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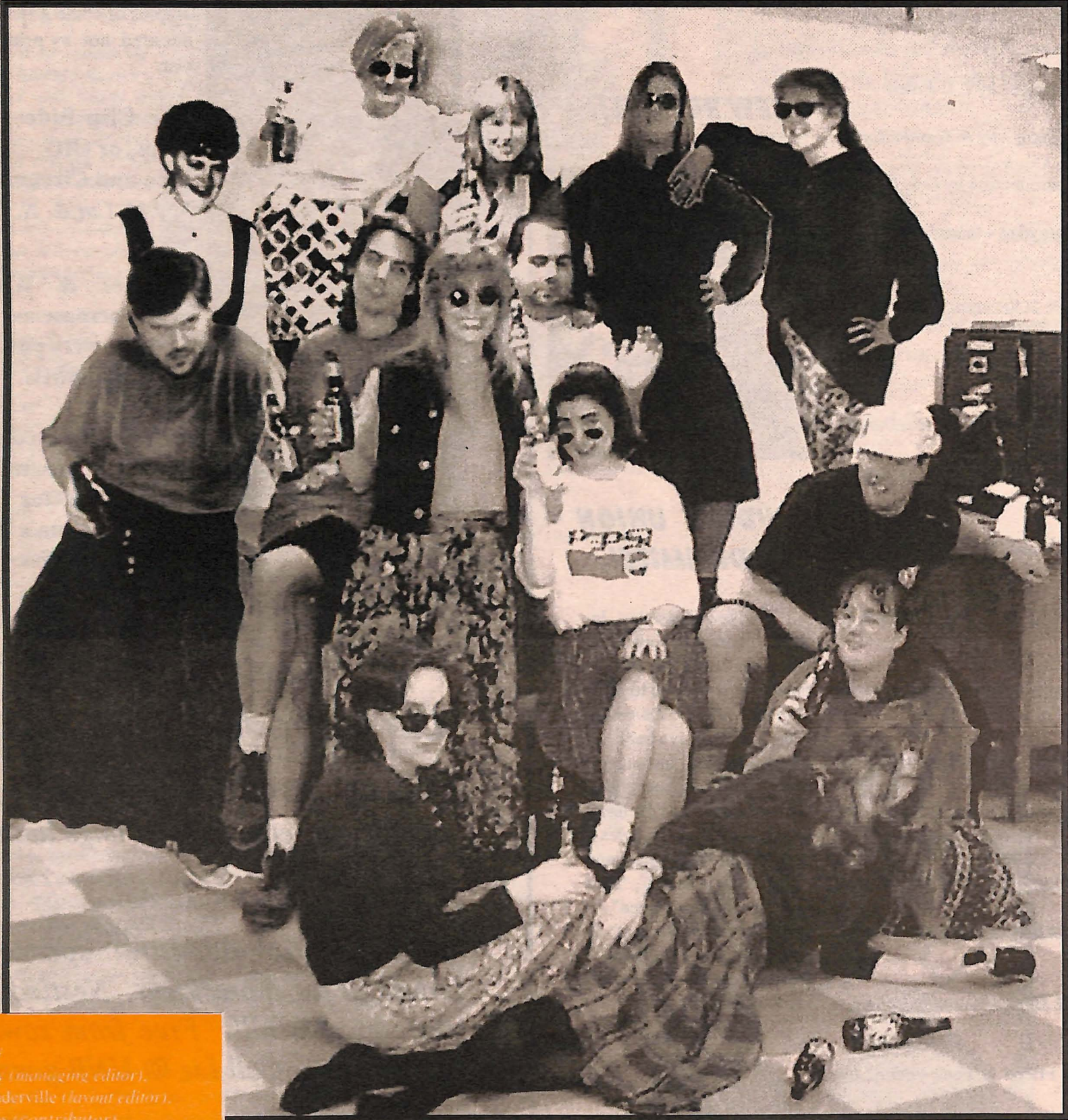


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Some of the Picaro Staff
Drunk, Stupid, and in a Skirt.

(but don't worry, we're wearing underwear)

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TOP 20 BESTSELLERS AT THE MSVU BOOKSTORE

By Sarah Jane Angevine

1. Curing a Bed-wetter - by I. P. Freely
2. Semi-precious Gems - by A. Garnet Ring
3. Drug Abuse - Introduction by L. S. Dee
4. Podiatry for Everyday - edited by A. King Feet
5. Seeing both sides of the argument - by U. R. Wrong and I. M. Wright
6. Insomnia - by Les Leep
7. Have your own farm - by O. L. MacDonald
8. Maintaining a Long-distance Relationship - Miles A. Way
9. Practical Archeology Today - edited by Doug Ingrid
10. Flat tires are NOT the enemy - by Jack E. Z. Lee
11. Hot and Sunny Travel Destinations - by Sandy Beaches
12. Making Deadlines - edited by Nick O. Time
13. Feeding our Fine, Feathered Friends - by Jay Byrd
14. Deck Renovating - by Patty O'Lanterns
15. Ballistics for the Beginner manual - by Rick O'Shea
16. The History of Transportation in Ireland - by Rick Shaw
17. Amphibians - Friend or Foe? - edited by Sally Manders
18. Evil Knevil, Daredevil Extraodinaire - by Will E. Makit
19. Fashion Jewellery - by Pierce D. Ears
20. Photodeveloping - Questions and Answers - edited by Matt Finnish

NEW RELEASE!!



STUDENT UNION FOR DUMMIES!

The New Bestseller! In the tradition of the other Dummies books, the MSVU bookstore is pleased to offer *Student Union for Dummies*. This comprehensive book offers tips, hints and suggestions for making your Student Council as exclusive as you want it! It includes chapters on "Your elections - keep them a secret", "How to get your friends hired" and "Building a Student Union Clique". This book can be yours for the low, low price of \$9.95!



The Top Five Ways To Be The Perfect Male MSVU Student

5) You're lost in no-man's land, surrounded and outnumbered 5 to 2, so don't even think of blonde jokes!

4) Under no circumstances mention the letters P, M or S.

3) Do not express yourself! If the womyn here wanted your opinion, they'd give you one.

2) Do not treat womyn any better than men. We're all equal here except for MANUS members and they're more equal than all of us.

1) Be a womyn!

A message from your friendly, neighbour Editor...

Hi. Over the year some students have told us that we'd print anything - no matter how offensive it might be. Not true. Here's some examples of some articles we decided not to print this year

The Clip Side On (oops, or Off) Men and Circumcision
by I.M. Cut & N. Tact

Leather & Whips Sales Increase as Andy Bowers puts the S&M into SMU.

Madonna's Bedtime Stories, Madonna's Morning After Stories, Madonna's In Between Stories

Classifieds

Wanted: MSVU Student Union looking for carpet to sweep things under.

FOR RENT: Beautiful, spacious house fit for a president. Nestled on the top of a hill. Free from rowdy neighbours. Call Liz @ UNB.gone.

PERSONAL:

DESPERATELY SEEKING: Single, straight, good looking guy...oops, sorry, forgot I was at the Mount.

SICARO

NEW ATTRACTION AT VINNIES

In an attempt to boost customer attendance, Vinnie's is now featuring exotic dancers. The bar, renamed "Vinnie's Secret" hopes to attract an alternative crowd with their cross dressing male dancers.

The new show opened last night with the Mount's very own "Jocksie Girls" also known as Mystic Basketball players. The highlight of the show was the scantily clad version of the "Macarena" dance. Ooh ooh, baby!!!

The men were a vision of pink, silk, lace and leg hair as they strutted around for an adoring crowd.

Credit for this venture is given to Marco Tejada, the so called father of cross dressing at the Mount.

"Marco isn't the only one who can be drunk and in a skirt," said Teddy Drawers, an exotic dancer and Mystic basketball player.

To increase student attendance at home games, the men's basketball team plans to wear the lingerie next year.

"I can't believe how com-



fortable lingerie is," said G. String, a first year player. "And it feels so nice and soft against my skin!"

The coach of the team, Les Knickers, said, "Feeling pretty really boosts their morale and the

lighter fabric keeps them feeling fresh all game long."

The pub hopes to have a Vinnie's Secret catalogue out by Christmas.

Top Ten Tthings Overheard at Vinnies Pub on Wednesday

by Wally Nowlan and Frank Howell

10. What do ypu mean you want to see my liquor I.D.?
9. Do you take Visa?
8. Hey baby, you go to school here?
7. Lots of women eh?!
6. Help! I've fallen and can't get up!
5. What do you say we go to the Palace after close?
4. I can jug a whole beer wanna see?
3. What do you mean we can't smoke in the pub?
2. No really I'm just going to the bank machine!
1. Can you play Macorana?

Picaro Causes Controversy - Again

By Sarah Jane Angevine & Helen Smith

There has been some talk in the *Picaro* office concerning some editor's dissatisfaction with the title of the MSVU school paper. They discovered numerous etiological and literary references to the word "picaro"; in its sixteenth century origins, a "pico" was used to describe someone with a sharp tongue and "picara", a prostitute. Uncomfortable with these definitions, we decided to delve deeper into the etiology of the term "picaro" and came up with the following:

- 1) In some South American villages, "el picaro" is used in reference to the bludgeoning of small forest animals.
- 2) "picar" to a Lativan is an aged lunchmeat which can only be eaten after it has turned green and smells like nutmeg.
- 3) To show your "picara" in Eastern Africa, you would be penalized. (It's a penalty in ztejafek, the African equivalent to rugby).
- 4) Don't say "picado" to someone from the South Pacific...unless you want to marry his/her daughter.
- 5) While in Singapore, "apictaro" will get you caned.

In response to the concerns of some *Picaro* members, a vote will be held this week to determine the possibility of changing the paper's name. As of press time, the most popular choice to replace *The Picaro* was the *Paper for Mount Students* or *P.M.S.* The results of the final vote will be made public on April 4th.

PUT THE HE BACK



INTO HELL

Vote Lucifer
for Student Union President
during the elections

SOCIETY PROFILE

By Sarah Jane Angevine

MSVU Podiatry Society President Brian Kerrigan is very excited about the group's activities this year. "We had a lot of support from faculty as well as students," Kerrigan said. "Our Executive has been 'toe-riffic' and has made many events possible over the past eight months."

Vice-president Payne Philcorne, Secretary Harry Burr and Treasurer Archie Heel round out the 1995-1996 Executive. The Podiatry Society also had the good fortune to receive the advice and assistance of Dr. Scholl, their official Society Advisor.

Beginning in September, the Society has hosted a number of well-attended events. They first presented a lecture entitled "Frightful Fungus: The Dangers of Renting Bowling Shoes", followed shortly thereafter by a foot stomp at Vinnie's, complete with step-dancing competitions and such songs as "Flat-Foot Boogie", "Every Step You Take" and George Michael's "Heel to Toe". At Christmas time, a few members of the Society took a weekend shopping trip down to Kittery, Maine to peruse the Nine West, Doc Marten and Wolverine outlets.

January was a very busy month for the Podiatry members. First, the Society was treated to a tour of the popular clinic of Dr. T. O. E. Nails, where they were fortunate enough to witness the removal of an ingrown toe nail. Second, the faculty hosted a sports seminar in the Multi-Purpose Room on the topic of athlete's foot.

As an exciting activity in February, the Podiatry Society orchestrated a Spring Break trip to Falling Arches, Ontario for a complete tour of the in-'flame'ous Bata Shoe Museum. (Just a little podiatric humor!)

Kerrigan also mentioned the upcoming Infoweek display for new students, in which the Society will be actively involved. "We are planning to set up a 'boot' in Rosaria to inform students on proper foot care," he said. "Besides handing out pamphlets, we will be taking measurements to ensure that Mount students are wearing the proper size shoes. As an added bonus, Dr. Scholl has graciously donated pumice stones, nail clippers and foot bath salts for distribution." In'foot'week will take place during the last week of March.

The Podiatry Society Executive would like to congratulate this year's winner of the Golden Shoe Award, Iva Bunion. On final note, President Kerrigan had this to say to all potential and wanna-be members: "Don't be a heel - step out with the Podiatry Society!"



Blond Bikini Bimbo To Run MSVU

by Carrie Warner

In secret Student Council meetings held in an undisclosed location last week, a new president of Mount Saint Vincent University was chosen. Pamela (Anderson) Lee, of Baywatch fame, was picked from a list of several candidates, including Howdy Doody, Neil Diamond, and other washed-up celebrities. She was chosen because, according to sources, "she has an effervescent personality, and astounding intelligence."

This year's Student Council President, Schmoe Joltz had this to say: "We feel that Mrs. Lee will be a wonderful representative of the students here at Mount Saint Vincent University, and that she will be an excellent role model." Mr Joltz then rushed off to attend to pressing council matters.

The Sicaro caught up with Pamela Lee at a recent screening of her new movie Barb Wire. When asked to comment, Mrs. Lee stated that she is planning to place co-worker David Hasselhoff as Dean of English, and rocker-husband Tommy Lee as Dean of Fine Arts.

Mrs. Lee then said, "I am

thrilled to be replacing the president of Dalhousie University. Is that near Seattle?" After clarification that she is in fact coming to Mount Saint Vincent University, and not Dalhousie, Mrs. Lee giggled and added, "Oh you know. Whatever."

Student reaction to the news has been varied. Some of the students were outraged. "What's this bimbo going to do for this university? She's going to prompt more men to come here, that's what! What about

our 86% to 14% ratio? This is a womyn's university!" , stated second year student I. Whinealot. But Ms. O. Penmind felt differently. "I think it will be a good change for the university. Mrs. Lee has stated publically that she has a new lease on life now that she is married and pregnant. I think she'll be good for the school."

Well, like it or not, Mrs. Pamela (Anderson) Lee is going to be the next president of MSVU. Regarding a student's objections, a Student Council member was quoted as saying, "If we review our decision for you, we'll have to review every decision for everyone! We're Student Council! We're not accountable to the students! Sheesh!"



Anywhere but here

by Marco Tejada

A few loose ends.

Good luck to the future grads, the class of '96 and onward. Remember a positive mental attitude is the cornerstone of all future success.

Many thanks to the teachers, coaches and staff at MSVU. Your dedication to the students and ideal of MSVU is admirable. Misguided at times, but admirable all the same.

Peace out.

Starting in the fall semester, the Mount - to consider the 14% male population - will be offering courses of interest to men. Because of the numerous courses available, it will be possible to obtain a major in "Men's Studies." They are as follows:

- 1100 - You Too, Can Do Housework
- 1115 - We Do Not Want Sleazy Underthings for Christmas
- 2200 - Parenting - No, It Does Not End With Conception
- 2220 - The Morning After - Maybe We Don't Want To See You Again Either
- 2250 - Why It Is Unacceptable To Relieve Yourself Anywhere But The Bathroom
- 2300 - How To Put The Toilet Seat Down
- 2330 - Wonderful Laundry Techniques - Formerly called "Don't Wash My Silks"
- 2350 - Understanding The Female Response To You Coming in Drunk At 4 a.m.
- 2355 - You, The Weaker Sex
- 3300 - Sex 300a - You Can Fall Asleep Without It If You Really Try
Sex 300b - The Morning Dilemma - If It's Awake, Take A Shower
- 3310 - How To Stay Awake After Sex
- 3320 - How To Go Shopping With Your Mate And Enjoy It
- 3330 - The Remote Control - Overcomign Your Dependency
- 3350 - Helpful Postural Hints For Couch Potatoes
- 4400 - How Not To Act Younger Than Your Shoe Size
- 4410 - Honest, You Don't Look Like Mel Gibson, Especially When Naked
- 4420 - The Attainable Goal - Omitting *%#@ From Your Vocabulary
- 4440 - Fluffing The Blankets After Farting Is Not Necessary
- 4450 - Real Men Ask For Directions
- 4460 - PMS - Learning How To Say "Yes Dear"
- 4465 - Safe Sex - This Does Not Mean Using A Padded Headboard

Register immediately, as early registration has begun and these courses are limited and in great demand.

Sicaro News Briefs

by Brian Kerrigan

In a move to keep up with the Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent University announced that every student attending next year will be issued a lap top computer.

All undergraduate students will be issued a Commodore Vic-20, graduate students will receive a Commodore - 64. El Presidente Lis Par-Four is enthusiastic about the program. "This is a sign that the Mount has taken a true leap into the 1980's!", she said.

Students will be able to ride the information highway using specially-designed hardware, including two tin cans and a piece of string, as well as a copy of the Yellow Pages. Special sessions will be held early next year to show students how to balance the keyboard, monitor, disk drive, and other attachments on their laps.

The rumour mill is spinning full tilt at the Mount around who will replace Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, as she departs for U.N.B.

The word on the street has the short list containing some shocking names. While the logical choices on the list include Wendy Mesley (CBC TV), local entertainer Bette MacDonald, and Kim Campbell, the final name is curious: apparently Preston Manning is considering leaving the Reform Party, and becoming M.S.V.U.'s first male president! Manning would not comment on whether this would mark a move toward corporal punishment at the Mount!?

In a drastic move to cut costs, the Mount has removed the third, fourth and fifth floors of the EMF centre, as well as the sixth floor of Seton. When asked to justify such drastic measures, Paul Idonknow said, "What's the big deal? Most students either didn't use these floors often, or did not even know they existed!"

Idonknow went on to say that the elevators and staircases will be left as is, to ease replacement of these floors, if funding returns.

The Mount is encouraging all students to capture a crow on campus and take it home for the summer as a pet or souvenir of M.S.V.U.

Approximately 3000 black crows have been living on campus for most of the past school year. Although the crows are basically harmless, they have left a mark on campus much more offensive and noticeable than the so called Bomb Squad.

In a separate press release, the Mount has a new policy regarding pets owned by students. "Returning students shall not be permitted on campus with any animal that has black feathers, flies, and has ever defecated from a tree on campus." Enjoy your crows.

The long-awaited History Society Cook Book is out, and seems to have a theme. The cook book, compiled by the History Society, contains recipes submitted by students. Over 75% of the recipes contain a similar ingredient....crow!

In related news, the Historic Feast Dinner Theatre in Halifax has filed a law suit against the History Society for what they called, "infringement on an original concept!" The History Society claims that their cook book isn't so much a historic feast, but more a memorable snack.

With the success of the Men's basketball team this year, coached by Rick Plato, the Ath/Rec department has decided all coaches will be named after philosophers for the 1996/97 season.

Ath/Rec director Patsy Socrates, "We feel that with these changes we Kant lose!" Everyone is looking forward to next year's Mystics putting a Locke on the championships.

After a year of research at the Mount cafeteria, Pizza Delittle announced they have perfected the world's smallest personal pizza!

The pizza will be offered to students next year at a slightly increased cost. The pizza, tentatively called the Pop-a-za, will be a gel coated capsule. "It's about the size of an aspirin, and will come in works, veggie, or pepperoni." said Max Price. When asked about the increase in cost, an official said, "It's just the improved technology. Such a quality meal has its price."

A glass of water to wash the pill down is expected to run around 50 cents.

There has been some confusion about the fountain in the new student lounge, Rosaria Centre. Many students thought that the fountain, located outside the games room, was not working. "On the contrary" says Paul Idonknow, head of the Mounts psychological plant, "it works wonderfully. This is an air fountain, the latest in environmental health. Students can walk up to the fountain, turn the handle and get a nice breath of fresh air, anytime they want!"

YOU OUGHTA KNOW... MOUNT GETS CONTROVERSIAL THEME SONG

by J. Uno

In a surprise move to make the Mount look "cooler" to students entering, the university has adopted an official theme song: Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know".

The song is written from an angry lover to her ex-boyfriend, and contains lines such as "every time I scratch my nails down someone else's back, I hope you feel it."

"We feel that this is a very appropriate song," said the president of The Men suck Society. "It reflects the degree of male hatred that is present at this university and will make men feel unwelcome registering here. Also, it should help us maintain our 84% female student population. That percentage may even go up."

Alanis Morissette said she was "honored" that the Mount chose her song, but added that the song isn't about the hatred of men in general. "It's about one particular man. Actually, he goes to SMU, real jerk, you may know him, it's Andy Bow—" At this point a PR representative for Morissette clamped a hand over

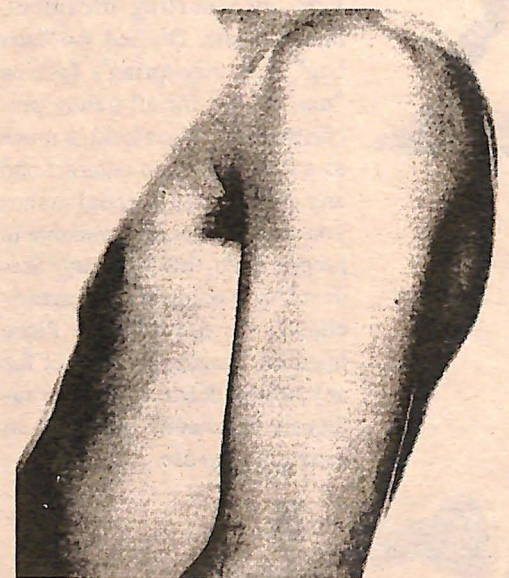
her mouth. "rmf" Added Morissette. "Mmm, mrm fffmmmr."

The song will be broadcast every morning before 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. courses begin each day. It will also be played throughout registration this year. This has caused some problems in the Registrars office, as one employee quit because "I just HATE that fucking song."

Some students also aren't taking the news so well. "This really sucks," said one. "I don't like it," said another. The students asked to remain anonymous, only revealing that they are English majors. There have also been numerous complaints to Student Union, prompting them to call a referendum on whether or not students want to use the song.

The referendum, however can't take place until October, during the fall elections. The question, according to Joe Struts, SU president, will give the students a choice between Morissette's song and REM's "Shiny Happy People".

Nipple Appreciation Day



Men at the Mount! Come to a rally to support the vital role male nipples play in society.

They aren't just for women anymore...

April 1, 12 pm, Seton Lobby

Student Union Awards Night



Michael Mackson
Blistery: Past, Present and Future Tense

Containing 15 new hits and 15 recycled classics, Blistery, by the King of All Carbonated Cola Products, hit stores nearly a year ago with a digitized commercial and a budget that would clear up the debts of many have-not provinces. Although the artist has been accused of being his sister Janette, the cover of the latest release instantly clears up any such misunderstandings (well, maybe). However, treasures await inside. It's great to hear such

memorable classics as "Jillie Bean", "Really Awful", "Triller" (A Newfie remix complete with accordion and cod fish), "Feet It (A Podiatry Society favourite)", "The Girl is Not A Beatle" (With backing vocals by Yoko Ono), "Remember the Time (To Retire)", and "Plastic Surgeon in the Mirror".

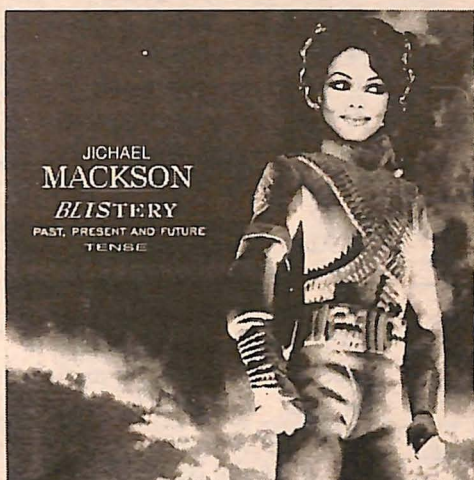
If you're die-hard fan of Macko, you have all of the songs on the first of the two disc set. But, the second disc will be enough to keep your fanatic interest piqued. The hit duet, "Yell and Grab Yourself", performed

with his sister Janette, is reason enough to spend the \$35 (+tax) price this set commands. The video for the duet received top kudos at the Empty TV gala awards banquet, which featured an indoor/outdoor luxury barbecue with finger bowls.

Other songs sure to please include "Moon Song". Live performance of this hit have caused more than one concert-goer to be cited for indecent exposure. With all the remixes available, it is unfortunate that the dance version of the poignant ballad "You Are Completely Alone" is not included in this release. But, such

exclusions create a market for CD singles which in turn create more opportunities to spend money and use plastic, so they are a good thing.

While your auditory senses are becoming excited, it is a lot o'fun to thumb through the accompanying booklet. It too is a great source of propaganda and you'll soon wonder why The King of All Carbonated Cola Products isn't ruling the universe while rockin' the planet.



Student Union President and some of the winners at the Student Union Awards Banquet

Last week the Student Union held the Student Union organized Student Union Awards Banquet.

There, Student Union awards were presented to Student Union members to Student Union members. A Student Union video featuring the rollicking adventures of those crazy Student Union members kept the crowd in stitches.

The sister paper of The Sicaro, The Picaro, was touched by the many honours they re-

ceived from Student Union.

Said one Pic staffer, "I almost cried with I saw the many video clips that featured Picaro staff and the newspaper. It's wonderful the Student Union realizes that the newspaper is a part of the Student Union. I also noticed the President made special notice of the Picaro in his opening remarks."

Thanks Student Union for appreciating all of the Picaro's hard work!

Fashion Focus on: Handbags



Fresh from the runways of Rosaria Student Council meeting, we are absolutely tickled pink to feature the first creation of our very own darling president, Schmoe Joltz. Dubbed, the "later bag" it is this spring's fashion "must-have" for all trendy procrastinators. It can hold as much as a constitution, a contract and any other controversial issues you want to ignore. Available in preppy plaid, this invaluable Student Union accessory, has already eclipsed the tiny Melrose Place inspired knapsack. Perfect for any heated debate or hostile audience, this handy bag is oh so convenient to use.



WIN TICKETS FOR A MOUNT MOVIE PLAYING IN A ROSARIA HALLWAY SOON



Left to right Vinnies staff members Martin, James, Shelley, Simon and Amy

Many of you out in movieland have heard of the new Kids in the Hall movie "Brain Candy" But now thanks to an amazing resemblance to the Kids, some Pub staff members will star in a sequel to the movie at the Mount.

Tentatively titled "No Brains, No Candy" the

movie will feature some classic Kids characters like the Chicken Lady. But watch for some very special new Mount inspired people like the wacky, crazy lady who carries mice in her shirt, the singing doorman, the couple velcroed at the hands and a strange man

with an unusual relationship with his dog.

Filming for the movie will start this summer. Expect it in a hallway near you.

Things To Do When You Have A Queen With A Bare Bear Behind

by I.M. Cheap



1. First of all, don't panic, don't call the cops. The new \$2 coin is legal tender and quite capable of financing a few cheap thrills.

2. Invest in so-call "Penny stocks". You could get 200 shares in Clay Consortium Incorporated, set to take take Nova Scotia and the world by storm, if they can just manage to fend off jealous and provoked potters.



3. Amuse your children on a family outing by making a hapless sales clerk count out 200 penny candy. You'll have to shop around for penny candy that costs a penny, but the smiles on the kids' faces will be a treasured family memory when you insist that you only got 199 sugar de-lites and demand a recount. If you're really bored, claim that 113 were spoiled and should be ignored.

4. Use the coin to call a friend long-distance and tell them to take you out and spend lots of money on you. Depending on your choice, taste, and tact, your investment could be returned one hundred fold. Insist that no expense should be spared. Be sure to mention that your friends think that "splashy" and "flashy" should be two of your middle names.

5. Make jewellery. Although its illegal to deface the coin, a manufacturing defect has made it possible to disjoin the perfect circles. When separated, a beautiful, wide ring and a cuff-link for one sleeve will be the decorative result. My, they're precious. You'll be the beau/belle of the ball. But be careful not to get arrested.

Karaoke Reigns as the Entertainment of Choice, Despite Opposition

by Hasa Voice

Karaoke has finally hit the big time. Last week, for the first time since wordless songs were narrated by crackly voices with feedbackprone mics, a song with the lyrics removed, titled "Untitled #786", has debuted on the top of all Billboard charts simultaneously.

Canada's own Electric Circus has joined the Karaoke craze and Donika Meol reported that the dancers (lifeless and stiff unless the cameras are on them) would soon be belting out the tunes.

Locally, round-the-clock Karaoke has been instituted as the only entertainment at the BoozeCube, Halifax's club of choice for teeny boppers looking for love. After a recent on-site investigation, Marco related that throughout the night at least 20 people attempted to sing Bette Midler's "The Rose" and over 90 sailors assembled to perform The Village People's "In the Navy" as a chorus-based ballad. Many tears were shed, mainly due to broken ear drums.

Not to miss a trend, Vinnie's has abandoned the top forty and "Friends" marathons in

favour of "Lazer Karaoke". A pub staffer said that she thinks its great for students to use their own voices and sing their hearts out. Sales have increased as intoxication is the usual foreplay to a night of such sing-songs.

And a major manufacturer of Walkmans and Discmans has abandoned the market in favour of the Singman. Though still sexist, the new device removes the lyrics from songs and replaces the trademark headphones with a microphone a la Janet Jackson on tour. Sales of the new toy are skyrocketing.

However, not all is well (it seldom is). Buses and other forms of public transportation have banned the use of Singmans and the newly amalgamated supersilly city council insists that their total banishment is one of many "Number One" priorities. In addition, neighbourhood support groups have formed to restrict the opening of Karaoke Palaces in residential areas. "They attract the tone-deaf element of society and that is really scary. I don't want my children to have their hearing or musical ability damaged", said Ken Sing.

Top Ten Uses For The Picaro

by Brian Kerrigan and Sarah Jane Angevine

10. Makes good curtains for university students apartments.

9. Fill in those Reese's peanut butter circles in near by fields.

8. Get your daily dose of offensive matterial, it makes you appreciate other things.

7. Swats flies better than the Globe and Mail.

6. Fits convieniently into all metric size bird cages.

5. Starts fires nicely (whether in a fireplace or the Manus lounge).

4. Occupies the time of a dozen or so sociopath, who would otherwise be running around, terrorizing Mount students.

3. Provides fresh meat for the tired, over-done butcher of the SMU Journal, Andy Bowers.

2. Sets good example for P.R. students - what not to do in the print media.

1. Good source of exercize, try carrying them up from Seton in garbage bags, it really gets your blood flowing!



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Cousins Restaurant

by Leanne Mosher

Cousins Restaurant is located in the North end of Halifax, on the corner of Lady Hammond Road and Robie Street. As we travelled from downtown Halifax to the North End, I thought we were completely lost, but as soon as I saw the Chebucto Inn, I found my bearings. The view of the road from our table was not much to look at, but I guess it's better than a brick wall, or no view at all! Maybe they want the people walking by to see us eating, get hungry and come in for a bite to eat (that could work).

Cousins' offers a variety of meals on their menu, ranging from sandwiches and fries to barbecued chicken dinners, at a very economical price. Great for students who have perhaps spent most of their hard-earned money, but still need to go out. I ordered - yes, you guessed it - a barbecued chicken dinner for only \$4.95; you get a lot on the plate, too - there is a quarter of a chicken, carrots, peas, potatoes and coleslaw. I couldn't break my track record for the year, so I just had to order the chicken! All the meals at *Cousins* are home-cooked and taste great. Other meals include scallops, steak,

liver (gross), soup and a lot of other good food (there's just not enough room to list everything). You can get meals that include juice, a roll, soup and dessert - all for just a little more than if you had the meal without dessert. *Cousins'* serves a delicious milk shake, and it doesn't get shaken until you get your food (so you don't drink it all before hand). I think that's great - I hate ordering a drink and before I even get my meal, it's gone! If you go there, you just have to order a piece of cream pie (they serve banana and coconut)!

While we were waiting for our food, it seemed as though we were taken back in time to the sixties, like in one of those movies that takes place in a diner. The music was from present day, but the waitresses were dressed in sixties fashion with hair to match - I expected them to wear roller skates when they brought out our food. The restaurant is very well-known through the metro district - we found that out first hand when we ate there, as the restaurant was packed and consisted mostly of families, people from age three to 80. Everyone seemed to be enjoying their meals and you could sense that they eat there on a regular basis.

Connected to *Cousins Restaurant* is *Cousins Market* where you can buy groceries including fresh fruits and vegetables, a wide variety of meat and fish, along with numerous everyday items. The 'restaurant' and 'market' are both owned and operated by people who are actually cousins - hence the name.

Remember - if you are sick of 'fast food take-out' and yearn for dinners like you would get at home, jump on the Number 7 bus and head for *Cousins*.

Nowhere but now

by Marco Tejada

Unsung

Marty rolled a bomber and a pinner, stashed the leftover weed in a teapot. He slipped the pinner in his wallet, took a seat by the demolished window and lit up. Dope danced with hangover; pow-wow and waltz, banjo viola, yin and yang. He inhaled afternoon solitude, exhaled grey blessings at the white giants copulating over the horizon.

Stoned and half-drunk, everything conformed to a warped logic. His inability to keep a job, the break-up with Erin, his im-

minent eviction, avocados, crack babies...Dope glorifies the hidden workings of the mundane: booze makes it irrelevant. Together the drugs tacked an even line in fickle waters. Innocence and experience did a jig in the mosh pit of his soul, took a bow. Yin and yang and all that again.

The phone rang. Marty didn't move, didn't respond. The phone shackled him as surely as iron chains; he understood that now. Phone numbers, leases, cable TV. More links. Our jailers still haven't figure out how to bottle soul, how to legislate freedom. Instead they market poisoned versions, call them fashion and democracy.

It made Marty nervous; all



Ooh! Aah!

A Login.com file!

by Ceri Young

Okay, first of all, I'd like to apologize for a little mistake in my last article. When you're creating the .plan file, you will NOT see a * prompt. You will be logged right into the file. Everything else is the same. You just don't see the * prompt, and you don't have to type "c" to get to the file.

Okay, now, there are a lot of neat little commands that you can use on the vax. You can change your prompt or change the "finger" command so that you can just type in someone's name to finger their account.

You create this file the same way you create the .plan file. Type edit login.com at the \$ prompt, and the computer will create the file and log you into it.

\$ edit login.com
Now it's time to enter the neat little commands. The first one is great for computer students and people who have to use their accounts for actual work. Type in:

this thinking and so little fucking. Or maybe it was good old dope-induced paranoia? Either way, his body ached to exert itself quickly, mindlessly NOW. He jammed some clothes into a plastic shopping bag, put his brain in park and his ass in gear. Dalplex lay a scant ten minute ride away.

He spent an hour toiling against the iron, surrounded but otherwise alone. It became a game, an experiment, sinew and steel wedged in the most ludicrous positions. At times it was like making love to a fence-post. At times it was like slinging beef in an abattoir. The usual meatheads were too preoccupied with their dumbbells and reflections to bother him. The locker room was a different story.

A small man with dark eyes and a large mustache sat on the bench opposite where Marty undressed. He followed Marty into the sauna. A silent infinity passed before he made his move.

"My name's Andy," His words came in awkward clumps, like sewage backed-up through a grate. The sweat didn't glean on him. It glazed, beaded on his hairy arms, chest and legs. "I

draw cartoons..."

"Uh huh." Marty fixed his gaze on the soggy copy of the Gazette in his hands. He pretended to scan the blurry pages.

"I can tell you exercise often."

"No," Marty replied, not looking up, "not really."

"-because you have a nice lean body," the greaseball continued, "you have a nice chest, strong arms, a nice cock."

Marty shifted slightly, peered between his legs, realized there's nothing on this planet

more unremarkable than a flaccid penis. Surreal man; his penis, the topic of conversation in a sauna at Dalhousie of all places. Andy's forced small-talk, hair encrusted body and sagging mustache saddened his advances, took the edge off. It was more pathetic than creepy. Still, Marty wondered

where the hell is everybody?

"Where I come from large balls are a sign of virility," Andy said.

"I don't know about that," Marty said, "I'd have to ask my old lady."

"You must watch movies together," Andy smacked his lips, licked the sweat from his moustache, "all kinds of movies."

"Nah," Marty lied, "we made them instead. My woman had a hot room mate, and believe

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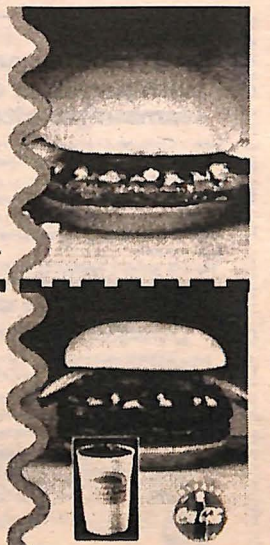
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IF I WAS SU PRESIDENT

What to do With M.S.V.U.

by Angela Jarvis

If I was president of M.S.V.U., I would do a ton of things differently. For starters, I would change the elections regulations so that every candidate would have a fair shot at running (no more last minute disqualification's or 24.3% of the votes cast being spoiled). As you can see, I don't really agree with what happened and I really think that something should be done to help elections run smooth.

A friend had a really good idea that would help elections run better - The CRO should be unbiased. By this I mean that the CRO should not be a member of the sitting student council or a friend of any of the candidates. In a school of four thousand students, this shouldn't be difficult. Being stuck on trying to fix student union so it ran better, I turn to some friends for suggestions. In return, I had some serious answers that I really believe would help the university, and some not so serious (yet funny) answers. So without further a due here's what I heard:

1. Try raising school spirit by getting both students and faculty involved in school activities.
2. Set up a council that would listen to students complaints (for example if you had a problem with a prof, and didn't feel you could go to the department head, you

could lodge a complaint with this council.

3. Set up a resource centre for Mount students where they can go and receive extra help with school work.

4. Create male dorms, I mean this is the 90's (1990's) and males should be allowed to live on campus.

5. Since the MANUS lounge has those nice windows that face the link, we should seal the room and fill it with water and tropical fish. Students would then spend hours looking at the fish instead of tying up the computers using the Internet. (sorry MANUS, just kidding)

6. Put a pool table in the student union office, so the councilors don't have to walk down to the games room.

Anyway, don't get me wrong, I think the Mount's a nice place. How many other universities have the nice campus that we have. Also, most of the profs are friendly and helpful. With the cheaper tuition this adds to make the Mount a nice place to go to school. However, I feel that some of these suggestions would help make it a better place. I personally would love to see a huge fish tank set up somewhere at the Mount, but I think that's taking the MANUS fish tank too far. I suggest we stick to watching the goldfish swim in the pond up by the Birches.

King of the Hill

by Marco Tejada

The first thing I'd do is disband the Student Union. Not because they're useless. Not because I have an inherent hatred and distrust for lying, ass-kissing politicians of every sort. No, the simple reason is democracy is dead at the MSVU. So there's no need to pay for student representatives when it's obvious students don't care for representation. That should free up some flow, release miscellaneous tuition dues.

Dollars saved will go into computer link-ups for administration offices. That'd kill a lot of confusion, paperwork, line-ups. I'd increase daycare facilities, give more cash to the sports teams and open up residences to male students and alcohol. And ensure there's a condom dispenser on every floor, right by the kitchen.

Next I'd shut down the saceteria and localize food services up the hill. The facilities in Rosaria are terribly underused and the walk up would be good for the palate. Oh yes, I'd burn Versa's contract and hang the fool administrator who gave it to them on a donair spit.

The Picaro would become part of the PR curriculum (in order to be a spin-doc-tor of any repute you must first pay your dues with the media). Hopefully that would make for a kick-ass paper and save on honorariums for staff. Besides, nothing motivates PR students like the threat of

looking bad. Nothing.

Then I'd make a deal with the government: if I effectively lower their price of tuition at the Mount, the government would kick in matching amounts in the form of grants; this way we could hopefully wean students off relying on student loans. No more ghost money to haunt you.

I'd yank the blue sofas out of the link and plant them where the saceteria used to be. Make that into a really cool licensed lounge. Call it Ripleys. Believe it or not.

What else? I'd turn Seton Lobby into a gift shop. Create a co-op book store where students sell, trade and buy books at second-hand prices. Freeze funding to the art gallery, increase flow to the library. Hire more counselors to help students find programs suited to their desires and aptitudes. Kill funding to all special interest groups. Legalize pot on campus...

But the most important change I'd make to MSVU in the course of my little benevolent dictatorship is change the name to Crescent University. And why not? At least until the universities are forced to merge into one big SuperSchool, in which case I'd abdicate to Japan, spend some time in a nice quiet Aikido dojo.

Call it karma, call it cowardice, call it what you will; there's only so much bullshit a man can deal with in one lifetime.

Nowhere But Now continued

me, they weren't shy about trying different things together." Marty gauged the effect of this bomb, measured the distance to the sauna door. He figured there was no danger. "She ain't around

anymore," he added.

"You must've pleased them," Andy panted, "You must've pleased them very much." There was a hopeful look in his dark eyes.

"Her greatest pleasure," Marty stood up, headed for the door, "was leaving me." He opened it, turned to the hairy toad-thing in the corner and said, "I can't say I blame her Andy. Sometimes you just gotta call it quits, and get out. Know what I mean?"

Lights and

an open front door at home. He walked in. The floors were visible, a board was affixed over the jagged window frame, the kitchen was in order. Nice.

The toilet flushed, Erin walked out, sat on the futon, curled her legs underneath her. "Some guy came by looking for you."

Marty nodded, threw his bag in the corner, remained standing.

"Actually, he was looking for his dope but he couldn't find it. So he went through your garbage. That didn't last long."

"Was he pissed?"

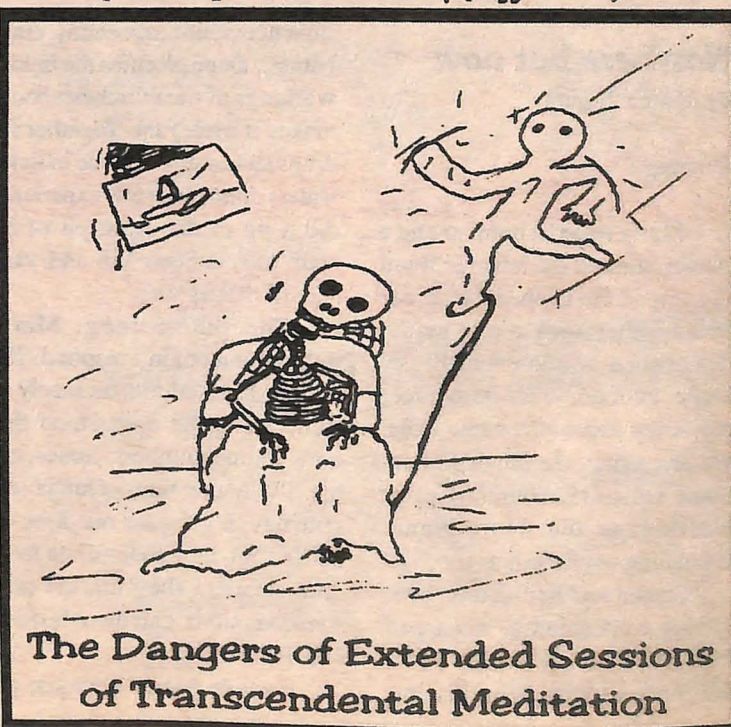
"No," she said.

"Are you?"

"Not anymore." Her eyes were wide, gentle, inviting. Marty approached the sofa. The wind grabbed at the board in the window, shook it.

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by Jeff Margison



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Aggression and Adrenaline - An Interview & A How-To Guide

by David Pound

The following is an co-interview I did with Neil Fraser from the Gazette. We had the chance to sit down with Jake, Todd and Nick from local band *Adrenaline* and talk about music.

Gazette: How long has the band been in it's current form?

Todd: Thirteen, fourteen months?

Others: Yeah. Just over a year.

Todd: There was other guys before this that played for probably two or three years. The music style has kinda changed and we just kept the same name. Before it was more of a San Francisco kind of thrash metal, now it's more of what I wanted to do the whole time.

Picaro: How would you describe the sound now?

Todd: Now? Probably like a New York hardcore crossover. It's got still metal in it, I think, but...

Nick: ...Not as much.

Todd: No, not as much.

Adrenaline: To me it's not hardcore, it's not metal. If it is hardcore it is probably the heaviest kind of hardcore you can get. It's strange, like, it's just really

aggressive. It's a mix of a lot of things. Angry modern music. Modern, that's the word we're going for now.

Gazette: Groups like Biohazard, Life of Agony?

Adrenaline: Yeah, kind of. More like the older stuff, like Agnostic Front, the Cro-Mags, stuff like that.

Picaro: Is there a market for that in Halifax?

Jake: Nope.

Picaro: So your going to have to leave?

Jake: No. Not leaving. Love Halifax. Love the small town.

Picaro: So your just going to play and play until people turn on to it.

Jake: Yeah, it's not about money, it's not about nothin', it's just about voice.

Todd: We're gonna go outta town, coming up, as soon as we get the new bass player we're gonna go up to Ontario and stuff like that.

Gazette: What is the reaction up there, to your shows?

Adrenaline: Really good. It is a

lot better, in through Quebec it's a lot more open to this kind of music. People are more into it. Down here is not that bad, but it hasn't been very good, the last couple of years.

Picaro: How hard is it to get gigs, locally?

Adrenaline: For us, it's not that hard actually. We are probably one of the only heavy bands in the city that can regularly play at *Birdland*. But when you think about it, that is probably the only place to play now. Unless you wanna play the *Ole*. Or get a show at *The Oasis*.

Picaro: Was it any better before? Was it ever better than it is now?

A: I think that it was better back when the *Flamingo* was having "Two Buck Tuesdays". And the weekend shows. The scene seemed more together. Alternative bands, metal bands, punk bands, hardcore bands, they all had to play together coz that was it, they had nowhere to play. But when the *Deuce* opened, all these bands went into this scene, and it segregated the audiences. Barely ever do you see, like, if we play with someone like *Hardship Post* for instance, maybe some of our people would come to see us and give *Hardship Post* a chance. It might

be the same the other way around. But they don't do that anymore. I don't know why.

Gazette: What were some of your influences?

Jake: When I was twelve, I heard Black Flag for the first time, and that started it all. And soon after that I heard *Slayer*, and then I got really evil (laughs). I didn't really start playing music until I was sixteen, seventeen. And then it was whatever, hardcore, metal, initially, but I liked a lot of really old school hip hop stuff. Anything in music where they felt like they had something to say, and felt was important.

Picaro: Is there anything new

that turns you on?

Jake: Well, I like Korn's stuff. I've pretty much given up on all the hip hop stuff. It's sooo generic now. There is a lot of stuff, I just can't think of it now.

Gazette: What Halifax bands do you like right now?



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Full Circle at Vinnie's

by David Pound

Full Circle played to a small, but supportive crowd for the final night of the RAFA concert series held at Vinnie's pub. It was my first time seeing the band and I was quite impressed with their musicianship and the quality of their songs.

This band definitely could hold its own on any commercial radio station across Canada. They seemed to have a definite R and B flavour, with the *Black Crowes* and *Blue Rodeo* sometimes surfacing as influences. *Full Circle* have already won the C100 unplugged competition and the Q104 homegrown contest and have made over 26 television appearances.

The Mounts very own Scott

Cheverie leads the band vocally, while the rest of the band is rounded out by Steve Matheson



on guitar, Sandy Beagan on keyboards, Gil Roy on drums and

Mark Peddle on bass. Scott's vocals were very strong and the vocal interplay between him and Sandy was amazing. Sandy really shone through on the song "Ocean Blue". "Who wants to live", was another highlight, depicting the struggles that musicians and students alike must face just scraping by on little money. "Drive" also had a really memorable hook to it, that stuck in your head.

Full Circle were tight and you could tell the band was having a good time playing their own songs. Since Scott is graduating this year, I have to say good luck to Scott and *Full Circle*. This band deserves any and all recognition they receive.

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Jake: Shine Factory. They are the best underrated band around here. And I like the Chitz, they're pretty intense. They've got some hardcore going on. Um, what do you guys like?

Nick: I liked a couple of local bands, but they all break up so quick. I haven't heard anything lately, but then I haven't seen a show in so long.

Todd: Well, my favourite two local bands were Entrafis and Gorbage, but that's who I'm playing with now (laughs).

Gazette: Are you getting any label interest?

Adrenaline: Lots.

Todd: We've sent some tapes out, and now we might go with somebody and do a CD with them, or we might just do it our-

selves. It depends on what happens. I'd rather just do the first one ourselves. And then maybe someone, a larger label, would step in and do a second one. So we could get an idea of what is going on. I think a lot of these



independents are just distribution, really, I don't think there is a lot of money. It's not like Geffen where they are going to give you a hundred thousand dollars to write songs.

Picaro: So was your demo tape paid for right out of your own pockets?

Todd: Yeah. It wasn't that expensive. I mean for seven songs it

was pretty good.

Nick: It was pretty cheap. The studio we recorded at was pretty new, so the rates were only \$15/hour. Sustain Digital in Dartmouth.

Todd: How many practices were we together then?

Nick: Ten rehearsals.

Todd: And then we did that tape. And even now if we re-recorded some of these it would probably sound a lot better.

Picaro: When was it recorded?

Todd: We recorded it in November. Some of the songs on there we don't even play live. These were feeler songs. It was the first batch of songs we wrote, and it was kind of experimental to see what we wanted to do.

Picaro: So is your sound much different now?

Todd: The song "Control" is our sound. And "Not My Problem". There is no more "Last Option."

Nick: "Last Option" was our ballad. It's not a bad song, but we would rather just play faster.

Gazette: What would you say to someone who wanted to start a band in Halifax?

Jake: Practice. Don't start playing (gigs) if your crappy. Practice and get good, and know that you're going to giving an effort at your music. Half of the bands in Halifax, I mean, you go to Cafe Ole on a Friday night and all you see is a bunch of crap. People don't practice, they put together a band and say "Well, let's play a show." In this town they think that all it takes is, "I'm holding a guitar, and you're going to get behind the drums, and we'll pull another jale." We know that's not going

to happen. I won't let it.

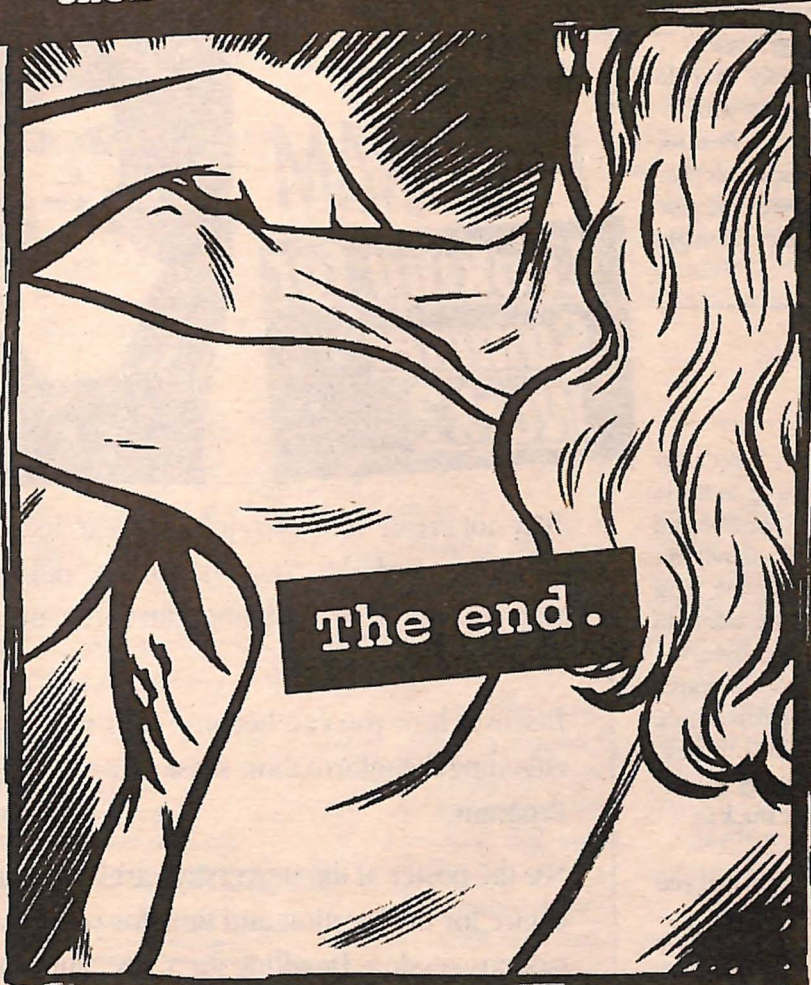
Picaro: Do you rehearse a lot?

Todd: We try to rehearse as much as we can, but we only get about one day a week. We think that if you pay 25 bucks to see a band, they should do more than just stand there.

Gazette: I noticed that in your show you get right into it, jump into the crowd and everything.

Todd: People are paying money, they might as well just sit at home sit at home and listen to the tape if they're not going to move. I mean, that's as much as we can do at the Birdland. If we do any more than that we're not going get any more shows. If you come to see an out of town show we're going to break things. Freak right out.

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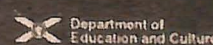
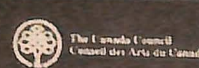
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To start off the awards, Recreation Officer Joanne Burns-Theriault presented the Margaret Ellis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Recreation to a deserving student and leader, Kara MacNeil. Over the past year, Kara has organized the annual Mystic Blue Review as well as the ACAA championships that were held at the Mount. Both events were very successful and Kara deserved the recognition that she received. The next award presented for the Intramural Team of the Year which Burns-Theriault also presented to members of the Athletics/Recreation Society who volunteered their time during the ACAA championships. The society also put on various volleyball tournaments throughout the year, as

well as Movie and Skating Nights.

Then Burns-Theriault turned the podium over to June Lumsden, coordinator for the Mount's Athletics/Recreation Department, to hand out the various athletic awards. Mike Hingston, coach of the badminton team awarded Susie Rocca with the Most Improved Player; Most Valuable Player went to

Dwayne Costello. In women's basketball, coach Patsy Pyke named Sheila Murphy MIP and Pam McCulloch was awarded MVP. Men's basketball coach Rick Plato selected David Wilson as MIP while Mark Clarke and Malik Adams were co-recipients of the MVP award. Plato also awarded Andy Stanley and Craig Miller with recognition awards for their play throughout their

four years at the Mount. They will be graduating this year and will be missed by the team. In women's soccer honours went to Wendy Spence for MIP and Erin Atkinson for MVP. Finally, in women's volleyball, Heather MacIsaac was the MIP recipient while Angie Garner received MVP honours.

Among the other awards presented were for the Male and

Female Athletes of the Year, which were awarded to Mark Clarke and Pam McCulloch respectively. Clarke had an incredible year on the court, selected as ACAA League MVP, ACAA first team all-star, CCAA All Canadian and named Most Valuable Player for the 1995-96 season.

McCulloch also had a very impressive year. She was selected as MVP of the league, MVP for the 1995-96 season, ACAA first team all-star and CCAA All Canadian. The Student Athlete Award, the "Windsor Flash" trophy, was awarded to a member of the volleyball team, Lisa Patterson. The Coach of the Year award was presented to Mike Hingston, head coach for the badminton team, who was also recognised with the CCAA Coaching Excellence Award. Men's Basketball Coach, Rick Plato, was awarded ACAA Coach of the Year, as he coached the team to an impressive 20-1 record for the season.

All in all, the evening was a success. Congratulations to all the winners and best of luck to all teams for the 1996-97 season.



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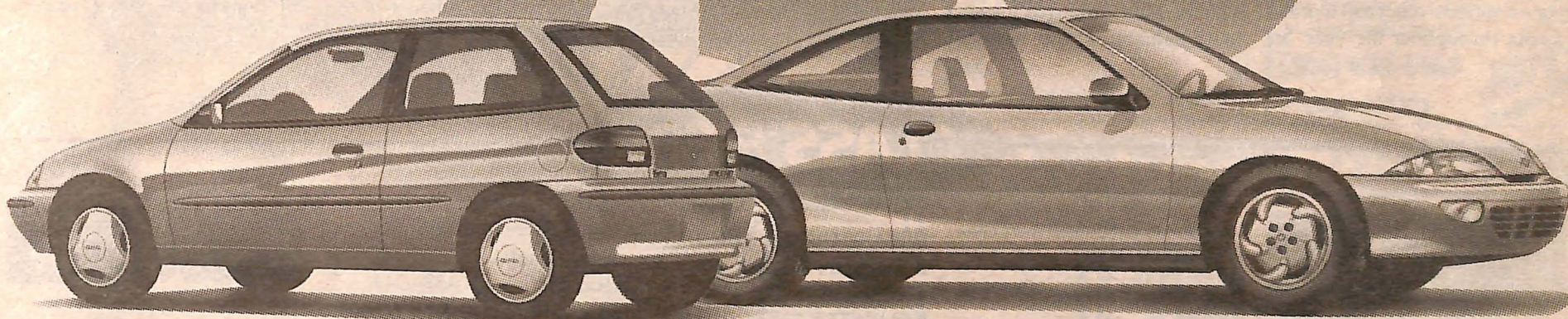
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