

## SHU RECEIVES NSF GRANT



New SG representatives gather for first official portrait. Seated (l-r) Christine Nagot corresponding secretary; Steve Lanzo, treasurer; Maureen Dursi, president; Israel Menchero, vice-president; and Rosemarie Gorman, recording secretary. Standing (l-r), Robert Biancardi, Jeff Hohl, and Anthony Russo.

## Pres. Maureen Dursi Gives Inaugural As New SG Convenes

New Student Government president, Maureen Dursi, stressed communication between students and SG representatives during the first meeting of the new government on May 12.

In her "Inaugural Address" to the SG, Miss Dursi said, "We are beginning only now to realize the tremendous honor — and tremendous responsibility — that we have as students at SHU to make Sacred Heart the great university it can be; to make it respected as a center for the intellectual, spiritual, cultural, and social development of its students." Miss Dursi emphasized that the SG can "play a leading role in assisting this development."

### Tense Ballot Counting

The new Student Government actually gathered together at an earlier date, when, on May 6, tense ballot-counting determined the 1965-66 membership of the government. Sophomores elected Maureen Dursi, Steve Lanzo, Bob Biancardi, and Israel Menchero as their representatives. In a tight vote, freshmen chose Tony Russo, Jeff Hohl, Chris Nagot, and Rosemarie Gorman.

After recovering from the excitement, members elected their officers. Maureen Dursi,

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## Mr. Schlereth Accepts U. of Iowa Fellowship

Mr. Thomas J. Schlereth, Sacred Heart's enterprising American history teacher, has been awarded a graduate fellowship to the University of Iowa starting in Sept., 1965. The fellowship gives his semi-faculty privileges in the graduate college, besides covering tuition, fees, and an adequate living expense of \$2,400 per year.

Mr. Schlereth's program of research emphasizes American intellectual history and the history of ideas under major professor Stow Persons. One of the main reasons why Mr. Schlereth chose this fellowship was the opportunity he would have of studying with Professor Persons. Mr. Schlereth's minor fields of endeavor are in Ameri-

can history. These courses will eventually lead him to his doctoral dissertation. The dissertation will cover American religious ferment in the early twentieth century.

When asked if he would miss teaching here at SHU Mr. Schlereth replied that "I enjoyed teaching here and have found it very rewarding. However, I am looking forward to continuing my education."

This summer Mr. Schlereth will be an instructor on the staff for Outward Bound schools in Colorado, teaching mountain survival and mountaineering. When asked about his unusual hobby, Mr. Schlereth explained that people who deal in the abstracts, such as the arts, often need a tangible. Mountaineering is his tangible.

## BIOLOGY DEPT. WILL USE \$5,000 FOR EXPANSION

The National Science Foundation has awarded Sacred Heart a grant of \$5,000. The sum, to be matched by the University, is earmarked for the expansion of laboratory facilities in biological sciences according to Dr. William Conley, president.

This is the first grant to the University, coming in its second year of existence.

Miss Carol Day of the biology department prepared the project request. The grant will be expended under her direction. Miss Day acknowledges the grant "as a specific tribute to Sacred Heart and its educational philosophy."

The laboratory facilities financed by the grant will be for a contemporary course in biology. The course aims to introduce students to modern scientific thought and methods while presenting a conceptual survey of biology.

Collaborating with Mr. Anthony Pinciari of the chemistry department, Miss Day said that equipment to be made available by the grant will include stereomicroscopes, geiger counters, high speed centrifuges, neurophysiological equipment, and low temperature incubators.

## Exhibit, Concert Highlight Parents' Night

Parents of SHU students visited the campus at an open house on Sunday, May 2, to meet the administration and faculty members.

The guests were greeted at a 5 p.m. convocation by Dr. William H. Conley, president of the university. Dr. Conley reviewed SHU's brief two-year history noting that Sacred Heart is unique because it is the only Catholic institution with an all-lay administration and faculty. The president also observed that SHU was founded as a commuter college in order to "continue the association of the home."

President Conley told the audience that a Catholic liberal education "must prepare men and women for an active and effective role in the lay apostolate." It must provide an environment for the development of moral and spiritual values begun in the home, concluded the president.

Dean Maurice J. O'Sullivan  
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Sophomore Dave Layden, left, congratulates Mr. Thomas Schlereth who has been awarded a fellowship to the U. of Iowa.



## editors' desk

## CAN PROGRESSIVISM SURVIVE AT SHU?

Recently we have seen Sacred Heart elect a new Student Government. Not that all the incumbents were swept out of office. It's just that the Student Government seems to have a new look, both in personnel and attitude. It may be only the first flush of enthusiasm after the election, but we think not. The new government and its leaders exhibit a positive attitude which its predecessors did not always display.

But the question is how long will this positive attitude last? Will it be able to weather the storm of student cynicism or the dead calm of student apathy? Can it survive?

We would like to answer a ringing YES to this question. Unfortunately, history has given us cause for skepticism. We all remember the Halloween dance the sophomore class sponsored. Tickets were made up, the gym was decorated, and top flight entertainment was acquired. The student body responded by avoiding it like medieval peasants avoided lepers.

There are many more examples of Student Government projects getting bogged down in student apathy. In light of these examples the prospects

of a long life for the Student Government's positive attitude look bleak.

This is not to say that we should sit down and calmly watch the SG sink into quicksand. There is an answer to the problem. A simple one that will be beneficial for both the student body and the Student Government. **The answer is shake off the apathy, forget the cynicism, support your duly elected representatives.**

It is the height of paradox when people go through the trouble of electing leaders and then proceed to forget about them. The members of the Student Government are our leaders; we elected them; it is our duty to support them and to keep our interests before them.

**The present student representatives' progressive outlook cannot stand alone and survive. It cannot survive when student attitudes are working against it. In order for it to live and grow we the students must rid ourselves of this malignant apathy and channel our energies toward motivating our representatives. We have elected strong progressive leaders; let's be strong progressive followers.**

## COOL, CLEAR WATER...

Have you noticed that it is almost impossible to obtain a drink of cool clear water in the student lounge? In fact, there is a marked resemblance between the lounge and Walter O'Malley's Dodger Stadium where drinking fountains are few and far between, but soda concessions are as multitudinous as the sands in the desert. To obtain a drink one has to go upstairs or buy a soda.

This is not a matter of crying need, (no student has died of thirst lately) but it would be more convenient for the students if a drinking fountain were installed. **Perhaps now is a good time to exercise our democratic prerogative and circulate a petition requesting drinking facilities in the lounge. Why not? The last one was successful.**

Play Review:  
Romeo and Juliet

By Gerald Saladyga

The story of Romeo and Juliet. Essence: Love and Despair.

And the repertoire company at the American Shakespeare Festival Theatre brings out this essence brilliantly. Terrence Scammell as Romeo, Maria Tucci as Juliet, Lillian Gish as the nurse to Juliet, and John Cunningham as Mercutio, all radiate in their roles. Yet by some strange phenomenon one does not see Terrence Scammell as Romeo or Maria Tucci as Juliet, but... he sees... Romeo and Juliet. It is an experience to see a play so well acted.

But credit should be given, as it has always been given, to the author of the play, himself — Shakespeare. He has written sort of a dialectic. Thesis: two lovers; antithesis: their separation; and synthesis: despair. What could be more human or more realistic? Shakespeare has taken a slice of life and projected it, though not isolated from reality, but immersed in poetry; thus making life itself poetic. And the tragedy of the play is that the characters, Romeo and Juliet, do not know how beautiful life is. They are so consumed in their love for each other, that they forget reality, tossing it aside; and instead of letting it help them, they make it their enemy. Thus, they despair.

Go see this play; even if only for the final scene, which is done so beautifully and so poignantly that the world seems to stop for a split second. Believing that Juliet is dead, Romeo drinks the poison which he has bought from the apothecary. Just before he dies, he sees Juliet begin to move. He then realizes that she is not dead. He tries to grab on to the last breath of his life in hopes that it will sustain him. But he cannot. He dies and returns to reality.

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then introduced Mr. William B. Ready, university librarian. Mr. Ready spoke briefly saying that a "library is the keystone in the structure of a university" and that books must be used if they are to benefit students.

After a short break for refreshments, the guests reconvened in the auditorium for the formal opening of SHU's first art show. Rev. William Fletcher of Ansonia, consultant to the exhibit, presented a portrait of Bishop Walter W. Curtis to the university. Father Fletcher said the portrait, by Shelton artist Peter Philippsie, would remind the students of "the man who provided higher educational pos-

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Israel Menchero, and Steve Lanzo were voted president, vice-president, and treasurer, respectively. Chris Nagot and Rosemarie Gorman are the corresponding and recording secretaries.

## Class Officers Elected

The Student Government election culminated several weeks of campaigning and elections for class officers and SG representatives. In earlier voting, the sophomore class re-elected Pete Schwickert president; and the freshmen re-elected their former president, Kieran Kilbride. Other sophomore officers include vice-president, George Gardner; secretary, Lois D'Andrea; and treasurer, Tom Rowne. Freshmen chose vice-president, Kevin Hunt; secretary, Mary Jean Maguire; and treasurer, Maureen McCarthy.

Both the Student Government and class officers are planning activities for next year. Immediate SG plans include work on the student handbook, co-ordination of Orientation Week activities, and review of student organizations' constitutions.

sibilities for them."

The SHU Mixed Chorus ended the evening program with a concert of favorite show tunes.



To the Editors:

With such wrist-tingling matters as world peace and the dignity of man to protest about, it may seem somewhat bourgeois of me to bother with anything so colorless as a college curriculum. Just the same though, I think somebody ought to bother, and while protesting on paper may not get as many results as protesting on a freeway, it's at least worth a try.

What I'm protesting is the administration's exclusion of German from next year's language offerings. Of course, I realize that this exclusion was unavoidable in view of the small interest shown in taking the language. But I also realize that the reason for this lack of interest in German was a lack of appreciation for it. And this was avoidable.

It was avoidable because all that was needed to kindle that appreciation was a word or two from the administration

pointing out what an invaluable aid a knowledge of German would be to science majors, math majors, history majors, philosophy majors — or to anyone who is simply interested in meeting some of the greatest minds of Western culture.

Yet no such word came. And while it would be unfair to expect the administration to have touted German like a bottle of snake-oil tonic, it would not be unfair, I think, to expect them to have given it the exposure that French and Spanish have enjoyed — and no doubt benefited from — over the past two years through convocation speakers and well-stocked library shelves. To argue that German receives no similar exposure because it is not studied here is to argue in a circle: German will never be studied here as long as no attempt is made to give students a reason for studying it.

This brings me to the real purpose of this letter; namely, to ask that something be done to give students that reason. What I ask is merely that (1) during the next semester, the administration feature at least one convocation speaker on German culture; (2) that it establish some sort of balance in the library between the German literature section and the French and Spanish sections; and lastly, that (3) the students themselves show the same kind of ardor to get Goethe in the classroom as they did to get Montovanni in the lounge.

Martin Autuori '67

## UNDERCURRENTS

By Jan Muldoon

As a result of the recent Student Government elections, we are very much aware of leaders and leadership. The qualities expected in leaders must have at least been vaguely present in your mind when you and the ballot met face to face. Right up to graduation and beyond we will be hearing about leadership in large quantities. The whole diocese is waiting for the day when SHU will start sending out lights to the Gentiles. In view of all of this I would like to register a few words about followership, the opposite side of the coin, not the negation.

The duties of the follower are as binding, though different, from those of the leader. At SHU the first duty is the selection of student leaders. But to tuck them away in the SG office and forget about them until next May would make a farce out of the whole business.

To avoid this, positive thinking-man-type-following with well-directed enthusiasm is needed. Playing it too cool has made many people numb.

Some people think that following is a safe, secure function requiring little thought and lots of yeses. A creative follower can be anything but. He must be constantly on the lookout for deviations from the goal or perversions of the means. He must be amenable and adamant at the same time.

Here at SHU, through the Student Government, class officers, and other organizations, all of us can join in the great good fun of outlining traditions. It is one of the benefits of being in a new school. We aren't being suffocated in halls of overgrown ivy. Aggiornamento is in the air. An aware, concerned student body with constructive leaders could have a field day.

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## Journalists Plan Workshop

A journalism workshop will be held at Sacred Heart University from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3. Miss Sylvia Tackowiak, chairman of the event, stated that its purpose will be "to prepare students for the responsibility and influential privilege of the school newspaper."

The workshop will meet daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sessions will be held dealing with news writing, editorial writing (content and style), layouts, headlining, and sports writing. The work done in these sessions will go into the newspaper which will be published at the end of the week. Luncheon will be served at which a prominent newspaper person will speak.

Juniors and seniors from area high schools and THE OBELISK staff will attend the workshop.

## Caralannas Entertains Youngsters

Fifteen sixth and seventh grade girls from St. Mary's School in Bridgeport have been spending their Friday afternoons at SHU as guests of the Caralannas Society. According to Betty Felth, president, "We have set up a recreational program for children which we hope to continue as a permanent project of the Caralannas Society."

This past Friday, with very pleasant weather, the recreation hour was held outdoors where both the girls from St. Mary's and the members of the Caralannas Society engaged in an exciting softball game.



Solemn, in the flush of victory, junior class officers begin planning for next year. They are clockwise, Lois D'Andrea, secretary; Tom Browne, treasurer; George Gardner, vice-president and Pete Schwickert, president

## Fr. D'Arcy Perceives "Age of Anxiety"

The Very Rev. Martin D'Arcy, eminent British Jesuit, made the May 13 convocation one of the most stimulating of the year. From the wealth of long experience as priest, scholar, and administrator, the famous author spoke with insight and erudition on the "Age of Anxiety." Dr. John Rycenga, in introducing him, outlined Father's many accomplishments. Ordained in 1921 and a graduate of Oxford, he was dean of Campion College there. In 1945 Father was appointed provincial of the Jesuits in England. In his many books on ethics, theology, literature and art, he has distinguished himself as one of the great minds of our time. Father is now at Wesleyan University as a fellow of the Center for Advanced Study. Father D'Arcy began his address with a survey of the solutions offered for the problem of existence in the centuries following the rejection of the Christian life-view. He demonstrated how the oppressive feeling of the futility of existence has been the major cause in forming this age of anxiety. "When man," he said, "deserted God, he committed suicide."

The church, Father D'Arcy pointed out, has a vital role to play in this age. After the reformation, the church withdrew from the world. Now, with the call to renewal of Pope John, the Church must go out to the world and give it meaning.

Father then summed up by asking whether we had really absorbed the new spirituality. To do so we must "steep ourselves in the God News" of Christ for the sake of the world which "is begging on its knees."

Ever since the new liturgical changes came into effect, there has been growing resistance to the new forms of Christian worship in the Roman Catholic Church. Actually, one could say that there are two types of Catholics: orthodox and unorthodox. Various members of the Roman clergy have propounded a return to the previous liturgy, which was marked by silent observance and a passive role by the faithful. This return is also aimed at restoring the use of Latin to the Catholic Mass. There are others, most of whom are found among the younger generation, who are generally delighted at the new changes. Our hope for a comprehensible and participative church, which I feel the new liturgy is progressing toward, lies with them. For people who generally feel disinclined to the recent changes, some positive advice can be offered.

We as Christians most realize that God's Kingdom, "the Holy Catholic Church," as a living organization is essentially one of change. The fundamental acts of worship remain the same, though the external forms of observance can and should be altered for the sake of clarity. It is true that the previous liturgy, with its distinct flavour of Catholicism, emphasized by the richness of Latin and traditional trappings, was most appealing. We should, however, not allow the beauty and tradition to obscure the true meaning behind the faith. We must worship God as his flock in group participation, and not be preoccupied with mat-

ters of lesser consequence.

Through group participation and an active role in liturgical affairs, we shall be unified and have an understanding of our action and the function of the church.

All this is well and good, but change is a hard pill to swallow and it may be years before the desired goals of the new liturgy are attained. For the young, it will be a relatively simple matter of adjustment; for the older generations, in the twilight of their lives, it will be a long and often disenchanting process.

I have recently heard of an English clergyman, who was faced with the task of actually moving his old parish church from one borough to another. Unable to secure the aid of house-moving firms, the eager parson transported his ancient church, brick by brick, to a location 17 miles distant. He dismantled the old structure, carried it to the new location by truck, and proceeded to erect a new church with the material of the old. This arduous task took 10 years, but when it was completed, a lovely addition, firm in every way, was added to the glory of England's smaller parish churches.

This parson, who was by no means young, exerted himself to capacity to bring about a change. He changed a church physically; we have the responsibility of changing a church in its deeper realities. Our task is less back-breaking, but at times more disheartening. We require the faith and perseverance of the exemplary English parson to move the church of God.

## Glenmary Priest Discusses Appalachia

Rev. James J. Wilmes of the Glenmary Home Missions discussed the Catholic Church's contribution in Appalachia at Tuesday's convocation. Father Wilmes, who is stationed at the order's house of studies in Fairfield, showed a film on the Glenmary Fathers' work in Appalachia.

Father Wilmes served as a Chicago diocesan priest for three years before entering Glenmary. Since then, he has worked with people in six counties in the southestern tip of North Carolina. Father has also been in charge of the Pius XII Pastoral Center in Hazel, N.C.. The center is for newly ordained priests of Glenmary.

The Glenmary Home Missioners of America have their provincial headquarters in Glendale, Ohio. Their missions in 10 states from Penn. to Texas assist some 1,000,000 persons to help themselves. Of this number, Father pointed out, "not even one per-cent are Catholic."



Bishop Walter W. Curtis, left, and SHU president Dr. William H. Conley accept a portrait of the Bishop on behalf of the University. The painting, by Shelton artist Peter Philippsie, was presented on Parents' Night, May 2.



# Feeley Outlines Sports Program

By Bob Biancardi

In a recent Special Sports presentation on WSHU-FM, Mr. Abe Najamy, manager, and Steve Lanzo, sports commentator, introduced Sacred Heart University's new athletic director and basketball coach Mr. Don Feeley.

Mr. Feeley, a former University of Bridgeport basketball star, served four years as head mentor of the Andrew Ward high school combine. His teams there won two Eastern Divisional titles in the Fairfield County Conference Championships. Ward, one of the top teams in the state this past winter with a 21-2 record, lost out in the quarter finals of this year's class "A" state basketball tourney. In 1964 Mr. Feeley was cited by the Fairfield Town Crier as "Coach of the Year".

As an athlete, aside from his feats on the UB hardwood, the new coach was a standout basketball and cross country player at Westfield High School in New Jersey where he was named to the All-State basketball squad during his senior year.

When asked if he felt any great challenge facing him in making the transition from high school coaching to coaching on

the college level, the new athletic director named, "organization" as the main goal. "Build a real good program . . . develop an interest in sports . . . and make the administration, faculty, and students, fully aware of what our goals will be."

Coach Feeley remarked that SHU will have a full athletic program for the '65-66 school year. Varsity sports have now made their way to the university campus. Beginning next fall the athletic department is presenting varsity and freshman soccer; cross country; and a split baseball schedule, that is a schedule which consists of games being played in the fall and early spring to offset the problem of the summer vacation affecting a full baseball program. Mr. Feeley also named varsity and freshman basketball, indoor track, and fencing for the winter season. The athletic department tabs fencing as a sport becoming increasingly popular in the Bridgeport area.

For the spring our basketball mentor has named baseball, outdoor track golf and tennis. Mr. Feeley has much praise for the golf potential here at SHU.



Coach Don Feeley

He feels that the University has "one of the finest nuclei for a college golf team in the nation."

In answer to a question of how he plans to recruit talent for next year and the succeeding years in sports, Mr. Feeley replied that due to the fact that Sacred Heart is a commuter college, he plans to concentrate on locating athletes from around the Bridgeport area. He says that we can

draw prospects to our campus by proving to them that SHU is "a great up and coming school."

Mr. Feeley also made mention of some great basketball talent who have expressed an interest in SHU. Among them are Cliff Bush and Bill Joiner, former Hillhouse basketball standouts who have starred in Hillhouse's quest for their third straight title in the state tourney classics. Another area basketball stalwart who might expend his talents at Sacred Heart is Oliver Lee, former star cager at Greenwich High School.

The cage mentor also expressed a great interest in intra-mural sports which he considers very important on the college level to help those who might not be so athletically inclined keep in shape and build up spirit. On the subject of spirit, Mr. Feeley claims it is "vital" to the morale of the teams. Without spectator participation at games he feels that the teams could not possibly perform up to par.

We, of the sports department, want to wish Mr. Don Feeley great and continued success in his endeavors as coach and athletic director at Sacred Heart University.



Freshman Bob Proudfoot and his mother examine Turibio's wood carving, "Last Supper" at SHU's recent exhibit of contemporary religious art. This popular exhibit, held May 3 through May 15 featured original paintings by Chagall and Roualt, as well as sculpture by prominent Conn. artist Frederick Shradly.

## New Psych. Head Speaks

Dr. Bruce Muller, who will become chairman of the psychology department in Sept., spoke at a recent convocation. In introducing the psychologist, Dean O'Sullivan noted that as department head, Dr. Muller will begin the development of a major in psychology at the university.

Dr. Muller's talk stressed the difference between what he

labeled "everyman's psychology" and scientific psychology. "Everyone today is somewhat of a psychologist," he stated.

The difference, as Dr. Muller pointed out, is that scientific psychology uses objective facts and clear, precise language. Personal psychology, he said, employs casual language

and subjective facts.

A brief true-false test, which Dr. Muller administered to the audience, supported his thesis.

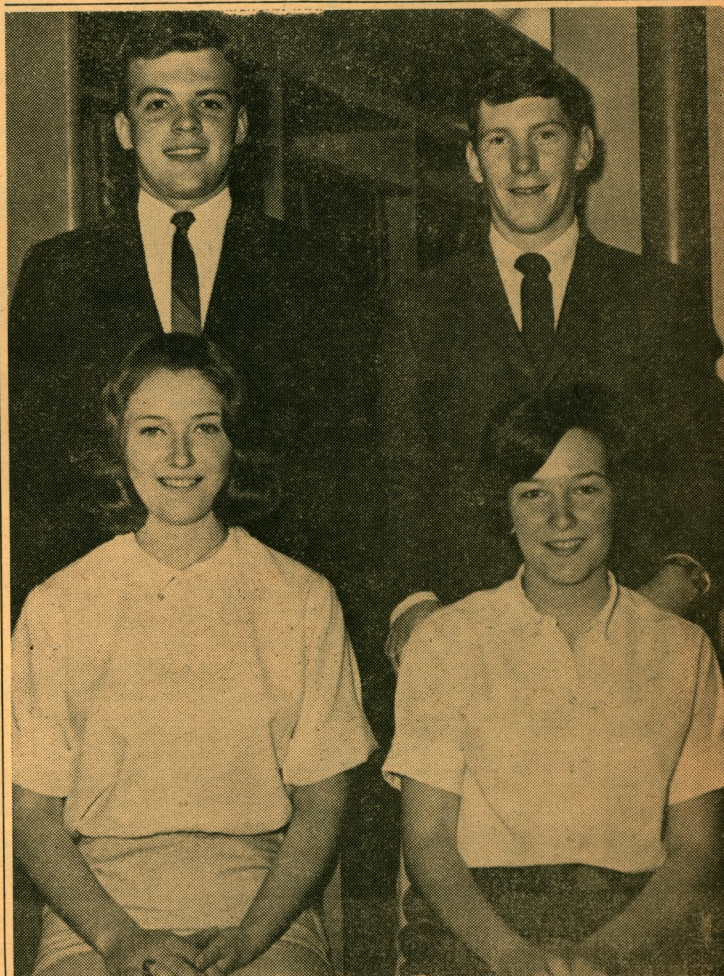
In conclusion, the future department head indicated that the demand for trained psychologists in so many fields made the study of psychology worthwhile.

## WSHU Radiomen Gain Posts In Area Stations

Three student broadcasters, from the diocesan radio station, WSHU-FM, have acquired summer employment with local commercial radio stations.

The three students, who have had no radio experience prior to broadcasting for WSHU are, George Repko, Ken Krenick, and Al Stiewing. Ken and George will be working for station WLAD in Danbury, while Al will be employed by station WFIF in Milford. All three men have passed the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) examination, and have received their training by volunteering their time to the diocesan radio station.

WSHU, under the management of Mr. Abe Najamy, will accept new applicants for the summer and fall radio schedules.



Newly elected sophomore class officers face the future with a look of confidence. Seated (l-r) Mary Jean Maguire, secretary; Maureen McCarthy, treasurer. Standing (l-r) Kieran Kilbride, president; and Kevin Hunt, vice-president.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

Thursday	1:00- 3:00	History
Friday	9:00-11:00	Languages
Friday	1:00- 3:00	Music, Art Appreciation
Monday	9:00-11:00	Math., Education (except Nowakowski)
Monday	1:00- 3:00	Philosophy
Tuesday	9:00-11:00	Soc. Science, Polit. Science, Sociology
Tuesday	1:00- 3:00	Theology
Wednesday	9:00-11:00	English
Wednesday	1:00- 3:00	Accounting, Business Administration
Thursday	No Exams	Ascension Thursday
Friday	9:00-11:00	Biology, Chemistry, Science
Friday	1:00- 3:00	Speech