

St. Mary's Journal will survive

by Ken Dodd

The Journal, the student newspaper at St. Mary's University, will be publishing its first paper of the fall term next Thursday, October 6 ending speculation the paper would not publish this year because of lack of interest.

The publication date was established Monday following a successful staff recruitment meeting attended by 40 persons wanting to work for the financially-troubled paper.

"I'm pleasantly surprised and gratified to say the least," said interim editor Matthew Adamson about the turnout. Adamson noted that only three persons attended a similar meeting a year ago and he was only expecting "about 10 at the most" on Monday. Adamson was editor of the 1976-77 paper which attracted a staff of only a few persons, none of whom expressed

interest in heading the paper this year.

The Journal and other student council-supported activities have been hampered and in some cases closed because of drastic budget cutbacks by the SMU student council in recent years. The council incurred a huge debt three years ago and has been repaying it at a rate of \$25 thousand per year.

Adamson credited several factors for the apparent upswing in interest in The Journal. "The radio station isn't functioning because of cutbacks. Also a lot of other societies on campus aren't in gear yet either because of financial problems or apathy," he explained. "As well, we plastered the campus with recruitment posters and one of our remaining staffers from last year — Desi Lewin — approached a lot of people personally while he was working in the cafeteria. Desi

deserves a lot of credit."

Adamson said he hopes the turnout indicates students at St. Mary's are ready to break out of what he called "a horrible shell of apathy. I think — and hope — that all these people coming out means that people want to get involved and see the newspaper as a logical way to do this. There's a lot happening on this campus that people should know about and a good active student newspaper is badly needed," he added.

Adamson plans to function as editor for at least the first issue to help break in new staff members. However, he wants to pass on control of the paper to an interested person or a group of staffers acting as a collective. "I want to finish off my degree this year," he said. "Also I don't think it's a good idea for a student paper to have the same editor for two years in a row."

Several new staffers volunteered following Monday's meeting to take assignments from a story list prepared by Adamson. Adamson and Lewin spent Tuesday afternoon explaining interview techniques and potential story sources to new writers.

Adamson said the paper will possibly have its grant from council increased to \$4,000 for the year. The Journal received only \$1,200 in 1976-77. The newspaper also receives revenue from local advertising it sells and from Youthstream, the national advertising service provided by Canadian University Press, of which The Journal is a member.

"Why with all these people and the extra money we may even be able to pay our CUP fees for the first time in at least three years," added the enthusiastic Adamson. The Journal has had to pay only a portion of their annual fees to CUP, the national co-operative of student newspapers, because of their financial predicament.

Adamson said at least three new staffers have arranged to attend workshops on various aspects of newspaper production scheduled for this weekend in Antigonish by CUP's Atlantic region papers. The Journal is the only Atlantic region newspaper not yet to publish during the 1977-78 academic year. The paper is planning to publish regularly, every two weeks, for the rest of the school year.

The university, whose faculty have voted to take strike action in a dispute with SMU president Owen Carrigan, has been served so far only with an 800-paper weekly drop-off by the Dalhousie Gazette. The Gazette features only limited SMU news.

No dogs

In the spring term of 1977, the Office of the Ombudsman at Dalhousie brought to the attention of the Board of Management of Campus Security complaints it had received from students concerning dogs on campus, particularly in classrooms.

After consideration of the nature of these complaints, including consultation with the Student Council, and after reviewing letters received from faculty and students as a result of proposed changes publicized in University News, the Board of Management of Campus Security has recommended the following changes:

- 1) NO PET ANIMAL WILL BE PERMITTED IN A UNIVERSITY BUILDING, UNLESS UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
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