

## Semi-Formal Dance

On November 16th, Marian, Bernardine, and Blanchard Hall had their annual "semi-formal" dance. It was once again held at the C.P Prince Edward Hotel for the evening. This was not your average house-party, for everybody was dressed up to the "tips", the guys even wore their favorite ties and suits. While the majority of the ladies were in full length dresses.



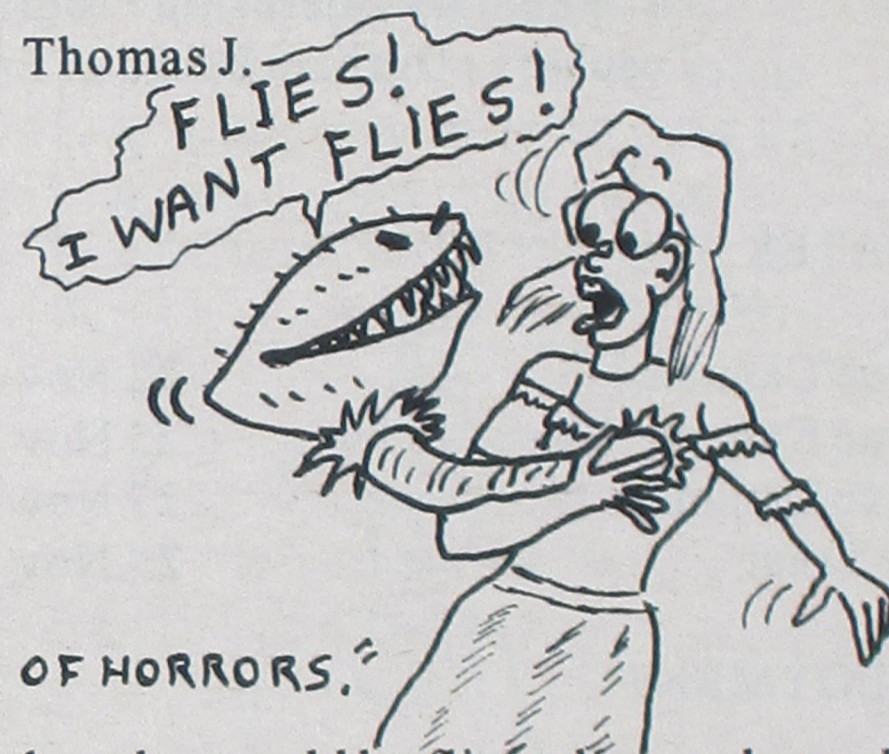
"THE LITTLE PROM OF HORRORS."

## 'TOP TEN' LOWDOWN ON MAIN BUILDING

Things you may or may not know about the big red-brick building next to the rink...

1. Main Building is, as its name suggests, the oldest building on campus, and stood for 62 years as the only academic building on the campus of St. Dunstons, before the construction of Dalton Hall in 1917.
2. The exterior, originally made of wood, was replaced by the red bricks in 1862, after the walls were found to be rotting. I guess it makes a change from the food being bad....
3. Main Building was expanded in 1899, and again in 1903, the second time to house a community of nuns brought over from Quebec to take care of the house-keeping needs of the college community. Before the wheelchair ramp at the front of the building, there was once a veranda and covered walkway.
4. The fourth floor of the building has had a varied past. Before being converted to classrooms and office space, it housed the student radio station and newspaper office, been dorms, and even a rifle range during the Second World War.
5. The first floor of the 1899 addition was, as eagle-eyed students may have noticed, originally a church. At one end stood the altar, at the other, a stage. The

It was truly a great success, even though some residence students preferred to stay at Marian hall and watch "PREDATOR II" for about the tenth time. But there's strong rumors of another "semi-formal" dance being planned for Valentines-day which should even be a bigger success for all you "love-birds" out there. This was a "couples only" format, which was a great idea because it helped many of those shy freshman students get up the nerves to get out with a date. But all-and-all it was a true memorable event.



- benches could be flipped over, depending on the direction the audience needed to be facing!
6. The marble flooring and stairway were commissioned by the Bursar, Father MacQuaid, in 1939. It was faithfully restored in the corridor and parts of the lobby during the renovations of 1987. At the same time, the staircase went from its position on the left of the main entrance, to its present back corner location.
  7. Most of the basement was unusable before the 1987 renovation. Bulldozers were brought in to dig new rooms out of the clay. The only part which had ever been used was the space under the 1899 addition and annex, first as a refectory and then as storage for theatre sets and props. For a while, Security was housed down there, among the rats, bats, and creepy crawlies.
  8. The lamps that hang in the faculty lounge and down the first floor corridor originally lit the chapel when it moved from the first floor to Steele Hall. They were saved when the chapel moved to its present site a few years ago.
  9. Until 1987, the annex was a two-storey building with a flat roof. The computer lab, teaching centre and attic classroom on third floor are all only four years old.
  10. Finally, contrary to popular belief, at least in the X-Press office, there are no ghosts in Main Building Dalton Hall, yes, But more about that another time.....