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"MY MAN SMEDLEY"

Another P & G Success

Miss Roy Receives Ph.D.

Dean Schaus is pleased to announce that Miss Flora Roy, Head of the English Department of Waterloo University College, received her Doctor of Philosophy at a Convocation held at the University of Toronto on Friday, November 25. Dr. Roy, a member of the College faculty for thirteen years received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Roy's thesis was entitled, "George Berkeley and the Eighteenth

Century." Berkeley, born in Ireland in 1685, associated with Swift, Addison, Steele, and Pope. In 1729, he came to America, where he encouraged the growth of such institutions as Yale and Columbia. Berkeley suggested the founding of a second university in Ireland and a centre for advanced study at Oxford. Although an Anglican Bishop, he is, perhaps, best known for his philosophical works which include his famous, "Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge."

Girls Have Play Day

Last Saturday sixteen girls represented Waterloo University College in a Play Day sponsored by OAVC-Mac and including teams from McMaster and Assumption. A little quick arithmetic will help you to appreciate how thinly our forces were spread on occasion when we were scheduled for volley ball, badminton — singles or doubles — and basketball all at one time and this happened on two occasions.

Badminton was the most successful activity of the day, thanks to Dale Perrin's performance in singles competition and her teaming with Eve Klein in one game of doubles. Both the volley ball team and the basketball team improved their play as the day went on and the final encounters against OAVC-Mac ended in losses by a very narrow margin. With a little more practice under the coaching of Miss Lane, we will have a girls' basketball team that will be fair competition for all comers.

Congratulations girls for a truly noble effort.

French Club

The Christmas meeting of the French Club will be held at the home of Dr. J. B. Sanders, 210 Erb St., Waterloo, on Tuesday, December 6, at 8 p.m. The programme will include French games and songs. Those who are planning to go are asked to advise their class representatives. These representatives are: Senior, Larry Wildfong; Junior, Marlene Wagner; Sophomore, Ron Erb; Freshman, Gerry Buerkle and Louise Maggio.

German Club

We are pleased to announce the formation of a German Club on Campus this year. The executive officers are:

- President: Fred Rehse.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Mike Stankowitz.
- Program Director: Hans Panthel.

We are looking forward to bringing many aspects of German culture and tradition to students and the public. We are asking for the support of every interested student.

This review is being written following a dress rehearsal of the 1960 P and G and prior to opening night. Any comments made here, do not bear directly on the performances as the public will see them.

The 1960 P & G is on the whole as refreshing a piece of college humour as it is expected to be. The music is lively, although in some spots it overpowers the proportionately (that is in comparison to the two grand pianos) weaker singers. The choreography is imaginative and fails only in a few scenes due to the non-professional training of all members of the chorus. As a good revue should be, "My Man Smedley" is witty in some scenes, delightful in others, and, at least at the dress rehearsal, never lower than mediocrity, even in the scenes that still needed final polishing.

The cast is more than adequate. Dave Wass, as the pleasant inebriate and Rod McLean, the pompous Reggy, play their roles to the hilt. Joan Reesor livens up the stage every time she appears and her transformation is a most refreshing sight. Tony Dodson is admirable and we couldn't help but wonder how much better he could be with a little more music and/or dry humour. Mike Whitehead in his multiplicity of roles shines in each of them as he and Tony Dodson snapped the repartee of the customs desks at each other. Speedy and subtle are his lines, and he fires them at the audience in some of the revue's funniest scenes. As Smedley, Gord Griggs is a contrast to the more conservative, supposedly typically British traits of the other principals. In comparison, he seems quite Americanized and therefore conveys the slightly boorish impression one is supposed to get from Americans.

As to the scenes themselves — the "fly paper" bit seems a little sticky, and more appropriate for the Three Stooges. The O'Hoolihans (Wayfarers) are a real showstopper. They could easily carry the whole evening's entertainment. (Of course, this is only true if your are partial to folk music.) The Nairobi Trio is as delightful as a Christmas toy, and the best chorus number is "I'm Lost." The second act moves much more quickly than the first with the quick succession of wailing rice pickers, and nasal country music. Once again the blackouts between the scenes weave everything neatly together.

The Joshua number was by far the most impressive of the evening with Paul Enns singing the lead in a truly vibrant, roof rattling number. Hope no one will be frightened by their somewhat unexpected opening. At the dress rehearsal the finale was an anticlimax to the "Joshua" number although it had great potentialities. With polish it could be the highlight of the show.

For the whole evening, the directors paced the floor and made suggestions (sometimes on deaf ears) to improve the show. Philip Schaus has done an admirable job and any future director will have to go some to surpass the "blood, sweat and tears" that he has put into "My Man Smedley." We couldn't help but wonder how effective he would be before instead of behind the spotlight. The whole student body should be thankful for the admirable show they are producing on our behalf. Those of us who were cowardly enough not to take part this year, may do so next year. We hope that we have not revealed too much of the plot or left you with any doubts about the value of P & G.

D. Strahm

A Pep Rally is Scheduled for 1.00 p.m. in the Main Foyer of the Arts Building. Cheerleaders, team captains and a German Band will add to the festivities. The programme is being taken care of by Tom Hazell and Joan Reesor. Get out and support our athletic teams.

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Editorial

Since this will be the last issue of the *Cord* before Christmas, the staff would like to take this opportunity to extend to the entire campus:

The Best Wishes of the Season

NFCUS Report

During the coming weeks, the *Cord* will print the reports of students who attended NFCUS seminars during the summer.

Because a good part of the value of the seminar occurred in the actual trip to Vancouver, B.C., Mr. Hall and I do not feel we should neglect to tell you of at least some experiences en route. The first stop-over tour we Eastern University Students made was at Winnipeg — the largest city in the prairie provinces.

By the time we arrived at Winnipeg, we had already been travelling almost a day and a half. We watched picturesque views of the Great Lakes and Canadian Shield move past the train's windows and chatted with various students from all of the eastern provinces. This informal, but excellent exchange of ideas and opinions was one of the Seminar's greatest aids to my education of Canada. For example, a Nova Scotian student told me some of the mechanics and economics of the fishing industry and about those who live by the sea. Another student made me extremely aware of the acute poverty of many of our neighbours in Labrador and Newfoundland.

When we reached Winnipeg, the very prospect of some space and steady earth to walk upon was welcome. And certainly a great deal more than this awaited us.

At nine-thirty we were taken by bus from the station to the campus of the University of Manitoba which is

situated in Fort Garry. This large university is undergoing considerable expansion. It has several relatively new buildings, including a library, science building and architecture building. There are several more buildings under construction, and several in a program of proposed expansion. However, not having been on campus before, I am sure it would be quite easy for one to lose his bearings, particularly, if one is only familiar with the layout at Waterloo University College.

The University of Manitoba has a strong faculty of Agriculture which incidentally is the oldest, west of the Great Lakes. This faculty has much emphasis on experimental work and research. Our morning session was concerned mainly with the work of this Agriculture Department.

Manitoba is suited for agricultural development, particularly the growing of wheat. Because wheat is the world's most important food crop, Dr. B. C. Jenkins gave the students a talk and demonstration on his grain species building programme.

With today's population explosion and the growing concern over the possible inability of the world to continue feeding its people, I felt that this emphasis on agricultural experiments was worthwhile. It is estimated by the year 2000, that the world population will be doubled. We will need crops having a large food potential. At the University of Manitoba 500 varieties of wheat are grown.

The researchers are trying to discover a winter wheat suitable to the Canadian West. They are continually seeking new rust-free plants which will mature in less time without hindering the yield and if possible increasing it. We were told "Pembena" is the most recent new wheat and the most rust resistant. Although wheat rust is not exactly the field of study for an Arts student, we must still keep our eyes open to what is occurring around us in the other endeavours of study and research as well.

The University of Manitoba Administration sponsored a luncheon for us that noon, at which Mr. B. Scott Bateman, the Manitoba Deputy Minister of Education was the guest speaker. He explained to us some of the problems that the Manitoba Education system has to solve. The main problem is that over half of the province's population is in a very small area, while the rest of Manitoba is only sparsely populated. He challenged young Canadians to meet the future with enthusiasm, with determination to stand up for what we feel is right, and with an ability to meet cynicism unabashed.

As guests at a Dinner banquet at Assiniboine Park, we were privileged to be addressed by the Chancellor of the University of Manitoba. He emphatically declared, that, as University students, our true purpose should be the acquisition of knowledge and the pursuit of truth. Is our purpose in studying for that exam coming up merely to pass, to get our year, and eventually a high paying job?

By ten that evening we were back on the train headed for Saskatoon. The day in Winnipeg had brought the NFCUS delegates a greater knowledge and understanding of the province, and also a challenge to use our privileges and fulfill our responsibilities as students and Canadians.

Brenda Good

Shame on the Frosh

The vast majority of the frosh remind me of a certain baby I once knew. This baby was positively amazing. She was normal, all right. She was just extremely placid. Most babies like, at one time or another, to make their presence known to others. This one, however, did not. She just sat and played quietly, all by herself. She never said "boo". If you wanted to be friends all she would do would be to smile and ignore any further efforts on your part. It was rather exasperating.

Last Thursday, a meeting was called for Frosh leaders. Out of twenty-five leaders, only five showed up. Another meeting was called for the following Monday. After much advertising, fifteen appeared. This apathy seems prevalent throughout the Frosh class. There were pitifully few freshmen at the Soph dance. What is the matter with you, Freshmen? (Oh you went home this weekend! I will accept that excuse. After all, what can you do when you are tied to your Mother's apron strings. Or maybe you have a girl-friend back home. You would not want to develop a guilt complex by taking out one of the girls you flirt with in the Torque Room).

A certain large group of Frosh live in the Torque Room. During the first two or three weeks of College, this group bubbled over with con-

structive criticism. Since they were fairly green, it is understandable that no action was taken. Now they bubble over with either destructive criticism or petty gossip. I say "destructive criticism," because there are never any suggestions to take the place of what has been destroyed. However, if occasionally there is a suggestion, nothing whatsoever is done. These people have heard about the Student Council. Yet has anyone in this group (or anyone else, for that matter) ever attended a Council meeting? You are missing something Freshmen. If you attend, you can put in your "two cents worth." Student Council meetings are held every other Tuesday in the Board Room, usually at 8.00 p.m.

The majority of the College, the Frosh class, just does not know what is going on around it. The alarming thing is that they do not care. Maybe they are typical of the illiterate class. They do not like to read, not even the bulletin board. They probably are the sort of people that enjoy pictorial magazines. It takes so little effort to get just the gist of the latest news by glancing at pictures.

Frosh are as shallow as saucers, poor people. They cannot take too many new ideas. They could remedy this defect, but they are like vegetables. They are perfectly satisfied with their own little world. There is no need to change.

Well, all of you Frosh who are like vegetables, shallow dishes and placid babies, you are either dying or dead. My heart bleeds for you.

Disgusted Frosh

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

After reading the notice in last week's *Cord* regarding "Courtly Love — Discussion on Campus." I cannot help but wonder if the persons responsible for the printing of *The Cord* should not be taking an advanced course in English or else they should spend more time on their present English course. I am not trying to "knock" anyone, since I realize the difficulty in printing a paper, but could we please, for the sake of English grammar, at least, have better agreement of time sequence than appeared in this article, i.e., "we were very fortunate in having ... topic will be."

Also, might I suggest a name for the school teams that would tie in with the fighting spirit found in any team better than *Nomads*. *Nomads* are a group of lost individuals who are satisfied to take life as it comes. How about a name such as the SPARTANS. The Spartans were certainly known for their fighting spirit, and their victory, battle after battle. The Spartans did not fight like a horde of scared individuals but, rather, fought with some refinement and civilization.

Royals Win Opener

The Waterloo College Royals opened their league basketball season by defeating the Senior 'Y' Champions of last year, the Dominion Tire Industrialists, by a close 33 - 29 score. At the end of regular play, a three minute overtime was necessary, as the score was tied 29 - 29. In the overtime period, the Industrialists were held scoreless, while a basket each for Tom Phalon and Captain Art West cinched the game for the Royals. High scorer for the Royals was Archie McLean with twelve points. Congratulations, team.

Hollo Wallo Willison

by Willy Sinhal

Whilst I relate this nonsense to you this week, the peace and serenity of my surroundings astounds me. The only sound is that of a pen, putting final touches on an essay for the Chairman of the House Committee. This gentleman also conducts a History Course. Amazes me where that certain supreme individual finds enough hours in a day to fulfill so completely, all his commitments.

The big topic of conversation, amusement, fun, gravity and what not at Willison this week is absolutely nothing. All are huddled in text books, feverishly attempting to cram "knowledge" into their cerebral hemispheres. The tests will soon be upon us.

However, as usual, there are a few deeds worthy of note. Most interesting to see that when one goes home for Commencement, one returns to our domain with a new lease on life and is all set to turn over a new leaf and "start" to work diligently. My sincere congratulations. My goodness, you would think that when certain individuals drive "new" cars, they would be extremely careful with them. Must tell you though, that such is not the case with two of our dare-devils. They believe in making their sound like a tractor — shortly after it leaves the factory. Only comment on it all, "I just wanted to see if he could drive." How about that?

Tubbings have been prevalent these days, unfortunately. One evening, one chap was not particularly fussy about it. My sympathy to the two gentlemen who had their room arranged so neatly.

And so, we come to the end of another column. I leave you with this bit of advice for your tests, students, "You do not get anything without sacrifice."

WOMEN'S UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

Dig out your date books girls because here is another engagement for the first week in December. On Monday, December 5, 1960, there will be the annual W.U.A. Christmas Programme. At 5.30 p.m. there will be a steaming hot supper of chile con carne, french bread, etc. Tickets can be purchased today, Friday, for 50c. Now, before you say "I can't possibly go — I've got a Philosophy seminar, Economics exam, Essays, etc., etc., ad infinitum ad nauseam!" let me remind you that you all have to eat sometime, even if you are madly trying to reduce yourself into your Christmas dress. Besides, the programme will be over by 6.30.

Get your ticket from some member of the executive or anyone else who seems to be selling W.U.A. Christmas Party tickets. (Don't eat too much before you get there.)

People Are Thinking About . . .

People are thinking about . . . "Smedley", if unleashed, might run as long as "The Drunkard" . . . nationalized in 1956, the Suez Canal has become as lucrative for Egypt, as Cleopatra's seductive smile: from royal barges to rugged steamers in just 2,000 years . . . disproving, "Everyone knows where it is, but no one wants to go there", 1500 Americans annually head for a new life in Australia: maybe Canada is too close to be attractive . . . Kennedy's slim majority has prompted the fear of a shackled administration; Eisenhower managed to give this impression with an overwhelming majority . . . fear of Algeria becoming another Korea . . . fire-cracker battles in full swing; Central America, South East Asia, North and Middle Africa — proving that there is still big money in ammunitions.

People are thinking about . . . "Canada is becoming a Switzerland in North America", neutrality is a naughty word in Western affairs . . . Mr. Coyne's favourite record, "Foreign Debt and Unemployment," will never make the top ten . . . disastrous effects of a railway strike at this time; paradox would be the realization that railways are not an integral part of our economy . . . financial help for graduate students to be cut by the province; post-graduate students are getting close to their earning field; therefore do not need help (how absolutely ridiculous).

People are thinking about . . . "Summoned by Bells", by John Betjeman, an autobiography in the form of blank verse. As a schoolboy handed a book of his verse to his master, T. S. Eliot, for perusal; in reflection, "I wonder what he thought? He never says/ When now we meet, across the port and cheese" . . . psychosexual explanations by Tennessee Williams in a new play, "Period of Adjustment", of "the ingloriousness of an American domesticity that has become joyless and synthetic."

People are thinking about . . . sending plaudits and awards to the company of "My Man Smedley" and in particular to the director and producer, perhaps professorial dispensation should be included . . . \$17,000, what kind of a Student Union Building is wanted, a quanset hut? . . . Poetry Club meeting on Wednesday at noon: to read, to be read, and to be readjusted . . . Music 60, CKKW, early Saturday evenings; for campus news and views as well as a development of jazz — listen and request . . . articles by the faculty would create a stimulating aura for *The Cord* . . . Poetry and articles by students could replace long-winded reports, quickly . . . overheard before Psychology exam: "I've made up my mind. Now don't confuse me with facts"

Varsity Hockey Team

The Waterloo University College Hockey Team begins its league season against McMaster University at the Dundas Arena, Dundas, Ontario. Game time is set for 8.00 p.m. and insofar as it is within driving distance all sports fans are encouraged to support this promising hockey team.

Library Notice

UPPER LIBRARY

Reserve books may be taken out for Christmas Holidays on Thursday, December 15th, after 3 p.m. or on Friday, December 16th. One book per student per course will be permitted. All books will be due Tuesday, January 3rd, 1961. Students may reserve these books by signing the list in the Upper Library beginning on Monday, December 5th.

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LOWER LIBRARY

All books signed out after Wednesday, November 30th, will be due on Wednesday, December 14th. Books to be taken out over the Christmas Holidays may be signed out Wednesday to Friday, December 14th to December 16th. All books will be due Tuesday, January 3rd, 1961.

"What Else Is New?"

Reprinted from *The University Liberal*.

"It was good for the Liberal Party to lose the elections of 1957 and 1958. And, more important still, it was probably in the best interests of Canada that the Liberals lost. After 22 years of giving Canada the best government she has ever known, the Liberals were growing old and soft. Their leadership was growing complacent. The Liberals needed new blood and new ideas. These were being infused slowly, but it took the cataclysm of the double defeat to open the way for them in quantities sufficient to revitalize the Party."

Quipped one Tory: "That's what we kept telling them, but they wouldn't believe us."

Conrad Corner

This has been a quiet week at Conrad. We now have three Queens in residence and plans are in progress for composing a ballad about them along the lines of a well known Christmas Carol. The results so far are:

We three queens of Waterloo are. Bearing flowers we dance from afar. Lovely and bright, mature and slight?

Through work we reach to the stars.

We are justly proud of the girls who have brought honour to our dorm. They are Miss Marilyn Fisher, a most radiant Campus Queen; Pat Jackson, one of her gracious attendants; and Miss Karen Rapsey, the W.U.A.'s Miss T.W.I.R.P. of 1960.

A note of appreciation is hereby extended to the kind gentlemen who serenaded us so sweetly one foggy night. The writer is specifically thankful for their rendition of "The Merry Minuet."

IVCF Helps Mission

The "House of Friendship" is the name of the mission in this area for those men who are "down and out." This mission has overnight accommodations for fourteen men and can supply meals for twenty or twenty-five. These men are either out of work, pensioners, or merely those who need help or attention.

It has been the privilege of a number of our students to participate in Monday evening supper services from 6.30 - 7.00 during the fall term. We hope to continue this throughout school year.

If you feel you would like to visit the mission with us, we would be happy to have you along. If you would like to participate in any of the services, we would appreciate your help.

Ron Pegg

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French Club

The first meeting of "Le Cercle Français" was held recently. Miss Sandra Borne told us of her experiences at the summer course, held at Trois Pistales, Quebec. Mrs. Walter took us on an imaginary journey to La Rochelle, France. Mrs. Walter brought back many interesting impressions of life in La Rochelle. Selection of the 1960-61 executive followed and the results were: Larry Wildfong, President; Karl Weber, Vice-President; Margaret Steinke, Secretary-Treasurer; Carol Dietrich and Marlene Wagner, Conveners. We have an interesting programme planned for the future, including a guest speaker, films, and a one act play. We hope you will plan to attend these meetings and "Parlez Français avec nous."

I.V.C.F.

IVCF is planning a Bowling Party for some evening before the Christmas — Be on the lookout for signs concerning this.

We are grateful for the number of students who have found time to share with us in Bible Studies. There is still room for much more participation. The meetings are held Monday at noon, Room 201; Wednesday noon in 207 and Thursday at 4 p.m. in 207.

Art Sheil

Basketball

The Waterloo University College five met the Waterloo Warriors in a basketball contest at the Kitchener-Waterloo Memorial Auditorium. The Warriors dominated play for the first half, led by their sharp-shooting forward Jones with 21 points. The patterns used by the Warriors worked smoothly the first half and at half time had built up a considerable lead over the cold Waterloo quintet.

The second half was characterized by a vastly improved brand of ball, especially on the part of Waterloo College. Led by Spriceniaks with 12 points, Chambers with 9, Bolton with 8 and Mahood with 7, the team play, patterns and shooting was much more effective. The final score 72 - 45 left Coach Pinola with high hopes for the ensuing league games. A number of scrimmages have been scheduled and the next league game finds the team travelling to Guelph to play O.A.C.

WESTERN ONTARIO INTERCOLLEGIATE J. V. BASKETBALL CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE

Dec. 6	Waterloo College	at	O. A. C.	7.00 p.m.
Dec. 15	St. Jeromes	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Hamilton Ins. of Tech.	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
Jan. 16	O. A. C.	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
Jan. 24	McMaster	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Waterloo College	at	St. Jeromes (tentative)	1.30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Waterloo University	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Waterloo College	at	McMaster	6.45 p.m.
Feb. 14	Hamilton Teachers Col.	at	Waterloo	7.30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Waterloo College	at	Waterloo University	7.00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Hamilton Ins. of Tech.	at	Waterloo College	7.30 p.m.
March 7	Waterloo College	at	Hamilton Teachers Col.	7.30 p.m.

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