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No More Napster?

University filters popular file sharing program from campus computers

By Beth Whyte

After February 12, students who live in residence will have to stay up late or wake up extra early to find any songs they might want to download from Napster. And those that rely on the computer labs might just be out of luck. The popular computer program that allows you to share songs through the internet, has been filtered from all computers connected to the Mount server between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm daily.

By holding this two week test period, The Information Technology and Services are hoping this will free up space on the university server which currently reaches maximum capacity several times a day. Another reason for the filtering rule is to relieve congestion in the computer labs.

"There have been lots of complaints from students not being able to get access to computers to do academic work," says Donna Forbes,

Director of IT&S.

Student reaction to the Napster decision is mixed.

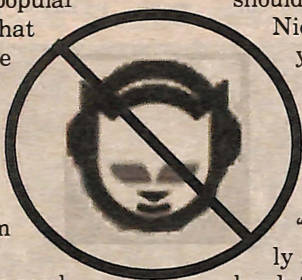
"The university should not be able to regulate what goes in and out of my computer. If I want Napster I should be able to have it," says Nicole Walsh, a second year BA student.

However students who use the labs to complete academic assignments are happier with the change.

"The computers are really slow which makes them hard to use," says first year

BSc student, Jennifer Taylor.

Donna Forbes hopes that by putting the filtering in place, and deleting the songs on the computers in the labs they will be able to solve this problem. She says there are currently no plans to apply the same filter to other popular programs such as ICQ.



Feud with student union pushes McGill Daily to a weekly

By Pierre-Olivier Savoie, Quebec

MONTREAL (CUP) - The McGill Daily, a student newspaper at McGill University, is now publishing weekly, in part because \$40,000 was drowned in an unsuccessful lawsuit to stay in their old offices.

The Daily Publication Society, which comprises of the Daily and its sister-publication le Delit Francais, has cut its total number of issues for the current publishing year from 68 to 59.

The cut comes after the newspaper society was forced to move into a small interim office - a result of losing their old offices to the student union in a costly lawsuit.

The Daily and le Delit will both publish weekly this semester. The Daily usually publishes twice a week.

"If we hadn't moved out, we

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Motherhouse on the auction block?

By Jennifer Henderson

The landscape of Mount Saint Vincent may be in for a major change. The Mount Saint Vincent Motherhouse which overlooks the campus may soon be put up for sale. The 387 000 sq foot building is the Canadian retirement base for members of the order of the Sisters of Charity. It currently houses over 200 nuns, 60 of them in a health care unit.

Motherhouse administrator, Pat Whitman says the building is too large and unwieldy for the current population. "The Sisters of Charity has acknowledged that the building is too large for their needs. It was not designed for seniors. They plan to design and build a building that is appropriate for seniors. Consequently the Motherhouse and surrounding property will be sold."

No firm plans have been set for the location of a new facility but it will be within the Halifax area. While the decision to relocate seems sudden, it has been in the works for years.

"We've been considering this issue for the last 25- 30 years. We took a closer look at it in the mid- 80s, but the decision came in the last three to four months," says Congregational Secretary Joan Verner.

Verner cautions that members of the Mount community shouldn't expect to see a "for sale" sign outside the Motherhouse

anytime soon. She estimates the process of selling the property and constructing a new building could take up to five years.

The Motherhouse and its surrounding 29 hectares have not yet been listed on the market but current estimates of its value range from \$18 to 21 million. Yearly maintenance costs on the building are in the range of two million dollars.

While Verner admits that the identity of the eventual buyer of the property is out the Sisters' control she hopes the drastic changes won't be made.

"We'd like to have someone take it over who is in keeping with our mission of service to the community. We're not anxious to see a development come in up here."

One buyer Verner has ruled out is Mount Saint Vincent University. She says that the university is indicated it is not interested in purchasing the Motherhouse itself.

The Motherhouse has been a fixture of the MSVU campus since 1951 and is thought of by many as symbolic of the university's root. However Pat Whitman cautions any that nostalgia about the building and trepidation about its future are misplaced.

"The true history is in the Sisters of Charity and their mission not in the building."



The Motherhouse will no longer house the Sisters of Charity

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Feud

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wouldn't have changed the publication schedule," said co-ordinating editor Ben Errett, who believes the Daily will publish twice a week again in September 2001.

Last summer, the Student Society of McGill University offered a smaller and more expensive space to the Daily because of impending renovations they said would create more space for services such as a coffee shop.

The newspaper dragged the student union to court, arguing their lease was still valid, even though it hadn't been signed for four years. The newspaper also argued that the student union, along with the university, had an obligation to provide them with adequate space.

The Daily lost in court and the student union gave them the smaller and more expensive space. However, the renovations to the building haven't started yet.

The newspapers staff say they are unhappy with the interim space. The office is now split in two, at opposite ends of the downtown campus. The business office is a tiny office space over a garage.

"I waste at least 40 minutes a day going from one office to the other," said Cameron Campbell, who does advertising layout and design at the Daily. "I have six flights of stairs to go down and then I have to trek across campus."

Staff meetings are now held in the cafeteria because the offices are too small. The move has also hurt the paper's volunteer base, said Errett. "People have a hard time finding us," he said.

However, Kevin McPhee, a vice-president with the student union, remains unsympathetic to the Daily's situation. He said renovations could have been done last summer if everything had moved along.

"It's hard for me to feel bad," said McPhee.

Charity ball draws a crowd

By Bradley J. MacKinnon

On Feb 10, Mount students and their guests were "walking in a winter wonderland" at one of the Mount's most successful events of the year, Residence Council's Annual Charity Ball. Over 300 people filled the Rosaria dining room to have a good time and help support Phoenix House.

"We likely had double the number of people as last year, it was a more positive and festive atmosphere," says Christa Barnhill a member of Resident Council and organizer of this event.

This year's ball raised over \$2500 for the Halifax teen shelter Phoenix House.

Phoenix House is an organization that helps runaway teens aged 16-24 with the whole spectrum of emotional problems.

Proceeds raised at the Charity Ball are important for the running of Phoenix House. "We rely on functions like this,

they are the back bone of our funding," says Sharon Avory Director of Development.

Vinnie's pub provided bar service and music, both of which helped provide a dynamic atmosphere. But something that may become a new tradition is the fact that Residence Council has this year decided to absorb all the cost incurred from running the event. In years past, cost for things like decorations and food would first come out of the ticket sales before they passed on the profit to the designated charity.

Overall the event was a success for all present. One of the many satisfied party goers, D. J. Awalt enjoyed his first time at the ball, and plans to attend next year.

"The atmosphere was electric and it was the most fun I've had since frosh week," he says.



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New report warns of "creeping privatization" on campus

By Darren Stewart, Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA (CUP) – Canadian Universities are relying more than ever on private funding rather than public support, according to a new report by the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

The study, called *Creeping Privatization*, reports that despite improved fiscal situations of governments in Canada, funding for universities continues to lag, and the integrity of our education system could be threatened.

The report concludes that tuition fees and private donations are the two fastest growing sources of university revenue. This represents a significant move away from the traditionally publicly funded education, according to David Robinson, spokesperson for the association.

"Governments in Canada have turned the corner as far as debts and deficits and are seeing surpluses lately," said Robinson. "But they've yet to turn around and invest significantly in education."

With lack of government funding increases, universities are being forced to turn to students and the private sector for an increasing amount of funds.

"This is happening without any public debate on the implications of this trend," said Robinson.

The report warns that the trend towards relying on private funds, "if left unchecked, threatens to fundamentally reshape the nature of our institutions, their accessibility, and their accountability to the public."

Core funding to universities in the form of transfer payments from the federal government has been cut significantly since the early nineties. Robinson said his organization worries that the ways in which governments are reinstating funding could encourage a multi-tier education system, much like the United States.

"The government is more money in the research envelope, but this tends to help the bigger universities, with large research programs, the most," said Robinson. "These are benefits students are less likely to see."

He said core services of universities, such as teaching staff and classroom time, are in dire need of more public funding support.

"Students are getting less bang for their dollar," said Robinson. "They're paying more for less."

Michael Conlon, national chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said the report confirmed many trends his group has noticed before.

"It would be an exaggeration to say that Canadian education is being completely privatized," he said. "But this document points out important areas where privatization is a factor and could expand."

Conlon said his group, as well as the Canadian Association of University Teachers, has been deeply concerned with private and public partnerships in education, particularly in the areas of research.

"The private sector has nothing good to offer education, which is a public service," he said.

"If you have private involvement in education, the mandate shifts."

He said private stakeholders in education, by definition, are involved to make profit, which is an obvious threat to the integrity of Canadian education.

The report said that the greatest source of gains in university revenues in 1999 was for sponsored research, up 16 per cent over the previous year—which included a significant increase in private funds.



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Tales From Ted

Former Mont security guard reflects on 20 plus years on the job

By Melissa Melanson

As much the Mount as crows and girls, Ted Misztela watched over the people of Mount Saint Vincent as part of security from 1979 until his retirement this past year. During his time at the Mount, Ted saw uniforms change, men allowed in res and a student catching gold fish for money. Much to our delight, Ted spent time with the Picaro to share some of his memories of the Mount.

Before there was security

Working security was not Ted's first job. He first entered the workforce as a photographer's assistant at Dalhousie University. Photography has always been a hobby/career of Ted's and he has made a business out of it with his studio in Bedford. You can see some of his work at www.atyp.com/tmphoto.

The Mount according to Ted

With all the time he has spent here, what would Ted do if he was in charge? "I'd have a pedway going from Seton all the way to Evaristus so you could park anywhere," says Ted. "Kind of like a big horseshoe."

Just when you thought no one was looking. As a longtime member of security, Ted has seen his share of strange things. One particular incident was a case of entrepreneurship on the part of a female student in the Birches. Through observation, Ted noticed that the student was taking gold fish from the pond by the Birches to sell them to a pet shop. "I thought to myself, 'how resourceful.'" The student was down on her luck, Ted says, and so he didn't approach her or have her reported.

Dressed for success

When Ted started working security for the Mount in 1979, he looked more James Bond than the usual uniformed Joe. At that time, MSVU security was completely outfitted by Colwell Brothers. "[My uniform] was worth more than my whole wardrobe," says Ted who rode not only a patrol car, but also a motorcycle while on duty in those years.

In the early days of Glenn Hollett

In a more exciting MSVU security moment, Glenn Hollett, the current chief of security, was involved in a man hunt early in his career. Someone broke into the Meadows, leaving broken glass and a bloody trail. "They followed the blood through the woods, over a ravine and tracked him to a house on Melody Drive," says Ted. When the owner of the house opened the door with an obviously badly damaged hand, they knew they had their man. So be forewarned: if you cause trouble, Glenn Hollett will find you!

Lesser known security duties

The work done by the security officers has changed and evolved overtime, and for the most part for the better. One idea that got tossed pretty quickly was when the university wanted to security to be

the Mount's version of Radar O'Reilly. "Very early on they decided they'd put a loud speaker on the patrol car, a little blue Honda civic with the Mount logo" says Ted. "They wanted me to do Public Service Announcements to students, so I'd creep up to students and go through the announcements." Although Ted had some fun with this, it didn't last very long.

The one that got away

The Mount is a safe campus, there is no question about that, but every year many incidents of "purse snatching" are reported. According to Ted, security determined that about 70% of the thefts in the library were committed by the same person. He was a clever guy, who knew the school and was on campus for several years. Many of the thefts occurred out in the open, many times the thief simply bumbled into his victim and then unbeknownst to them removed their wallet. Although he feels that the new video cameras will cut down the number of thefts on campus, Ted considers this as his unfinished business. "One of my sincerest regrets is that I never caught him."

No boys allowed

Current students may feel that rules in res concerning male visitors are tough, but Ted saw much harder days. He remembers when males weren't allowed inside the residences at all. "There was a lot of socializing in the parking lot," says Ted. And up until '95 or '96 security had to stop couples as they were leaving Rosaria so that guys could not walk their girlfriends home to their rooms. Ted says that the more masculine looking female students made this practice difficult and a bit awkward.

What lies in store

"Grampy" Ted, as he will soon be known with the arrival of his first grandchild, will not be short of things to do as he begins what he calls his semi-retirement. He intends to continue with his photography, finish renovations on his house (an on-going project for the last 22 years) and do some travelling. Whatever project he takes on in the future, Ted will no doubt bring his enthusiasm, his charm and his ability to make those around him feel safe and at home.



Former Mount security guard Ted Misztela

What does it mean to be a female?

*Before I was born, I was in a safe, dark place.
I knew a warmth, closeness. I knew I was a spiritual being.
I felt a oneness with my creator. I felt contentment to be.
There were no expectations of me.*

*Suddenly I was forced out. Everything was so bright.
There was light everywhere and I then knew nothing.
My life was filled with strangers who began to control me.
They said something about time and sex.
My mother was happy but the rest appeared vexed.*

*I cried a lot and no longer felt sure.
I had no hair so they could not tell whether it was going to be
beautiful and straight or kinky with naps.
Everyone waited to see it grow.
I was cuddled by my father. He smiled at me funny.
His famous words were, "My sweet honey."*

*Pink was to be my favorite color.
I was pleased with baby dolls but wanted a tractor and bus to pretend
with.
I wanted to shoot daddy's big gun and ride with him in his big truck.
I was told that this was for boys.
I remember making an awful lot of noise.*

*I did not get spankings because I was too cute.
My brothers were "switched" almost everyday.
I did not empty the pail in the mornings, as I was not strong enough.
My brothers had to carry water from the well because they were tough.*

*I grew up without my daddy.
He left when I was six. I had only my brothers to hang out with.
I wanted to wear pants so I could climb trees with them.
I was not allowed to get dirty.
Girl's didn't do this, surely.*

*"The beds to be made" she would say.
"And don't forget the dishes, garbage and the clothes on the line!"
I remember saying, "Why is it my job?"
My brother were running around, nothing to do, those slobs.*

*My mother and I had terrible words with each other.
I did not know about sexism. I only knew that things were not fair.
My brothers were taken care of, while I had to help.
I thought my mother mad,
and part of me was glad.
Even today, so many years later,
my mother expects me to do for them what they can do for themselves.
My mother? She continues to expect "gender" from me.
She wonders why I haven't yet gotten with it. I never will.
Just thinking of it makes me ill.*

*So you ask, "What dose it mean to be female?"
Well, I know two different ways of living it.
One way tortures me and the other way tortures her.
It isn't any longer about living up to others expectations.
I live to be happy and free loving first of all me!*

- Cynthia Hellesoe



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Man on the Mount

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Major: Accounting

Favorite Movie: Brave Heart

Favorite Book: Fire Dream

Favorite Song: Anything new

Likes: Movies, People, Challenges

Dislikes: None

Quote: "Keep your head down, work hard and you will pull through."

If you know someone you would like to be "Man on the Mount" then drop off suggestions at the Picaro office room 114 Rosaria or e-mail us at thepicaro@hotmail.com

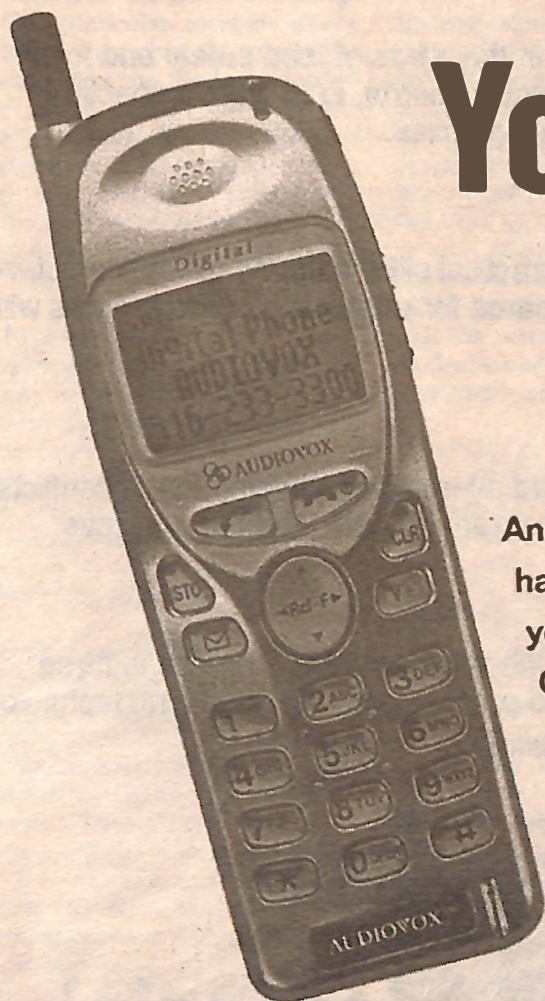


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Men Poised to Claim Title

By Beth Whyte

With the second term of the school year in full swing, students are writing midterms, passing in essays and watching as the MSVU Men's Basketball team gives it all they've got. The result of the efforts of the team is a proud spot in first place.

"I feel like we deserve it, because we work very hard to get where we are," says Jayson Taker, a member of the team.

The men defeated King's college on Wednesday, January 31 with a score of 86-59. This keeps them two points ahead of Mount Allison and in a steady place at the top of the charts. It also leaves them with a good chance at the finals.

Two years ago the team won the championships and went to nationals, but last year they were just starting out with mostly new players, so they did not do as well. They finished in third overall. Taker says that this year they have more of a veteran core. They know how everyone plays this year, an aspect that can really help pull the team together.

This comes as no surprise to the fans, who expect just as much from their team.

"I almost expect them to do well and would be disappointed if they didn't," Fraser Allen, a student at MSVU says. "They have good players and an excellent coach."

These expectations add to the pressure from the team to do well and keep aiming for the first place title that awaits them. The team should have no problem keeping this up since they have only had three losses all year.

This weekend the men packed their bags and headed out to Saint John, New Brunswick for a two game match against UNBSJ. The first game went pretty well, with our team winning in overtime, but the second game came out with a loss. But none of this really matters compared to the conference coming up on March third and fourth.

"It's tight the whole way," says Taker, "In the end all that matters is that you win two games in the conference."



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-By Theresa Keddy

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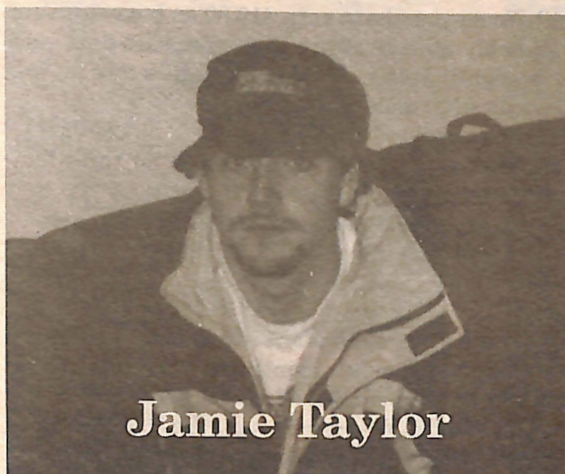
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Vox Populi

What do you think of the improvements to Vinnie's?



Jamie Taylor

"Best improvement is Dave 'The Squirrel' Serle."



Tara Dunn

"Haven't heard about it."



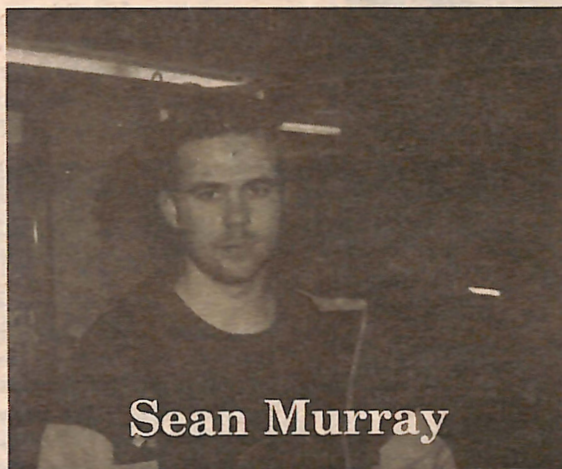
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Sean Murray

"Smokin'!"



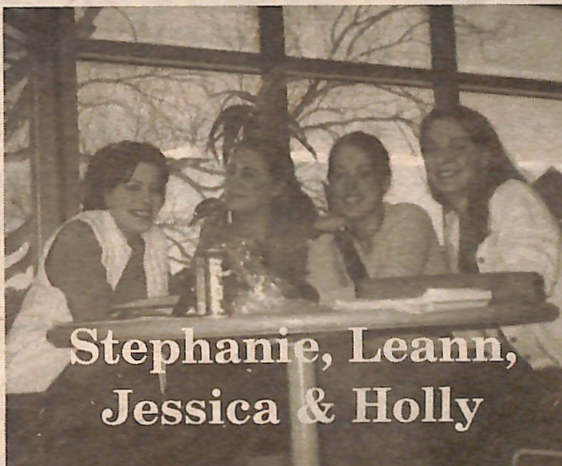
Jenny Foster

"I'll have to go down and get down."



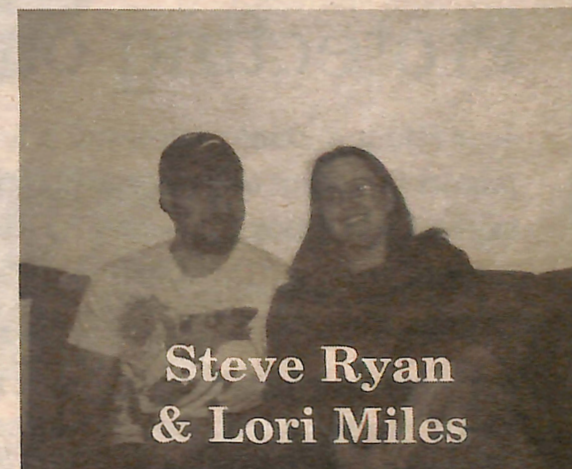
**Keegan Dawson &
Tim Martin**

"MAN-tastic."



**Stephanie, Leann,
Jessica & Holly**

"It's doesn't look like a
dive anymore."



**Steve Ryan
& Lori Miles**

"I like the dart board and bas-
ketball net a lot."