

THIS WEEK AT SDU

Enthusiasm And Anxiety Mark Students' Feelings

By WINSTON MacGREGOR
Students at St. Dunstan's are enveloped in enthusiasm and panic this week as the Christmas season approaches nearer and nearer every day. The enthusiasm, omnipresent, is resultant of that great thought of being dismissed and going home in a week or so, and, as always, panic comes with exams no matter when they are.

People get frustrated at exam time and it is evident everywhere from the library to the Coffee Shoppe. To take minds off the subject of exams is difficult to do, but this column tends to a somewhat more literary and spirited presentation than at other times during the year.

PASSING THE PUCK

To turn over to reporting of extra-curricular activities, it is noted that this week has seen them become less and less as the studies become more intense. However, on last Saturday the St. Dunstan's Varsity hockey team blanked the University of Moncton 10-2.

This was the last game of 1965 for the "Saints" and it was indeed a very resounding finish. Two new players are expected to join the ranks after Christmas; they are Cyril MacDonald and Brian Steinberg. These two additions should provide some of that extra power needed when S.D.U. hosts S.F.X. on January 10, of the new year.

What does Christmas mean at St. Dunstan's? It means pondering and writing insecure answers to tantalizing questions slapped before us day after day until the last.

It means intense anxiety before relaxation and union with the home folks. Exams create a lull before a storm of people rush in drove, into the frosty air to trains, buses, and planes, and eventually home.

There are some who live so far away from home that they do not get to see their folks. To those, we wish a very happy Christmas, wherever they spend it.

For the faculty Christmas is a time of relaxation in the sense that they do not have to appear for class every day. But they have scores and scores of exam sheets to cover and results to rush back during the holidays. This certainly isn't the most en-

joyable thing one could be doing. For a spark of contemplation not to be passed over lightly, it is a privilege and an honour to present a provocative arrangement of thought in poetry so as to analyse our attitude toward Christmas and the meaning it holds for us.

Those of you who attended St. Dunstan's in the pre-war years will recall that this writer was awarded a "Literary D" in recognition of his fine efforts in 1938. A very sincere "Thank-you" to Mr. Emmett Brazil for his timely presentation and more especially for permitting its publication in this column.

IS THIS CHRISTMAS

By Emmett Brazil
Pray! Is this Christmas which we keep.

This mad and furious sinful brawl,
Or chance some pagan ritual,
Or dance.

By Satan planned to gulf us all?
Pray! Is this Christmas which we tend.
This festive season of the year,
Or do we to dark idols lend
The honor Christ would cherish dear?

Pray! Is this Christmas which we know
The buying, selling, and the tree,
Is it as was it long ago,
Or is it but a sensual spree?

Pray! Is this Christmas for the child,
The Virgin Mary's infant king,
This godless, earthborn, orgy wild
Which cannot peace nor blessing bring?

Pray! Is this Christmas meant by God
To honor Him, and Christ His Son,
Or hasn't by man been bent to loud
Beelzebub, the evil one?

To each and every one of you
— a very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

Picture Try Proves Fatal

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—A 19-year-old Akron youth who wanted to fake a picture of himself hanging by a rope, so he could show the photograph to his girl friend as a joke died when the stunt went wrong, sheriff's deputies said.

James M. Forester died in hospital eight hours after deputies got him down from a barn rafter where he was hanging and succeeded in reviving him temporarily.

Deputies said Forester and another youth were in the barn to make the picture. Forester stood on the hood of an automobile, with a rope around his neck and over a rafter of the barn, deputies said.

The other youth, Stephen Sucher, 19, of Medina, was quoted by deputies as saying he backed the car away to make a more realistic picture and Forester slipped off the hood.

Sucher told the deputies Forester was hanging about four feet off the ground and he tried to lift him but couldn't, so he ran for help, he said.

Claim Engines Block Signals To Spacemen

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP)—Federal Judge Ben C. Connally has issued a temporary injunction banning a steel fabricating firm from running internal combustion engines while Gemini 7 orbits over this area.

The government, in asking for the injunction, said machinery at Safety Steel Services, Inc., interfered with radio signals to the U.S. space capsule and "threatened the safety of the astronauts."

A seven-year-old, 2½-ton winch truck was blamed by lawyers for the firm with causing the interference.

Herndon H. Scott, president of the firm, said officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in September put special spark plugs and spark arresters on all of the company's vehicles. The old winch truck, Scott said, did not respond to the anti-sparking equipment and was causing the trouble.

Connally, however, in his injunction Wednesday ordered all internal combustion engines at the plant near the NASA tracking station here, to be stilled while the capsule was making passes over the area.

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Husband Wins Custody Of Model's Child

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The estranged husband of a former high-fashion model won custody of their seven-year-old daughter when a judge decided Dovima Horan Murray was more interested in her career than in the girl.

Custody of Alison McKenzie Murray was granted to the father, Alan M. Murray, 39, by California Superior Court Judge William A. Munnell, pending the outcome of a divorce action filed last Friday by Mrs. Murray.

The 36-year-old former model had gone to court in an attempt to gain custody of the child her husband accuses her of kidnapping.

Mrs. Murray accused her husband, a U.S. immigration department special investigator, of cruelty and willful neglect in her suit.

Murray contends, however, that a divorce he obtained in Mexico a year ago has his wife's written consent and that she endorsed an agreement giving him custody of their daughter.

Appointments Announced

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government's recruiting arm, the Civil Service Commission, has announced the appointment of four senior officers to help direct the commission's recently streamlined staffing program.

Three of the officers—the positions pay a maximum of \$15,000 a year—will be responsible for programs designed to staff the civil service with scientific and professional personnel and technical support groups.

The men:
J. M. DesRoches, 41, Ottawa, formerly director of management services, department of defence production;

Dr. D. H. Laughland, 48, Colingwood, Ont., formerly director, administrative, research and branch, agriculture department;

J. F. Godsell, 44, Chatham, England, formerly chief of the public works department's marine, harbors and rivers division.

J. R. Neville, 52, Douglas, requirements divisions, Ont., formerly chief of one of the commission's two staffing divisions.

NUCLEAR TEST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The biggest announced nuclear test this year was conducted underground Friday at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada test site, the AEC reported. It was described as a blast of intermediate yield, meaning the explosive force was equal to that of 300,000 to 1,000,000 tons of TNT.

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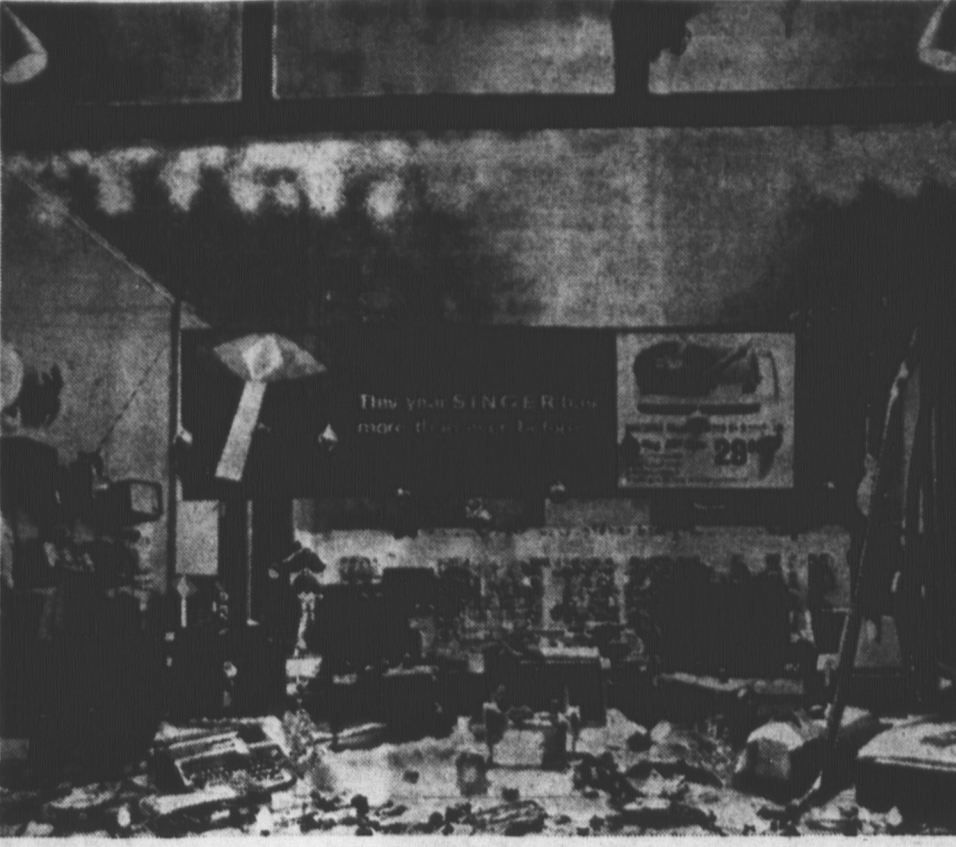
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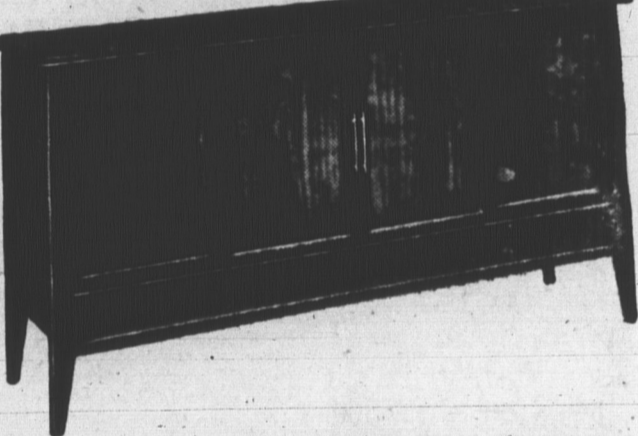
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