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Not easy being green

by Leslie Cheeseman

Mount Saint Vincent University has become known for its beautiful campus. Buildings and pathways are framed by lush lawns, green trees and colourful, fragrant flowers. Our surroundings have long been a source of pride for staff, faculty, students, and alumni. Very few people would even consider that such beauty could pose any type of danger.

But, according to several concerned individuals on campus, stopping to smell the flowers could be very hazardous to your health. These people are concerned with the use of pesticides to keep our grounds free of weeds and insects—pesticides that can be linked to many health problems and environmental sensitivities.

Director of the Mount's Physical Plant, Paul Reyno, is sympathetic with these concerns. "As we have become more conscious of environmental issues, we have become more aggressive in the elimination of pesticides on campus," he says. "We use an integrated pest management system that combines the use of organic fertilizers and turf management whenever possible."

The Mount's integrated pest management system combines the use of common synthetic and organic fertilizers, hand weeding and

When it comes to pesticide use in Canada, we are a human experiment without records being kept. We have chemical warfare going on in our neighbourhoods. The spreading and the spraying of chemicals on lawns, trees and in houses is against the common right of all citizens to breathe clean air and to remain in good health.

- Dr. J. Irwin

turf management techniques—promoting a healthy lawn by cutting grass to varying lengths and at certain times. The application of chemical pesticides, always done by professionals, is limited. For example, this past summer pesticides were used only three times—two applications of a insecticide called Dursban and one of Killex, a herbicide, which was used only as a spot treatment.

But for some, three applications are three too many. Dursban, commonly known as chlorpyrifos, has been linked with nervous disorders, kidney and liver damage, and reproductive problems. Killex, a combination of herbicidal chemicals including dicamba and 2,4-D, can also contribute to nervous disorders, kidney and liver damage, reproductive problems, birth defects and cancer. The chemical 2,4-D is currently under special review by the

Environmental Protection Agency in the United States because of concerns about chronic health and environmental effects.

"Our goal is the complete elimination of pesticide usage on campus and we are working towards this," says Reyno. "We are working with the industry, using and applying alternative technologies as they become available."

The pesticides that are used on campus are perfectly legal. The Mount hires licensed professionals who work within government regulations. However, legal does not always mean safe. There are some people who will not rest until the use of pesticides on campus is banned. Currently, the faculty is discussing the situation and there is reason to expect that such a ban will be in place in the very near future.

The votes are in...

by James Tilley

Did you hear? There was a Student Union By-election last week.

This year's election had a turnout of approximately 250 voters out of 3883 potential voters. This is barely six percent of the total student population.

"There were four poll stations set up," says one poll worker. "It should not have been that hard for students to get to one of them."

Chief Returning Officer, Melis Caha, announced the poll results Thursday evening to the small crowd at Vinnie's. Since then they have been posted around campus.

Some candidates, like the International Students Rep. and the Science Students Rep., had less than 40 voters deciding their fate.

Terri Roberts is the first person elected to the newly created position of Vice President of Race and Gender Relations. This executive spot is replacing the former Status of Women Officer position.

The five new candidates will have their work cut out for them—many positions are still vacant on the students' representative council.

Vice President

Race and Gender Relations	
Jane Mulatz	105 votes
Terri Roberts	122 votes
Abstain	23 votes
Spoiled	1 votes
Total	251 votes

Full Time Students

Senate Representative

Greg Nepean	
Yes	167 votes
No	42 votes
Abstain	26 votes
Spoiled	1 votes
Total	236 votes

Arts Representative

Amanda Carver	
Yes	72 votes
No	5 votes
Abstain	4 votes
Total	81 votes

Science Representative

Kathie Jollimore	
Yes	38 votes
No	1 votes
Abstain	0 votes
Total	39 votes

International Students

Representative	
Barbara Taylor	
Yes	22 votes
No	0 votes
Abstain	0 votes
Total	22 votes

News Briefs

Universities shafted in Throne Speech

Premier John Hamm's Speech from the Throne left the province's universities and university students uncertain about their futures.

Issues, such as the cost of tuition, were key components of the Conservative leader's election platform in August. Last week, in the Throne Speech, the concerns of the university community were conspicuously left out. Instead, Hamm chose to concentrate on such matters as "codes of conduct" for students and teachers.

Science and Technology

... naturally!

From October 15-24 Canadians from coast to coast are celebrating Science and Technology Week.

This annual national event celebrates achievement, innovation, and general awareness in the fields of science, technology, awareness, and mathematics. This year's theme is Science and Technology...Naturally! Canadians are encouraged to think about how science, technology and nature interact and to discover what is happening all around them by taking a few minutes to reflect on scientific phenomena seen every day.

Events will be held around Nova Scotia. To view a calendar of events, check out the Science Technology and Awareness Network's website at <http://is.dal.ca/~stanet>.

Steal this idea

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities agency has just launched the second annual You Corp./VotrEnterprise tour.

You Corp./VotrEnterprise is an initiative developed to promote and foster entrepreneurship as a career choice among young people.

From mid-October to December, this year's tour will hit 40 communities across Atlantic Canada. As a complimentary resource, and to help students who may be unable to attend, a website has been launched (www.you-corp.com). The site features an expert forum panel, useful links and a section called "Steal this Idea" which provides fresh, interesting business ideas that cost less than \$10,000 to start.

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U. of Alberta student politician resigns over financial scandal

Source: The Gateway (University of Alberta)
by Ryan Smith

EDMONTON (CUP) - Bennett Polack, Arts Students' Association (ASA) president at the University of Alberta, has resigned his position due to allegations he misappropriated \$2,600 of the ASA's funds.

The ASA's executive has accepted Polack's resignation.

The resignation, which was tendered September 28, follows an investigation by Edmonton Police that ended on September 25. No charges were laid.

The investigation has been turned over to the U of A's Campus Security, who is currently handling the case.

Discipline Officer Olive Yonge will review the recommendations resulting from the Campus Security report.

Punishment, if any, will then be levied against Polack according to the University's Code of Student Behavior.

The financial controversy stems from an internal ASA investigation.

"I noticed the [ASA] balance was unusually low, so we looked back at the statements and found some irregularities," said ASA Vice-President (Administration) Jon Iverson.

Iverson is currently acting as the ASA's President.

Laureen Kennedy, ASA Vice-President (Finance), joined Iverson in investigating the matter.

After doing some research, Kennedy discovered that some cheques, dated between February and June 1999, had been written from the back of the chequebook.

Kennedy ordered copies of the suspicious cheques from the bank. She received them on September 21, and noticed that Polack had signed approximately \$2,600 worth of cheques to himself.

On September 23, Polack made a deposit into

the ASA's account roughly equal to the amount he had taken.

Iverson says steps are being taken to rectify the situation.

"This did occur," he said, "but we're changing our locks and safes, and the way our cheques look so that two signatures must be present before the banks will cash them."

According to Associate Dean of Students Sean Kennedy, "the key thing is that the situation is resolving itself and we have confidence in the new ASA executive."

Student Groups Director Jennifer Wanke added that such improprieties happen frequently, and warned other student groups to be wary of similar situations.

Polack, who was ejected from the U of A's Students' Council last year after failing to attend several meetings, could not be reached for comment.

Crop circles at Alberta U. don't fool professor

Source: The Gateway (University of Alberta)
by Yang Wu

EDMONTON (CUP) - The truth is out there. It's just not at the University of Alberta.

This was the conclusion of professor Jim Butler on the recent appearance of crop circles at the University's agricultural research facility in Edmonton.

The formations, which appeared this past August, sprung up during a clear night, with aurora borealis lighting up the star filled sky.

During the night, five circles appeared in a wheat field at the U of A facility. They were comprised of four small ones measuring roughly eight metres in diameter surrounding a large circle 20.5 metres in diameter.

But according to Butler, the crop circles are an amateurish hoax.

"I've been with scientists to Southern England and studied 50 formations containing over 300 circles," he said. "I believe that they are a real phenomenon. However, these crop circles are not."

There are various details in the circles that reveal they are fakes, says

Butler. First, he points out that the wheat stems in the U of A circles were broken; in real crop circles they are actually bent.

Butler also points out that in real crop circles, the nodes of the stems are melted, which would indicate that they are still alive, and even contain greater nutritional value.

In the last two decades, crop circles have been an increasing phenomenon.

Although they were found in fields as early as the 1940s, massive numbers of crop circles started appearing in the 1970s throughout the world.

Most have appeared in the Stonehenge area of Britain, where four to five circles are reported each day.

Although less common in North America, there are, on average, 15 circles reported each year.

The first circles in Western Canada appeared in Saskatchewan in 1973, and other circles have appeared in places such as the town of Warner near Lethbridge.

Two female students confronted in woods by armed male

Source: The Sheridan Sun (Sheridan College)
by Rebecca Stoneman

OAKVILLE, ON (CUP) - Halton Regional Police have charged a 16-year-old Oakville youth in connection with two sexual attacks on Sheridan College students earlier this month.

The youth, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act, faces several charges, including two counts of sexual assault with a weapon and breach of probation, said Sergeant Frank Phillips, media relations officer with the Halton Regional Police Service.

Both incidents took place on wooded trails next to Sheridan's Oakville Trafalgar campus, located half-an-hour outside of Toronto.

Students regularly use the trails to travel to nearby residential areas and

the Oakville Place Mall.

The first incident occurred Monday, October 4 when a male suspect pointed a gun at a student and ordered her to disrobe. She screamed and the male fled.

That Tuesday, in the second incident, the suspect produced a handgun and demanded a female student to disrobe. She complied and was sexually assaulted.

Both assaults took place between 5 and 8 p.m.

"One (assault) is obviously a problem," said Sheridan President Sheldon Levy. "Two becomes a worrisome trend."

A break in the case occurred on the Wednesday afternoon when a female student informed Sheridan

Security she thought she had seen the suspect in the campus's northwest woodlot.

Earlier in the day, police had distributed warning posters around campus including a description of the suspect.

Jack Checkoway, Sheridan's security supervisor, and Security Officer Krista Silvestre proceeded to search the area.

At the north end of the trail the officers saw the suspect, who started to run but was quickly apprehended. A quick search revealed a folding knife in his back pocket.

The suspect willingly accompanied the officers back to the college where a police search revealed a pellet gun.

Buddhist monk ponders student stress

Source The Varsity (University of Toronto)
by Diana Pereira

TORONTO (CUP) - Buddhist monk Kelsang Phuntsog wants to help students quell stress levels.

"Rather than being passive recipients of a world that's crazy, by taking control of our internal space we can begin to take actions that are clear and effective," said the Toronto-based monk.

Recently ordained after studying Mahayana Buddhism at a Toronto Buddhist centre, Phuntsog is teaching students Buddhism at a recreation centre at the University of Toronto.

Phuntsog believes Buddhism can help students who suffer such problems as a lack of direction, inability to

maintain positive relationships and high stress levels.

"Some students are turning to alcohol and dope to fix something inside -these are temporary fixes," said Phuntsog. "Young people in general need an understanding of dharma, which is truth or spiritual wisdom."

The monk adds that meditation sometimes has a bad rap.

"People have a misconception that meditation is antisocial and anti-activist," said Phuntsog. "It's the opposite. Rather than running away from life, it's a means of investigating the nature of life."



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York University student council budget scandal

Source: The Excalibur (York University)
by Angela Pacienza and Tara C. Brautigam

TORONTO (CUP) - In violation of their own constitution, York University's student government is spending thousands of dollars in unapproved expenditures derived from student ancillary fees.

Student union executives, including President Horace Dockery, declined to be interviewed for this story.

Since July, the York Federation of Students (YFS) have operated without an approved budget.

According to the YFS constitution, the council president is expected to present an annual budget to council for approval by the end of June. To date no budget has been brought forward.

In a controversial move, the student council has also created a \$4,000 pot to help pay for cab and transit fair for council members to attend meetings and protests.

The YSF motion referred to the pot as a "slush fund."

A slush fund, according to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, is "reserve funding especially used for political bribery."

The creation of such a fund disturbs some students.

"Like any government, if they're supposed to represent the body of students that's pretty despicable on their part," said third-year York English student Chris Mansour.

"That betrays the trust students had in voting for them in the first place. If the slush fund comes from student money, that's basically theft."

Council executives currently make \$20,000 a year from student fees.

College representatives work on a volunteer basis.

Only \$15,000 in YFS expenditures to date can be confirmed as council has refused to divulge figures.

This amount, however,

does not include the cost of producing and printing the student handbook, office staff salaries, expense accounts for conferences, and pizza parties at council meetings, which all combined reach an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Over 90 per cent of the YFS budget, approximately \$416,000, comes from student levies. Currently, students pay \$19.20 in ancillary fees to the YFS annually.

YFS President Dockery, who is responsible for preparing the budget, would not return phone calls.

Amrit Bains, YFS vice-president (university and academic affairs), also declined to comment on the issue.

But according to former council members, the budget is regarded as little more than cosmetic. Meanwhile, some YSF members are so desensitized to the issue they say not passing a budget on time is no big deal.

YFS business manager

Jennifer Smith says delays in approving a budget have been a common phenomenon in the 12 years she has worked with the council.

Ross McMillan, former YFS vice-president (university and academic affairs), says not approving the budget by deadline is a trend dating back for as long as he can remember.

"Budgets in YFS are usually never done before [the June deadline]," said McMillan.

However, councils in other parts of the country haven't had any apparent problems in that department.

Students unions at Ryerson University and the University of British Columbia approved their budgets over the summer.

McMillan concedes the YFS traditionally has trouble handling financial matters.

"The budget is more hands on," he says. "It's not the best way to do financial reporting or anything, but it's

hard to manage everything."

This type of bookkeeping leaves the door open for all types of expenditures.

Thomas Dunbar, acting president of York's Founders College, says with delays in the student government, students are being placed on the back burner.

"Students should know where they stand and where their money is going," he said. "That's the reason why audits are published."

Dunbar is concerned that without an approved budget, planning for events like Access 2000, a nationwide campaign addressing inaccessibility to post-secondary education, may be compromised.

"Things have to get done," he said. "Otherwise, leave it to someone who wants to do it."

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Governments crack down on use of fake IDs by students

Source The Aquinian (St. Thomas University)
by Bronwen Mosher

FREDERICTON (CUP) - After several bar raids in Fredericton this past year revealed underage drinking in the city, both city hall and the government of New Brunswick have now decided to crack down on the use of fake IDs by students.

In conjunction with the University of New Brunswick, the provincial departments of Finance and Transportation are launching an awareness campaign to explain to students the risks involved with the use of fake IDs.

"We want to talk with young people to explain the possible consequences of this kind of illegal activity," said provincial Finance Minister Norman Betts. "If we provide them with information, they can make reasonable decisions."

The information will come in the form of posters, pamphlets, campus media interviews and discussions with students and student leaders.

"Our liquor inspectors have met with liquor

licensees to stress the importance of checking for valid identification," continued Betts. "But we thought it would be a good idea to educate the young people who often do not realize the consequences of their actions."

Betts is considering expanding the program to other campuses if the results are positive.

At present, the program is limited to UNB and neighbouring St. Thomas University.

Transportation Minister Margaret-Ann Blaney believes new technology is making fake IDs easier to acquire and manufacture.

The Department of Transportation is involved in this campaign because of the increasing use of forged driver's licenses for the purpose of purchasing liquor.

"Our youth need to know that using a false ID could get them more than a drink in a bar," said Blaney. "It could get them a criminal record."

The choice is yours

by Charity Baker

Have you read any of the following books? *The Reader*, *The Pilot's Wife*, or anything by Stephen Covey, Iyanla Vanzant or Phillip McGraw? Does the name Harry Potter ring a bell? If you have, consider yourself part of the majority, the majority that has been brainwashed by the talkshow hosts that control the television every day.

In today's society people seem to determine what to read by what they see on television. No one makes up their own mind as to what would be a good read. The bestsellers in most bookstores consists mainly of books that have been on Oprah, Rosie, or any of the other popular talk shows. As soon as Oprah introduces a new book, the people rush en masse towards the nearest store, demanding to have the book they saw on television in their hands at that moment. Sure, they may not know the title, or the author, or even the subject of the book. But they know it's red, and that it was on Oprah and that means it must be good.

But does it? Why are people today putting all the responsibility of choosing books on one woman's shoulders? Is Oprah's taste really that good? Or Rosie's for that matter. It seems to me that people really need to get off their couches and get out there and read some books that catch *their* interest, not someone else's. Oprah may feel that Toni Morrison is the greatest author in the world, but that doesn't make it true. Everyone has different tastes, and they need to be willing to explore them, rather than following the rest of the herd. Just because the shepherd leads you somewhere, it

doesn't mean it's a good place to be. One day, the shepherd may have a craving for leg of lamb, and then where will you end up? If people take the time to really peruse the shelves of the bookstore they may find something that Oprah would never have chosen to read. Oprah's choices are not always the best for everyone. If a friend took a class that they liked, it doesn't necessarily mean you'll like it too. I know I'm not going to take a course just because a friend took it and told me to. So I'm certainly not going to read a book because some woman on television has decided it's good for the entire world.

I'd actually like to see Oprah recommend a really bad book, one that no one would read on their own accord. I'd love to see the people rush into the stores to pick up this book and then read it, suffering all the way through it, only to turn to their friends and say that they just read the latest Oprah book, and it is the best book in the world. They might not think that, but they have some beastial reaction that makes them agree with whatever everyone else says. Then, this book that no one likes, will become a bestseller. That's just how it works. So if you want to be famous, but feel you can't write to save your life, send a nice gift to one of the talk shows, and they'll hook you up.

I'm not trying to knock

"Just because the shepherd leads you someplace doesn't mean it's a good place to be. Someday the shepherd may be craving leg of lamb, and then where will you end up?"

down recommending books, I recommend books to people I know. But that's the point, I only recommend books to people I know. That way I have some idea what type of books they might like. If I have a clue as to what authors or subjects they have enjoyed before, then I feel a little more secure in suggesting another title to them. The talk show hosts are making broad recommendations to the millions of people who watch them. They don't know these people, and they don't know what these people like. They seem to feel that their opinions should apply to everyone. "If I like this book, so should everyone else."

So, while I'm not telling people to stop reading, because that would be even sadder than letting someone else choose your books, I am suggesting (yes, I'm making a recommendation) that they spend a little time in the bookstore finding books that they will enjoy.

And remember, like the *Emperor's New Clothes*, you may be better off not agreeing with the masses. Just because the television says it's good doesn't mean you have to say the same thing. So if you read one of the books that you see on television and you feel it's just about the worst book ever, shout out about it. And if you really feel the need, write a book review and bring it to us. We'd love to hear from you.

So keep reading, no matter what it is, it's always good to keep the literature flowing into the gray matter that gets destroyed during the school year. Reading is a great way to spend time, just try and make sure you are reading something you enjoy, not something someone else thinks you should enjoy. Reading is another form of self expression, so make sure it is your self you are expressing.

Not feelin' so hot?

by Melissa Melanson

There is nothing hot about this article because I have a cold. Whah, whah I know. But whether it's a feverish flu or a miserable cold, everyone seems to be having temperature issues. I've always prided myself on being a non-conformist, but I couldn't help it this time, everybody was doing it.

So here I am, whiny and complaining, because I'm sick. It serves me right, shooting off my mouth about my kick-ass immune system, all the while sharing air with contaminated friends and sharing ice cream with my virus laden roommate.

My question is: when you're feeling under the weather do you postpone life or just struggle through? Many students have decided to opt for the former, and I'm assuming that the health office has received a lot of requests for notes. Sometimes you don't have a choice but to go home and wait it out, but most of us just can't schedule it in.

I mean, a lot of people operate on less than 100% most of the time because of lack of sleep or abundance of leisure. So how are they going to make up the time when they're healthy again? They won't. They'll just get more and more behind, have several minor breakdowns or one major one and drive everyone around them crazy.

So I say, don't be like me and dismiss the possibility of catching whatever virus is going around. When you're putting things off, consider that tomorrow might not be such a great day to do work. The current bug going around is not like a hangover—it cannot be cured overnight with some tried and true method that you've been using since high school.

Never a fan of over-the-counter drugs, because they tend to treat the symptoms and not the problem, I usually opt for more unconventional therapy. The most effective is denial. If you refuse to admit defeat, the bug will have no choice but to retreat.

I have found that smile therapy is also effective. This may sound crazy, but waking up in the morning with a smile on my face always starts the day off right. Whether it is the fact that C+C Music Factory is playing on my clock radio, that I almost fall out of my bed while dancing under my sheets or maybe I find the fact that I'm getting up three hours after going to bed so funny that it makes me smile. Whatever. It works.

If we're all going to be sick, then we might as well make it as pleasant as we can for our fellow sufferers. If we all smile and struggle through it, maybe we'll actually get used to being sick. Because without an extended period away from school we're all going to keep on catching the virus from each other. Like one very sweet and kind person is always saying, "sharing is caring!"

And if you're already sick, then smile because you fit in.

HEY THE PICARO IS SHAGGADELIC!

They have these groovy new things called deadlines.

The next one is like October 27th, man.

Writing for the Picaro is where it's at here at MSVU.

IT'S MY BAG BABY, YEAH!



Field of My Dreams

One fanatic explains her love of the game

by Jennifer Henderson

I have a vice. Okay, I have several harmless vices but only one is applicable to this piece - baseball. I'm a complete baseball junkie. This wouldn't be odd if I was a middle-aged American male, but as a teenaged girl who lives at least a thousand miles from the nearest major league, team it's kind of unusual. I've often wondered if I'm the only one of my generation who still feels a connection to the sport.

Some blame the declining popularity of baseball on the strike of '94 or the exorbitant athlete salaries. Others claim it lacks appeal for minorities and women. The answer may be much simpler- attention span. A good ball game can reach the three hour mark. That's a long time to be glued to your television set, especially in the age of the soundbyte. Baseball has nine innings, but each inning is an independent event. It lacks the time limits that condense football, hockey and soccer for public consumption. There are no point caps a la tennis and volleyball. Baseball is meant to be savoured, but few of us have time to savour anything more drawn-out than a cup of Tim Horton's coffee these days.

I started watching almost seven years ago, gravitating toward the Toronto Blue Jays as a favourite team. Most would say my taste leaves something to be desired. I've been there for all the big moments - Cal Ripken breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played streak, Mark McGwire's 62nd home run, Wade Boggs inexplicably riding around on a horse after the Yankees won the World Series and so on.

I can't quite verbalize what it is that attracts me to Major League baseball. There is a certain spirit and glory that isn't present in other sports. Imagine Kevin Costner making a movie about tennis or polo. Baseball has history and heroes and a mythology all its own. The names Ruth, Mantle, Robinson, DiMaggio, et al, are latter day deities to the diehard fan. There is something romantic about a game where the words "miracle" and "destiny" are still bandied around. In the world of baseball even the

underdog has his day.

While the summer months are the heyday of America's past-time, October is prime time for baseball fanatics. The World Series, the game's Holy Grail looms large, but first there is there are divisional play-offs and league championships to be won. It is the proverbial separation of the men from the boys. Who

will triumph? Will it be the feared and reviled New York Yankees? The smug Atlanta Braves? Or perhaps the classic underdogs - the Mets or the Red Sox? The beauty of the game is that no one can really predict the outcome. On this field of dreams, there's still room for an old-time miracle or two and that's what keeps me hooked.



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What's the deal with popcorn?

by Rhonda Simser

I have spent the last few days trying to come up with a good topic for an opinion piece, and couldn't. So after a few ideas gone wrong, I have decided to go and get other people's opinions on why popcorn is so great. This is what some of the people I encountered had to say.

Question: What is the best thing about popcorn? Simple question, but I got some pretty weird answers...don't worry, I used code names, but have also added something so you can know who they are.

"It's hot." Propaganda McNasty, Editor-in-chief

"It pops." Goat Grrrl, 'nuff said

"It goes in hard and comes out soft." Juanita the Innocent

"All round wholesome goodness." Frequent Corner Store shopper

"There's nothing like a good hot bag." Studley Hungwell, corner store employee.

"Makes beer go down so much easier." Bar Babe

"I love greasy, sticky fingers." Pimp T, pub employee

"The way it falls on your shirt, allowing you to save some for later." Kyle 60

"The more it bounces on the ground, the better it tastes." The Tattler

"Doesn't smell like beer—it reminds me of Assisi Hall." Dancing Queen.

"They're lighter after they've popped." McHappy

"It's edible." Turkey Girl

The Burden Of Student Loans

by Richard Dobbin

In the past several years, students have experienced a remarkable increase in the burdens of their student loan debts, due to increased tuition costs, living costs and a decrease (or freeze) in the amounts students are awarded. Yet during this same period of time, various Federal and Provincial Government officials have made statements, and changes, that seem on the surface to support the plight of students. However, taking a close look at these changes demonstrates the apparent commitment to the Canadian banks by these officials, and not a sincere commitment to the needs of today's students.

According to one bank

official I spoke to in passing, student loans are no longer guaranteed by the Federal Government and persons who declare bankruptcy can no longer include their student loans as a part of that bankruptcy procedure. This places the entire burden of responsibility for the repayment of student loans squarely on the shoulders of students. To be fair, this is an apparent response to the high levels of loan defaults that banks have had to deal with in the past. However, when instituting these changes, the Federal Government should have predicted the hardship these changes have placed onto students, and implemented better policies

and programs that would make paying for student loans less of a burden.

I feel that a few changes to the Income Tax Act would be a great benefit to students. Thus I have created a petition that proposes two changes to the Act that will lessen the burden of the student loan payments that students are, or will be, making. The petition can be found on the Internet at <http://fenton.8m.com/petition.htm>. Please read and sign the petition, then mail it to "The Honourable Paul Martin MP, Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario PC.", postage is free.

Holy Batman! A BA in comics!

Source The Fulcrum (University of Ottawa)

by Kate Heartfield

OTTAWA (CUP) - If you secretly cherish your Superman covers and spend more time doodling than taking notes, don't worry, academia has accepted you into the fold.

The Université du Québec à Hull is now offering a bachelor's degree in comics through its visual arts faculty.

The university announced the three-year program at Zone Internationale des Nouvelles Arts (ZINA 99), a conference and trade show held this past summer in Montreal.

This September, the first 18 students began classes in

theoretical and practical cartooning and other alternative art forms.

Sylvain Lemay, the program's only instructor, said the program developed from the visual arts professors' observations.

"Lots of students used a drawing style close to 'bande dessinée' [cartoon style], so we formed a focus group to study it and there was a positive response to the idea," he said.

Although there are colleges which offer similar training, Lemay said the UQAH program is unique in North America and probably

Europe as well.

He said a university degree is needed because it gives students an academic edge over their college counterparts and it allows them to study the field in greater depth.

In France and Belgium, where comics are very popular, there has already been some interest in recruiting from UQAH's program.

"It's the same as for students in visual arts," Lemay said. "They have to have exhibitions, and speak with editors and publishers."

Paying to talk

by Earla Musgrave-Esdaille

Keeping in touch with family and friends is of prime importance to many individuals who are away from home. Many have access to cellular phones, email, and fax machines. But for others, especially students at university, the telephone is still the primary and most affordable technological instrument for communication. Some may not be able to afford the luxury of telephones in their dorm rooms, so they no other recourse but to use the phone card system.

There are dozens of phone card companies across Canada. But do individuals stop to think about the cost that is involved when using a phone card? Do they realize that they may be paying as much as five times the amount that they would pay for using their telephone at home? This is a reality which struck me back when I purchased a phone card.

Coming from the northern Caribbean to study in Halifax is by no means a short distance. This move presented for me the need to be in touch with family and friends through some form of telecommunication. Obviously, the cheapest one I thought would be the telephone.

At the beginning of the 1998/99 academic year, representatives from the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Company (MTT) were on campus to offer telephone service to students. As well, there were phone cards offered by MTT. The rate on these phone cards was approximately two dollars per minute to call back home to Antigua. When these were used up, it was my delight to discover that there were phone cards available at the university's bookstore on campus. These phone cards were distributed by a company called Fonemax. This phone card rate was more or less the same as for the cards I had purchased from MTT.

In February of this year, I told by the workers at the bookstore that they would no longer be selling that particular type of phone card, but that new ones would be available shortly. There was also a "special" on to get rid of that particular stock of phone cards. One could have purchased three, ten dollar phone cards for twenty dollars, plus tax. As was mentioned earlier, these phone cards were distributed under the name Fonemax.

Recently, a new phone card series has been released in Nova Scotia. The card is crested with the MTT logo, but there seems to be a merger of companies as the back of the card has the names of ten companies listed on it. Imagine my disappointment when, after purchasing a twenty dollar phone card, and dialing the number, I was told by that recording voice that I had only four minutes to my home town. This means I was paying at least five dollars per minute to call back home - more than a 100 per cent increase on the price that I had been paying earlier.

From a consumer's standpoint, I do not think that distributive justice has been considered in this situation. There is basically no benefit to the consumer. There is the additional burden in that the consumer has to pay much more to make long distance calls. I will agree that the tax is included in the cost since the machines cannot charge the consumer tax manually. However, to equate fifteen per cent with over one hundred per cent is ludicrous. This is a case where businesses take so much from the consumers, and no one can see what it being given back to society in return.

Are these companies morally obligated to serve the public to the best of their ability? I surely think so. The MTT corporation should take some time to reflect on this decision that they have made. The corporation should, if they do not already, have an ethics committee in place to help in guiding them to think of what is in the best interest of their customers.

In my opinion, these phone cards should be recalled. The companies should reconsider the cost of these cards to the public, and try to compensate the public for this act of injustice to them.

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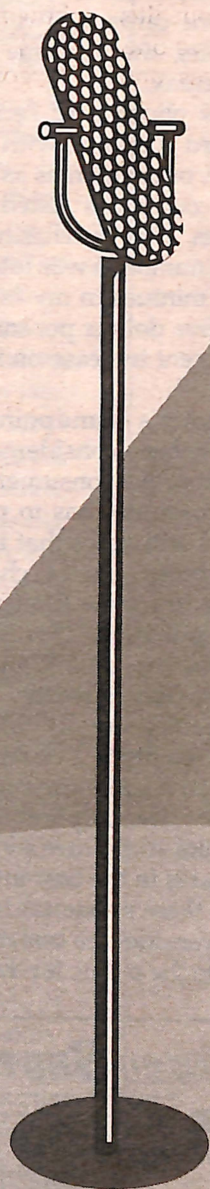
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by Charity Baker

Warning: the writer of these predictions has no real astrological training at all. The horrorscope is only written for fun. So enjoy it, and take it with a grain of salt and a sense of humour.

Scorpio: 10/24 to 11/21

If the people who are out to get you haven't reached you yet then you are in luck. Now they want nothing to do with you, they are actually running from you. It seems you have some sort of plague that makes you repulsive and horrific. Unfortunately, this plague never goes away because it is simply your personality.

Sagittarius: 11/22 to 12/21

Okay, so the leg bit was cold. True, you had no run-ins with a bear, but you have to

admit that the dog does exist. Now your big worry is the angry mob that is trying to break down your door. I guess it was a bad idea to shout out those obscenities towards those guys. But how were you to know they were that big? Well, I guess this will really teach you to control those bully tendencies. Remember: if you survive, what ever doesn't kill you, leaves you wishing it had.

Capricorn: 12/22 to 01/09

So you finally came to your senses and ditched those friends. Good for you! Well...not really, because no one else wants to be your friend, so now you're all alone. But hey, now you can spend more time studying. And when you're the

president and chief shareholder of the Fortune 500 company, you can turn to them and laugh. But, since that will never happen because you aren't that skilled, I guess it is just a cruel life.

Aquarius: 01/20 to 02/05 and 02/07 to 02/18

Spoiled aren't you? You've probably gotten really used to having the only good horrorscope. Well wake up, because no one is lucky all the time. You're about to get in to a lot of trouble that you won't know how to handle. You can try to walk away, but it's only going to follow you. Like the stalker that you can't shake, it will always be there. In the end, you'll break down and have no choice but to fight it. It won't

be pretty, and you may not win. But that's life and it's about time you start dealing with it!

Pisces: 02/19 to 03/20

I told you to land on your feet, but do you listen? No! You're too good for that. Well, maybe now that you get to spend some time in the hospital you will rethink things. Maybe some people out there know just a little bit more than you do. Oh, wait...yeah, that's right, everyone knows more than you, because they all realized to get their butt off the ground. You know what? You needed to be beaten, and you probably need to be beaten again. Hopefully landing on your head knocked some sense into you. If it didn't, maybe you should try landing on your butt next time.

Aries: 03/21 to 04/19

With all the dreaming you've been doing, I think it's about time you woke up. Life is passing you by while you sit on your butt. Not your life, because you don't have one, but other peoples' lives, and if you're asleep, how can you be jealous? So wake up and start watching how much fun everyone else is having, because they need someone to be the loser, and you're the best candidate.

Taurus: 4/21 to 5/21

Hey, I've got a new song lyric for you. Here goes, "I'm just a sucker with low self-esteem." But it's understandable that you have no self-esteem, I wouldn't either if I were you. I mean, you have just about the crummiest life. You'd be better off as a dog, but even then all the cats would laugh at you. But if you thought your life was bad before, wait until this upcoming week. People are going to have so much to laugh at you about they will be rolling on the floor. Sucks to be you.

Gemini: 5/22 to 6/21

Man, you had a rough time last week. So rough, in fact, that I don't think you need to know what's going to happen in the future.

Cancer: 6/22 to 7/23

Didn't anyone ever tell you not to cry over spilt milk? The same goes for the type of life you are having. Sure, it is as bad as it seems, I'm not going to lie to you (at least not about that), but put it in perspective, it could be

worse. Then again, maybe not, you seem to be at the high end of the horrible life spectrum. Well, if you have to be the best at something, at least you can be the best loser, if that's not an oxymoron. Try cheering up, everyone loves someone with a positive attitude. And if you're happy enough, people might think your Britney Spears again. Now there's a bonus!

Leo (aka the whiners): 7/24 to 8/23

Whoever told you the world revolves around you was lying, and you need to figure that out. What is with the self-serving attitude. It almost seems as if you think you'd be cuter as a baby. Well, only real babies are cute, whiny ones are just annoying. So quit your blubbering and start acting like a grown up. You don't see any other people crying do you? If you keep whining, you may just find yourself without a horrorscope, and we know how much you hate that.

Virgo: 8/24 to 9/23

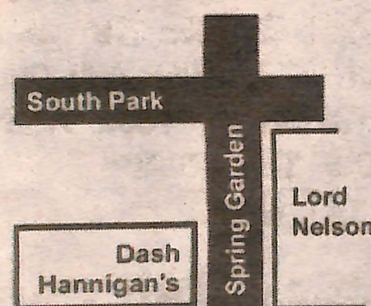
By now you must know what the big secret is that your friends are keeping from you. What? No?!? How dense are you? It's pretty obvious that they are planning a surprise party for you. I mean, they went to a lot of trouble for you. And if you believed that, you really are dense. In truth, they are planning a surprise going away party for you. The surprise being that they want you to go away. And who can blame them, you certainly are a great big ball of fun. In fact, even your horrorscope is dull. *Yawn* it's just too much, I need a nap.

Libra: 9/23 to 10/23

Did you get a life yet? I hear they are selling them for a buck a piece down the street. Mind you, you get what you pay for, so you must have gotten a really good deal on the last one. You don't really need a life anyways, because no one cares about what happens to you. In fact, you could just disappear and the only person who would care would be me, because it would throw my balance off. Who would I make fun of then? So, I think I should thank you for being a big enough loser that you make my job easier. Thanks!

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Salma and Karen Cooper, St. Johns, NF, 1st year B.P.R.
"Strollin' with your man, hand in hand"
(laugh, laugh)



Tania Test, 2nd year B.P.R.
London Ontario
"Dressing the upcoming"



Jon Murray, 1st year B.P.R.
Truro, NS
"Rolling in the leaves"



Jari Hartland, NB
"Squirrel Hunting"



Hiking



Jolene Titus, 1st year B.P.R.
Long Island, NS
"Puddle Jumping"



Hollie and Crystal, 1st year Tourism
Sydney Mines, NS
"I can't think under pressure"
"Helping the ducks move into the
birches" (right Crystal??)



Amy Jardany, 1st year Business
Fredricton, NB
"Feeding the squirrels"



Darrin O'Connell, 1st year Tourism
Glace Bay, NS
"Driving the Cabot Trail"



Janae Spence, 1st year B.P.R.
Winnipeg, MB
"Raking the Leaves"



Brent Young, 2nd Year BA
Bridgewater, NS
"Rafting Trips"



Cara Haynes, 1st year B.P.R.
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"Sex Under the Maple Tree"



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Hubbards, NS
"Jogging"



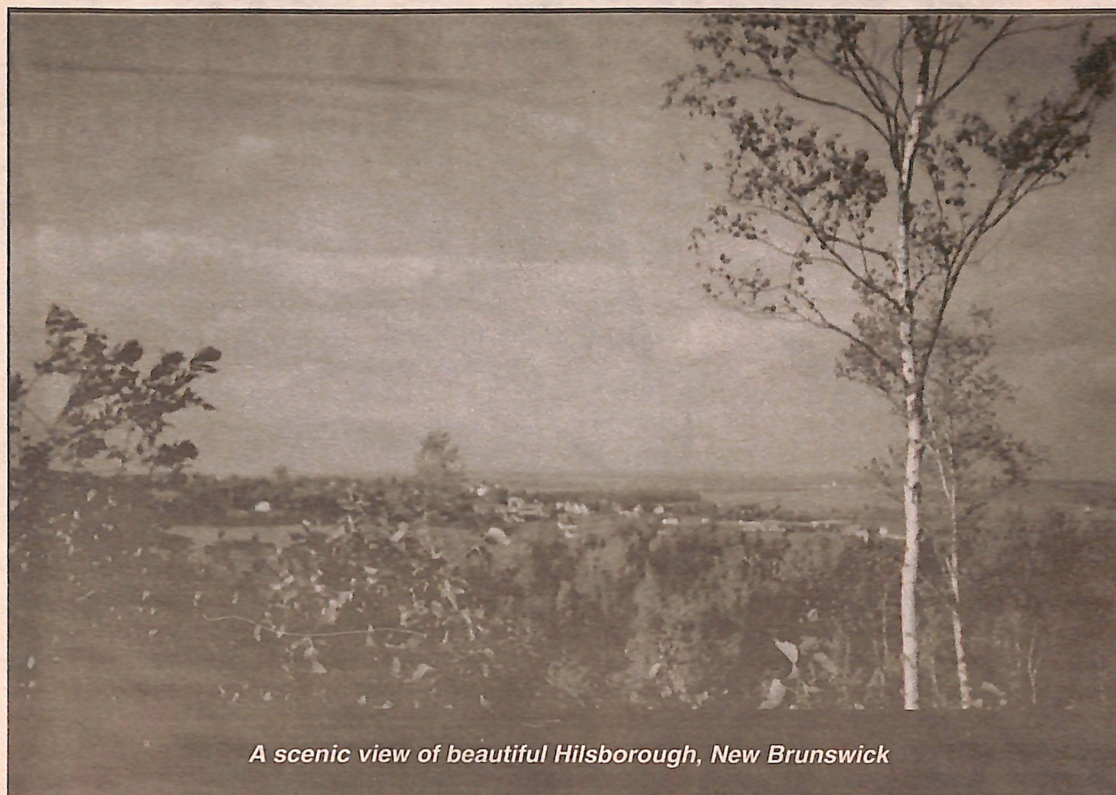
Caroline Gomez, 1st Year B.P.R.
Trinidad
"Dressing up in the leaves, just
the leaves!!"



Pete Silver, Cafe de la
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"Hide and Seek in the leaves"



Tyson Langille and Mark Fowler, 2nd
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"Strip Roller Hockey, with girls"



A scenic view of beautiful Hillsborough, New Brunswick

Hillsborough

Population: approximately 1500

Interesting facts:

- proud owner of the only known Dairy King
- a large segment of the population own a four-wheeler and/or a snowmobile
- one of the few areas in NB that refuse to conform to bilingualism (the older generation, anyway)

Places to visit:

- Steeves House
- Salem & Hillsborough Railroad

Where the Hell is That?

Meet my hometown: Hillsborough, New Brunswick

by Amber Miller

You remember the early 80's, right? It was a world of big hair, tight jeans, AC DC and Kiss. You may have figured that was all behind us. Well, if you've ever been to Hillsborough, NB you know that this just isn't so.

Hillsborough is located just a half hour south of Moncton, on the way to Fundy National Park. When you first drive into the area it's like a Bob Ross painting, it's full of "happy little trees". All of sudden you spot a local's front yard, adorned with junked cars, and you quickly realize that some interesting people live here.

The natives of this village are one big happy family...literally. If their name isn't Steeves they are somehow related to the famous Hillsborough clan. In fact, every year the village puts on a week long celebration in honour of the Steeves family, called Hillsborough Homecoming Days.

Some of the pastimes of the locals are mud bogging, getting a 2-4 and going on tour and taking their snowmobile (or four-wheeler) out for a "rip". Mud bogging is when you take your truck, find a muddy field and try to get your truck as muddy as possible. This usually takes place in an area with rough terrain, and also involves the use of alcohol. Depending on the season, they like to go for a "rip" (drive) on

their "sled" (snowmobile) or on their four-wheeler. Most of the time locals just like to go "on tour" (to drive around) with a 2-4 of beer in the back and look for a party waiting to happen. These parties usually end up somewhere deep in the woods where the cops can't find them.

All joking aside, there are some good points to Hillsborough. My parents moved me there four years ago and being a city girl I took it pretty hard. I quickly found out that it was a place that I could easily find solitude and get back to my roots. I've always enjoyed hiking and camping and Hillsborough and the surrounding areas are a perfect place to do it. The village is encompassed by trees and wildlife. Actually it isn't just surrounded by nature, it seems as though it has been placed right in the middle of it. If there was ever a time you just wanted to be alone to connect with nature, this is the place to do it.

Even though there are many modern aspects to the village—people do drive cars and watch cable TV—it seems as though the area refuses to adapt to modernism. There is a cattle farm located almost directly in the middle of the village. Everyone still knows everyone by name and knows everything there is to know about you. Some of the people who live in the village work at the local lumber mill or in other businesses that have been around for years.

Hillsborough also has some very interesting tourist attractions. One site not to be missed is the Steeves House, where one of the Fathers of Confederation was born and grew up. It is now a museum that is open during the summer months to visiting tourists and locals who just want to revisit their heritage.

Another attraction is the Salem &

Hillsborough Railroad. The railroad first started up to transport gypsum from the mines to the Petitcodiac river to be shipped to the US. Then it became a passenger train from Hillsborough through to the village of Petitcodiac. It closed down to the public when trains went out of style, only to re-open in 1985 as a tourist attraction. Even though there was a fire at the station in 1991 that cost them the loss of antique trains and equipment they are still fully operational and give weekly excursions, starting in early June until late September.



One of the locals wearing the ever popular Albert County sportscoat.



The Steeve's House museum -- home of one of the Father's of Confederation

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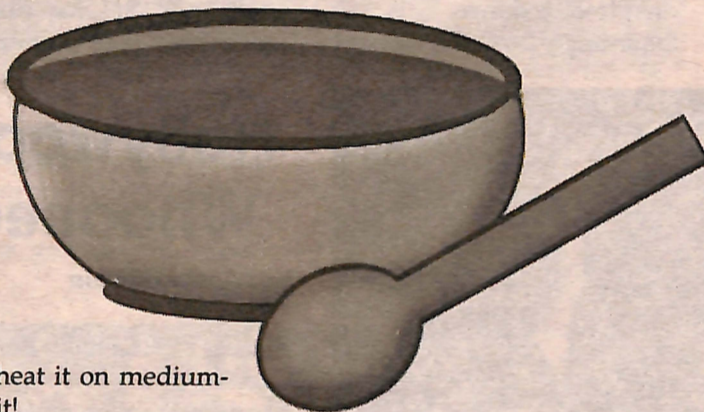
by Christine Kennedy

Making lunch everyday is a definite pain in the butt, especially when you have to pack it up and bring it to school. An easy alternative is to prepare a large amount of something, package it individually and freeze it. Then, when you are in a bind, rushed for time or just too lazy to cook...it's already done and ready to go! This recipe can be enjoyed by vegetarians and carnivores alike. It is my favourite dish to make and eat! Mushroom Barley Soup is on the menu, and here's how to serve it up!

This recipe is easy, delicious and low in fat (one serving only has about 4 grams of fat). Consequently, it is a healthy, delicious, "guilt-free" meal.

Mushroom Barley Soup

- 1 tbspolive oil
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 3 cups mushrooms, chopped or sliced
- 3 cups potatoes, diced
- 3/4 cup pearl barley
- 1 1/2 cups carrots,diced
- 6 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cupfresh parsley (optional)



1. Pour the oil into a big ol' saucepan, heat it on medium-high heat. Be very careful not to burn it!
2. Add the onion to the oil and cook for 2-3 minutes or until softened. Stir continuously to prevent the onion from burning. If you do by chance burn the onion, throw it out and start over. If not, all you will taste is burnt onion.
3. Add the mushrooms, cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until softened.
4. Add the barley and cook stirring continuously for exactly 1 minute.
5. Add the vegetable or chicken stock, 2 cups of water, bay leaves and pepper. Bring these to a boil.
6. Reduce the heat to medium-low to that it is simmering but not boiling. Cover and let simmer for one hour.
- ...An hour later...
7. Add the potatoes, carrots and salt to the saucepan and return to a boil.
8. Simmer over medium-low heat for 30 minutes or if necessary a little longer to ensure that the vegetables are tender.
9. Remove the bay leaves. This is extremely important, bay leaves give flavour but if eaten can be poisonous.
10. To be extra creative, sprinkle with fresh parsley. This is not necessary, but it does add a little colour and flavour. Do not try and substitute fresh parsley for dried parsley, it's just not the same.

Mushrooms: When purchasing mushrooms, keep this in mind: buy in bulk. If you buy in bulk you can pick the mushrooms out for yourself and it is usually cheaper. Look for small sized mushrooms and try to pick nice white ones (they turn brown when they are bruised or old). The best way to chop your mushrooms for this recipe is not to slice them but to cut them in four, or even two for the smaller varieties. Cut the mushroom down the middle and then cut each piece down the middle if necessary.

Barley: When preparing this dish you have a choice; do you want it thick like a stew or thin like a soup? (Personally, I like it thick, but "to each his own".) The amount of barley that you put in will determine the thickness, about 1 cup (or slightly more) will produce a think warm, comforting meal...perfect for those cold days!

Soup Stock: Vegetarians- use vegetable stock as your soup base. Carnivores- use chicken stock as your soup base. The overall taste will differ depending on which type of soup base is used.

When your soup has cooled, spoon it into individual serving size micro-waveable dishes. Put them in your freezer, then when you feel the urge, take one out, add a little water, pop in the microwave, cook for approximately 5 minutes, stirring often and presto! Mushroom Barley Soup!

Not in the News

by Tyson White

Warning: This article is intended strictly for entertainment purposes only. Absolutely none of the 'facts' contained herein are to be taken as fact. If you have any complaints, please send them to me and I will be happy to ignore them.

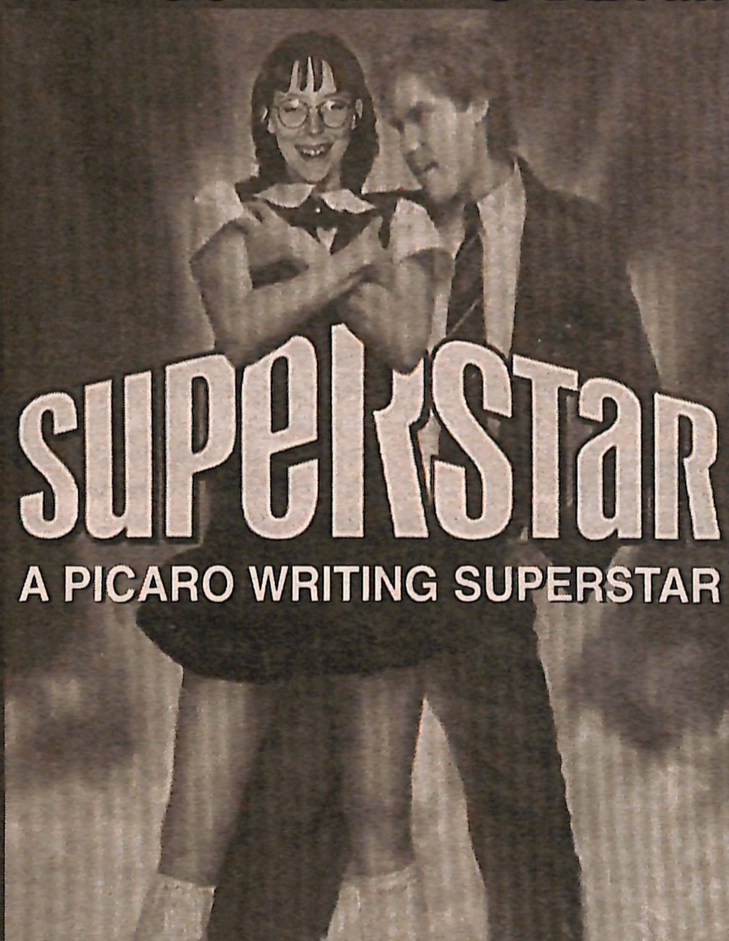
If you happen to be in downtown Halifax, walking along the waterfront, you may notice that 'graffitied' on the northern side of the ferry terminal (the side facing Salty's) is a portrait of a man, and a short blurb next to it. The basic gist of this blurb is that he often finds himself contemplating what other people think of him. He says he finds himself doing this (as many men will attest to) when he finds that some woman doesn't like him the way he thought she did. He then goes on to talk about how he was one day walking around with a baseball and a ball glove, just tossing the ball around and having a lot of fun just playing like he used to when he was a kid.

Think about the time when you were a kid; when money was just something you wanted Mom and Dad to have so that you could get that cool toy you saw at Toys 'R' Us; when all your needs were provided for and your only obligation was to have fun and live a little (you didn't know it was little then, but that's not the point). This is the time to which we should all revert now and again (preferably after you finish your 750 word essay for English).

Now don't get me wrong, responsibility is a necessary evil (and I do mean EVIL), but it's also very necessary to be young every now and then. I think that's why grandparents always have so much fun with their grandchildren. They've lived through a good chunk of life, and they've come to realize that life isn't all about responsibility, that there has to be some fun in life too. And as such, they revert more often to some of their child-like ways like playing dinkeys on the floor with a four year-old.

So any time you find yourself really frustrated or stressed out, pick up some jacks or marbles and fool around for a little while. Or if you're really ambitious, grab some tiddly-winks (a personal fave) and try to hit your friends in the eye.

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\$2 in costume
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An Evening of Enchantment

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens comes to Halifax

by Melissa Melanson

The newly appointed Artistic Director of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, Gradimir Pankov, made his debut with the company, and his first appearance in Canada, in Halifax Friday night.

Mr. Pankov is pleased to be joining Canada's second largest dance company. "I am happy to be entrusted with the artistic direction of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens," says Pankov. "I am committed to bringing (them) to even greater heights and international recognition."

Les Grands Ballets performed their three exciting new works at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium as part of their Atlantic Canadian tour. Each has a distinct flavour and they all serve to exhibit the energy and vitality of the company.

Piccolo Mondo, the first of the three pieces is inspired by the expression "Small World we live in". In the dance, choreographer Gioconda Barbuto explores synchronized connections linking to a transparent chain of relationships.

The simple flowing costumes and almost naked stage highlighted the lyrical quality of this dance. It brought you through a wide variety of emotions, never losing the illusion of ease. A duet without musical accompaniment broke up the dance. The couple seemed to create their own music with

their sensuous movements, beginning and ending with the same embrace. Overall the piece was pleasant to watch, but served only to prelude the next two pieces.

Kevin O'Day's *Slow Smoke* is a more dramatic

piece, set to the blues music of John King. The upbeat cajun music inspired more intricate jazz style movements. The two playful trios delighted the audience, first with two male dancers and a female dancer, and then a male dancer and two females. The piece maintained its upbeat, charming quality throughout and provoked more audience response than the first dance.

The ethereal lighting and ornate colourless period costumes gave the opening of this piece an almost fairytale-like feeling. *Chez La Duchesse*, by choreographer Septime Webre, is a spectacular dance set to Richard Einhorn's

musical composition, *The Silence*. Webre's work, which the New York Times describes as "sleekly explosive and exhilarating," ends the night on a dramatic note.

A return to the biting music of the first piece, this dance had the energy of the second piece, but the serious emotion of the first, effectively bringing the night to its climax and eventual resolution. This final piece was more theatrical in nature, using lighting and costuming to intensify the emotion of the dance. The exposition of the male dancers in their odd orange shirts near the end of the piece was a favourite part of mine. It was an incredible display of grace and athleticism.

This collection of three contemporary works made for an entertaining night of culture. It had a very logical flow, beginning with the lighter piece then on two a dance with more attitude and ending with an very dynamic emotional display of dance.

Denise Fujiwara's Sumida River Headlines the Live Art Season

Canadian Choreographer Denise Fujiwara will headline the Live Art season. The performances will take place at the Sir James Dunn Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre, October 21-23 at 8:00 p.m.

Now Magazine calls Toronto's Fujiwara "one of the country's most unique and unrestrained artists." *Sumida River*, a Butoh inspired dance, is a hauntingly beautiful story of

the tragedy of a mother who has lost her child and the arduous inner journey of a woman. It is based on a

renowned 15th century Noh play by Motomasa, well-known to Japanese audiences.

Tickets for the performances are \$17 for adults and \$11 for students and seniors and are available



at the Dalhousie Arts Centre Box Office. For more information call the info line at 494-7081 or Live Art Productions at 494-7081. <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Culture/Liveart/>



Les Grands Ballets Canadiens perform in Halifax

It certainly seems that Mr. Pankov will complement the work of Les Grands Ballets. Since the company was founded in 1957 it has made a significant contribution to the evolution of dance in Canada and is now highly respected throughout the world.

"The company is known for the rich interpretive qualities of its dancers," says Mr. Pankov. "These qualities will be enhanced by ... developing a strong, distinctive image for the company. Passion, heart and originality are values which are important to me."

And these elements were present at the Dal Arts Centre on October 15. Whether you frequently attend the ballet or were simply looking for a stimulating night out, the evening was sure to satisfy. It was a joy for the senses and I look forward to the company's next visit to Halifax.

Hollywood Whoopee

by Nicola Hanson

Actress Helena Bonham Carter and actor/director Kenneth Branagh ended their five-year romance. They met on the set of *Frankenstein* in 1994, when Branagh was still married to Emma Thompson. Bonham Carter said in an interview that Branagh was not very good in the sack. The whole thing seems like much ado about nothing to me!

Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe welcomed a 7-pound baby girl. The couple married in June. Sounds more like a scene from *Pleasantville* instead of *Cruel Intentions*.

Diana Ross was arrested at Heathrow Airport for allegedly frisking a female security guard. Isn't that suppose to be the other way around?

Country superstar Trisha Yearwood split with her husband (Robert Reynolds of the Mavericks) of five years. How long could a country playboy hold on to a leading country diva anyway?

It looks like Hollywood bad-boy Charlie Sheen will remain on parole. Sheen pleaded no-contest in 1997 to a charge of assault. He applied for an early parole and was refused last month. How many chances are the courts going to give these Hollywood bad-boys?

All info compiled from Entertainment weekly, People Magazine and US Magazine.

Karaoke.
Friday Night.
Be There.

Jazz Up Your Life!

Jazz East Upcoming Shows Sanctuary:

Contemplative Improvisations for Organ & Bass Clarinet
Thursday October 21
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Basilica
(Spring Garden Road, near Barrington)

\$5.00 at the door

Featuring: Peter Togni (organ), Jeff Reilly (bass clarinet)

"Sanctuary" is a series of concerts designed to create an atmosphere of contemplation, a connection through music to a moment of suspension and inner settling that is far from the maddening crowd in the heart of the city. The series concerts occur the third Thursday of every month (October 21, November 18, December 16 etc.)

Michael Kaeshammer's Boogie Woogie Piano Fest:
Friday, October 29
8:00 p.m.

Pier 21

\$18.00 members, students, seniors

\$22 general admission

Featuring: Michael Kaeshammer (piano), Vince Weber (piano), Willie MacCalder (piano), "Big" Joe Duskin (piano)

The Boogie Woogie Piano Fest is an extraordinary collaboration of soul-shakin' piano, coordinated by the youthful boogie virtuoso, Michael Kaeshammer. It is a unique opportunity for audiences and musicians alike to share in the electricity generated by the bobbin' boogie woogie style blues. Follow the whimsy of the soul

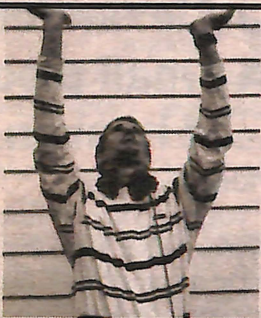
THE KLUB MUZIK PAGE

STARS ON SEVENTEEN



The East Coasts Hottest Dance Tracks

1. Mambo No 5 - Lou Bega (RCA / BMG)
2. Rendez-Vu - Basement Jaxx (Select)
3. Got The Groove - SM Trax (SPG)
4. Bodyrock - Moby (BMG)
5. Makes Me Love You - Eclipse (Numuzik)
6. Is It Love - Chilly Hifly (Hi-Bias)
7. What You Need - Powerhouse (Tycoon)
8. Bailamos - Enrique Iglesias (Universal)
9. Heartbreaker - Mariah Carey (Columbia / Sony)
10. Arriba - Joee (Popular)



Welcome my friends to page 17! First of all I would like you to note that last edition it was reported that Tarkan's new album was recorded in Arabic when it was actually recorded in Turkish. My apologies for the error.

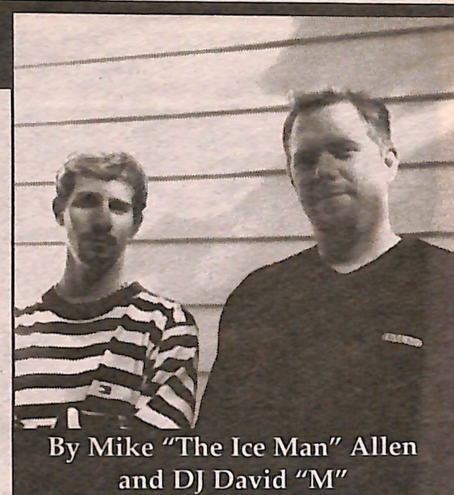
Alright, there are a number of items for you this edition, including a review commentary from DJ David M! But first, let me answer a popular question recently: "what is Pool East?" Basically, it's Eastern Canada's music pool for professional dance club DJ's. The clubs or DJ's pay a fee per month and receive all of the new releases from the major lables. Most of the main clubs in Halifax are in the Pool. So what does that have to do with the top ten chart? Well, the list that appears on this page, in every edition is generated by Atlantic

Canada's top DJ's in the Pool. This gives you an accurate account of hot songs in our area, since the Pool is our largest source of charted dance music. Our list goes on to be combined with 9 other Pools across Canada such as Topa, and Pool West, and those lists are then tabulated to help form the National Dance Chart in Record Magazine. This national chart is used by radio stations and club DJ's across the country for their playlists. What you get here is the real thing folks - the latest dance music and news backed by established professionals in the music business here in Halifax. So ask yourself one more time, who are these guys and what do they know?

Speaking of knowledge, I found out something which may be of interest. How many of you people are Urban fans? You know "Genie in a

Bottle," "Heartbreaker," and the general R&B crap? I'm hearing that Urban music has taken a serious sales dive this year, the amount of releases has dropped and it has been forecasted that in 6 months it will be pretty much on the out and out. It has been predicted that disco house will fill in for the Urban craze as the next big fad but I'm not so sure. Disco house is ok but it's far fetched to imagine a play off of retro going to the top. A re-birth of interest in European dance music (such as Aqua or Real McCoy) may be a more realistic prediction, but nobody knows for sure. Meanwhile for you urban fans I have this to say: "your sh*t's on the way out - best of hard luck!!"

Well, that's the buzz for another edition! Be sure to take note



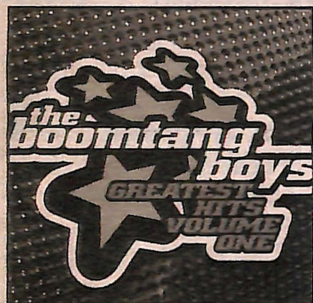
By Mike "The Ice Man" Allen
and DJ David "M"

of your Pool East top ten list as well as the reviews - including commentary from guest writer DJ David M. Remember MSVU, this is your page bringing you the latest dance music and your feedback is important. Questions and comments are always welcome and can be sent via e-mail to: Michael.Allen@msvu.ca. Till next time, keep on jammin'! - THE ICE MAN and DJ David M.

The New Palace

KLUB KUTZ MIKE'S REVIEW OF WHAT'S HOT

Boomtang Boys Greatest Hits Virgin/EMI records Mike's Rating: 8.84



The Boomtang Boys are a rare treat as they combine hits, both past and present, with electronic soul and club beats as well as composing their own tunes. Noteworthy tracks on this album are "Time After Time," "Squeeze Toy," "Popcorn," and "Dancing With Myself." But best of all is their latest track, "Pictures." What a beautiful song it is, fully capturing the bittersweet feeling of that summer love you would remember for the rest of your life. The spirit and passion of this song can put you under the spell every time you hear it - it's awesome! Another note regarding the Boomtang Boys is that they're slowly becoming Canada's top remixers. Some of their clients include, Kim Stockwood, and Sky for whom they have done a variety of work. Check out the Boomtang Boys Greatest Hits next time you're out shopping!

Annick Gagnon Popular/EMI Records D.J. David M's Rating: 8.0



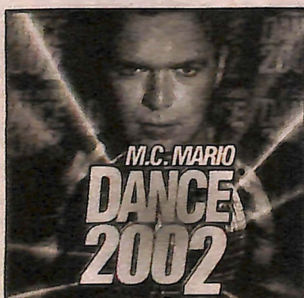
"It makes me sick when good Canadian artists like Annick Gagnon get overlooked by radio in the Maritimes when crap like Big Sugar (which has no soul and is just plain boring) gets all the glory here in "Slowtown Halifax." Her album is filled with tasty pop and dance rhythms which are intelligently written and in my book, are just as good if not better than Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, or Robyn. The only downer is that she didn't write any of the songs so I will list the writers as a courtesy. They are: Greg Kavanagh (formally of BKS), Schart, and Smith. While some of you people may think that this type of music has no life, on a global scale for the last 10 years, it has been outselling rock and alternative. I believe in supporting Canadian music it has a chance at making it on a global scale. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that rock is dead and electronic based music is growing - hey, sales don't lie. Annick Gagnon has a real chance at showing the rest of the world some good Canadian music. Check out her debut CD at a record store near you. (By the way, if I pissed off any rock people, I know the facts and all I have to say is waaaaa!!!)"

Club Latino '99 Popular / EMI Records Mike's rating: 7.0



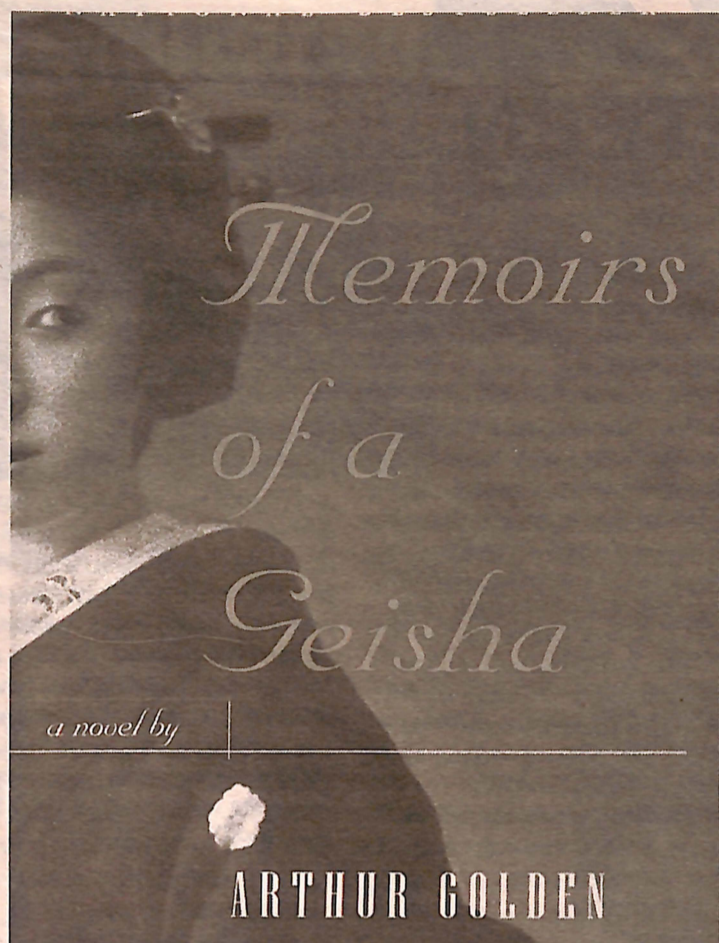
Club Latino '99 is a double album featuring a complete party from the beaches of world music. I am not prepared to say that this album is timeless and can mend the scars of grief every time you put it in your CD player. It certainly has a time and place - a cottage or beach party in mid July. When played in the right environment, this album can certainly create some fun as it has an amazingly wide variety of songs. So if your in the mood for sand, palm trees, grass skirts, and good ol' summer fun, check out this release whenever you can.

MC Mario Dance 2002 Sony Music Mike's rating: 8.0



Those of you who were lucky enough to see Mario preform live a couple of weeks ago have already heard most of this album. It is a fairly good mix of recent releases even though it hasn't been the best year for dance music. Good tracks are "Strong Enough" (remix) by Cher, "Get Down" by Avant Garde, and one of the years best house songs "Put Your Hands Up" by the Black & White Brothers. Overall this is a pretty good caption of dance music for last half of 1999. Make sure you send in an e-mail for our contest (on the other page) because this isn't a bad prize to win!!!

Review product courtesy of the awesome folks at Virgin/EMI Records and Sony Music
** DJ David M" spins at Jerry's on Friday night and at the New Palace on Saturday



Memoirs of a Geisha

Arthur Golden
Vintage Canada

by Nicola Hanson

This story follows the life of a young Japanese girl, Chiyo, as she is sold into slavery during the Great Depression. It begins in the small fishing village of Yoroido on the Sea of Japan, as a 9-year-old girl's father sells her and her sister Satsu to a local businessman. Due to Chiyo's remarkable grayish-blue eyes, she is sold to an Okiya, a geisha house in the Gion District of Kyoto, while her sister is sold into prostitution.

Initially Chiyo rebels, but when she learns that her sister has escaped without her and her parents have died, she accepts her fate. Chiyo's

defiance won the disapproval of the mother and almost jeopardized her chances of becoming anything more than a maid. Then a chance encounter with a man known only as "The Chairman", thrusts Chiyo on her journey.

Mameha, a geisha from local Okiya and arch-enemy to the geisha in Chiyo's Okiya, becomes her big sister. Together they forge a successful career for Chiyo, whose geisha name becomes Sayuri. Her unrequited love for The Chairman reaches a lasting fulfilment in a bizarre turn of events that requires an understanding of Japanese

culture and tradition that the reader learns through the account of her younger years.

Golden captures the heart of Chiyo in an astoundingly real way. Not since Wally Lamb's, *She's Come Undone* has a male author encapsulated the heart of a woman so effectively. This story is wonderfully written, and details Japanese history very eloquently.

CJ Alexander's- A small piece of heaven

by Rhonda Simser

So, after a long morning of shopping, what is the thing you want to do most? Well, like most hard core shoppers, I like to grab a bite to eat. But when in a mall, what do you have to choose from? Fast food, and more fast food. Not if you take a stroll through West End Mall. In amongst the shops and kiosks, there is a little piece of heaven: CJ Alexander's.

As you walk through the mall, you notice a quaint sidewalk cafe type set up. As you walk through the passage to the main restaurant, you see where they prepare most of the food, as well as a comfortable bench where you can rest your weary feet while you wait for a table.

The atmosphere of CJ's is remarkable. Everyone has a smile on their face, and are more than willing to assist you in any way. The tables are interesting and have a unique decor. Each booth is divided from the others. High chairs, and vines of flowers cover the walls and ceiling. It is truly wonderful to look at.

I almost forgot about the most important part! The food! My roommate, who is a vegetarian, claimed that there was not a large selection of food for the vegetarian. She did, however, find something that she enjoyed. She had the California Veggie Wrap, and she loved it. I had chicken fingers and fries, like I usually do, and couldn't finish it. But it was delicious.

All in all, I recommend CJ Alexander's to anyone who wants to have a good meal, in a comfortable atmosphere, with a friendly staff. This is a great place to rest those weary feet after a long day.

Paul McCartney

Run Devil Run
EMI Music Canada

by Nicola Hanson

Run Devil Run is an amazing compilation of old classics, forgotten b-sides and some great get down and dirty rock and roll songs. There is no shortage of guitar riffs on this album and McCartney pays homage to the King, with his renditions of *All Shook Up* and *I Got Stung*, with superb style.

The blues stylings in *Try Not to Cry* and *What It Is* are incredible, and would make Linda proud (Linda was influential in the blues songs being added to the album). After being a fan of Little Richard for many years, there was a cover of *Shake a Hand*, a song that is reminiscent of the time Paul heard the song for the first time, in a German Bar while on tour with the Beatles (who are they again?).

Also included on this artful collection of covers, are Fats Domino, Big Joe Turner, Chuck Berry and Carl Perkins, all of which are done with the precision and style that fans come to expect from Paul McCartney.



Sloan

Between The Bridges
Universal Music

by Nicola Hanson

Sloan is BACK! I for one, could not be happier. The only thing that gets me more excited than a new Sloan CD is a new REM CD, and hey, REM happens to be doing the soundtrack for the new Andy Kauffman Movie *Man on the Moon* starring Jim Carrey.

However, first things first, Sloan. One of the things I love about Sloan is that every album is a new adventure, and often each adventure carries with it some reminiscence of my adolescence.

The first song, *The N.S.* is a late-Beatlesque kind of song that pays tribute to their homeland. *Losing California* is a strong first single and it is typical of the kind of song they choose for a first single. It is a catchy pop song that will get the folks shaking their toes and moving their feet. There are a few other songs that are note worthy: *The Marquee* and *the Moon*, *Friendship*, and *Take Good care of the Baby*.

Like all Sloan CDs, I find I am left wondering what they are going to do next. There is such a vast difference between each album, I feel like I'm on an evolution train bound for....? One thing is for sure, *Between the Bridges* is a catchy pop album but I do not find myself listening to it over and over again.





by Nicola Hanson

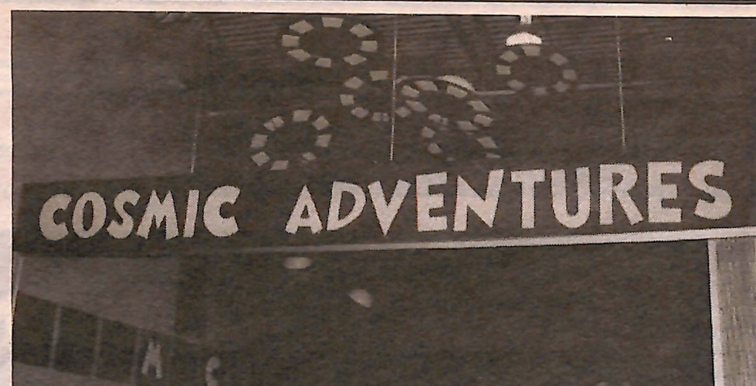
For many years now, Halifax music fans have looked forward to HOM, previously known as the Halifax Pop Festival. Every year we get a taste of all that is fresh in music, at a nominal cost. This year was no different. Halifax was treated to some popular, independent bands from around this great land of ours, as well as two from the US: Pilot to Gunner (from New York City) and Pansy Division (from San Francisco).

Friday night, the Marquee was a hopping spot. The Woodenstars and Mean Red Spiders from Ontario, Plumtree and Rick of the Skins from Halifax, and Halifax favourite Julie Doiron (formally of Eric's Trip), now on her own and relocated in Montreal, had the place jumping.

Halifax celebrated the return of The Smugglers Saturday night. Half way during the set, the band stopped to reminisce about the last time they were on this coast. The show was at the old Double Deuce on Hollis Street, and people were scarce. The Smugglers were energetic and full of a dynamic energy that you seldom see in bands these days. The crowd was treated to an unexpected performance by Mike O'Neil formally of the Inbreds. He was not scheduled to play, but stepped in at the last minute.

Saturday also saw Halifax favourite Neuseiland, and San Francisco natives Pansy Division at the Marquee. Pansy Division has charmed audiences since 1991 with their in-your-face lyrics and pop-punk styling. Pansy Division quit their day jobs in 1994 to tour with Green Day and have been busy ever since, travelling to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and North America and they didn't disappoint HOM fans.

On a sadder note, HOM saw the retirement of Thrush Hermit; they played an all ages show at the Pavilion on Sunday afternoon with Pansy Division and The Smugglers. If you didn't get a chance to see Thrush Hermit don't fear, rumour has it they will return to Halifax after a short tour of Canada, for one last gig.



On a Mission to Have Fun

by Melissa Melanson

Your heart is pumping, the music is blasting, and amidst the smoke and eerie lighting your only thought is to kill your opponent. But it's all good; you're playing lazer tag.

Lazer's Edge opened its doors in November of 1998 and has been a venue for unique entertainment ever since.

"Lazer tag is fun, it's a great stress reliever and it's different," says manager, Kathy Baker. She says that it's a change of pace from the standard student social activities and may be just what you need to let out your frustrations.

Although individuals can walk in off the street and play, Baker feels that the best way to enjoy lazer tag is with a group of friends. A lot of people come with their sports team or university society. It's also a great activity for your floor or house in residence.

"It's a team builder," says Baker. "When they're in there playing, it brings out

their competitiveness." Playing lazer tag is also a great ice breaker, as it is an activity where not many people would have the advantage of being very experienced. "It breaks down the barriers," says Baker.

Erin Silver played lazer tag as part of a frosh crew activity, meant to teach cooperation among the group. "It gave everybody a chance to get to know each other, work as team and build strategies," says Silver.

Lazer's Edge offers a package for floor challenges or other similar activities. They'll provide a night of lazer tag, pizza and a trophy for the winner. Wouldn't we all like a chance to shoot up our RA, Don or noisy neighbour?

When you arrive to play lazer tag, you form teams of up to 15 people and pick a team name. You will then log your own personal code name into the computer which will be used to record your score.

Before you can shoot anything you first have to go into the briefing chamber where a member of the staff will explain the rules and give tips, such as how to use the rapid fire setting on the lazer or how to launch a bomb.

The staff each have their own persona, which they must maintain at all times. Just as a character at Disney World must never remove their costume while on the job, the staff can never reveal their true identity.

One staff member, who insists on being addressed as "Mission Commander", doles out instructions like a drill sergeant. After you are briefed by a member of the staff, you will move into the airlock to get your vest and lazer (big gun) and review the rules. And then the game begins.

Once inside, the objective is to shoot others and avoid getting shot. Each team has an assigned colour

so it easier to tell who is on your side. In the dimly lit room you can hide, but watch your head—there may be snipers shooting at you from above. And if you get killed, don't despair because you can recharge and join the game.

After a "mission" (round of lazer tag) you may want to take advantage of Haley's Diner, the licensed eating area at Lazer's Edge. While there, you can enjoy snack foods like nachos or one of Haley's


fabulous milkshakes. Baker describes the eating experience as "casual fun dining".

And for the under 12 crowd, Cosmic Adventure offers hours of fun. For \$10.99, you can drop off your child for three hours at the supervised facility that has a huge play structure, games, a theatre and enough play to get them ready for nap time.

Lazer Tag can be described as hardcore playing, so you can probably afford to skip the gym that day. "It's really physical," says Baker. "Most people come out sweating." The benefits go beyond the physical. Lazer tag is a chance to leave the confines of society and enter a world with a completely different set of rules.

"It's like your doing something bad—but it's justified," says Baker. "It's the one of the only times where the more you shoot, the better you are."

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When: Mon.- Thurs. 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Fri. 6 p.m.-12 a.m.
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9:00PM Wet/Dry
Vinnies Pub - Rosaria Center \$2.00
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NOTE: To enter events/ meetings/ information in the Picaro contact Wendy on the Wednesday before each issue. You can e-mail me at wendy.walters@msvu.ca, telephone at 445-9974, 457-6386, or fax me at 457-0444.

MOUNT COMMUNITY

The MSVU University Library will be presenting a book sale.

October 25-31, 1999.

"A Buck a Book"

Next Picaro Deadline: October 27

Women and Wellness Fair

Wednesday, October 27

11:30-1:30

Outside Cafeteria

MSVU Conference Office presents...

"Christmas in November—Craft Fair"

Rosaria Multi-Purpose Room.

November 26, 27 & 28, 1999

Space is limited, reserve your table early.

Call Patricia at 457-6355.

Sports Notice

If anyone is interested in playing recreational ladies ball hockey on Wednesdays, please contact Wendy at 445-9974 (voice mail). It is a great way to de-stress and get a great work-out! Sticks are provided.

The 411 from the R.E.Z

"This is what we really learned in University"
Residence Pub Crawl
November 5, 1999
T-shirts on Sale this week outside of the Cafeteria.

First Annual Miss(ter) Mount Beauty Contest

October 20, 1999

Vinnie's Pub

For more information, see Amanda in Birch 3

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3-5 PM Friday, November 5

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What's up with G.O.D

MY NEIGHBORS FAITH

Monthly inter-faith discussions with members of different faith communities within the university. Bring your own lunch... Refreshments & snacks are provided.

Upcoming sessions:

Friday, November 5-Paganism
Friday, December 3-Buddhism

For more information contact Campus Ministry at 457-6446

The MSVU Student Musical Choir welcomes any musicians or singers to general get togethers on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Angela Matheson, 8th floor Assisi Hall.

Society News...and Olds...

MSVU Outdoors Society

Meetings: Thursday 12:30-1:00 PM, in the studio off the Rosaria Gym.

For more information, contact Joanne in Ath/Rec @ 457-6420

Ath/Rec Society

Meetings Wednesdays 4:30-5:00 PM

For Information, Contact Joanne at 457-6420

Women's Society

Meetings on Thursdays

Contact Jane Mulatz 457-6123 at Student Union

Hooked on Hooking?

Celebrate Women's History Month

To celebrate Woman's History Month, an interactive art initiative will be taking place on campus starting at the end of October. Judy McClusky, Cicely Barry, Ingrid Jenkner, and the Women's Study Society will be designing a rug which will commemorate MSVU, women, and history. Pieces of wool will be available for students, faculty, alumni, and staff to hook into the rug. This will be an ongoing project through the school year. For more information or details on where and when this will be displayed, please contact Jane Mulatz at 457-6123

The Business Society is looking for Volunteers to help prepare for this year's Business Dinner to be held January 27, 2000. If you are interested, contact Tracy Newman at 457-6541.

Education Society Halloween Party at the TICKLE TRUNK
October 30th at 8:00 PM

\$2 with membership
\$3 without membership
Entertainment by Big Fish

Family and Gerontology Society

Everyone interested is welcome to get involved and join us for fun filled and informative activities, meetings and special events. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month to accomodate all students. The next meeting will be held on November 2 and 3 at noon in EVR 360D. For more information contact the society President, Shauna Lee Vincent, at 826-3164 or e-mail her at shaunalee.vincent@MSVU.ca — Hope to see you there!!

Events to Watch out For!

(The good times you haven't missed yet..)

Halloween Pub Party

Wednesday, October 27

Pumpkin Carving Contest
October 25

- deadline for registration

October 26

- Pick-up pumpkins

October 27

- Judging Pumpkins at Vinnies Halloween Pub Party!

KARAOKE

October 22, \$4 at the door.

Great Prizes to be won!

Take advantage of the first, and very rare, Friday Night Pub Event of the Year!

Volunteer Opportunities

The Fountain Play Center is looking for volunteers. For more information contact Patricia Carter in Rosaria 113 or 457-6554.

Volunteer writing for the Picaro is a great portfolio experience.

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Halifax Branch, requires volunteers for their one-on-one social support program. Please call Margaret Murray at 455-5445 for more information.

METRO COMMUNITY EVENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL KRAFT DINNER CHALLENGE

The Metro Food Bank will be having a Kraft Dinner Back to School Challenge. They challenge the community of HRM to raise 100,000 boxes of Kraft Dinner to help restock from the summer months. To get your group/school/society involved contact the food bank at 457-1900.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 5:30-7:00

Tim Brennan of Brennan and Associates, will be conducting a time management workshop. For more information contact Open For Business at 424-3707.

ADSUM HOUSE 12TH Annual Charity Auction

Wednesday, October 27th 1999, 7:00 PM, at the Halifax Civic Worker's Club (2785 Isleville Street)

Tickets \$10, includes food and beverage. For more information, call 422-3389

CLEAN NOVA SCOTIA

—the remaining events are left in Waste Reduction Week (October 15-23)

Thermal Thursday, Oct. 21

Retrofit Friday, October 22

The Big Event will be the week ending Re-Threads Fashion Show.

Saturday, October 23 @1PM at City Center Atlantic, 5523 Spring Garden Rd. This show will feature clothing made from reused and recycled material.

For more information call 420-3474.

your classified here:

THE PICARO

CONTRIBUTIONS

Teck-No

Michelle LeBlanc, recent winner of 1999 Poet of the Year award.

Busy Streets

medical feats,

Airplanes off

Micro-soft.

Plant melt down

Prison compound,

Faster made cars

Round trip to Mars.

Bombs explode

Relations fold,

Lights clap on

Time is gone.

Gotta run

No time for fun.

The Costume

Michelle LeBlanc

The costume hung

upon the wall

hat, broom, cape and

all

went to the party

with no one at all.

Laughed and played

all night long,

no one had realized

one person was gone.

By the end of the night

a few more,

all bone, blood,

guts and gore.

Until every last one

had fallen on the floor.

FIND YOURSELF IN THE RESERVE

Here's an opportunity to meet someone with depth and knowledge you may not have had the privilege of knowing before. Yourself. In the Reserve, you discover more of what you're made of by mastering new challenges. You work selected evenings and weekends, meet people with similar interests, learn with hands-on experience, and earn part-time income. Find your true potential. Join in!

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YOUR PRIDE. YOUR FUTURE. YOUR HOME.

Pottie Talk and Other Stall Tales....

NOTE: Pottie talk is for YOU—The Students. We have recieved very few submissions. This is a great forum...and lots of fun. It will keep running...please drop off your entrys to Wendy at the Picaro office or at wendy.walters@msvu.ca. The deadline is every Wednesday. Make it a habit!

Red Handed Thief:
You have been caught. Stop eating my chips.
-Person who doesn't share

Shrewd Newspaper Business Woman:
Stop trying to pimp out the staff for glassware—contra trades are not the solution for everything!
-Not-so-cheap friend

Pub Staff:
Good Service = Good Tips!
-Disgruntled Drinkers

Joshie:
I'm still working on it for ya.
-Your favourite VIC worker.

Gazette:
Boycotting MSVU?
-Pic

Student Union Manager:
Where are all the good bands?
-Vinnie

Frosh:
See you all at KARAOKE on October 22. It'll be frosh week all over again.
-Your loving frosh leaders.

She who stepped in dog poo:
Stop eating them damn grilled cheese and onion rings....get your four basic food groups dammit.
-Mt. Dietitian.

And frosh of the Year goes to....Da bomb
-your loving Ziggy

Pub Manager:
Seven more days till my birthday...
-The frosh leader w/o the purple bracelet

matt:
You're just not worth it...
-The "tit" Nazi

SMU Sprite:
Next time make it a double... water...thank's baby!
-Sweetpea @ MSVU

Farmer Stone:
How many friggin punkins do you have??
-Punkin #407865

Ralph Lauren:
Who needs variety, when you already have perfection?
-Tommy Boy

Juanita,
Sometimes, when I get nervous...SUPERSTAR!!
-Shaggy

Juice:
hhh hhh hhh hhh (oh, another hairball)
-Juice, the other one!

Ice man:
Are you still alive? Haven't heard much from you lately!
-Shaggy.

Shaggy:
I'm alive 'n' kickin'
-Ice Man

Pub Staff:
Try smiling...it doesn't hurt!
-Smiley

Shaggy:
Altoids or ice cubes? Your choice.
-Pic Staff

Layout boy:
So excited to see you!
-Copy Editor

Grace Junkie:
Where's your stories?
-Pic

Not-so-cheap-friend:
How badly do you want to go to Newfoundland?
-Shrewd Managing Editor

Security:
Do you hear us screaming??? Huh?? Why don't we send you a telegram?
-Parking lot tormenters.

Chapters Dog Boy:
Meow!
-Propagandra McNasty

Dormant Slut:
What's wrong with this picture? 82% female and you still aren't gettin' any? Sucks to be you!
-The chicks you'll never get

Goat girl:
Your new roomie is a little creepie. But you'll fix him.
-Concerned friend

Timboo:
Beat ya to it! Pic still kicks ass, you traitor!
-Bare Bum Jetta Wannabes

Mr. Muffin:
Way to go Matt-with-an-e.
-MSVU

PR profs:
We don't use PageMaker
-Layout boy

Journal:
Thanks
-Pic Staff

Sometimes I wonder why people say the things they do... I am looking for the strangest or dumbest thing someone said to you because they didn't want to go out with you...please forward your response to Rhonda Simser at the Picaro, by Wednesday, October 27. Be sure to include your name and a contact number so I can reach you if need be. These responses will be used in an upcoming issue of the Picaro. Complete anonymity will be ensured.

Career Corner

Get a Jump on Your Summer Job Search

The Career Placement Centre (CPC) has recently received information packets for the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) for the Summer 2000. This program provides approximately 10,000 jobs every summer for high-school, college, cegep and university students. Applications, can be picked up at the CPC, and are accepted throughout the year. However, certain departmental positions have specific deadlines - some as early as October 1999. Information about wages, job locations, eligibility requirements, as well as applying on-line can be obtained at the CPC. The following is a sample of jobs open to students under FSWEP for Summer 2000:

Guide - Interpreters Rideau Hall's Visitor Services and Revenue Canada Interpretation Program

Defence Research Assistants Department of National Defence

Audit Trainees Office of the Auditor General of Canada

Student Guide Program in France Veteran's Affairs Canada

Information Technology Branch Student Program

Also check-out information on the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP), the First Nations and Inuit Summer Student Career Placement Program, the House of Commons Page Programme as well as countless other summer job opportunities.

This Week's Job Postings

Part-time

Substitute Pre-School Teachers, Northwoodcare Inc
Deadline: ASAP

Retail Educational Consultant, Scholar's Choice
Deadline: ASAP

Guest Services Attendant, Front Office Department, Delta Halifax
Deadline: ASAP

Full-time

Assistant, Communications & Public Relations, Lavoie & Associates
Deadline: ASAP

Science Communications Specialist, Nova Forest Alliance
Deadline: ASAP

Associate Marketing Managers, Canadian Tire Acceptance Ltd.
Deadline: ASAP

Database Marketing Analyst, Canadian Tire Acceptance Ltd.
Deadline: ASAP

TALES FROM THE VAULT.....

We dug up some of the old issues of the Picaro, from way back...like, 1996. We are talking old. Here is some of the things your community page editor thought you would like. Hope you find them as amusing as we did.

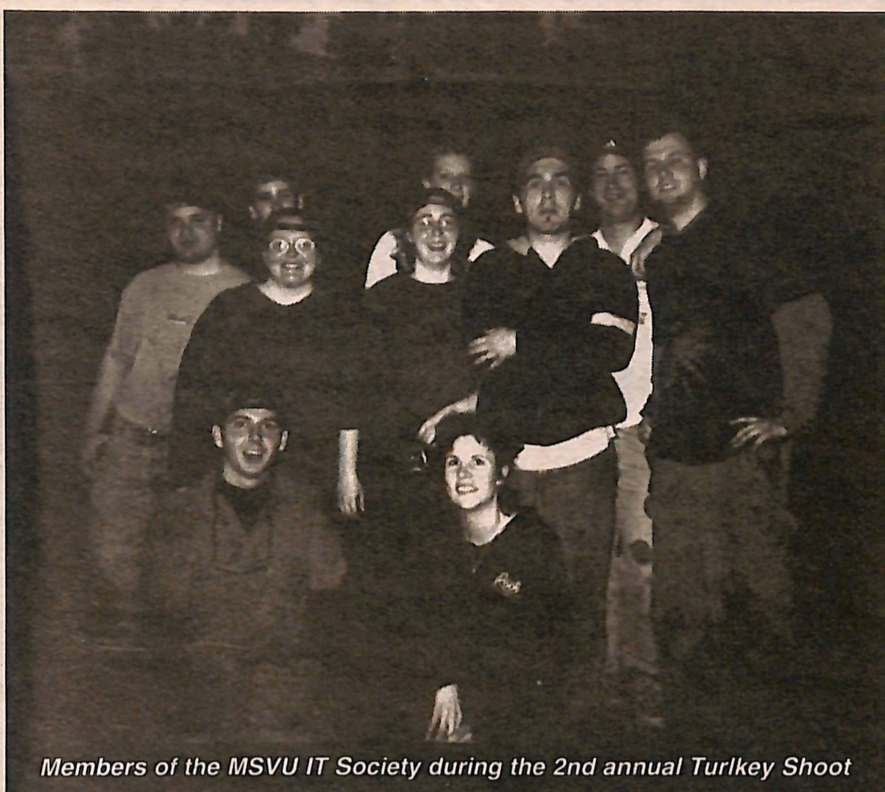
Top Ten Bestsellers At the MSVU Bookstore

1. Curing a Bed-wetter-by I.P. Freely
2. Drug Abuse-by L. S. Dee
3. Podiatry for Everyday-by A. King Feet
4. Seeing both sides of an argument-by I.M. Wrong and I.M. Right
5. Insomnia-by Les Leep
6. Flat Tires are NOT the Enemy-by E. Jack, E. Zlee
7. Deck Renovating-by Patty O'Lanterns
8. Maintaining a Long Distant Relationship-Miles A. Way
9. Amphibians, friend or foe?-edited by Sally Manders
10. Making Deadlines-by Nick O. Time

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 Union as exclusive as you want it! It includes chapters on "Your elections-how to 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.

GO TO FAHH-KING KARAOKE



Members of the MSVU IT Society during the 2nd annual Turkey Shoot

MSVU IT Society takes on IS Society from St. FX

by Evan Martin

On Saturday October 2nd., adrenaline levels ran high, as the MSVU Information Technology Society took on the St. FX Information Systems Society in the 2nd annual Turkey Shoot Paint Ball Tournament. With the Golden Turkey up for grabs, bodies

were bruised, egos were crushed and the paint flew. When the dust settled, it was a narrow victory for St. FX with a score of 3-2. Last year the turkey went home with MSVU, this year it will travel to Antigonish.

This was the second running of the annual event between MSVU and St. FX. The idea behind the tournament is to promote and develop teamwork skills

which are so necessary in today's work environment, especially in the information technology field. It is also way to build some "School Spirit" and try to bring the students of the IT department a little closer socially. Of course it doesn't hurt to create a friendly rivalry between two similar programs at different schools. Next year the Turkey comes back home!

The C.U.P. National NHL Hockey Draft

Over \$10,000 in prizes to be won!

Grand Prizes:



One of two Norco Sasquatch racing bikes with double butted chromoly frame, Marzocchi front suspension and 24-speed Shimano STX-RC shifters. Approximate value of grand prizes is \$1149 each.*

Monthly Leader Prizes:

From November until April, the monthly leader will receive a Norco Bushpilot adventure bicycle, complete with chromoly main tubes, front suspension, and Shimano Acera-X drivetrain. Approximate value of bikes is \$450 each.*



On-Campus Prizes

Drop your completed form off at the Picaro office in Rosaria Centre to enter the draft.

*See:

Campusnews.cup.ca

for full contest rules, detailed prize information and all of the standings.

Section 1: Forwards and Defencemen (Select the top scorer in each pool)

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Section 2: Bonus Section

In plus/minus select the player who will finish with the best +/- rating.
In bruisers, select the player who will get the most penalty minutes.
In goalies, select the goaltender who will finish with the lowest GAA.

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Tie Breaker 1 - Select the top scorer

1. <input type="checkbox"/> A.Carter	6. <input type="checkbox"/> M.Grier
2. <input type="checkbox"/> P.Marleau	7. <input type="checkbox"/> A.Dackell
3. <input type="checkbox"/> V.Kozlov (Fla.)	8. <input type="checkbox"/> I.Korolev
4. <input type="checkbox"/> N.Sundstrom	9. <input type="checkbox"/> V.Tsyplakov
5. <input type="checkbox"/> D.Alfredsson	10. <input type="checkbox"/> R.Niedermayer

Tie Breaker 2 - Worst Teams

Who will be the two worst teams?

1. _____

2. _____

Last Name (Please Print Very Clearly) _____ Initial _____ First Name _____

E-Mail (required for notification purposes) _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

University/College _____ Year _____ Program _____

Check One: Play for Fun ☐ (free entry) Go for the Cup! ☐ (\$5 fee allows you to trade players in January and March)



CAMPUS REC ROCKS!

The Campus Rec September Event was Rock Climbing (with Climb Nova Scotia) at Eagle's Nest in Bedford. Featured in the photos are some of the brave MSVU students/staff who climbed and made it to the top where they were rewarded with a fantastic view.

For information on more wild or mellower activities that you may want to participate in, call 457-6369.



CAMPUS REC OCTOBER EVENT

In October, Ath/Rec put together an off-land adventure—four hours of sea kayaking at Mahone Bay. Thankfully, no one fell out, and they had a gorgeous day on the water. See if you know any of the adventurers in the pictures!

Check Ath/Rec for upcoming adventures/trips, or call 457-6369



ACAA Results and League Standings

Women's Soccer, as of Oct 10/99

Game Results:

Sept 29	NSAC	defeated	Kings	1-0
Sept 30	UNB-SJ	defeated	STU	1-0
Oct 02	UNB-SJ	tied	Kings	2-2
	MSVU	defeated	STU	4-0
	DalTech	defeated	NSAC	3-1
Oct 03	Kings	defeated	STU	3-2
	UNB-SJ	defeated	MSVU	2-0
Oct 07	NSAC	defeated	DalTech	2-1

CONFERENCE STANDINGS:

TEAM	GAMES	WINS	TIES	LOSSES	GF	GA	POINTS
UNBSJ	8	5	2	1	15	7	17
MSVU	5	4	0	1	12	4	12
NSAC	6	3	1	2	9	11	10
STU	7	3	0	4	14	15	9
Kings	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
DALTECH	6	0	0	6	5	17	0

Rugby: The newest game at the Mount

by Sunny Patch

Rugby is indisputably the game of champions. It combines skill, strength, intelligence and raw animalistic power into a highly organized and high paced game. The high you get from playing a game of rugby is comparable to heroin, and the sport is almost equally addictive. Any former rugby player you talk to is just waiting until they can play again. You do not become a good rugby player, rugby becomes you and you are controlled by the sport.

Males and females of all ages play rugby, which originated in Rugby, England. It has a huge amount of rules, tricks, and strategies that take years to learn. I have been told that it takes around 13 years to become a really good rugby player. This seems discouraging but don't worry because the trick of rugby is that you don't have to be an expert to play the game, all you have to be is brave.

Against popular opinion, rugby is not a very dangerous sport. Like any other sport there is the possibility of getting injured but if you have a proper warm-up, stretch and play a clean game, using your head, then you are pretty much safe. People get hurt in rugby when other players don't play cleanly and if they haven't warmed up enough. Having a good understanding of how to tackle is also important, but not very hard to learn.

For those who understand the rugby addiction that I am talking about, relief is here. The first ever Mount Saint Vincent Rugby Club is starting up and any women who would like to play are welcome and encouraged to come. The purpose of this club is to get an informal rugby team together to learn about the game, have some fun playing rugby and possibly enter the Truro Sevens tournament in March. Though we have missed this years university level playing season we may be able to get some informal playing time against the University of Kings College Rugby Football Club. For more information about practices at the Mount please call 457-6536 and ask about rugby or call the Ath/Rec office, as they will also know our practice schedule.

It is important to understand that rugby is a fun game. A rugby team is all about having fun, after they play a good game. A good rugby team can be extremely serious on the field, but they always know how to have fun off the field.

The Rugby World Cup is being played this week and if you have cable you can catch it on CTV Sportsnet. It is also on the internet at www.rwc99.com. So if you are interested in seeing some real rugby, check out a game before the week is over. If World Cup is a little too advanced for you there is a university league game this Sunday at 4pm in the Halifax Commons so you can see a game there also.

Ath/Rec Hallowe'en Party

Dig out your craziest costume and come celebrate Hallowe'en at Vinnies on October 27th from 9pm-2am. It is a wet-dry event with DJ and is sponsored by Moosehead & the Ath/Rec Society. \$2 in costume, \$3 without costume (if you are funny enough looking already) The Ath/Rec Society Welcomes Everyone. See you there!

MSVU MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS TO MONTREAL

Our wonderful team is heading off to Montreal to strut their stuff against Dawson's College (from Montreal), Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (from Calgary), Montmorency (from Quebec), and Vanier (from Montreal). The tournament is from October 22-24.

Coach Rick Plato said, "we'd better play hard or we'll get our butts kicked."

The Women's team is also going to Montreal for exhibition games. So with that being said: Good luck everyone, and HAPPY TRAILS!

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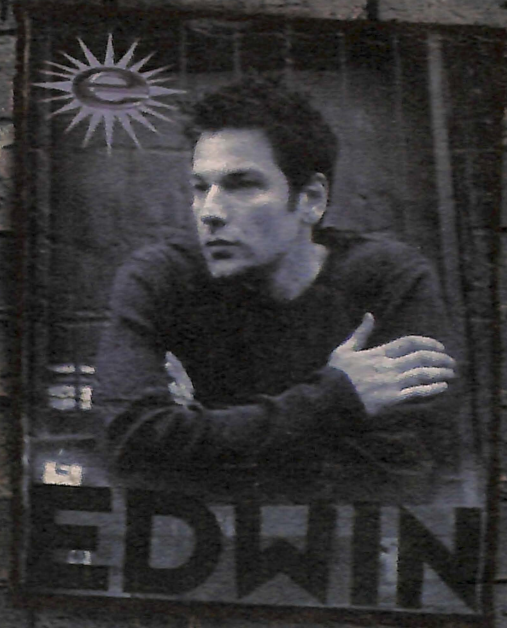
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THE NEW ALTERNATIVE



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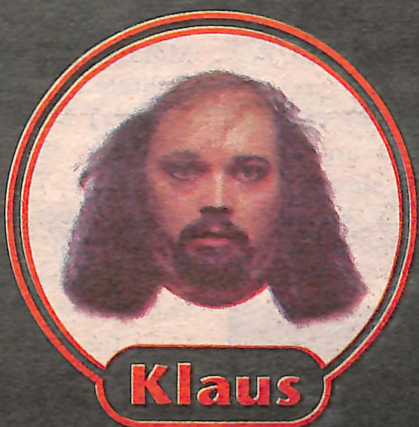
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
TODD KERNS
FORMERLY OF AGE OF ELECTRIC



INVITING GREAT CANADIAN BANDS OUT TO PLAY.

- October 12, The Outpost - Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario • October 13, Club Princess - Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- October 14, The Wall - Nipissing University, North Bay, Ontario • October 16, The Great Hall - Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario
- October 18, Myron's - Charlottetown, PEI • October 19, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia
- October 21, The Pit - UCCB, Sydney, Nova Scotia • October 22, The McKay Room - St. FX University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
- October 23, McInnis Room - Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia • October 25, Chevy's - Moncton, New Brunswick
- October 26, U.N.B. - Fredericton, New Brunswick

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Klaus

3 REASONS WHY KLAUS VON DOPPLEHOOPER OF VAFFLEHAUS WASN'T INVITED

1. HE'S A LOSER.
2. RECOVERING FROM SPANDEX RELATED INJURY.
3. HE HAD A PERM APPOINTMENT.