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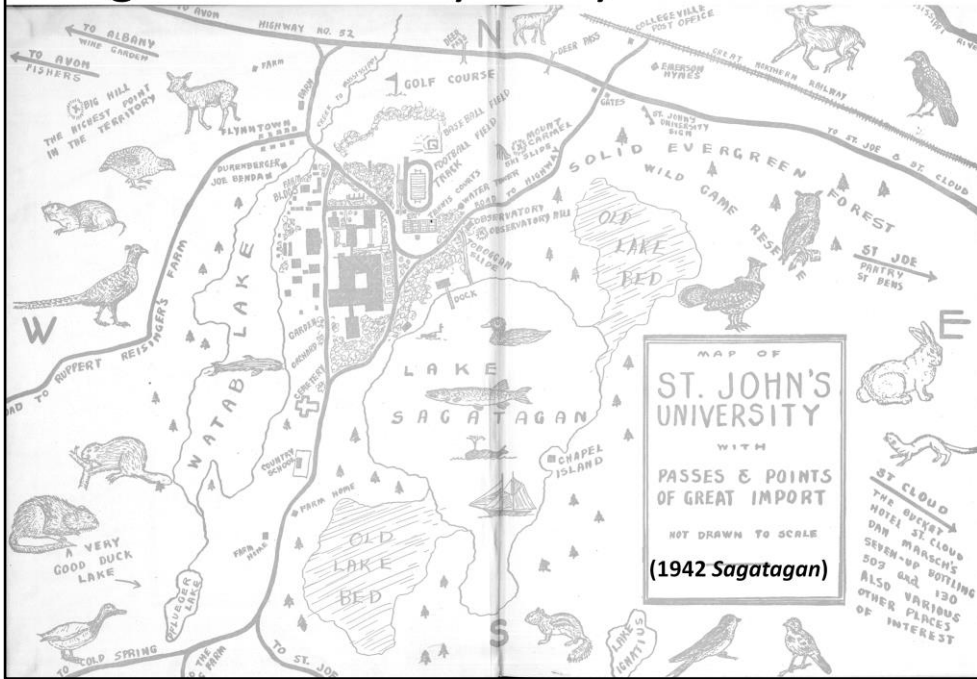
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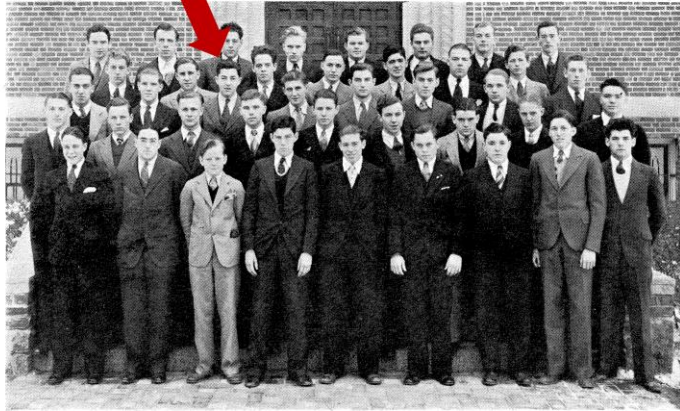
Eugene McCarthy's Days at St. John's



- Came to St. John's Prep in 1931 at age 15;
- no yearbooks for 1931-32
- The **next spring**, in May 1932, he graduates, 2nd in the class of 41, two months over age 16.
- Ironically, the future poet and senator got As in all his classes except English the first semester and business law the second semester.
- He graduates from SJU three years later, just barely 19.

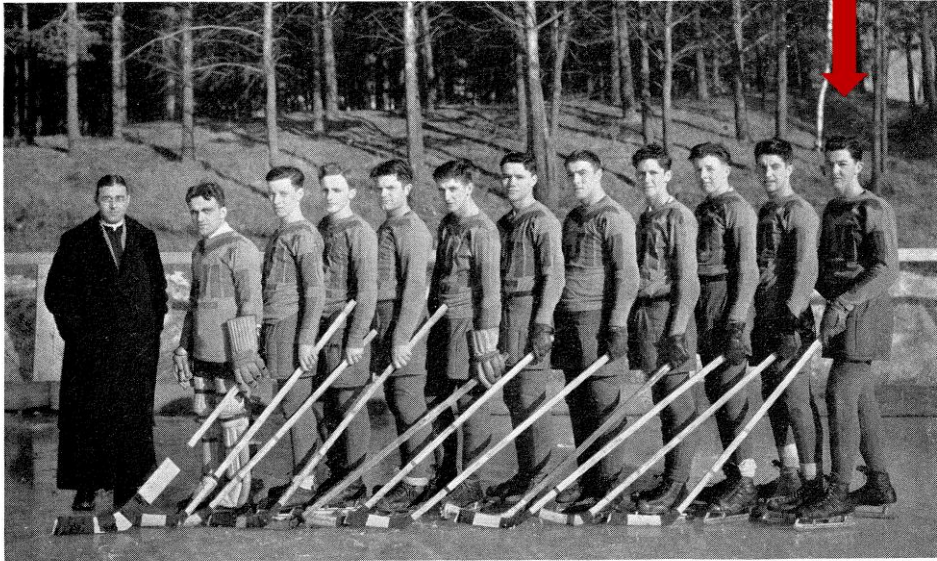
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| Month | | Day | | Year | | | | | | | | |
| Parent or Guardian | | Michael J. M ^c Carthy | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | |
| Department | | | A | | | A | A | - | A | - | | |
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THE SAGATAGAN, 1933



First row: Culbertson, Maguire, Donovan, Hylden, Seivert, Kapsner, Hennes, Weishar, Parks.
Second Row: Lehn, Hendrickson, Koller, Redmond, Ryan, Sellner, Kelly, D., Fuchs, Lydell.
Third row: Wright, Burkard, McCarthy, O'Malley, Kelly, J., McNally, Almy, Campbell.
Fourth row: Drexler, Weinzierl, Fahy, Kraker, Rowan, Plantenberg, Barney.
Back Row: Malecha, Molitor, Nemmers, Ryberg, Bayle, Strong, Glass, Kolb.

THE SAGATAGAN, 1933



Father Damian, Coach, Priley, Hendrickson, Esterly, Madson, O'Malley, Lydell, Ryan, Cap't, Ross, Kyle, Devney, McCarthy.

1933 Hockey Team –

That was the classic photo (of the University team, not a Prep School team)

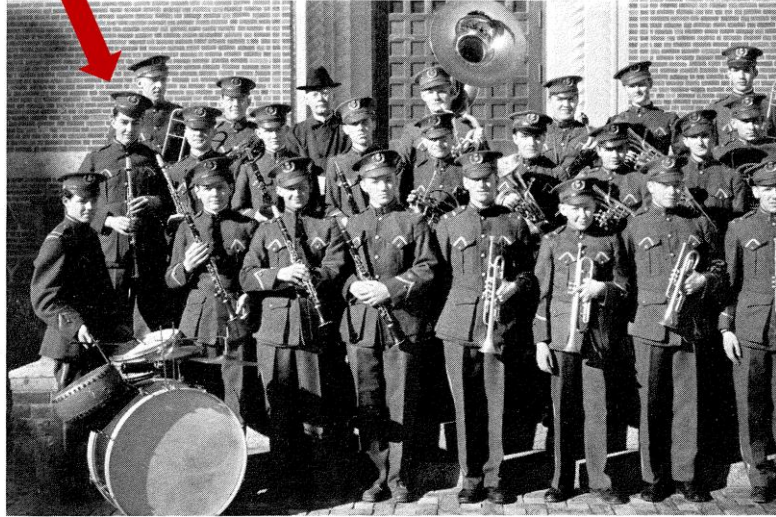
That year the hockey team was **0-6**, and scored **5 goals total**, in this 1st year of conference play.

“Anyone who has watched the ice squad throughout the season can testify that there is no need of emphasizing moral victories or stressing tough breaks to show that the record was not what superficially it appears to be. The Cardinal and blue pucksters have something more tangible to offer by turning out **the fastest developed team in the Conference** and giving **abundant promise for next year.**”

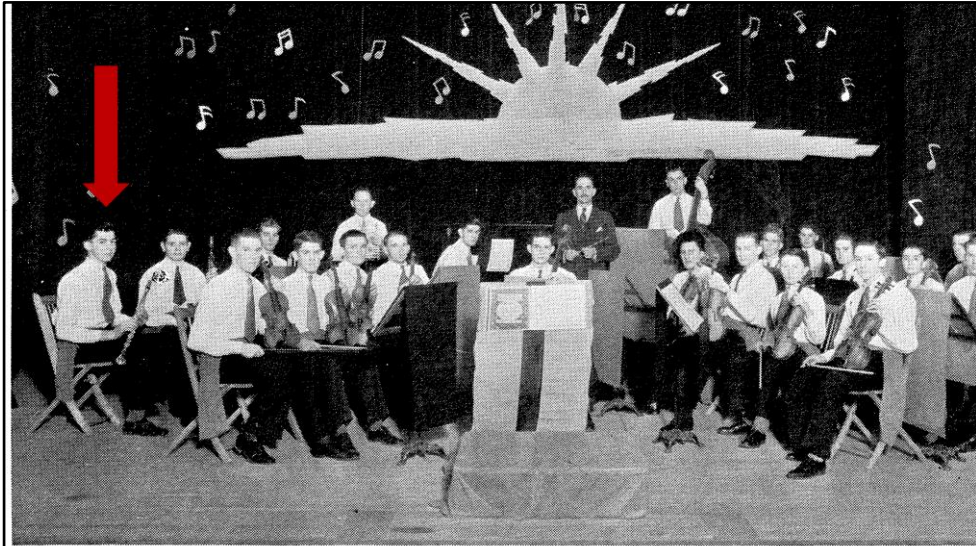
1933 *Sagatagan*, p. 83

(1933)

THE SAGATAGAN



First Row: Bohlig, Axtman, Havel, Fruth, Drexler, Donovan, Nietfeld, Deutsch.
Second Row: McCarthy, Marman, Niggemann, Faith, Meyer, Schreifels, Eidenschink, Bateman
Third Row: Molitor, Meinz, Father Innocent, Ethen, Stovik, Nathe, Kelly.



First Row: Burkard, Schneider, Sosniecki, Almy, Soukup, Rowekamp, Nuxoll, Wohlmuth,
Second Row: McCarthy, Axtman, Drexler, Donovan, Courtright, Mr. Pyne, McKanna,
Marman, Kirchner, Molitor, Butkowski, Sellner.

(1933 *Sagatagan*)



1934
1st: Werner, Lydell, Wagner, Maus,R., Steinglein, Maus E.
2nd: McCarthy, Toman, Ryan, Dreher, Theilman, Kyle, Fr. Damian.

1934 Hockey Team

- The 1934 hockey team was **3-5**
- they beat Macalester twice
- McCarthy “dented the net for the Johnnies”

1935 Hockey Team

- the **1935 Hockey team** was **4-0** in the conference and 5-2 overall
- they beat the Tommies twice
- took the championship in their third year of conference play;
- McCarthy scored **7 goals** on the season, and was the high scorer (scoring **half the team’s points**)



First row: McCarthy, E., Laselle, T., Maguire, Ahles, Strong, Wright, McNally.
Second row: Kelly, D., Sellner, Koller, Culbertson.

McCarthy was a right end, and also on the "all-star college intramural football team"
(1934 Sagatagan)

St. John's Record

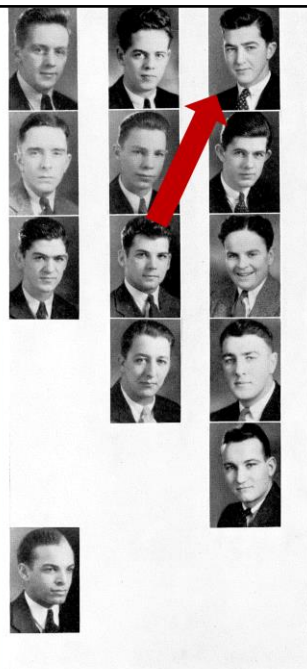
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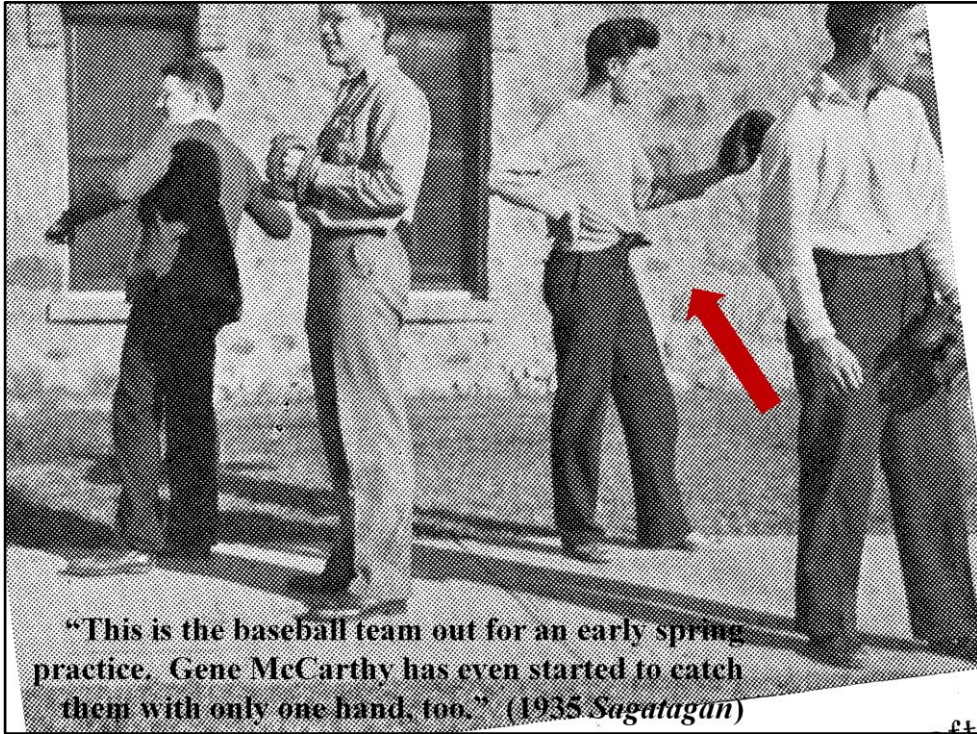


(1934 *Sagatagan*- he was also on its staff)

EUGENE J. McCARTHY, Watkins, the joy of professors and the envy of classmates, shook the foundations of the school when he established an all-time record of eight A's in classwork. Besides, he is a star in hockey and a good all-round athlete. For pastime he regales himself at the throne of Maguire's windy jabberings. He applies his own excess wind to a clarinet in the student orchestra.



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| BLOMS | FAHY | McCARTHY |
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“This is the baseball team out for an early spring practice. Gene McCarthy has even started to catch them with only one hand, too.” (1935 *Sagatagan*)

ST. JOHN'S RECORD

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(1935 Sagatagan)



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Scribblers Union

President: EUGENE J. McCARTHY

The Scribblers Union was established in the fall of 1934 in order to cultivate an *esprit de corps* among the members of the *Record* and the *Sagatagan* staffs. In order to become a member a student must show capacity for writing and undergo the initiation exercises which some of the more waggish charter members devised.

(1935 Sagatagan)



EUGENE J. McCARTHY
Bachelor of Arts in English
 Watkins, Minnesota
 Born on March 29, 1916
 Graduated from St. John's
 College Prep, 1932

Eugene J. McCarthy

WE could make this particular write-up quite brief by merely calling your attention to the fact that this lad is being graduated cum laude at the tender age of nineteen. That fact speaks volumes and should suffice to give you some idea of his capabilities, but Gene was not satisfied with finishing college in three years. The really breathtaking accomplishment is yet to be recorded. In order not to heighten the suspense too much, we will state now, as casually as we can, that this jolly and towering Gael made local collegiate history by registering eight A's in his classwork two years ago, and has continued that splendid work. To him the marking alphabet of professors terminates with *Alpha*. He is said to have originated his own unique system of scholarship; he reads his textbook, takes notes in class, minds his own business usually (for the sake of historical verity, we must mention that he is an authority on "inside" news). And when the exams come round he reaps his harvest of initial letters—more or less simple, *n'est-ce pas?*

The Watkins Wonder leans toward the serious side of life, but then any fellow carrying the amount of work that Gene did cannot afford to enter into all and sundry social debates, which consume so much of the average student's time. He minored in Education and as part of his training he had to take over the reins in the "hospital class." Nuff said!

Despite the eminent quality of his school work, Gene managed to cultivate a varied list of campus interests. He is a three-year man in hockey, having captained the 1933 squad, and a first baseman of parts (he and his brother Austin make up an important two-ninths of the Watkins Independents). As make-up editor for the *Record* he determines how that breezy campus publication will look ultimately. Since journalism has been a rather long suit with him throughout his school career, he of course had to be a member of the Sagatagan staff. Oh yes, he played clarinet in the Student Orchestra and the Band for a long, long time. The amazing fact is that through all this welter of activities, he remains our genial and universally popular Gene.

The "Watkins Wonder"

"our genial and universally popular Gene"

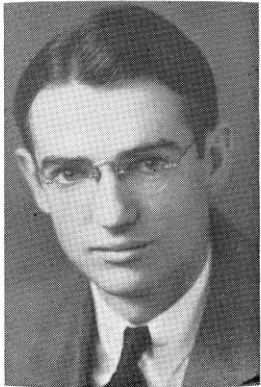
- Received his BA, cum laude, June 2, 1935
- He received the Medal for the **Highest Scholarship in the Senior Class** in 1935;
- He had received the Medal for the **Highest Scholarship in the Sophomore Class** in 1934

(1935 Sagatagan)

1935-1940:

- Taught in public high schools in Minnesota and North Dakota
- Earned a Master's degree in Economics and Sociology
- Returned to St. John's to teach Economics and Education in 1940-43

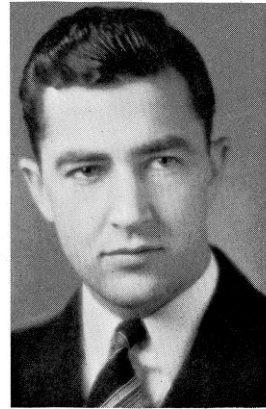
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R.N.
Nurse



MR. EUGENE MCCARTHY
Education

(1942 *Sagatagan*)



Front Row: Norman, L. Hickner, Rowe, Plumbo, Sebesta, Strobel, Anderson, Beckwith.
Back Row: McCarthy, coach; Hackett, Schmitt, Hilt, Poganski, Piotrowski, Stevenson, G. Hickner, Schnobrich, Kaskie, manager.

1941-42: McCarthy was the hockey coach

The team went 1-6 on the season, scoring a total of **9 goals all season**.

"Lack of ice... and the loss of starts from last year's squad made the road this season a rocky one. But Coach McCarthy and [the] lettermen went to work **unflinchingly in the face of adverse odds.**"

(1942 *Sagatagan*)

Co-moderator, with Emerson Hynes, of the
International Relations Club

Spoke to the “Future Teachers” club members about
the major problems facing young teachers:

1. Getting a satisfactory position
2. Adapting one’s self to the rest of the faculty
3. Becoming an active member of the community

*Interesting advice, considering that, in 1938, he had come to Mandan as head of
the high school’s English department and met future wife Abigail, who also taught
there (and thought she should have been considered for the position).*



McCarthy Considered Monastic Life

He and Abigail didn't marry until 1945, after he'd:

- taught for two years at SJU,
- been a novice in the Abbey for 9 months in 1943,
- served as a code breaker in the Army, in D.C.

(Yes, it's not uncommon for someone to try monastic life here, but leave it to marry...!)