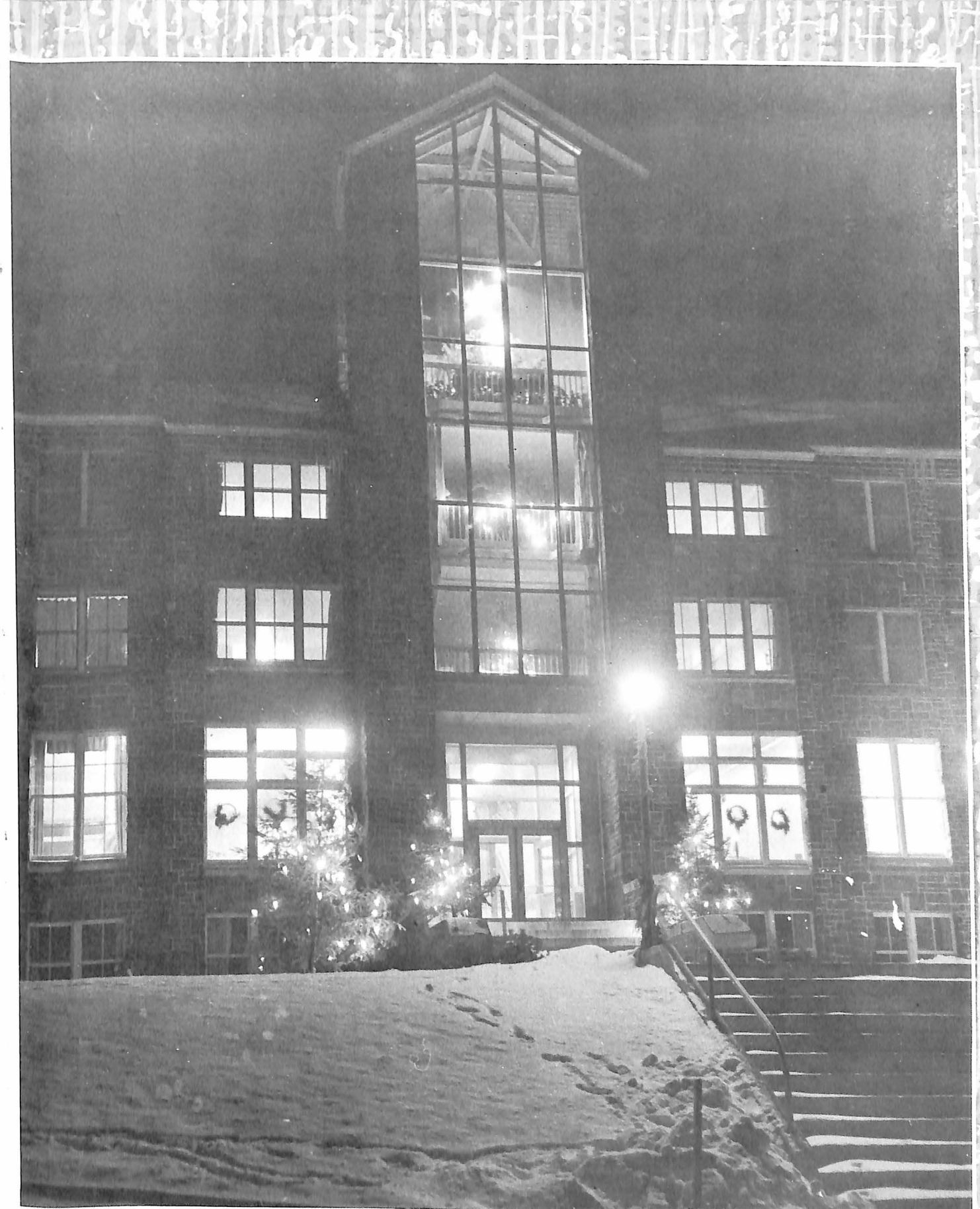
The English 9 students were lucky today. Mrs. Usmiani showed them slides on Mediaeval and Renaissance Art instead of giving her lecture. Did she really believe the girls were too tired for deep concentration?

NOVEMBER 27

This afternoon we assembled in the gym for the first Student Body meeting of the year. A full agenda ran the meeting to full time, with several lively discussions and some heated controversies. The girls took a very active part in the business and I even voiced a few opinions myself. Of particular interest was the discussion on the question of white blazers for the underclassmen. The matter was settled in the underclassmen's favor.

The STUDENT COUNCIL this year is under the capable leadership of Mary Murphy, with Monica Kangley (Junior), Secretary, and Veronica Hanusiak (Sophomore), Treasurer. Helen Martin (Senior), heads the Executive Committee of the Council with Barbara Rogers (Day-Hop Representative). Other members of the Council are Cecilia Brooks (C.C.S.M.C. President), Sheila Keating (Junior), Louise LeBlanc (Sophomore), Jill Tremblay and Catherine Vanderveldt (Freshman). The Council meets regularly to discuss and legislate student affairs, presenting their decisions to the Student Body for discussion and vote.

## Student Council



# December

*"Drop down dew, ye heavens from above."*

*Introit, Ember Wednesday in Advent*



Senior Hungarian Drive

DECEMBER 3

I learned something new today when Father Duffie blessed the Advent wreath at assembly. If Eileen Coughlan hadn't explained the symbolism of the wreath I never would have realized its deep significance. Helen Martin, Senior Class President, lit the first of the four candles and each week the other Presidents will light one more. Next year I'm going to make a wreath myself so the family can keep this very inspiring custom.

This afternoon we went "capped and gowned" to the Basilica for the usual Dialogue Mass attended by all the Mission Units in the city on the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. As I knelt with hundreds of other "Mission Crusaders" I realized we were a small fraction of students all over the globe praying this afternoon for the Missions.

DECEMBER 5

With Christmas around the corner, the "Bring Back Christ to Christmas Campaign" moved into high gear. The Crib Committee has been working especially hard to turn out a large number of plaster Crib sets. They even allowed me to make my own figurines in the rubber molds, and now I'm busy painting them to take home.

DECEMBER 8

Today I bought a small rose token from the Seniors, significant of something very important. The Seniors have a "money tree"—not the one in the song—on which they are hanging all our fifty-cent piece gifts, wrapped in gold foil. The tree will be placed on the altar and the money given to the Archbishop for the Hungarians soon to arrive in Halifax. It feels good to be able to do something to help.



Bring Back Christ to Christmas Campaign

DECEMBER 10

The opening of the new kitchenettes certainly called for some celebration, and parties were held with the Freshmen playing hostess to the Juniors on the 3rd and the Sophomores entertaining the Seniors on the 4th floor. The gleaming new tables and chairs were donated by the Dramatics Club with the money raised last April on their hit production, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."



Lunch time in the kitchenette



Freshmen Home Ec Display

DECEMBER 11

The Home Economics department has been working overtime this past week making corsages and Christmas novelties for the Senior Class Hungarian Fund Sale. The results of their efforts were displayed in the Department showcase and I couldn't believe the girls had actually made the dainty items. There is one particular corsage I just have to get . . . It must have been lots of fun doing that too; maybe I should be in Home Ec. . . .

In Latin 2 Class we've been reading Livy's account of the conquests of Hannibal and today we read the passage of the Battle of Lake Trasemenus. Doctor van Ginkel showed us pictures of the site of this conflict which made the account so much easier to understand.

Latin American students



DECEMBER 12

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a very special day for our Latin American friends. A small statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe was placed in the lobby and the flowers around it made a very pretty little shrine. The girls even had their picture taken by it to commemorate the day.



Mission leaders — Bernie, Lou, Frances, Helen, and Marg



Packing the Senior Mission Box



Something for the Home Missions

#### DECEMBER 14

"Testing 1-2-3." At last we were ready to "tape" our "Ceremony of Carols." The technicians from C.H.N.S. had the front of the gym littered with equipment as we took our places and Mr. Underwood and Miss Shanks ran us through a few "warm ups." The hour for recording time just flew by without any hitches and I'm sure it was the best rendition we've ever given. Eileen Coughlan, Marilyn Mac-Innis and Joanne Landry did particularly well on their numbers and Frances Wirt's narration was one of which we were proud. I can't wait to hear the broadcast on Christmas Day.

#### DECEMBER 16

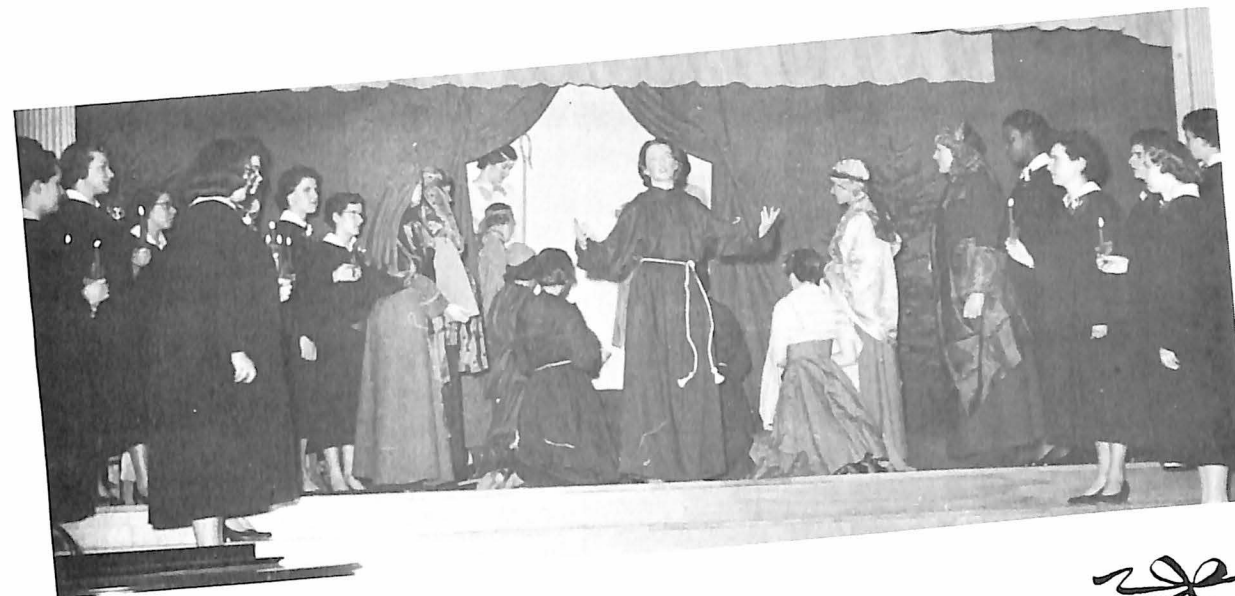
With only a few days left before we go home the activity around here is at fever pitch—what with rehearsing the Christmas Pageant, buying gifts, addressing cards, and packing. The packing we did today was the Christmas boxes for the Charitable Relief Committee of the Mission Club. Each class adopted a needy family and five big boxes are ready to go out. Nothing brings so much of the real spirit of Christmas as doing something for someone else's pleasure and happiness. Two boxes are going to Springhill, two to Rockingham and one to Eastern Passage.

#### DECEMBER 17

I saw a Bring Back Christ to Christmas poster in a trolley today and I began to realize how much work Carol Hennigan and her committees have done on the Campaign. With only a week left they are winding up the activities which included contacting business firms and organizations, placing posters and taking part in a radio interview. I'm glad I was able to help.



The Gift Wagon on its rounds.



"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace . . ."



#### DECEMBER 18

At 3 o'clock today we were all ready when the curtain went up on the Pageant, "St. Francis at the Crib." I won't say I wasn't nervous even though my role as a prophet wasn't a really long one. My chief worry was about my costume which was so hastily put together and donned that it seemed ready at any moment to fall apart. However, no one suspected our garb wasn't the real thing and our enjoyment doing the pageant made up for any deficiencies. The Glee Club also "did themselves proud" with their renditions of such familiar carols as "Silent Night" and some less familiar though equally beautiful ones. Their closing number, "The First Christmas Carol," sent us back to everyday life with the words:

"Softly sing, softly sing, softly sing, Noel!"

The Glee Club





Dureen Plays Santa



The Glee Club Christmas Party



#### DECEMBER 18

The Seniors had a pre-Christmas Party in the Social Room this evening. The Christmas tree in Betty O'Brien's room was moved, decorations and all, downstairs. Gifts, some of which brought gales of laughter, a delicious lunch, and charades, rounded out an evening of entertainment for the Class of '57.

#### DECEMBER 19

You should have seen Janice Hatfield as the "angel" at the Glee Club Christmas party. She played the role of the dispenser of gifts to everyone at the party, after which we all sat around the tree and lunched and then sang carols. It was a good party—thanks to the Glee Club. What I like most was going outside to sing—almost like the old carollers.

#### DECEMBER 20

What a rush this last week has been, I haven't had time to realize I'm actually g-o-i-n-g h-o-m-e! It's been 87 days since I've seen the family! My bags are packed and I'm just waiting for the train time. I hope that big teddy bear for Jimmy, isn't squeezed beyond recognition between my skates and the box with my crib set in it. 5:30 p.m.—time to leave! All aboard for points north, south, east and west of M.S.V.C.!

Merry Christmas everybody,  
Merry Christmas . . . Oops!  
My ticket!

Preparations for the homeward journey



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January

# "Sing ye to the Lord a New Canticle for He hath done wonderful things—" Introit, Feast of the Circumcision

## JANUARY 3

Back to school again! Leaving home was compensated by meeting "all the kids" and sitting on someone's bed to swap stories about the holidays. The main topic, however, seems to be the exams which are now two weeks away.

## JANUARY 4

First Friday of Fifty-Seven! At Holy Hour tonight I had my first real chance for any serious thought in many days. It was time I reviewed my "New Year's Resolutions" and offered them up. There are so many things to be grateful for when we stop to think.

## JANUARY 5-6

Study, study, study. I didn't think I had enough "stick-to-itiveness" to stay with my books all day Saturday and most of Sunday. If I had the Star that guided the Wise Men to lead the way, the path wouldn't be quite so obscure.

## JANUARY 9

The Students in Music Appreciation were having a discussion before dinner as to just what they could expect in an oral and a written exam. When they start talking about "The Victory Symphony," Polonaises, Chopin, and Berlioz, I feel positively uncultured!

## JANUARY 11

If I ever need advice on interior decoration I know whom to ask — any of the girls in the Art Principles course. One of them outlined the course for me. It includes lettering, making effective posters, the study of period furniture and planning a home. These girls have been very generous with their knowledge and ability, making posters for the Campaign and Christmas Sale under Sister Janet's expert guidance.

## JANUARY 14

Imagine the power of rationalization some of us must have to spend the evening at the theatre to see the Canadian Players of Stratford present "Hamlet!" Exams or no exams, the play was a magnificent production.

## JANUARY 16

Today the College lost one of its most esteemed professors when Sister Maura died peacefully at the Halifax Infirmary. Although I had not known Sister Maura, I, too, had come to admire her and had hoped for the privilege of taking one of her courses. Ever since September, her former students have been inquiring about her and praying for her recovery; they always spoke of her with respect and love. She took an intense personal interest in all her students and encouraged them to aim high, doing all for the glory of God. Her own literary accomplishments are the outpourings of a soul in love with God. I have read several of her exquisite poems and her history of the community, *The Sisters of Charity of Halifax*. This is her crowning work, published just a few months ago. The presence of death in our midst has made us thoughtful but not unhappy. Sister's closest friends, while mourning their own loss, are rejoicing in her final triumph. As I knelt by her body this evening, I reflected on how she had carved beauty out of life and was rewarded with the Beauty of God. The girls are keeping all-night vigil with the Sisters. I shall be going down again at 2 a.m.



... and a time for prayer

## JANUARY 18



This morning at nine o'clock the High Mass of Requiem was sung for Sister Maura. Her relatives and friends occupied special places, and Sisters and students filled the Chapel. As we prayed and sang together, I was conscious of the union between the living and the dead in the Communion of Saints. Father Duffie gave the blessing and spoke words of glowing tribute. Then a group of upperclassmen carrying lighted candles formed a guard of honor from the altar to the front door as the coffin was carried out. The Student Council members represented the College at the interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## JANUARY 21

We wrote our first mid-year examination this morning—Religion. Though it was a most unusual day, we began it as usual with Mass. Our need of God's help was so keenly realized that even those of us who often find our beds too comfortable were in Chapel this morning. As we waited in the Lighthouse for the Dean's instructions, it was interesting to see various responses to a common situation—some dancing or talking; others giving their notes a last-minute check; some calmly resigned, others nervously apprehensive. As we sang "Veni Creator" before entering the gym, I was reminded of a movie scene of the early Christians singing hymns as they were driven to be fed to the lions in the arena. Well, our ordeal wasn't *quite* as torturous as that.

## JANUARY 22

Every subject finished brings relief. The task of writing the paper is not nearly as difficult as the preparation beforehand.

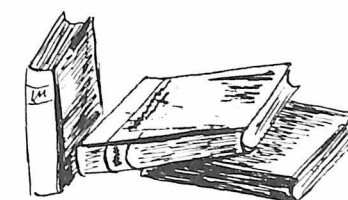
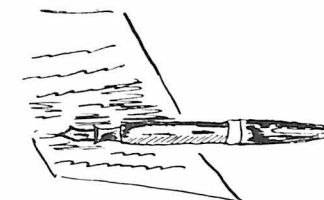


## JANUARY 23

The half-way mark! To have survived this much gives me hope for the next two days. I must resume study now in order to finish at ten o'clock. The television performance of "Oedipus Rex" is on tonight. The CBC seems not at all concerned with our exams. Mail from home today! Thank Heaven for a family to help me with their prayers and encouragement. I must remember to answer over the weekend.

## JANUARY 25

Deo Gratias! We're exhausted in mind and body, but what a blessing to be carefree again! The weekend promises fun and rest, followed by a stimulating and entertaining Sabbatical Week. Everyone is marvelling at the rich program that has been planned.



Back from town



## Sabbatical Week

JANUARY 28

At 9 o'clock Monday morning we assembled in the gym to hear Sister Frances Carmel, the Dean, deliver one of her extremely pertinent, and as usual, entertaining "talks." Sister reminded us of the objective our College has in its educational program and the role the coming Sabbatical Week plays in the fulfillment of this objective. Sister stressed class and college spirit, indicating the sacrifice required of each individual if this "esprit de corps" is to be acquired.



Mr. Crowdis and Mr. Langwith of the Nova Scotia Museum of Science

At 10:30 Janet Dupuis introduced Mr. R. K. Crowdis, Director of the Nova Scotia Museum of Science. With an ease of manner and a sense of humor, he gave us the story behind the scenes there. Mr. Crowdis was assisted by the Educational Advisor of the Museum, Mr. Langwith, who showed interesting slides of actual work done in such tasks as setting up of aquariums, construction of a planetarium and the preparation of displays. Anne Carew expressed the sincere thanks of the girls to Mr. Crowdis and Mr. Langwith.

The movie, "Louis Pasteur," the story of the great scientist's life and work, was shown at 1 o'clock.

Carol Hennigan opened the afternoon lecture by introducing Professor G. V. Douglas, F.R.S.C. of Dalhousie University who spoke on the "Geology of France." Professor Douglas showed slides of various rock formations as he lectured, and even those of us unacquainted with geology, were fascinated. Mrs. Douglas accompanied the Professor and had on display some of her own paintings done while they toured France. Shirley Aqui thanked Professor Douglas and his wife on behalf of the girls.

The first day of Sabbatical Week closed with a program of well-known songs by the Acadian Male Quartet, familiar to most of us through their performances on "Harmony Harbour" with the C.B.C. Marilyn Gouthro performed the introductions. With their directress, Marguerite Payne, at the piano, the Quartet received rounds of applause which called for encores very generously rendered. Marguerite St. Amand graciously thanked the Quartet and their accompanist.

Professor and Mrs. G. V. Douglas

The Acadian Male Quartet and accompanist, Miss Marguerite Payne



## Sabbatical Week

JANUARY 29

This morning, Mr. Finlay MacDonald, General Manager of Radio Station CJCH, was introduced by Sheila Trottier. His topic, "What Type of Broadcasting Do We Want," opened with a few remarks on woman's ever widening role in radio today. Mr. MacDonald spoke of the two major outlooks on radio broadcasting, and the general nature of the field in Canada. An enjoyable and humorous question period followed. A vote of thanks was made by Joan Blackmore.



Mr. Finlay MacDonald and  
Mrs. Olive MacDonald

This afternoon we heard Sister Marie Agnes, Ph.D. of the Faculty speak on "Cardinal Newman — Inspiration of the Student." Bernie Hureau told us of Sister's extensive research into the life and works of Cardinal Newman in her introduction. Sister very eloquently told the story of his life, particularly his position in the Catholic Literary Revival so dear to the English 3 students.

Sister made frequent reference to his sermon, "Second Spring," as well as to his "Idea of a University," and other works, concluding her lecture with slides of Oxford University, which she had visited three years ago. Tess Healey thanked Sister Marie Agnes for her characteristically excellent lecture.

The movie, "I Confess," filmed on location in the Province of Quebec, was shown in the gym at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Renate Usmiani was introduced at 7 o'clock by Allana MacLeod. Mrs. Usmiani, a Faculty member already familiar to the majority of us, spoke on "The Idea of Good and Evil in Literature," with frequent references to literature from the Epics of Homer, Beowulf, to that of the Renaissance. Those who have not had Mrs. Usmiani in class came to realize her wide knowledge and excellent background in comparative literature. Rosemarie Coughlan thanked Mrs. Usmiani for her lecture, assuring her that we had enjoyed it and would certainly benefit from it.

After the lecture we donned outdoor togs and headed for the pond behind the College for the Sophomore - sponsored Skating Party. After an hour or so of exercise and fun in the snow we trooped in for hot soup and crackers. We finished the evening with a lively jive session in the Lighthouse. Three rousing cheers were given for the Sophomores who washed the dishes while everyone else headed bed-wards after a full and varied day.





Sister Agnes Gerard, Sister Marie Bernadette, Sister Edmund Campion and Miss Frayle

#### JANUARY 30

At 9:30 on the program was a panel discussion on Hospital Services, the panel consisting of four staff members from the Halifax Infirmary: Sister Agnes Gerard of the Laboratory; Sister Marie Bernadette, Assistant Directress of Nursing; Sister Edmund Campion, Instructress in X-Ray Technology, and Miss Mary Frayle, Medical Records Librarian at the Halifax Infirmary. Sister Agnes Gerard described Laboratory Technology as an "absorbing and satisfying career." Sister Marie Bernadette told us that a nurse is one whose "happiness affects all others." Sister Edmund Campion gave a short history of the field of radiology, explaining its importance in the spheres of diagnosis and therapeutics today, and Miss Mary Frayle spoke of the particular code of ethics of the Medical Records Librarian, referring to her position as "one of special trust."

At 1:30 this afternoon we set out in three separate groups, bound for field trips to Moirs Bakery and Candy Factory, Oland's Brewery, the School for the Blind, CBHT's new television studios, and the Halifax Infirmary.

This evening Dr. Antonio Lopez of Dalhousie University lectured on "Spain and Things Spanish," supplementing his remarks on his homeland with beautiful colored slides showing some of the countryside, but mainly historical sites. Particularly beautiful were the slides of the Mediterranean coast and the resort cities. He was accompanied by his very charming sister, Maria Theresa.



Inge meets new Spanish friends, Dr. Antonio Lopez and his sister

#### JANUARY 31

Mr. Nelson Mann of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council introduced by Marion Sheridan, spoke to us at 10:30, outlining the program, history, and progress of A.P.E.C. and referring to the findings of the Gordon Commission. We of the Atlantic Provinces, were proud of this forward step in economic development. Dorothy Lushington very ably thanked Mr. Mann, expressing our keen interest and appreciation.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann



Miss Gene Morrison

This afternoon Sister Miriam Loyola, Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, spoke on the "Teaching Profession in Religious Life." After an introduction by Bernadette Hureau, Sister described the religious life as "a life with eternal repercussions" and showed how it fulfills our whole purpose in life — to know, love, and serve God. Sister's remarks were followed by an animated question and discussion period after which Janet Dupuis very graciously thanked Sister.

At 3:45 Margaret Driscoll introduced Miss Gene Morrison, President of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, who sketched the history of education in Nova Scotia, emphasizing the status and conditions of the teachers. "If we are to maintain our way of life . . . we must educate . . . our future leaders in the humanities," Miss Morrison told us. At the conclusion, Nancy O'Hearn moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the girls, particularly the education students whose careers lie in that field.

This evening's lecture and demonstration proved of interest to us all for Mr. Mario Rivera was on hand at 7 o'clock to speak on hair styles and to demonstrate his art on two of our classmates — Anne Boucher, and Barbara Whebbly.

#### FEBRUARY 1

This morning at 10:30 Eileen Coughlan introduced Mrs. Hutt of Simpson's Fashion Department, who spoke on "Color, Line, and Design in Clothes." This lady, so well versed in fashions, began by speaking of Paris fashions, its noted designers and its influences. Mrs. Hutt told us "fashion is an evolution" and went on to illustrate how various styles became fashion. Mrs. Hutt was thanked by Mary Lavers.

At 1:30 Miss Edith Doyle, of Rosedale Nurseries gave us a demonstration of several attractive and original flower arrangements, using real blossoms. Miss Doyle's artistic arrangements evoked many comments from the audience. Helen Martin introduced Miss Doyle and Gwen Irvine moved the vote of thanks.





Members of Dambergs' troupe

## FEBRUARY 2

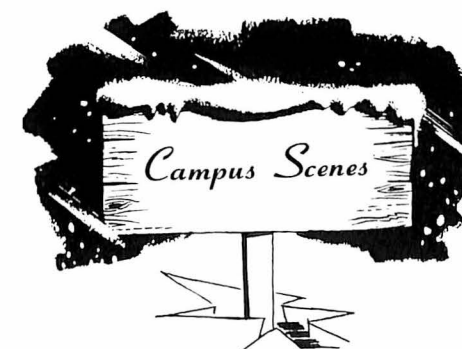
Everyone was in for a treat at 3 o'clock when Monica Kangley introduced Madame Dambergs, director of Halifax ballet group of which Marion Sheridan is a member. Before the actual program began, Madame Dambergs introduced her husband who spoke very informatively on the evaluation and rise to prominence of ballet as one of the foremost arts of our culture. The program included sequences from the Nutcracker Suite, Sleeping Beauty, "Little Red Riding Hood," and several Spanish dances. The performers were extremely talented, and the audience was happy to see our "favourite" ballerina Marion Sheridan dancing for us again. After the performance Patricia Marirea thanked Madame Dambergs and her group for their time and efforts which had given us such an entertaining program.

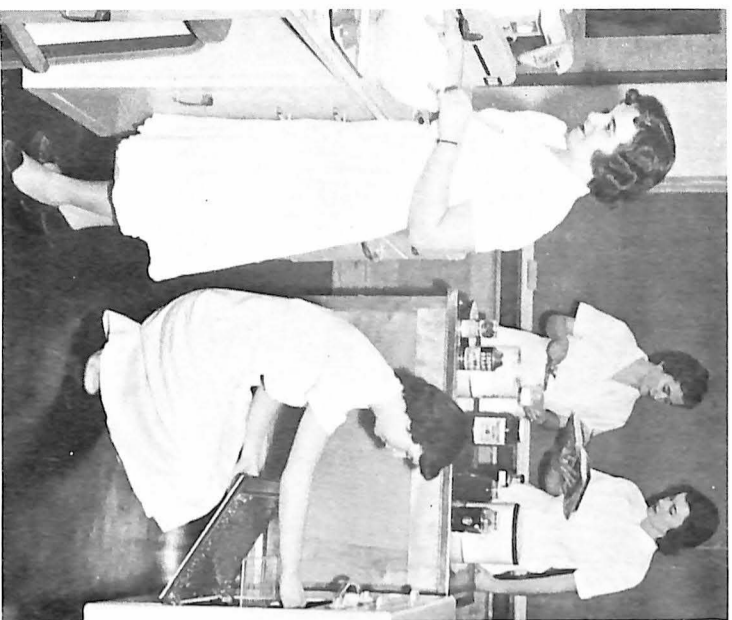


The Dambergs



Winter Wonderland





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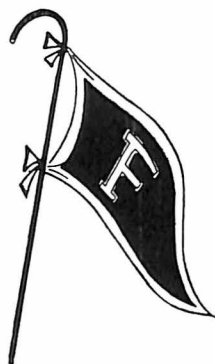


*Canteen*



*February*

*"Arise, my love, my beautiful one and come—."*  
*Gradual, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*



FEBRUARY 1 1

The Freshmen proved they don't take a second seat when it comes to having a successful dance! The Freshman frolic at Newman Hall was an effort to raise our Hungarian Scholarship. Originality was shown in the program, too, by having the Buchtas, our dancing instructors, do two Hungarian dances and by raffling off a Hungarian doll couple which was Jane Buckley's handiwork.

FEBRUARY 2 2

Marks were posted today, and I can't tell whether I was more anxious to see my marks or not to have them posted at all! Thanks to the many prayers of the family and those extra hours of study I managed to squeak through. I'm so thrilled, I could sing at the top of my lungs.



FEBRUARY 4

Three new girls registered for the second term and one "old" girl re-registered. We're all very happy to meet Marie d'Anjou, Joan Fram, and Sheila Finn's sister, Kitty; and to welcome back Abby Bianchini.

FEBRUARY 6

I dropped into the Chem I Lab today and was greeted with a glorious array of colored solutions. Noticing my obvious fascination one of the girls wisely informed me they were determining the pH of various chemicals. Very much the wiser I continued on my way to the Library.



Mid-Year Registration



Chemistry I Lab



French Book display

FEBRUARY 9

The Science majors never suffer from a lack of diversity in their program. Today the Science Club went on a field trip to the Nova Scotia Museum of Science and came back loud in their praise of the various displays they had seen. From what I can gather they saw such stuffed animals as foxes, raccoons, and skunks, to say nothing of the live alligator, crocodile, boa-constrictor, and several aquariums of strange fish. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Planetarium which the girls described as "fascinating" and "fantastic." Even to a layman like myself, a trip such as that sounds very attractive.

FEBRUARY 14

Happy Valentine's Day! I was glad "some" people remembered me today with cards. At lunch there were gaily decorated heart cookies to mark the occasion. The Freshmen sponsored the day's entertainment with the colorful hit musical "Brigadoon." Of course, we're all looking forward to the Hearts Ball, Friday night.

FEBRUARY 15

This was a day none of us will soon forget! We talked all day about the Hearts Ball scheduled for tonight and the Seniors sharpened our interest as they finished their elaborate decorations behind the closed doors of the gym. Everything was planned for—except the weather! At five o'clock a storm broke and in two hours was so bad that the ball had to be postponed. I didn't think we would ever get everyone notified even though the cancellation was announced on the 7 o'clock news. We were so disappointed that there wasn't a sound while we waited for our turn to use the overloaded phones. The Ball will be tomorrow night, provided we aren't snowed under completely.

FEBRUARY 16

Hearts, hearts, and more hearts! The Gym was so beautifully decorated for the Hearts Ball, and the girls even procured an orchestra to make the scene complete. The dance in cabaret style was a tremendous success, which proved the weather didn't dampen our spirits.

There was a surprise for the Seniors too when Marguerite St. Amand read a poem in their honour from the Dean and each Senior was presented with a beautiful corsage. They were as surprised as they were thrilled. Betty O'Brien, as Convenor of the Hearts Ball deserves untold credit for her expert management, especially with the postponement. Most worthy of special mention are: Shirley Aquil, who handled the refreshments, Eileen Coughlan and Sheila Trottier for the decorations, as well as Helen Martin and the rest of the class who worked to make the evening such a memorable one.



Before the Hearts Ball



Senior Hearts Ball





The winning production—"The Chimney Corner"—Class of '57



## FEBRUARY 22

All the hustle and bustle of DRAMA NIGHT was upon us! For two weeks we scoured the attic for props, ran from practices to classes, and kept the traditional secrecy to produce an especially wonderful Drama Night '57.

The SENIOR CLASS opened the program with a tense spy drama "The Chimney Corner," directed by Sheila Trottier, for which they captured the coveted silver cup—for the second time, so they informed us.

"Opening Night" by Cornelia Otis Skinner, was the hilarious production of the JUNIOR CLASS in which Marguerite St. Amand tied for the Best Actress Award with a Sophomore, Marilyn MacInnis.

The FRESHMAN CLASS gave a riotous treat and displayed their talents with the Comedy-skit, "In a Broadcasting Studio," directed by Marlene Chisholm and Sheila Finn.

This rollicking portrayal was followed by the SOPHOMORE CLASS entry cleverly depicting just what happens "When Women Meet." Marilyn MacInnis, president of their fancied female circle tied for the best actress award.

And so amid congratulations and happy sighs of relief Drama Night ended with refreshments in the Social Room where the constructive criticisms of the judges, Sister Mary Berchmans, Miss Dora Challis, and Mr. Edmund Boyd, were discussed.



"Opening Night"—Class of '58



"When Women Meet"—Class of '59



"In a Broadcasting Studio"—Class of '60

## FEBRUARY 25

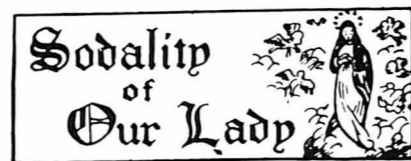
This afternoon I helped prepare the Sodality bulletin board for Lent. It is only over a week that the Executive came into office and they are hard at work already. Every week Father Duffie is going to give a talk; last week's topic was, "Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces."

The Sodality executive consists of Marilyn Gouthro, Prefect; Janet Dupuis, Secretary, and five committee heads, Marguerite St. Amand, Inge Klinge, Allana MacLeod, Helen McDonald, and Veronica Hanusiak.

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Executive of Our Lady's Sodality

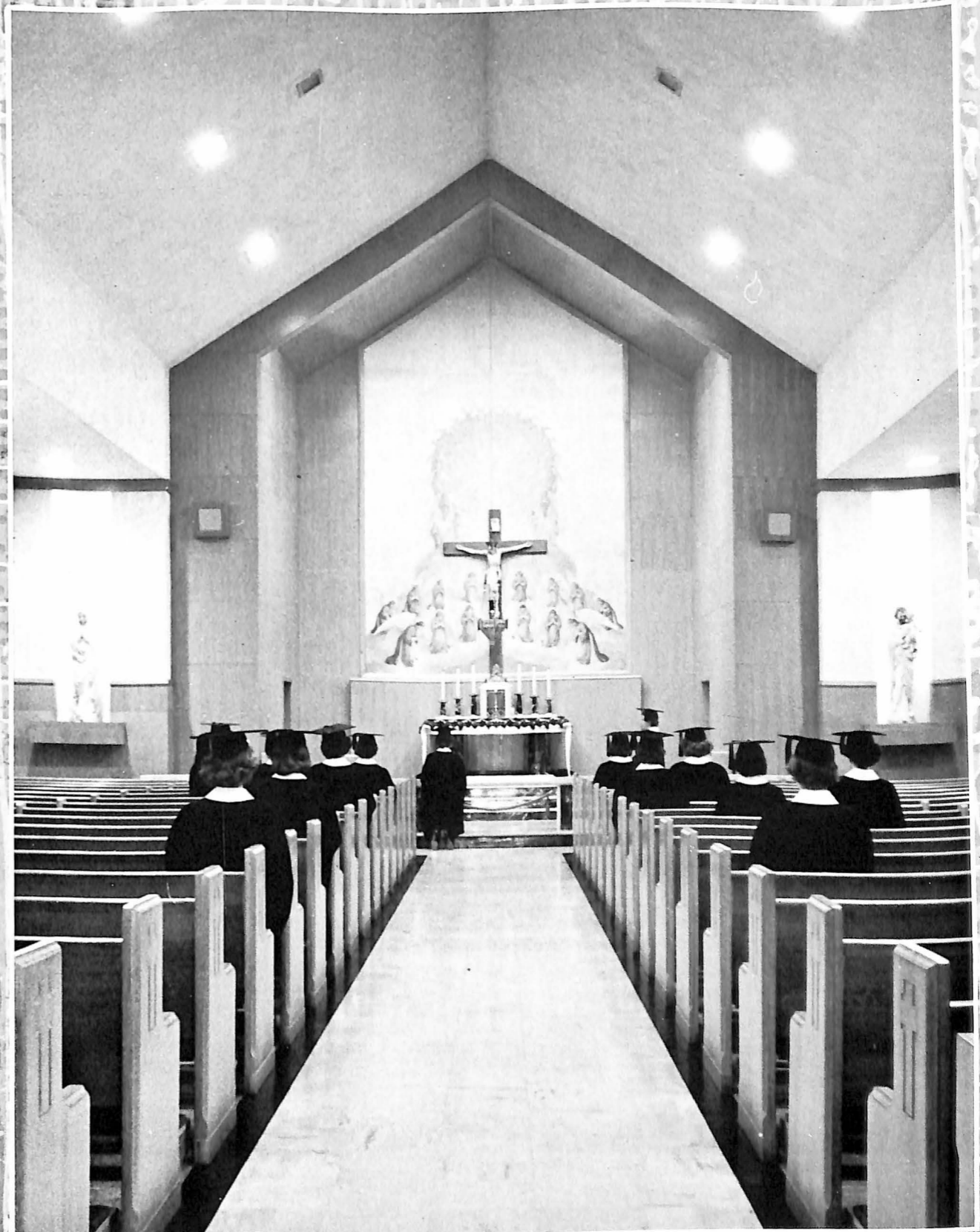


## FEBRUARY 26

In co-operation with two boys from St. Mary's, Cecilia Brooks and Sheila Whalen travelled to Windsor and Kentville giving talks to high school students on higher education. Just to add the dramatic touch, the car broke down in Kentville and so the four College students made a unique picture munching chocolates and reading magazines in the lobby of the Cornwallis Inn. The trip to Kentville was part of the CFCCS project on Higher Education. This month the committee had a "Penny Well" making the rounds of the College in support of the Hungarian Fund. This year's committee includes Marion Sheridan, Chairman; Ann Boucher, Secretary; Janet Dupuis, Treasurer, and Sheila Whalen, Bernie Hureau, and Joan Blackmore on the Co-ordinating Committee.

## FEBRUARY 28

The Secretarial 3 Class, which studies the technique of business letters with emphasis on tone, was in an uproar today. It appears that Tess Healey, interested in obtaining biographical information on a guest speaker wrote a letter politely inquiring for a biological sketch!



*March*

“Remember man thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return.”  
Blessing of Ashes, Ash Wednesday

MARCH 1

We had a Science vs. Arts discussion at lunch today and Janet confounded the opposition with this statement: "Anybody can tell you who wrote *Romeo and Juliet*, or who composed the opera *Aida*, even a scientist; but when it comes to knowing the basic rules of nature, such as, that the density of a solid hemisphere varies directly as the distance from its plane surface, that requires the intelligence of a Math 3 student."

MARCH 3

Newman Club, St. Mary's and The Foreign Students Union were our guests this evening for a box social and dance sponsored by the Sociology Club. This novel idea proved an outstanding success with the gaily decorated edibles raffled off at as high a price as \$3.00. The dance that followed was one of the largest and liveliest this year. For the expert planning and handling of the whole affair, the Sociology Club deserves a big bouquet. Happily too a "goodly sum" was realized to cover the Club's operating expenses.

MARCH 4

This morning in Philosophy Class, I was handed a C.F.C.C.S. questionnaire on why I came to college and my views on a Catholic college education. Several questions required thought and consideration, bringing to mind the many opportunities I take for granted.

Tonight, the inter-class basketball semi-finals were held in the gym. I don't know which was more exciting — the games between the sister classes or the competition between the Freshman-Sophomore and the Junior-Senior Cheering Squads! The Seniors appeared in the regalia of boxing champions, even to the adoption of some of their names, as Cougar Coughlan and Tiger O'Brien. The Juniors put on a display too, appearing with teddy bears as class mascots, and singing the Junior Class chant. All the classes exhibited fine sportsmanship, Sophomores and Juniors emerging victorious.



Athletics Club Executive



After the Sociology Club box social

MARCH 5

The greater part of this evening, Shrove Tuesday, I spent in the gym trying my luck at the Home Economics Club Bingo. The "delicious" array of prizes was what tempted most of us to play so many games. At our table we won about four edible ones so after the Bingo was over we had another "party!"

This Bingo is an annual event of the Home Ec Club, which this year has on its executive Eileen Coughlan, President; Mary Lavers, Vice-President, and Louise LeBlanc, Secretary-Treasurer.

MARCH 6

We ushered in the Holy Season of Lent today singing High Mass and receiving the ashes which remind us that "... dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." I am prepared to commemorate Our Lord's fasting in the desert in my own small way, giving up something I really enjoy—TV. My first sacrifice comes tonight when the local TV station turns Latin-American as four of our Spanish students dance their native rhythmic dances.

MARCH 7

In Speech Class, we heard a lively panel discussion on "whether universal suffrage has taken away women's femininity." Each speaker presented a different phase of the topic, after which the floor was open to the other students. Sheila Whalen summed up the discussion briefly, but interestingly.

MARCH 8

Afternoon classes were shortened to give us the Halifax Symphony Concert under the direction of Mr. Thomas Mayer. The Symphony thrilled us with a two-part program of classical selections and modern numbers such as the score of *Oklahoma* and the March of the Tin Soldier. I was sorry when the varied and relaxing music came to an end.



Home Economics Club Executive



The Home Ec. Bingo Party

## Inter Class Basketball



Colorful Seniors



Hardworking Juniors



The Sophomores—Basketball Champions



Enthusiastic Freshmen

MARCH 11

Tonight, the hard-fighting Juniors suffered defeat at the hands of the Sophomores, who became the Basketball Champions of '57. The Juniors did present a pretty sight though, with their lettered sweaters and teddy bears, as well as their only Sophomore rooter, Chippy's lion. The Sophomores were not without spectacle either, as their talented musicians marched in, banging dishes, rattling silverware, and spreading out the welcome mat for the team.

MARCH 14-17

### Retreat

When I thought of being silent and meditating for three days, it seemed like an age, but Canon Carter was such a stimulating and original Retreat Master that I actually didn't want it to end so soon. Father's theme, which is the essence of Christianity, is that God is Love. By contemplating God's Love for us, we are filled with peace, hope, and "joy without a cause," we are moved to humility, charity, and unselfishness. One of the special features of the conference was the vividness with which Father explained the Scriptures, especially the temptation of Our Lord, St. Peter's walking on the water, and the marriage feast at Cana. For the first time, I saw the Apostles as real personalities.



Wistfully looking back on these three grace-filled days and recalling Canon Carter's wonderful talks, I think I could have stayed on indefinitely. Sunday night we gathered in the lobby to bid farewell to Father Carter and assure him of our prayers. I realized too that we should be very grateful to those who made this retreat possible, especially to the Sisters who put so much time and energy into making it the highlight of the year.



MARCH 18

St. Patrick's Day was marked today with a half-holiday and every colleen turned out with a little touch of blarney. The main celebration of the day was the Junior card party in the gym which was bedecked with shamrocks and harps. During the evening, we all stood around and sang to Dr. Ennitt's accompaniment on the new organ.

MARCH 21

I've been humming all evening as a result of the R.C.A.F. band concert in the gym this afternoon. There was a splendid musical variety — Semper Fideles, the tunes from Mr. Wonderful and novel arrangements of Baa, Baa, Black Sheep in jazz, minuet and Latin American tempos. Everyone seems to have heard her special favorites.

MARCH 22

Mount girls scored another debating victory tonight as Rosemarie Coughlan and Janice Hatfield won over Acadia debaters Peggy McKinnon and Judy Baldwin. Rosemarie and Janice upheld the affirmative of the resolution "that the Canadian Government should provide an increase of capital to improve transportation facilities in the Atlantic Provinces!" It was evident from their speeches that they had done a good deal of research on the subject. The judges of the debate were Mrs. A. B. Haverstock, Mr. George Webb, and Mr. George Moffatt.



Two new Mount Girls, Mona and Magdalena.

MARCH 30

I've just had a wonderful surprise—a phone call from home! The pressure of work was getting me down this week, but talking with the family did wonders for my spirits. While on the second floor, I heard Marilyn Gouthro practicing for her recital. The piece she was playing tonight and which she must learn by heart is twenty-one pages long, and she has several others to learn. The Bachelor of Music Degree is certainly well-earned.

MARCH 31

To mark the eighth anniversary of Confederation with Canada, the Newfoundland students entertained us with a movie "Welcome to Newfoundland." There were some beautiful scenes of the island, which made me want to see more, since we've heard so much about it. The girls opened with the "Ode to Newfoundland," and surprised us by requesting the "O Canada" at the end.



MARCH 24

What a glorious day it is! The sunshine was so inviting that I spent an hour strolling around the campus. Then, at three o'clock I went to hear the lecture on marriage given by Mrs. Austin Hayes. It was informal and practical as Mrs. Hayes, being the mother of seven children, had many useful ideas on the subject of homemaking.

MARCH 27

We welcomed a new Spanish girl to the Mount today, Maria Eugenia Polo. She is already using a few English words, and will no doubt learn quickly as the other foreign students have done. It's amazing how soon after coming here they can carry on a conversation in English.



MARCH 28

Talk about *talent* and the term becomes synonymous with *Sophomores* after their hit production, "Off the Record," a talent show which was as star-studded as it was enthusiastic. From the opening Romberg melodies through the Irish and Scotch dances, the Charleston, the pantomime, right to the finale, "Bless This House," the girls displayed a showmanship and excellence which was the result of close teamwork and arduous rehearsal. I could never start handing out all the bouquets due Chippy and the Sophs, other than to call a big cheer for Producer Lou LeBlanc and her troupers.



MARCH 29

Delegates to the Regional Convention of C.F. C.C.S. from St. Joseph's College in Montreal, St. F. X., Mount Saint Benard, St. Thomas' and St. Mary's arrived in Halifax today. The Convention officially opens tomorrow at St. Mary's where we will be represented by Bernie Nevin and Ann Boucher, while Dureen White and Betty O'Brien handle the recording end of the sessions. Pinky Joyce and Helen Martin will also attend as official observers.

The Convention began with Mass this morning at St. Mary's and continued with sessions all morning and afternoon. Many constitutional points and particular problems were discussed to the satisfaction of the group. In the evening a banquet was held at the University, and an informal social period followed this.

Sessions continued Sunday morning after Mass and ended just before dinner. Our three guests from Mount Saint Bernard have returned to their own college after what proved to be a very successful and practical convention.



## Kappa Pi Sigma

### Personality Week

Kappa Pi Sigma executive, Hilary Harvey, Treasurer; Tess Healey, President; Betty O'Brien, Secretary, and Dureen White, Vice-President, plan for Personality Week.



Secretarial Fashion Show

A story in pictures is Personality Week, sponsored by Kappa Pi Sigma. The week was highlighted by talks, field trips, a fashion show and climaxed Friday with a supper and the election of *Pat Marirea* as Miss Secretary. For the week these future secretaries held the spotlight with a varied and original program.



The Officers of Kappa Pi Sigma



Model Office



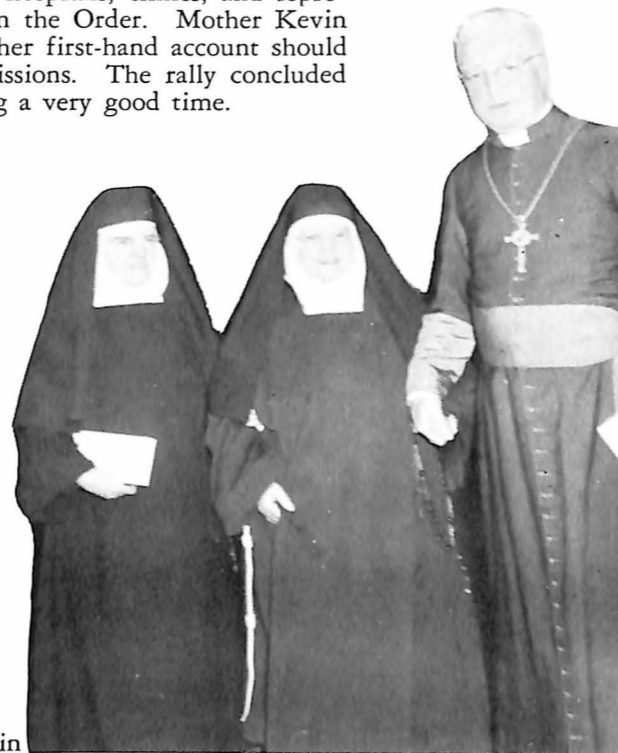
April

*"This is the day which the Lord hath made"*

## Gradual, Easter Sunday

APRIL 1

All roads led to the Mount this evening for the C.C.S.M.C. rally, and we were joint-hostesses with the girls from the Academy to three hundred representatives of the other Mission units from Halifax and Dartmouth. I really enjoyed greeting these people and directing them to the assigned rooms. The highlight of the evening was certainly the dialogue Mass celebrated by Archbishop Berry, as it emphasized the tremendous spiritual wealth we can use to help the Missions. What an overwhelming bounty of grace must have been showered on Missions all over the world as a result of this *one* Mass! At the meeting which followed we listened to a very enthusiastic missionary, Mother Mary Kevin, O.S.F., Foundress of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa. We discovered that these sisters have charge of schools, hospitals, clinics, and leprosariums and that there are three hundred native sisters in the Order. Mother Kevin has had many years of experience in Mission fields, and her first-hand account should certainly effect an increase in our charity towards the Missions. The rally concluded with a social that found us all in high spirits and enjoying a very good time.

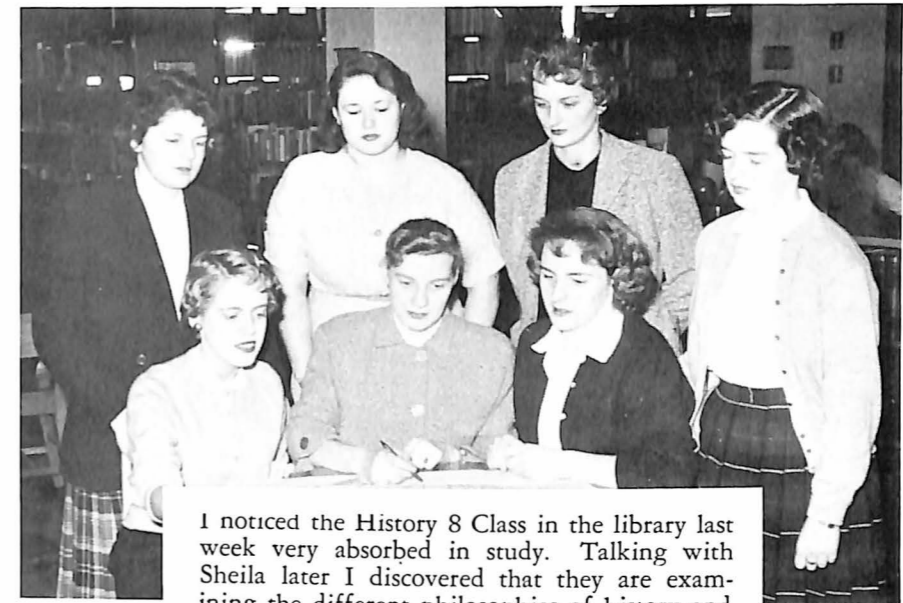


Mother Kevin  
with His Grace, the Archbishop.

CCSMC



Mission Club Executive, Mary, Pat, Joan,  
Cecilia, Lucy and Marguerite



I noticed the History 8 Class in the library last week very absorbed in study. Talking with Sheila later I discovered that they are examining the different philosophies of history and preparing for a comprehensive exam. I guess we will be seeing them in the library a lot from now till May.

APRIL 1

No one could call me "April fool" today, but I managed to pull the old salt and sugar switch on my table at noon. What a fuss they made! I'm hoping I won't merit the title before the month is out by giving in to the folly of taking it easy these last few weeks. With exams a little over a month away, I'll have to get down to some serious study. Just the same there are many events planned for the next month or so and this is a good time to take a glimpse into the future.

The Secretarial students, with a view to summer employment will be making use of their spare time to improve their typing and shorthand speeds. A chart on the board in the typing room indicates that some of the secretarial girls have acquired exceptional typing speeds. Anne Boucher leads the second-year typists with 90 words a minute and Heather MacGillivray in first-year typing has reached 70 words a minute. Oh, to have such flying fingers when doing a term paper!



APRIL 5

This will be an important date for the Seniors in Sister Janet's Christian Family Living course because they have a luncheon planned for their classmates and from the sound of the menu it's practically a banquet. Oh those lucky Seniors!

Several of the Seniors told me in glowing terms of the work they had covered in this course. During the first semester they studied the spiritual, psychological and physical aspects of family life and this semester they have been concerned with more practical matters such as interior decorating and cooking. I hope the course is still given if and when I get to be a Senior.

Seniors' Christian Family Living Luncheon



The Glee Club as always has been extremely active this year, singing in Hospitals, at Stadacona and in our own Pageant before Christmas and practicing regularly. On the executive of the Club are Marilyn Gouthro, President; Marilyn MacInnis, Vice-President, and Pat Marirea, Secretary-Treasurer.



Hostesses, Marion Sheridan, Barbara Roberts  
Helen Martin Mary Lavers, Cecilia Brooks,  
Allana MacLeod,

APRIL 10

The calendar of activities lists the Glee Club Spring Recital for this day. This is a big day for me too, since I've been a faithful member since September. The program we have prepared under Sister Catherine Anne's careful direction is a varied and entertaining one. Marilyn Gouthro, Betty O'Brien, Eileen Coughlan and Marilyn MacInnis will be doing piano solos. The whole club itself has been practicing such favourites as "Wooden Shoes," the very inspiring "Dona Nobis Pacem," and a lively novelty number, "I Wonder When I Shall Be Married."

APRIL 17

This date ushers in the holidays, and after the many activities during March and April most of us plan to spend much time in bed! After classes Wednesday we shall set out for various places. I'm lucky, as one of my friends invited me to spend the week at her home in Cape Breton and I'm really looking forward to going.

I was feeling sorry for the girls who would be spending Easter holidays at the college when one of the old students disillusioned me on that score. It seems that many of the rules are relaxed in the girls' favour and everything is done especially for them. Of course, they will also have the advantage of being able to attend all the ceremonies of the Liturgy, so rich at this time of the Church year. From all the accounts I have heard, I bet a bunny they will be surprised when they see how the dining room is decorated Easter morning!

APRIL 24

Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. should find the last straggler returned from her Easter Vacation. I'm signed in for the 23rd in the evening. As soon as I get back I will simply have to begin intense study for the last two weeks before exams. (Which reminds me, I must remember to write my friend's mother as soon as I get in, because I have such a tendency to put things off . . .).

Coming in Wednesday will mean my first class will be Philosophy and then Religion. Those are two classes which I have thoroughly enjoyed and when I look ahead, I realize they will be almost over by then. This semester the Logic course kept me thinking all the time—and those discussions! (And I use the term mildly!).



One of these days I'm going to have to get at my spring cleaning, certainly before I go away for Easter. That will mean putting all my winter things in my trunk. Of course, I'll be going home in a month's time so I'll be that much farther ahead when it comes to packing.





*"Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above"*

### *Epistle, Mass for May 19*

May will be the most eventful and important month in the College year. Very fittingly it is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady for we need her intercession to help us with examinations and decisions for our future.

On MAY 1, we shall be privileged to hear Father Godfrey Poage, C.P., speak at the college on Vocations. I have heard so much about Father, who is a member of the Congregation of the Passion. Only last fall, I read and enjoyed his very inspiring book *Recruiting for Christ*. This well known speaker is vocational director for several major organizations and I am looking forward to the opportunity of hearing and seeing Father in person.

#### MAY 7

This will be the first day of examinations. We shall write Religion in the morning and Philosophy in the afternoon. By this time I hope to find myself very familiar with the work I'm struggling through now.

#### MAY 14

I am happy to look forward to this date — the end of exams and the night of the Convocation Ball! The Juniors are very secretive about their plans for the ball, but I have found out that it will be at the Nova Scotian and that Don Warner is playing. It's bound to be a wonderful event, with the graduates so happy and everyone in the mood to celebrate.

The Ball introduces Convocation Week — seven days of varied activities that are traditions at the Mount. On Class Day, we dress in formals to attend a banquet which will be served us by the faculty. (I remember thinking it strange that the faculty should serve the students when we had the Faculty Tea in September, but by this time I can appreciate how unselfishly they serve us all year long. What gratitude we owe them!). At the end of the banquet, the Seniors will read their Last Wills and Testaments and the prizes and scholarships for each class will be awarded. Another feature of the day will be the elections of Student Council President, Class Presidents, C.F.C.C.S. and C.C. S.M.C. Chairmen. There will also be the Sophomore daisy chain and the planting of a tree by the Class of '57, the Juniors will present the Senior class prophecy and each class will crown Our Lady.

The Freshman Class has charge of a day-long picnic this week. All the girls and some of the sisters go in chartered buses to some country spot and have a gal holiday. There is another excursion planned — a cruise on the harbour. This I can hardly wait for! It will be wonderful to stroll about a large ship. I've heard rumours that sometimes the girls have had a chance to try their skill at the helm.

On Saturday the Student Council will hold a Bridge and Tea and many alumnae and friends of the College will be here. I really must learn to play bridge before then. It would be nice to win a prize to keep for a souvenir.

Sunday afternoon, we are to have an "At Home" Tea, which the Juniors will serve. We are all invited to bring guests.



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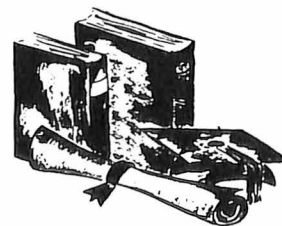
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MAY 21

I am looking forward to this day as the happiest and the most exciting day of the whole year. The note of jubilation will sound throughout the day particularly in the joyful High Mass to be celebrated by our Archbishop. Families and friends of the graduates will be arriving continually to be in the audience when their graduate receives her diploma from His Excellency in the auditorium at 3 o'clock. Every detail will be perfected so that this occasion will be as beautiful a memory as possible for the graduates, whose day it is.

After the conferring of degrees, the Class of '57 will be Mount Alumnae and we shall all be gathered to extend our congratulations and farewells. For the graduates and their parents there will be a buffet supper in the Dining Room, while we, whose day is yet to come will be in the throes of leaving for home. Despite the happiness of the day, I imagine I shall feel a touch of sadness with the thought of the good-byes, and the realization that the year is really ended. However, the year that ends I can look back upon with a feeling of satisfaction and gratitude. In the last moments as it passes like a panorama before my mind's eye I see the many persons, both at the college and at home who have sacrificed to make 1956-57 at Mount Saint Vincent College the year it was for us all.



Barbara Giroux



Claire Mills



Jean Moss



Athene Shillingford



Edna Driscoll



Mary Brennan



Maureen Browne

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Nursing*

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*1958*

*X-Ray Technology*

Yvonne Down



Ann Herlihy



*Shirley Aqui*

# Shirley Odette Aqui, B.Sc.

Saint Joseph's Convent  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad  
British West Indies

The one Science major the class can boast . . . Shirley, the conscientious, capable "top marker" . . . a willing worker with the class and with the "Bring Back Christ to Christmas Campaign" . . . a student known everywhere for her ability to get results within .03% error . . . a loyal Trinidadian, a real Halifax week-ender . . . a friend if there ever was one.

C.C.S.M.C 1,2, Kappa Kronicle, Assistant Editor, 4. Science Club, Secretary-Treasurer, 4. Sociology Club, 1,4.

# Marian Joan Blackmore, B.A.

Notre Dame Academy  
Grand Falls, Newfoundland

Our illustrious debater . . . a typical "stop-over" traveller . . . collector of swizzle sticks, for purposes mostly decorative . . . firm upholder of C.F.C.C.S., especially at Conventions . . . the Newfoundlander with the hairdo, "tres rococco" . . . a believer that it's a great age to be living in, and ready to prove it.

Sodality, 1,2. Legion of Mary, 1 C.C. S.M.C., 1,2,3, Secretary 4. Athletics, 1,2. C.F.C.C.S., 1,2,3,4. Dramatics Club, 1,2. Kappa Kronicle, 3. Editor, 4. M.G.I.D.L., 1,3,4. Writer's Club, 4. Class President, 2.



*Joan Blackmore*

M S V C

# Muriel Mosher Bell, B.A.

Halifax County Academy  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

An erstwhile Bostonian, now returned to her native heath . . . a capable teacher with a penchant for the organ . . . a woman driver, small and determined . . . an excellent ethician . . . a quiet but courageous lady . . . a classmate we're proud to have.



*Muriel Bell*



*Cecilia Brooks*

# Cecilia Gladys Brooks, B.A.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Effervescent charmer . . . a popular lass with a genuine interest in everyone and everything . . . Celie, the happy worrier . . . the proverbial best thing in a small package . . . hard working Mission Club President . . . a devoted employee with H.M.L. and Imperial Oil, ahem.

C.C.S.M.C., 2,3, President, 4. C.F.C.C.S., 2,3,4. Bring Back Christ to Christmas Campaign Chairman, 3. Dramatics Club, 2. Sociology Club, 3,4. Class Treasurer, 3. Student Council, 3,4.



*Eileen Coughlan*

Eileen Mary Coughlan, B.Sc.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

The nightingale of the Class of '57 . . . a young lady with her personality in her shining eyes . . . a lover of the true, good, and beautiful . . . one of our conscientious calorie-counters . . . a Home Economist of discriminating taste and definite likes . . . a talented trooper in almost every Mount production.

*Sodality*, 1,2,4. *C.C.S.M.C.*, 1,2,3,4. *Athletics*, 1,2,3. *C.F.C.C.S.*, 1,2,3,4. *Glee Club*, 1,2,3,4. *Home Economics*, 1,2, *Treasurer*, 3, *President*, 4.

M S

Geraldine Rebecca Curran, B.A.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Progressive, but conservative . . . Becky, the class politician . . . the originator of many an unorthodox phrase . . . a lover of all good things, especially the edible . . . an excellent student, possessor of several enviable sets of marks . . . A History major with a future undecided.

*C.C.S.M.C.*, 1,2,3,4. *Athletics*, 1,2. *C.F.C.C.S.*, 2,3,4. *Dramatics*, 1. *Kappa Kronicle*, 4. *Sociology Club*, 2,3,4.



*Rebecca Curran*

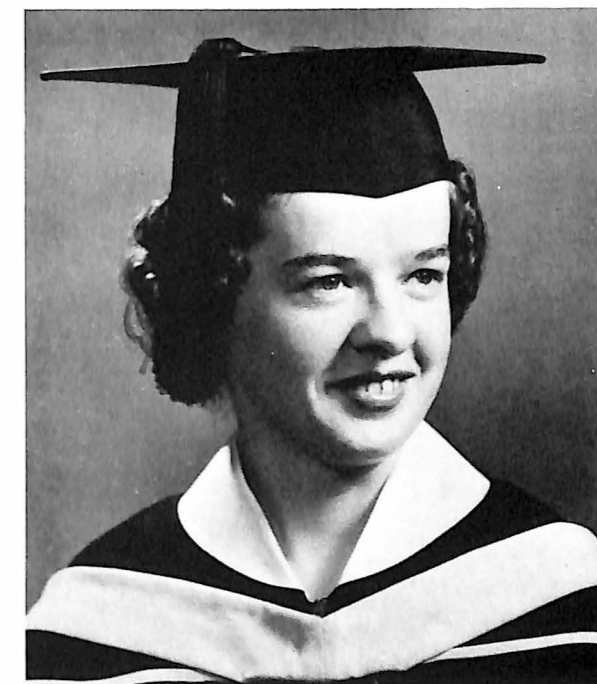
Margaret Anne Driscoll, B.A.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dependable Marg, the personification of quiet nature and calm exterior . . . warder of the class wealth, our Senior year . . . a true student with the rare ability to get things in on time . . . a worker ready, willing, and able . . . a commuter of three year's "standing."

*C.C.S.M.C.*, 2,3,4. *Athletics*, 2. *C.F.C.C.S.*, 2,3,4. *Sociology Club* 2,3,4. *Class Treasurer*, 4

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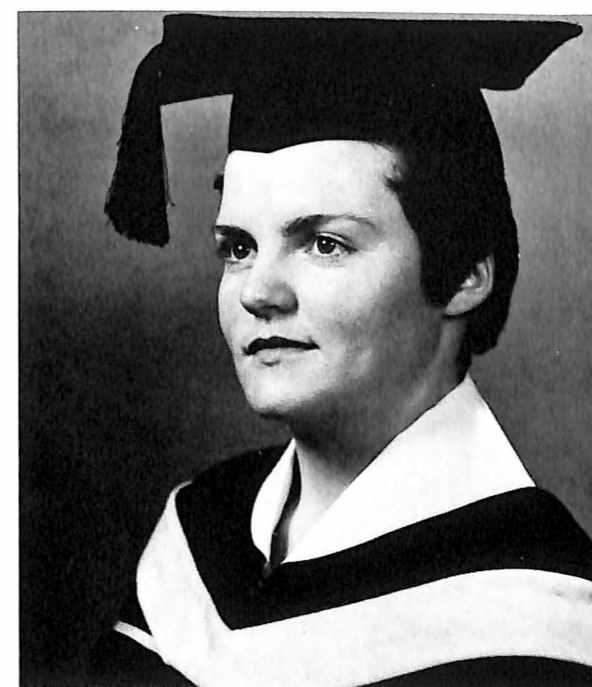
*Margaret Driscoll*

Marilyn Anne Gouthro, B.Mus.

Saint Joseph's High School  
Reserve, Nova Scotia

Our charming red head from Cape Breton . . . a music major who likes to sing the praises of St. F. X. . . . accomplished accompanist . . . Madame President of the Glee Club . . . as conscientious a watcher of the meal list as she is of the mail box . . . a loyal Newmanite.

*Soladity*, 1,2, *Vice Prefect*, 3, *Prefect* 4. *C.C.S.M.C.*, 1,2,3,4. *Glee Club*, 1, *Vice President*, 2, *President*, 3,4. *Sociology Club*, 1,2,3. *Sodality Prefect*, 4.



*Marilyn Gouthro*



*Tess Healey*

### Theresa Jean Healey, B.Sc.

Notre Dame Academy  
Grand Falls, Newfoundland

Tess, the typist, a loyal Newfie . . . a lover of European elegance in art and head waiters . . . an enthusiast of Broadway, the Charleston and St. F. X. . . . a happy medium between Gracie Allen's naivete and Sherlock Holmes' scintillation . . . an extremely talented actress . . . a secretary with troubles in closing letters.

Sodality, 1,2,3. C.C.S.M.C., 1,2,3,4. C.F. C.C.S., 1,2. Dramatics Club, Vice-President, 4. Glee Club, 1. Kappa Pi Sigma, 3, President, 4. Sociology Club, 1, Treasurer, 2. Class Secretary, 3,4.

*M S*

### Dorothy Norris Lushington, B.A.

Dartmouth High School  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

A top-flight teacher turned first class student . . . an educator with a yen for specialization in the intermediate field . . . a sparkling personality with a variety of well developed talents . . . an outstanding ballroom dancer who favours Bach and Beethoven for listening . . . a gracious lady, ever ready with assistance and advice.



*Dorothy Lushington*

*V C*

### Mary Frances Lavers, B.Sc.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

A blend of quiet sufficiency and sufficient quiet . . . Mary, the competent and practical Home Economist . . . a goal setter and steady striver . . . a ready co-operator and tireless toiler . . . a young lady admirably suited to her chosen field . . . commuter with a four-year record.

C.C.S.M.C., 1,2,3,4. Athletics, 4. C.F. C.C.S., 1,2,3,4. Home Economics, 1,2,3, Secretary, 4. Kappa Kronicle, 2.



*Mary Lavers*



*Allana MacLeod*

### Hughena Allana MacLeod, B.A.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

A bonnie lass, found of everything Scottish, especially surnames . . . our Fair Lady with the gown for the occasion . . . an actress of rare ability . . . able Dramatics Club President . . . a girl trademarked by her sincerity and calm assurance . . . a loyal Mount girl, extremely likeable and likely to succeed.

Sodality, 2,3,4. C.C.S.M.C., 2,3,4. Athletics, 1. Dramatics, 2,3, President, 4. Glee Club, 3,4. Kappa Kronicle, 4. M.G.I.D.L., 3. Sociology Club, Secretary, 4. Class Vice-President, 2,3.



*Helen Martin*

## Helen Elizabeth Martin, B.Sc.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Helen, the perfect lady . . . a Boston-bound Haligonian . . . another of our roamers to points West and South . . . a level-headed perfectionist . . . capable teacher, ready learner . . . a window-sill collector of apples and oranges . . . Class President "devouee et aimee."

*C.C.S.M.C.*, 1,2,3,4. *Athletics*, 1,2,3. *C.F.C.C.S.*, 1,2,3,4. *Glee Club*, 4. *Home Economics* 1,2. *Secretary*, 3,4. *Kappa Kronicle*, 3,4. *Class President*, 4.

## Elizabeth Ann O'Brien, B.Sc.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Betty of the food supply . . . hostess "with the mostess" at home and in Room 431 . . . possessor of talented piano fingers . . . a collector of money, in ability second to none . . . a firm believer in business before pleasure, even at poor roommate's expense . . . a sterling friend.

*Sodality*, 2,4. *C.C.S.M.C.*, 2,3,4. *Athletics*, 2,3. *Glee Club*, 4. *Kappa Pi Sigma*, 3. *Secretary*, 4. *Sociology Club*, 3.



*Betty O'Brien*

M S V C

## Mary Josephine Murphy, B.A.

Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School  
Dorchester, Massachusetts

The driver behind the "wheel" of student affairs . . . Muff, our hustling Student Council President . . . a diminutive, dynamic Bostonian . . . a chronic worrier and weight loser . . . a visitor to everyone else's families and friends in Boston . . . an example of true dedication to duty . . . everyone's friend.

*Sodality*, 1,2,3. *C.C.S.M.C.*, 1,2,3,4. *Athletics*, 1,2,3. *Glee Club*, 2,3,4. *Writer's Club*, 1,2,3,4. *Class President*, 1,3. *Student Council* 1, *President*, 4.



*Mary Murphy*



*Barbara Roberts*

## Barbara Jean Roberts, B.A.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Barb, our dark-eyed dreamer . . . oftentimes winner of the deadline duel . . . poet laureate of the Class of '57 . . . promising journalist with a bright future . . . possessor of a challenging spirit . . . a gay Haligonian with a bit of the "devil-may-care" about her . . . a collegian with dates and data.

*Athletics*, 2. *Kappa Kronicle*, 4. *Writer's Club*, 2,3. *President*, 4. *Class Vice-President*, 4.



Marion Sheridan

## Marion Gertrude Sheridan, B.A.

Saint Patrick's Girls' High School  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Our dancing social worker . . . a dreamer with both feet firmly on the ground . . . a blond ballerina who loves to travel . . . a leader who knows how to follow . . . generous contributor to the entertainment field at the Mount . . . an example of high ideals and determination . . . a maiden of the Maritimes with a special spot in her heart for Central Canada.

C.C.S.M.C., 2,3,4. Athletics, 2,3. C.F. C.C.S., 2,3, Chairman, 4. Dramatics, 2,3. Sociology, 3, Vice-President, 4.

## Mary Dureen White, B.Sc.

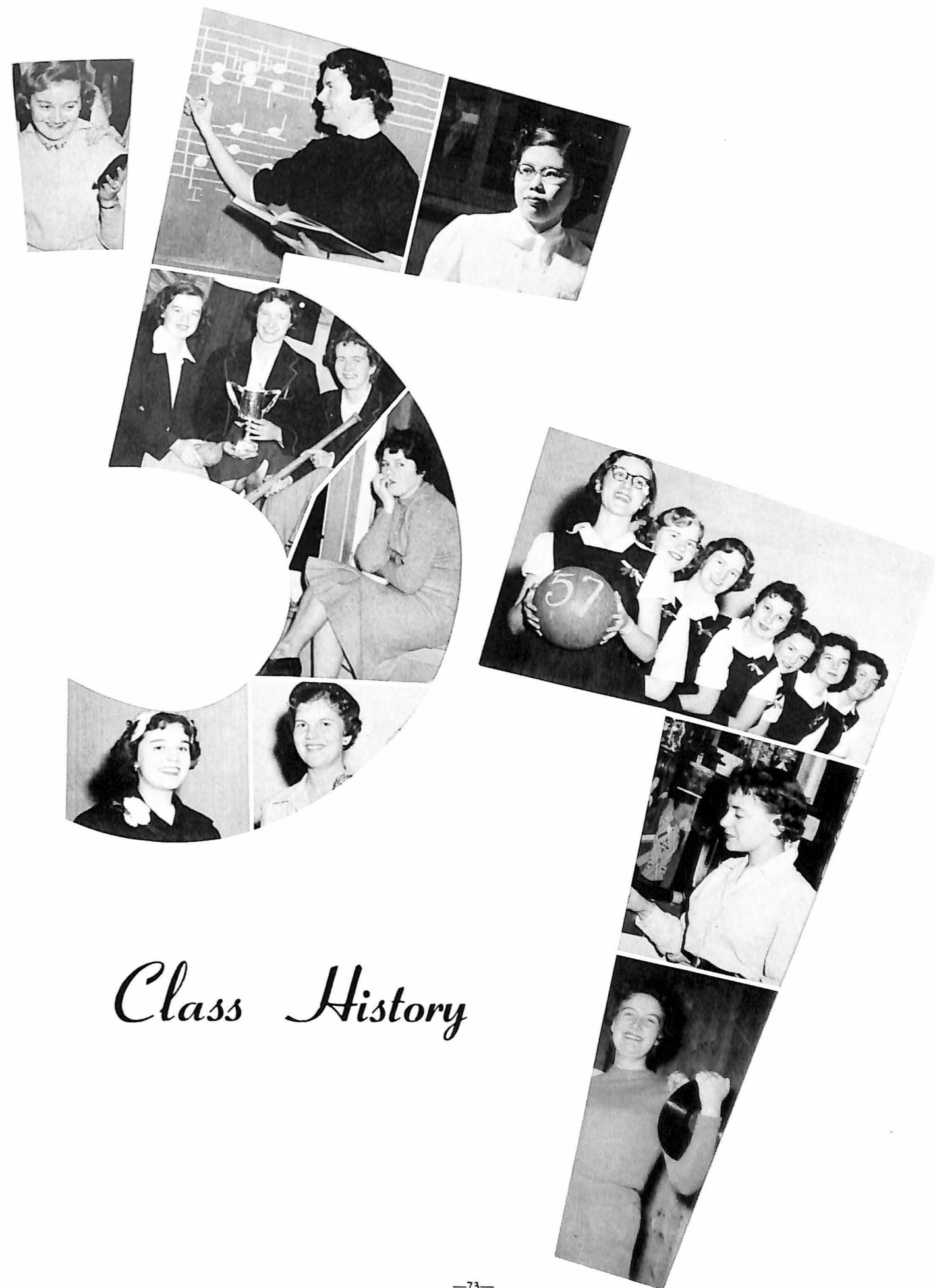
Saint Charles High School  
Amherst, Nova Scotia

Dureen, Amherst's valued contribution to our class . . . a faithful Newmanite, technically speaking . . . an easy-going pal with a decided weakness for second desserts . . . the makings of a competent secretary . . . the author of that Best Seller, *Apartment Life Made Feasible* . . . a friend with an unruffled temper.

Sodality, 1,2,4. C.C.S.M.C., 1,2,3,4. Athletics, 1,2,3. C.F.C.C.S., 1,2. Glee Club, 1,3. Kappa Pi Sigma, Vice-President, 4. Sociology Club, 1,2. Vincentian, Secretary, 3.



Dureen White



## Class History



The class of '57 came into existence at Mount Saint Vincent College on September 23, 1953, when thirty-nine Freshmen registered. From the beginning we were as cosmopolitan a class as any that ever entered this College — with members from as far West as British Columbia and as far east as St. John's, Newfoundland; with girls from Boston, Bermuda, Mexico and the British West Indies. Our first Faculty Tea, Initiation, Capping, and Big and Little Sister Ceremony, stands as landmarks in our memories. It was during October that our Foundress, Mother Evaristus died, and although few of us had ever met Mother we knew her through her accomplishments. Well we recall our first President's Day and the Gilbert and Sullivan Revue in which so many members of our class showed their various talents. November became December with the opening of the Marian Year on December 8. After Christmas, we were in the throes of our first set of College exams — from which we emerged unscathed. Drama Night found us enthusiastic as we produced and proudly presented "Seven To One." The year was fast slipping by, as Inter-Class Basketball and Debating presently became part of our memories. Easter and the preparations for the finals reminded us that the year was nearly over. Of all the events of that year, the first Graduation is most vivid in our minds as the Class of '53, whom we had grown to love so, became Alumnae and we went home anticipating our role of Sophomores on our return in September.

September '54 found us as Sophomores with some changes in the class. We had lost some of the original 39, but our ranks had been filled by girls from St. Patrick's High School and Mount Saint Vincent Academy. This was the real Class of '57, that pitched in that Fall to sponsor a Halloween Party in the Gym and to present "The Miraculous Medal" in the pageant, "Marywise," that marked the closing of the Marian Year. Winning the trophy for Drama Night, taking part in the Inter-Class Basketball and playing hostesses at an At Home were events which highlighted the year and which brought to the fore the many and varied talents of our members.



Junior Year was upon us before we realized and with "Muff," heading us again, initiation got underway. Our Junior Prom adopting the Scottish flavor for its theme made the "Highland Fling" a date we'll all remember. Talent came to the fore in the debating field, as Joan Blackmore helped defeat the Mount Allison team and on Drama Night when Marion Sheridan won honors as best actress in the title role of "Columbine." After our Spring Bridge and Tea, we settled down to study for May exams. These over, we busied ourselves with our last task — the Senior Ball, with its romantic theme, "Moonlight and Roses."

Eighteen we were as we began our final year at the Mount. We were proud to have with us two new members, Muriel Bell and Dorothy Lushington, who gave valuable assistance all during the year's activities, beginning with the Faculty Tea. Events such as the Corn Boil, Foundress Day, raising money for the Hungarians and doing our parts in the "Ceremony of Carols" took on more meaning when we realized we were doing them for the last time. Our last set of mid-years, Sabbatical Week, the Hearts Ball and most of all winning the Cup on Drama Night made every activity memorable. As Seniors we personally felt Sister Maura's death, for we all had known and loved Sister and many of us had been her students. Our Senior Retreat is a landmark in our career at M.S.V.C. as Canon Carter conducted the exercises on the theme of "Love." So as we see our last weeks at the Mount drawing to a swift close, and the Graduation that will be our own just days away, it is with the theme of our Retreat that we speak in joyous remembrance of our years as the Class of '57.

"Love ever gives,  
Forgives, outlives,  
And ever stands  
With open hands  
And while it lives, it gives  
For this is Love's prerogative—  
To give, and give, and give."





Janet M. Carney, B.A., M.A., B.Ed.

## Post Graduate

"What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?" Mount Saint Vincent College recognizing this truth, gives to Arts and Science graduates, a one-year course leading to a Bachelor of Education degree. This course prepares Catholic women to follow Christ's command: "Go ye and teach." Since she must train future citizens of Heaven, she must be prepared to teach not only the academic subjects but also a way of life, a knowledge and love of truth. In this way she will bear out Pope Pius XI's words that "perfect schools are the result not so much of good methods as of good teachers."

## Record



The life of the Education student is a varied one. Part of the time is spent in class learning the fundamentals of good teaching methods along with a basic knowledge of Catholic educational philosophy, and the rest of the week is spent doing observation and practice work. For a period of about six weeks she is assigned to a classroom where she learns the daily routine of a class, sees good and varied methods as used by experienced teachers, and even ventures into the field, as she teaches a few lessons. The education course utilizes all the means at its disposal to develop teachers of character and strength, who will instruct and inspire youth.



Nancy J. Fry, B.A., B.Ed.



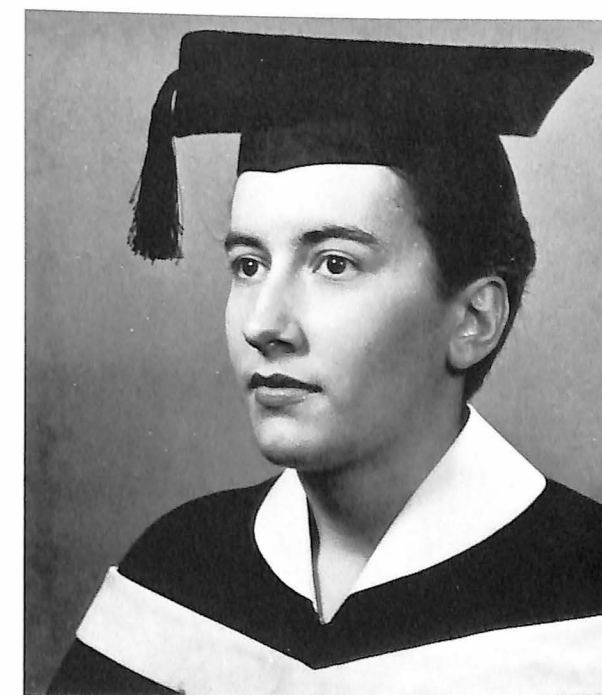
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# Alumnae

Do you ever wonder what has become of the gals of '56? Our enterprising and energetic Alumnae reporter, PATRICIA GRISDALE, has done a considerable amount of research on the subject. — Results? — Amazing — N'est-ce pas?

The Class of '56 had a Christmas get-together in Halifax. From Toronto came BETTY O'CONNELL, interning at Saint Michael's Hospital and SHEILA SMITH and MARY NAPIER, who since have found Halifax more attractive. CAROLYN BOULTER, assistant engineer at Bell Telephone Company, represented Montreal. Arvida sent our own ANNE CONNORS, chemist with the Aluminum Company of Canada. Greatest number of Halifax grads were the Education girls — PHYLLIS BONANG, NANCY O'HEARN, BARBARA ESSERY, and NANCY FRY. Also present were FRANCES DEE, secretary at the Great West Life Insurance Company; MIMI INGLIS, student at Maritime School of Social Work; JANET POTTIE, Public Relations Officer at St. Mary's University and PATRICIA GRISDALE, secretary to Tom Parker at the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union. SHIRLEY TRASK, just becoming engaged to "Chops" Campbell,

was unable to be present. Absent from the city were BARBARA O'CONNELL, enjoying a holiday in Boston from her position as assistant chemist and instructress of nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, CAROL ANN MacNEILL, student at Maritime School of Social Work; ARLENE DeGRACE, Home Economics teacher at St. Patrick's High School, replacing HELEN LANDRY '54, who is now studying for her M.Sc. degree at Michigan University; FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, employed at the National Research Council; DOROTHY GREENE, Executive Secretary for the Executive Council of Grenada, British West Indies; and CLOTHILDE BELLIVEAU, Education student at the Mount. MARGUERITE FLINN and THERESE MOORE, who complete the class register, entered the Postulate of the Sisters of Charity in September and will become Novices this Spring.

CATHERINE COSSIT '53 of Toronto was blessed with a second daughter; ROSEMARY MacLEAN LIVINGSTONE, a second son; JEAN CURRAN KNICKLE '51 a son; JEAN ROSSITER O'CONNELL '40 a daughter; LORRAINE WARE MORRIS, a son.

SISTER ANN CARMEL (Vera Harvey '54) was professed at Easter and SISTER MARIE CELESTE (Maureen Mantin '55) received her habit in the Redemptoristines.

MARY LOU OLAND '55 has been appointed office manager for the Aluminum Company of Canada in Montreal. SERENA BUCK '54 and HELEN GAUTHIER '54 have received more advanced appointments at T.C.A. (Dorval) and International Business Machines Company, respectively. MARJORIE DEE '50 has joined the Social Service Department of the Montreal General Hospital and JANE BRENNAN '54 has entered the employ of the Aluminum Company of Canada in Montreal. FRANCES ROBITAILLE '54 has returned from Port Arthur and is on the staff of the Halifax Infirmary in the Dietetics Department. In Switzerland THEA ANDRE '54 still guides American tourists from her Hotel Des Beaux Cedres residence. JEAN STRICKLAND '52 is Chief Librarian of the T. V. Library, Halifax. DORIS THIBODEAU '52 is a librarian for the American Red Cross in Korea. MARION BURKE '55 teaches at Alexandra McKay School in Halifax; BARBARA MacPHERSON '55, at St. Stephen's and CATHERINE FOLEY '55, at St. Thomas Aquinas. COLLEEN WILLIAMS '54 is teaching in Ontario.

Diamonds testify to a forthcoming happy 1957. CORINNE WALLACE '53 leads the parade with JACK NAPIER; MARLENE BREAN '52 is engaged to PAUL CHISHOLM; MARIE TODD to DONALD MURPHY; MARY GRANT '52 to PATRICK MacLEAN; VERA HICKS '54 to CLARE COUDREAU; IRENE MacQUILLAN '32 to ALBAN MURPHY; MARIE MARTIN '51 to DAVID JONES; JOANNE ZWICKER '54 to IAN F. MacKEE.

MARION CLARKE '55 became instructress of nurses at the Nova Scotia Hospital and ROSE FISHER '55 became instructress of nurses at the Halifax Children's Hospital.

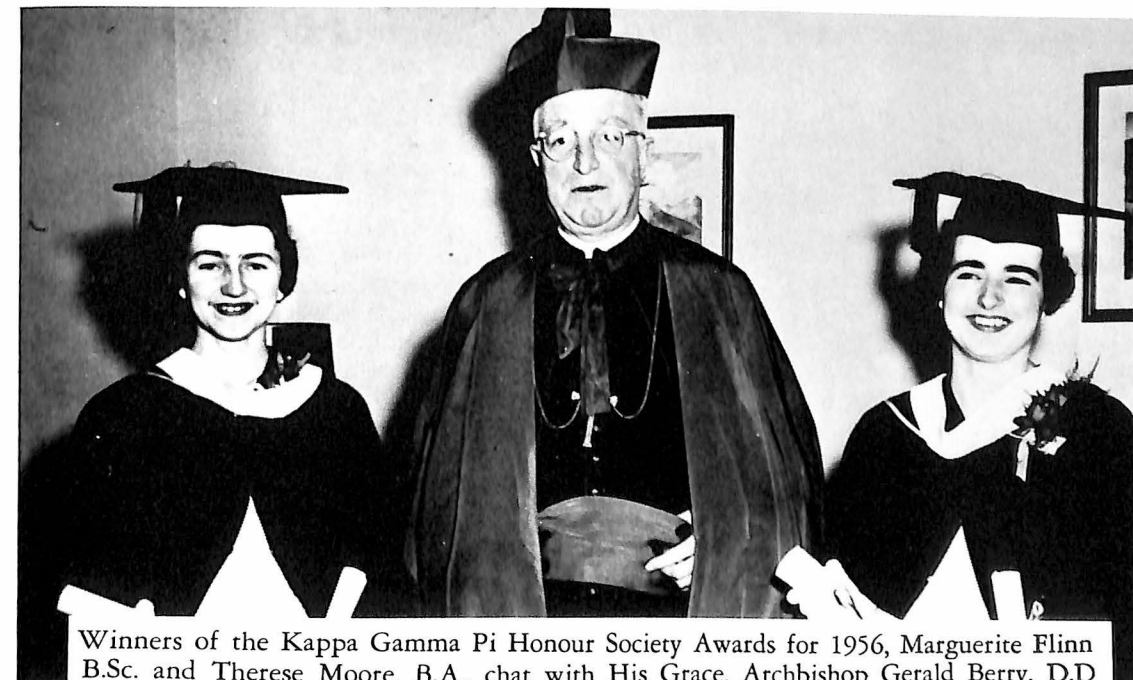
Last year was a good year for marriages. In Newfoundland GLADYS KIELLY '52, became MRS. FRANCOIS GUY SAVARD. In Baldwin, Long Island, LORNA JEAN LAWRENCE took RODERICK O'CONNOR "for better or worse" and in Montreal, PATRICIA NOEL '55 took STANLEY RATTERAY "for richer or poorer." INEZ MEECH '52 left Nova Scotia as MRS. WILLIAM BISHOP to live in England and here at home CATHERINE CASSIVI took on the protection of the Mounted Police in the person of CONSTABLE EUGENE PENDERGAST. CLARE MURPHY '54 entered international service as the wife of GILBERT CORREIA. In Toronto FLORA MacPHERSON '55 was married to THOMAS WILLIAM GRIMSDALE from the University of Toronto and in Dartmouth LOUISETTE ROBITAILLE became the bride of R. S. BURNS.



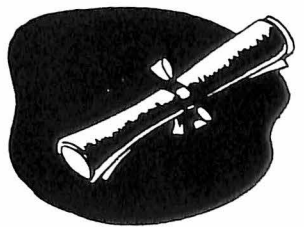
Marion Clarke, Rose Fisher, Frances Dunn and Catherine Foley, all '55



Class of '56 Tree Planting Ceremony.



Winners of the Kappa Gamma Pi Honour Society Awards for 1956, Marguerite Flinn B.Sc. and Therese Moore, B.A., chat with His Grace, Archbishop Gerald Berry, D.D



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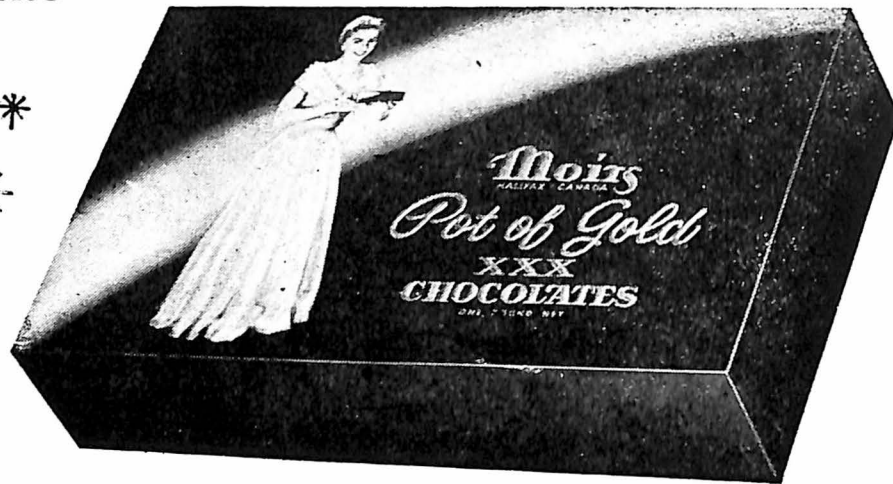
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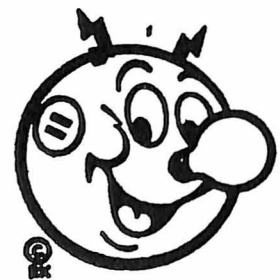
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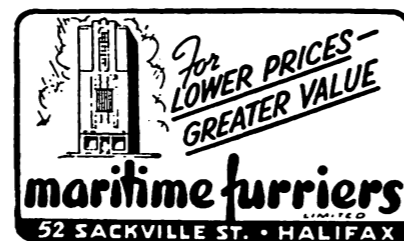
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