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Feds announce a better deal

OTTAWA (CUP)—Secretary of State Serge Joyal confirmed rumours March 18 that the federal government will pump \$60 million more into student loans.

He also said the government will make part-time students eligible for aid and give graduates a longer grace period before they must begin repaying their loan.

Joyal announced the maximum loan ceiling will be raised for the first time in nearly a decade, from \$56.25 to \$100 per week. About

20,000 to 30,000 part-time students will be eligible for federal loans for the first time and the grace period for graduates will be extended from six months to two years.

The Canadian Federation of Students is claiming a victory with the extension of loans to part-time students, because it has been lobbying for that for several years. CFS leaked the details of the federal student loan changes seven weeks before Joyal's announce-

ment.

Although CFS is generally happy with the changes, it would have preferred the government to have implemented a planned bursary program rather than larger loans. The federal government was on the verge of announcing a bursary scheme in the fall, according to CFS, but dropped it in a wave of cost-cutting.

CFS executive officer Diane Flaherty maintains that by giving students larger loans the federal government encourages students to go further into debt, discouraging poorer students from taking out loans.

Peter Rans, president of the Dalhousie University Students' Union, labelled the student loans a disincentive. "It's reasonably clear that for people from lower-income families there is a psychological barrier to taking out a loan." He said taking out a loan is too high a gamble for most lower-class persons.

But Joyal told reporters that the

higher loan ceiling would allow more students to go to school. "I don't think that I am increasing the burden of the loan debt," he said. "I'm helping them."

MP David Orlikow (NDP-Winnipeg North) disagrees. He thinks students facing a larger debt load will be deterred from attending university or college.

"When the student aid system was first announced people could assume that almost everyone could

get a job and taking out a loan wasn't so bad," said Orlikow. But he said current high unemployment and the 15.9 per cent interest rate on loans consolidated during 1982-83 are deterring students from taking out a loan.

Orlikow said he would prefer to see a smaller loan program and a federal bursary scheme targeted at

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Nader knocks pac-man

(RNR/CUP)—Consumer crusader Ralph Nader is no fan of Pac-man, but he has discovered one video game to his liking.

It's called "China Syndrome." The goal: preventing a nuclear power plant meltdown.

Writing in *Video Review* magazine, Nader said he applauds the game's message, but the joystick "lacks the sensitivity to give you a

fighting chance." While this "may convey the message that controlling a nuclear reactor is dangerous," Nader adds that "playing an unrewarding game probably takes that lesson too far."

He has harsher words for Pac-man. "It was just gobble, gobble, gobble," he writes. "No social comment."

Registration up

Early 1983-84 registration figures show that once again, the student population at Mount Saint Vincent University is increasing slowly but steadily—up 100 per cent in 10 years.

Susan Tanner, the Mount's Admissions Officer, says, "Registra-

tion for the B.A. program is the highest at the moment. Very often students will take a general arts program when it's not possible to go into the program of their first

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This little guy, donated by a sweet admirer, has kept the Picaro staff going through thick and thin. We hope that his magical charm will rub off and help you have a good summer.

Zinck Photo

What's Happening

The Past in focus, at the Gallery

Opening at the Mount Art Gallery, **The Past in Focus: A Community Album Before 1918**, Friday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. This exhibit features historic photography from the Notman Photographic Studio in Halifax as well as from the Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia. Doctors Louis Collins and William Oliver will open the exhibit. The Reverend Donald Fairfax of Victoria and Lucasville Baptist Church will sing. Everyone is welcome. Call 443-4450 for further details.

LANGUAGE TEACHERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

'Language learning and culture' is the theme of this year's annual conference of the Teaching of English as a Second Language Association. It will be held at St. Mary's University on Friday evening and all day Saturday, April 8 and 9.

Workshops, aimed to give real, practical help to teachers, volunteers, and others involved in teaching English to those for whom it isn't the mother tongue, include how to use NFB films in the classroom, games for learners, English for Special Purposes, classroom interaction, teaching reading, and Community Language Learning, an exciting modern learner-centred approach to teaching. Discussion groups will follow the workshops.

Funded mainly by the Secretary of State, the conference will take place in the Student Union Building at St. Mary's. Registration will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, followed by a wine and cheese party and cross-cultural awareness workshop. Late registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Saturday, when coffee will be available.

Pre-Registration Day

Wednesday, 6 April
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

4th floor corridors of Seton

All students (full and part-time) currently taking courses are eligible to pre-register for 1983-84 with

able to pre-register:

- B.Ed. year (includes sequential, final year of integrated and final year of Child Study in education)
- Masters programs
- Child Study and Public Relations if currently in another program or if currently registered as a Special Student, unless student has received official letter of admission from Admissions Office.

Note: Pre-registration on an individual basis will continue until August. See Registrar's Office from 7 April onwards for details.

Things I learned in university

Things I learned in University (BUT NOT IN CLASS)

- that living in residence is a little different if you didn't grow up with a dozen sisters.
- that you CAN get things done on time, especially when it means pass or fail.
- that there IS time for the finer things in life.
- that you can survive on less money than you ever thought possible.
- that Monday isn't always the worst day of the week.
- that Fridays are great.
- that exams are not the end of the world.
- that university is a great place to make friends.
- that you can make it on your own.
- that you do learn something from one too many hangovers.

Message from the president

As the old saying goes "Hindsight is better than foresight." I'm sure this is true of every organization and I assure you the Student Council is no different. When I took office in May/82, I had many ideas and changes which I wanted to see through but one soon realizes that one year isn't a very long time. It seems that by the time Student Council is in full swing the term is well under way. I can look back over the year's activities and see that there are many things that perhaps I as President and we as a Council could have handled more effectively; however, I do feel that the Council did make many significant accomplishments.

I would say that the Student Council's year can be marked by the improvements to Vinnie's Pub, the 2nd Annual Leadership Conference, the International Women's Day Celebration Rally, the entertainment events, the Annual Student Union, Athletics, and Alumnae Awards Banquet to name just a few.

At the Annual General Meeting, several recommendations were made to the incoming council covering many areas which must be carried through. I would like to congratulate the incoming councillors and wish them the best



of luck for the upcoming academic year.

I would like to thank the Student Council for their assistance and cooperation over the year as well as anyone who sat on committees or helped out with any aspect of the Student Council this year.

I would also like to thank all of you, the students, for your support during my term of office. Best of luck on your exams.

Alice MacKichan
President of the Student Union
Mount Saint Vincent University

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REGISTRATION

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choice. Others like to take it while they make up their minds about what they will ultimately do, knowing that their first year in the B.A. degree program can be transferred to any other. Many students, of course, are aware that this degree can be very valuable in any walk of life."

To date, the second most popular program at the Mount is its Bachelor of Child Study, and third is Bachelor of Business Administration.

A new trend showing up in statistics is the increase in student registrations from the United States, many of whom are daughters of alumnae. "This has been quite noticeable," Tanner says.

Pre-registration for students already at the Mount begins on Wednesday, April 6.

Part-time students are expected to register "during the summer," Tanner says, "when we expect a big rush."

...SO THE FACULTY OF HISTORY OFFERED ME THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN HEAD WITH THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE, BUT...



ALL THE WILE

Administration wrap-up

by Beverly Jobe
Staff Reporter

Dollars for Project One, increased enrollment and research funding, defining the Mount's image and teaching remote students highlight the administration's 1982-83 calendar.

The "\$1 Campaign", started in late September to raise the additional \$1 million needed to reach Project One's \$3.5 million target, has raised \$40,000 to date. Individual donations from across the country range from one dollar to \$2500.

The university's Development Office has mailed over 300,000 campaign flyers to every known women's organization in Canada. Since January, Dr. Fulton has signed over 1000 donation thank you letters, and over 700 letters requesting individuals and groups to send the Mount one dollar.

"We're testing the network" said Dulcie Conrad, MSVU Public Relations Director, closely involved with the campaign. She said the operating costs are "mini-

mal", and the publicity is giving the Mount a higher profile.

A higher enrollment typified 1982-83 as well, with almost 3000 full and part-time students registered, an increase of 7.2 per cent over last year. All these new faces overloaded some classes, and necessitated creating more residence rooms in Assisi and Vincent Hall. Admissions anticipates further increases in 1983-84.

This year, the Mount was awarded over one half million dollars in external funds for sponsored research, an increase of 22 per cent over last year. Approximately \$450,000 was generated for other projects including \$200,000 from the Canadian International Development Agency for the MSVU-Malawi Linkage Program in Home Economics, and \$100,000 from Canada Employer. and Immigration Commission for the Life Planning and Learning Centre downtown.

The Senate Committee tabled its "Image Report" in September, making several recommendations

for improvement. These included discussing the Mount's present philosophy and objectives throughout the entire university community to clarify the university's purpose and position, and establishing a "university-wide social/cultural committee" to combat a cited lagging "university spirit" on campus.

Implementing the report's recommendations is next, and each university department concerned has been contacted. However, only 20 of 46 contact people have responded, according to Conrad.

The DUET project taught 80 re-

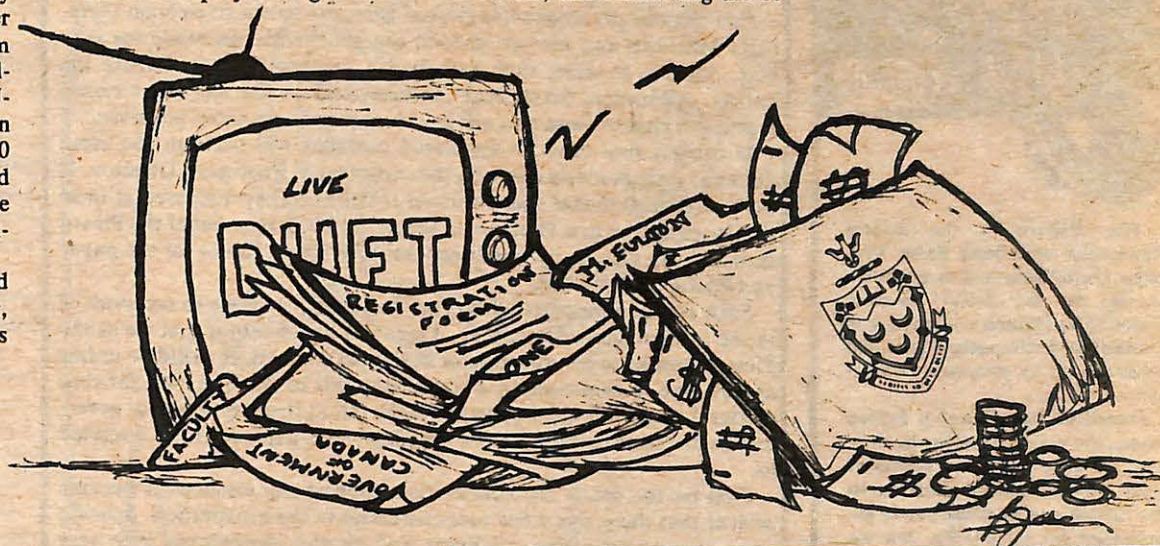
mote students at 14 receiving businesses in metro Halifax and Dartmouth. Another 100 Dartmouth students took credit courses through the Center for Continuing Education's new program, "Start Your Degree without Crossing the Bridge."

Other highlights this year include the completion of the Seton Annex to house the Business and Public Relations faculty, and the DUET studio. Built entirely by MSVU Physical Plant staff, it rang in at \$156,000. They were also busy redecorating the Seton Cafeteria, and reinforcing the Se-

ton Academic Center's sagging roof.

The library introduced the Computer-on-Microfiche Catalog to eventually replace the 30 year old card catalog. One microfiche replaces approximately 2000 cards, economizing on our already limited library space.

And the administration saw to it that all faculty became aware of the Mount's philosophy and university services from the very beginning by holding its first annual "Faculty Orientation Day" in September.



The best of '83

by Hugh Marshall
Staff Reporter

At the recent student union awards banquet three people were singled out for their outstanding contribution to university life. The three were the recipients of the graduate awards; Alice MacKichan, Cathy McPhee and Suzanne Drapeau. The Picaro feels that the above named students deserve an additional pat on the back for their efforts.

MacKichan, a native Cape Bretoner, began her life at university in 1978. During the 78-79 academic year she was enrolled as a fresh "woman" in the BSC program at Dalhousie. After completing her first year, she transferred to the Mount and has been here ever since. This May she will graduate from Mount Saint Vincent, after four years, with an integrated B.H.Ec/B.Ed.

Alice quickly became involved in student politics by being the floor representative on the residence council in her first year at the Mount. In her second year she became a resident assistant in Assisi Hall and became heavily involved in the Home Economic Society. Her third year was no less eventful, with such distinctions as student affairs representative and Executive Vice President of Student Council.

During the past year as president she sat on 12-15 committees, including the Board of Governors and Senate, several council committees and selection committees too numerous to mention. She definitely was a capable leader and is a lady that we will all miss.

Suzanne Drapeau came to the Mount after one year at John Abbott Community College in Montreal. She chose Mount Saint Vincent because of the fact that she only had her grade eleven plus a few credits that she received in Montreal and the Mount was the only university in Halifax, at that time which was open to such students.

Drapeau enrolled in the BSC program in 1976 needing 19 credits, and after receiving her degree in 1980, transferred into the Public Relations program. She will graduate this May, then, with a BSC and a BPR.

During her second year at the Mount, she joined the Picaro, and after only a few short months took over as co-editor. "It was a baptism of fire" she recalls, partly due to the fact that her partner quit after only three weeks. Besides her long affiliation with the student press, Suzanne, has been on various committees and has held several positions.

Entertainment Director, Senate Representative, Bar Manager, member of the budget committee and awards selection committee and also a prime instigator in the Mount's fight for a pub are only a few of the positions and things this old "dinosaur" has done. The Picaro especially will miss Sue as we are sure will many others.

Cathy McPhee graduated from Holy Angels High School in Sydney Cape Breton and came to the Mount in 1979. After four years in the Arts program she will graduate this year with both Alice and Suzanne.

During the past four years Cathy has been heavily involved in chaplaincy and only in the past eight months has her commitment not been a hundred percent. This is because of her increased involvement with student council as Treasurer for the 82-83 academic year.

Cathy also has a long list of committees and extra curricular activities under her belt. She has been the floor representative and R.A. for Assisi Hall, chairperson for the fundraising committee and a member of such committees as the leadership conference committee and the awards banquet committee. We will surely miss "Pheely".

Thank you Alice, Suzanne and Cathy and the best of luck in your new endeavors.

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lower-income students. He also thinks the 18-month extension in the grace period is inadequate and students should not have to repay their loans until they find a job.

Joyal plans to introduce legislation for the changes soon, but Parliament Hill sources say they won't take effect until January. The federal government is also studying relief for students paying high interest rates, he said.

Meanwhile, two provinces are making their bursaries harder to get. Newfoundland students will now have to take out a \$900 provincial loan before they are eligible for a bursary. The old ceiling was \$575.

Nova Scotia has laid out more stringent criteria for qualifying for a bursary.

Ecology for the Class of '83

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

The class of '83. What a fine class they were. They will be missed by the Mount in the years to come. All of our beloved class of '83 will live on in the memory banks of the computer as alumnae of the old alma mater. The lucky few who willed their bodies and their souls to the activities of the alumnae will preserve particularly vivid memories.

In mourning the passing of the class of '83, let's look at who they were. Many of the children of a prosperous but troubled time. Born in a decadent era, the children were weaned in a comfortable suburban existence, the songs of peace, love and protest only a vague memory of early childhood. Vastly influenced by the "me" generation and disco music, cushioned from the impact of a global recession by the comforts of middle class boredom, the youngest of the class of '83 will be spewed forth into the world of economic uncertainty, left to face a world they don't know.

For many of the class of '83, their more seasoned experiences and a university education grant them a freedom their mothers and grandmothers could never hope for. But, with that freedom, they pay a price.

This class, they go forth into the world, full of hope, full of fresh ideas. Bless them with the courage not to lose that hope, not to give up on those ideas.

Help make the passing of another class of graduates a little easier. Learn from their mistakes, but learn from the things they did right as well. Remember the class of '83. They are as much a part of you as they have become a part of the university.

Remember them fondly, the class of '83.

Mount's new mentoring program to start next year

by Elizabeth Curren
Staff Reporter

"A lot of people have used people informally as mentors. People have used teachers and family friends for a long time as mentors. This program is a way of facilitating this process," said Dr. Carol Hill, Director of Student Services, in explaining the Mount's new mentoring program which is to start next year.

A mentor is like an advisor or teacher. The new mentoring program is to help students make the transition from university to the working world. Students in the program will be individually matched with alumna on the basis of shared occupational interests. The goal of the program is to give

students an opportunity to gain an in-depth perspective on career and life-styles.

Dr. Hill said that students need opportunities to explore some occupations first hand. She also said that sometimes students have career goals but don't really have a notion of the day to day routine of the job. Hill said, "Some jobs are glamorized and other jobs are more interesting than they first appear."

"Each relationship will to a large extent depend on the two people who are matched, they may get a lot of benefit or may not," said Hill. Each mentoring program will probably be quite different and some cases may range from helping students develop a

network of contacts or improve on a résumé.

Dr. Hill said that letters about the program were mailed to alumni and she said, "the few alumni I have talked to so far have been supportive."

Presently the program is being opened to students entering their third year and above. If you as a student are interested contact the Student Services Office, preferably before May 1.

Hill says that as far as she knows no other local universities offer this program. She said that she got the idea mainly from reading an article in "Savvy" magazine about the mentoring program at Wheaton University, Mass.

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Editorial Outlook, 1983/84



by Hugh Marshall
Staff Reporter

Now that all the smoke has cleared from the recent re-election scare, Mike MacLean and his new council can get themselves ready for next year. Already to date, they have had a few meetings to discuss the budget, orientation, the student handbook and the like and also a closed meeting to choose those who will hold next years' appointed positions.

It appears that those in appointed positions will perform the same duties as their predecessors with the exception of Photopool Director. If the new council makes constitutional that which they discussed at their first meeting, the new Photopool Director will be a member of the Picaro staff and will assume the combined duties of Photo Editor for the paper and Photopool Director.

Such new and innovative ideas are something we hope to see more of in the upcoming academic year. There is a list of things that we at the Picaro consider to be priorities for next years' council. It would be unfair at this time to comment on whether they will be done or even for that matter if they will be as important in the fall as they are now, but nevertheless there are definitely a few pressing issues that need to be attended to.

First on the list is the constitution. During the elections it became evident that there was a few inconsistencies in the constitution. Specific areas concerning voting privileges and election procedures were very foggy indeed. One of the first things the new council should do, now that they have the benefit of hindsight, is to repair the holes in what can be considered a crochet constitution.

Another pressing concern of the student body is the lack of student space and in the same breath the increase of office space. One has to look no further than the recent construction of Ann Eade's office in the games room for an example. The administrative stronghold in this area has to stop. Presently the students do not even have a closet which they own outright. Even the student council office is not ours; it is being rented from the university.

We are not suggesting that the new council demand to own a certain percentage of the campus but merely that they look into the issue of space. What we need is a student lounge; a place where we can go and chat or read a book, play cards etc. Hopefully Mike can do something in this area.

The third thing is something that is a concern of almost everyone; the entertainment situation. This year, shall we say, was adequate. There were a few bright spots though such as the Terry Hatty/Boulevard double decker and the post election pub night. I expect the new executive to improve in this area, after all, it was the mainstay of their campaign.

This year was by no means a disaster, on the contrary, it was quite reasonable. There were a few mistakes made, but then again, everyone makes mistakes. Let's just hope that these mistakes can be used as a learning device for the new council.

Here's to a prosperous and happy 83-84.

Letters

The Picaro
Dear Editor:
Executive Magazine

I must disagree with a statement in the column "podium" (March 22, 1983), according to which "it is strange that the Mount Library would subscribe to such a publication." The publication in question is, of course, the magazine **EXECUTIVE**. I would not have called the statement to your attention if, on the issue of **The Connection** published March 28, I had not read that it is "ironical" that copies of the magazine be available "in the Mount's own library."

The two statements, a week apart, expressing surprise at the availability of **Executive** in our library, warned me that, perhaps, the wisdom of the subscription was in question.

Subscription to **Executive** is not strange. MSVU library, as an academic service, must strive for openness and completeness, even

if such goals are elusive. **Executive** is a representative Canadian business publication, one of few in the field, which cannot be ignored in a university offering several business administration programs.

Even if ironical, subscription to **Executive** magazine is not strange! I prefer to think that it is not even ironical, however. Only slightly humorous, amusing.

L. Blanchini
University Librarian

Chair kidnapper still at large

To: The Boardroom Liberation Organization
Attn: Pres. Ivan De. S.O.B.

Much to my horror I have received one castor from the chair!! I do hope you are treating our mutual friend with dignity and

Podium S.U. could have been worse

by Craig Munroe
Staff Reporter

If asked to evaluate this years Student Council what would your reply be, good, bad, average, or possibly your not sure. The question is not a simple one to answer as the council is involved in many areas hence they have failures and triumphs. To evaluate the job they did properly consideration must be given not only to the visible areas of their position, but also the not so visible aspects that are often overlooked. It must also be considered how much can be done in a short time span of one year, have they left next years council in adequate shape financially and have they established a foundation for which next years council can build upon.

Financially, this years council operated in the black, so next years council will not have the problem of correcting financial mistakes. Although this is possibly a very positive note for this years council, does it mean they could have spent more money on such areas like the pub. No doubt the money saved this year is an asset for next years council, but if some of it could have been used in a profitable manner, might not have this benefitted the students just as well as money in the bank.

And how would you rate the entertainment at the Mount this year. There were definitely some very memorable events staged, but of course there is still room for improvement. Two areas which come to mind immediately are first, the cover charge students are forced to pay every Wednesday night when the only difference between it and other nights is that there is someone playing records instead of the tape machine, and secondly something should be done to make the pub a livelier place on the weekend.

The council was also involved in sponsoring many events, the biggest one being the Women's Day Rally on March 8. This was a giant success and those involved should be congratulated.

Internally the council was not without its turmoil. Leighton Will's resignation as chairperson of the elections committee was one example of internal conflict, but there is destined to be some form of problems of this nature over the course of a year so it would be unfair to say that it only happened to this years council.

This years council took a stand against pornography on T.V. and were praised by some and criticized by others for saying they represented the students of the university. They could have run a referendum on the subject but it is their right as elected members to speak for us, which is what they were doing.

More attention could have been paid to the photopool which is at present under the jurisdiction of the council. The Picaro photographers were in actuality the ones who notified council of what supplies were needed and also supplied pictures for many publications such as the Athletic Recreation Handbook. Something which they were not required to do by definition.

Then of course there was the election crisis two weeks ago. Granted it was not just the council's fault, but they did fail to fulfill their responsibilities leading up to the election. Although the handling of the aftermath was done in a manner that demonstrated responsibility.

So how did they do. There were shortcomings and areas where council could have been better, but they did improve the pub, sponsored many successful events and left a solid foundation for next years council. No form of government at any level will ever please everyone, and taking everything into consideration we could have done alot worse. So let's remember them as a basically efficient group of individuals, who might not have made many drastic changes, but helped initiate and provide progress in many areas while not adversely effecting the students prospects.

We also regret to inform you that your chairs health has deteriorated since our last contact with you.

Seeing how you cannot meet the demand of the weeping fig plant we decided to change our ransom to 1 table, and 4 boxes of smarties.

Love,
Ivan de Son of a Bitch

respect and in removing parts are doing so very carefully so that major surgery is not to be in order.

Although I refuse to be intimidated by threats of violence **REMEMBER** that your Beagle mascot could be earless the next time you look at it!!!

We now seem to be at an impasse in this kidnapping caper.

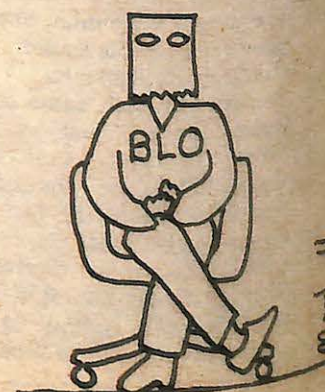
Our gardener advises that any plant without outside light would no doubt expire in short order. Consequently I cannot meet that demand—

Also be aware that we may yet penetrate your hide out!!
Nelta C.R.C.

Committee for Retrieval of Chairs

Ivan's Note:

We, the Boardroom Chair Liberation Army have at present penetrated your headquarters. We plan to send you proof of this on Wednesday, April 16 by 12:00 p.m.



The pill: women more cautious than doctors

by Sarah Cox
reprinted from the Ubysey
by Canadian University Press

Women were ecstatic over the arrival of the birth control pill in 1960. They finally had control over their own sexuality.

"The pill was the dream," says student health services director Dr. Percival-Smith. "Without it, women were shackled." The pill was an important aspect of the women's movement in the early '60s he says. Since then, a tremendous number of women have taken the pill for great lengths of time."

Twenty years later, however, the rush to go on the pill is slowing down. Women are becoming fearful of limited and inadequate testing of the pill. They are realizing women's health was not a major concern of doctors or drug companies.

"Now, in hindsight, there is a horrifying picture of inadequate testing of drugs like the pill," says Percival-Smith. Annette Clough, Vancouver Women's Health Collective member, agrees. "The pill was only tested on 135 Puerto Rican women before it was marketed," she says. "Some of the women died."

"We always discourage women from taking it. There are many studies showing the health dangers to women on the pill."

The 10 year old health collective was formed by women dissatisfied with answers doctors gave to their questions about birth control. They were tired of being told to go onto the pill, says Clough.

A handful of bright rooms with couches and posters contrast the collective to the rushed atmosphere of a doctor's office. It has resources on every aspect of women's health and specializes in birth control counselling.

The pill is the most common and dangerous method of birth control, says health collective member Isobel Kiborn.

"We're very cautious about any kind of method that involves changing women's hormones. There's very little information on the effects. Doctors don't really know exactly how the pill works."

"We think we know how it works," says Percival-Smith, who once thought the pill was the best method of birth control. Ovulation is suppressed by a synthetic combination of the female hormones estrogen and progesterone, he says.

He sits forward in his chair and confesses he once thought it was a physician's duty to protect women from unwanted pregnancies. "In

the 30 years I've been practising one of the things which I've really seen change is my attitude toward women. Now I don't tell women what to do—I educate them."

Women on the pill are more likely to develop potentially fatal blood clots, says Percival Smith.

He dismisses the risks of developing cancer from a combination of the pill and smoking. "Smoking alone is far more harmful than the pill." Other health hazards which studies have shown to be associated with the pill include: high blood pressure, circulatory disorders, liver and cervical problems, urinary tract infections and increased risk of viral infections.

Side effects of the pill are not important because they are not hazardous to women's health, says Percival-Smith. "Side effects are things which women don't like. They are not risks." Weight gain, headaches, depression and mood changes are common side effects for women on the pill, he says.

He thinks for a moment and folds his hands together, finally admitting he doesn't take the side effects seriously enough. "If I was a woman I might feel differently," he acknowledges.

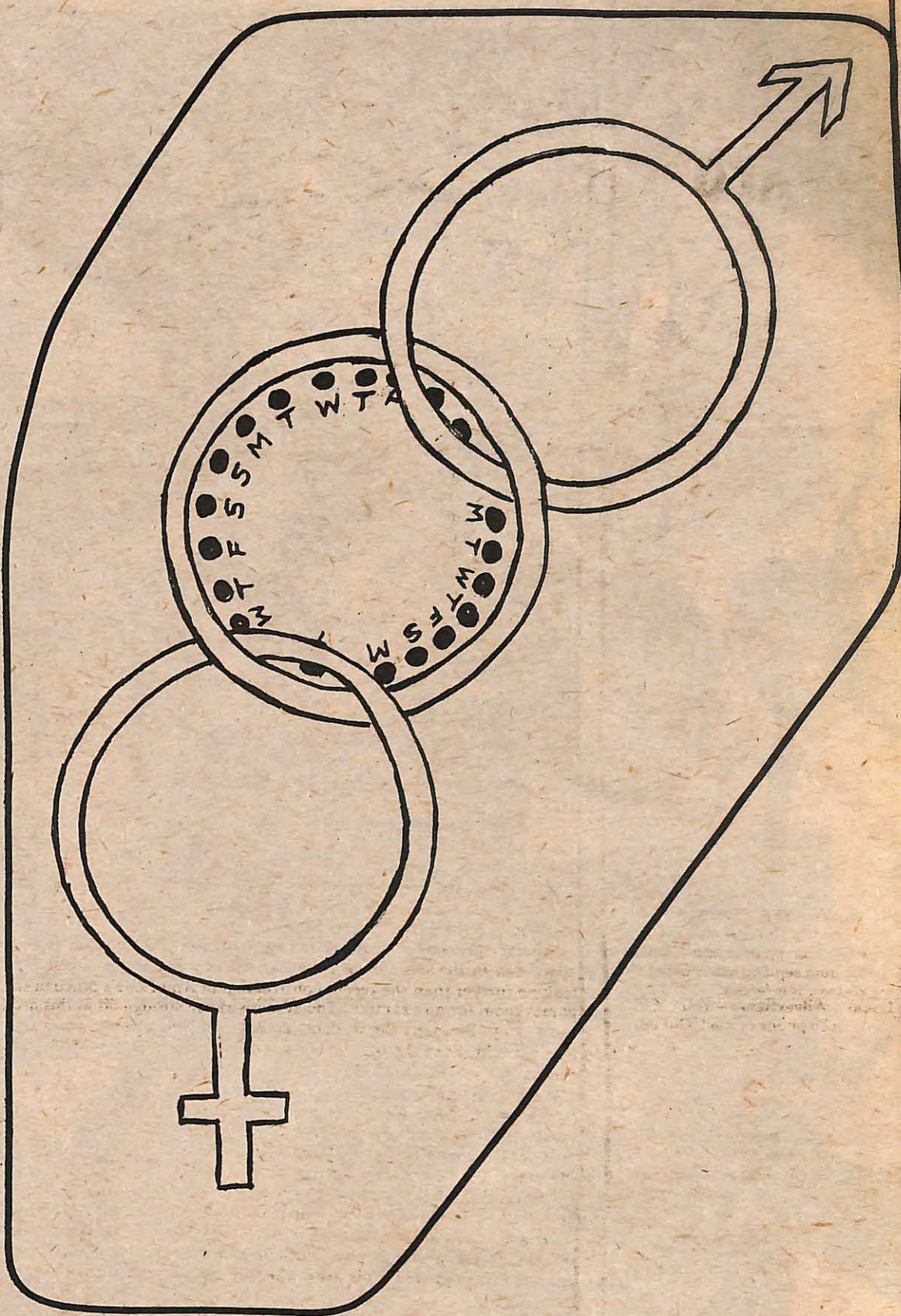
Doctors seldom take the time to talk to women about the pill's hazards or other methods of birth control, says Kiborn. "It doesn't take very much time to prescribe a drug. We see a lot of women at the health collective whose questions have been dismissed by their doctors."

Blake, a 23 year old Vancouver woman, was told to go on the pill by a doctor when she was 15. "I walked in, he found out I was there for birth control and he gave me the pill—no discussion. Everybody was going on the pill then. He just said 'You're young, there's no problem,' and told me to go off it in five or ten years."

Blake trusted her doctor's advice and went on the pill. Gradually, her skin discoloured and she became more and more depressed.

"I had some really bad side effects," she says. "I had dark blotches on my arms and I got really depressed and really moody. I got to a point where it was really ridiculous. I went off it and about two months later I was fine."

Doctors are rarely concerned with the health of women on the pill, says Kiborn. A 1974 edition of Physicians Desk Reference tells doctors the pill might be carcinogenic. "Close clinical surveillance of all women taking oral contraceptives must be continued," says the book.



The edition also includes depression as an established side effect of the pill.

Twenty-two year old Wietske also had a doctor who was anxious to put her on the pill. He prescribed it for her with no mention of health hazards or side effects.

Wietske says she took the pill because it was the easiest method. The really dangerous thing is that it's almost too easy."

It is easy for women to take the pill, which takes pressure off men.

"In a way, it's even more liberating for the man," Wietske says. "The woman is more permissive because she's not afraid of becoming pregnant. It was almost a burden. Lovemaking is centered on intercourse and you can have it whenever your partner feels like it."

A year after she first took the pill, she went to a lecture on the dangers of the pill. "Then I started to think about what the pill really did to my body. I felt bad having hormones in my body that didn't belong there."

"I decided to go off it. I felt really good. I told my boyfriend it was my decision. It was my body."

Drug companies ignore risks to women because they profit heavily

from the pill market, charges Kiborn. "They encourage doctors to prescribe the pill through tremendous amounts of money spent on advertising and free samples."

Smith agrees. "Drug companies marketing the pill have done very nicely. They have made large sums of money."

A Canadian branch of Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation advertised the safety of their birth control pills to doctors in 1965. It was a "product of proven reliability and safety," said dark lettering at the top of the page.

But tiny letters at the bottom warned doctors of potential health hazards, saying 24 months had been the maximum exposure of women to that type of pill.

"Longer use of the drug and the possible effects on organs of the body such as the pituitary gland, ovaries, adrenal gland and uterus must await observations from continuing studies," said the buried words.

Although drug companies knew the pill was potentially dangerous they continued to produce and market it in massive quantities. Today, even after a 25 percent drop in pill sales from the early

'70s, oral contraceptives in Canada are a \$50 million a year business.

Information about the pill is increasing, and women are rejecting it for the barrier methods of birth control, says Kiborn. But drug companies have channelled their energies into marketing the pill and little progress has been made in updating barrier methods. Out of a total of \$155 million spent world wide on all aspects of reproductive and contraceptive research in 1979, less than two per cent went toward barrier methods.

"Barrier methods suffered terribly because of the pill," says Percival-Smith. "Not nearly enough work was done on them."

The safest and most effective barrier method is the diaphragm, says Smith. This is the method of birth control he recommends.

In a comfortable room at the Women's Health Collective, Kiborn gives birth control advice to a young woman. She grasps a plastic model of a woman's reproductive system in one hand and a diaphragm in the other.

Later, they walk into a room with large pillows and dark walls for an unhurried session on inserting the diaphragm.





History Society: recap of events

by Elizabeth Curren
Staff Reporter
History Society

"The biggest thing we did this year was on January 29, the conference on The Reality of Rape, the highlight of that conference was the movie This is Not a Love-story", said Leone Byrne, of the History Society.

Byrne continued to say, "There was an excellent response and we

are hoping to carry on along the same lines next year."

Other highlights of the year for the History Society included several guest speakers consisting of Nina Konczacki, a professor at the Mount who spoke on eighteenth century gardens and Judith Schwartz who spoke on radical feminists of heterodoxy.

The History Society was also a co-sponsor of a coffeehouse at the

art gallery.

Byrne said that there was a change of executive in the middle of the year so they didn't get as much done as they would have liked to. However, they did have a brewery tour, and a baseball game with the English Society. This week the Society is planning a movie and dinner, or something along those lines for a year's end wrap-up.

Byrne said, "We had a problem getting members this year. We want people to know that they don't have to be a history student to join. Next year we hope to see

everybody join, learn something and have a good time." Byrne also added that the society is not all about history.

Science society wind-up

by Karen Alexander

The year began with a "Get Acquainted" Dinner Party spon-

sored by the society for all science students and faculty. The primary aim of this function was to welcome all new science students and, also, to introduce the members of the society's executive. These included: Karen Alexander (president), Tracey Jones (vice-president), Cathy Dick (secretary) and Karen Wilson (treasurer).

The society also sponsored "Presentation Night" to which guest speakers were invited. These speakers included two science professors from the Mount and a past student: Dr. R.S. MacDonald (Chemistry), Dr. C. Edmunds (Math) and Mr. M. Crowell (Ecology). The speakers delivered brief lectures on research in which they were currently involved. Unfortunately, Mr. M. Crowell was unable to attend. However, the evening was an enjoyable and beneficial one for all present.



A Halloween Bake Sale and a Valentine's Day Bake Sale were held this year. Both were very successful, thanks to the cooperation of all students and faculty in the science department.

The Society's next major event was the Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference (AUUBC), held at Memorial University in St. Johns, Nfld. Three Mount students attended the conference: Karen Alexander, Sharon Fisher and Karen Wilson. Karen Alexander and Sharon Fisher presented papers at the conference, based on research conducted last summer. Both students were victorious! Karen Alexander won the award for best paper jointly with a student from Acadia University and Sharon Fisher was ranked in the top ten by the judges. A beer and pizza party was held to congratulate our winners.

The Society's final event for the year was a "Pot Luck Supper and Presentation Night". This also was an enjoyable evening, and the society appreciates the cooperation of all students and faculty. Speakers include: Dr. E. Wainwright (Biology, Professor at the Mount), Dr. R. Kafer (Psychology, Professor at the Mount) and two of our 1983 Biology graduates, Cathy Dick and Karen Wilson. Again these lectures dealt with past and current research conducted by our speakers.

Overall, the Science Society had an active and enjoyable year. Good luck to the new exec for 1983-84.



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Successful year for Mount sports teams

by Craig Munroe
Staff Reporter

Two were victorious, two were heartbroken, and two never quit. This may be the best way to describe the fortunes of the Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) varsity sports teams this year. Three teams gained birth in the conference finals in their respective sports, while two bowed out in the semi-finals. Overall, each team provided some exciting moments for sports fans attending MSVU.

Volleyball

For the second straight year, the MSVU Women's Volleyball Team won the Nova Scotia Small College Conference and were rewarded with a trip to the nationals in Toronto. The Mount defeated the Nova Scotia Teacher's College 15-3, 15-7, 15-4, in the conference finals to advance to the nationals. The team left for Toronto with a perfect record as they were undefeated until that point in their season. A sixth place finish at the national championship shows a well coached, well disciplined team that the Mount should be proud of. The team was lead by All Conference, All Canadian and team MVP Nanette Elsinga, while MIP awards went to Sally Hanham and Patty Brennan.

Badminton

The success of this year's badminton team is a classic example of what excellent coaching can produce. Badminton coach, and coach of the year Jim Grosvenor was directly responsible for the Mount winning the conference in this sport and sending five representatives to the Nationals in Toronto.

Although he could not have done it without a very talented team lead by MVP Dave McKinnon. McKinnon along with his Men's doubles partner Eduardo Espero were two of the players who earned the right to go to Toronto. Other team members that participated in the National

Championships were Ann Hanrahan due to her victory in the Women's Singles event, and Jerry Shea and Mary Longly for the conference triumph in mixed doubles. Other team members, who did not qualify for the national team but contributed to the Mounts success were Dewey Squires, third in conference in Men's singles, and Sherry McKillop and Heather Maclean who finished second in the conference in Women's Doubles.

Hockey

The third Mount team that advanced to the Conference finals this year was the Men's Hockey Team. After competing in the Dalhousie Intramural League, the team faced the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) in the conference semi-finals. The game against TUNS will be remembered as an exciting one for the Mount fans in attendance as MSVU squeaked out an overtime victory 4-3, before the spectacular goaltending of team MVP Richard Johnson. The Mount was then scheduled to meet the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) in the finals but due to adverse weather conditions the game was forfeited by the Mount's Athletic Department and the team lost the chance to join the Volleyball and Badminton Teams at the Nationals. Although it was a disappointing end to this year's season, next year looks promising with the majority of the players returning.

Soccer

The other MSVU sport's team which season ended in disappointment and despair was the Women's Soccer team. After finishing third in the regular season the Mount faced UCCB in the conference semi-finals. The Mount lead the game 2-0 at the half but a goal by UCCB with less than a minute remaining in the contest tied the game at two. The game was still tied after ten minutes of

sudden death overtime and so the winner was determined by penalty kicks. Each team was given five kicks but this did not break the tie either so it went to sudden death penalty kicks and here UCCB came away victorious and left the Mount with a heartbreaking defeat. It was the second year in a row that the Mount lost in the semi-finals via the overtime route. The team MVP was team captain Rachel Bachman while the MIP honor went to Carolyn Sutherland.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball team this year was in many ways a coaches dream. Lead by All Conference, All Canadian and team MVP Suzanne Karis, the team did not understand what the word quit meant. They were defeated by the eventual conference champions, UCCB in the semi-finals 74-48 but trailed by only eight points at one point in the contest. Their underdog status going into the game did not dampen their determination as foul trouble late in the game became their major enemy. Tina Creelman was named MIP for the team.

Men's Basketball

This year marked the first time the Mount has seen a Men's Basketball team. Although they did not compete in any league and played only exhibition games, the team added greatly to the sports scene at the Mount. Despite being small in number the team played with enthusiasm of which MIP Bruce Bachman had in abundance. It is hoped that the team will compete in a recreation league next year as this year established a foundation to build on in the future.

Congratulations

To all athletes, coaches and officials, congratulations goes out for the effort and time you spent providing sports entertainment for the Mount this year.



Badminton team places fifth at nationals

by Dan Chamberlain
Staff Reporter

The MSVU Badminton team placed fifth in the CCAA national badminton tournament in North Bay, Ontario last week. This is an improvement over their eighth place finish last year. Quebec took the team championship.

Jim Grosvenor was named CCAA coach of the year.

Mary Longley and Jerry Shea from the Mount matched the university's placing with the fifth place finish in mixed doubles competition. Dave McKinnon and Eduardo Espero finished in seventh place in men's doubles action.

Suzanne Ardelli and Monica

Dashwood of King's finished eighth in women's doubles. The seventh member of the Nova Scotia team, Ann Hanrahan, from the Mount finished seventh in women's single play and the eighth team member, Mike McComb from UCCB finished fifth in men's single action.

Sports Comment Basically a job well done

by Craig Munroe
Staff Reporter

The 1982/83 athletic year at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) resembled a roller coaster ride from start to finish. For every peak the Athletic Recreation Department (A/R) climbed, there was a valley that had to be crossed.

Since the Athletic Department is responsible for all the athletic activity on campus they should share in any favorable accomplishments along with accepting some responsibility when adversity strikes. This year the A/R officials lived up to the responsibilities that go with their positions and in most cases admitted their failures and not just their triumphs.

On the positive side of our athletic program this year we were fortunate to have a staff of people in the A/R office that worked extremely hard. They put together an intramural program that was successful and enjoyed by most of the participants. Like any program of this nature improvements can be made, but the Mount was in no way lacking in terms of enthusiasm and organization in their intramural program.

They also provided a very competent collection of coaches for the intercollegiate teams of which the success of these teams will attest. The Mount had a Men's basketball team for the first time and last fall when it looked like the hockey team was going to be history, June Tanner the Athletic Director worked hard and successfully helped save the team. The A/R

department also sponsored pub night and a high school basketball tournament.

In between the favorable accomplishments however, lie the failures or mistakes which the department heads also made during the year.

The games room became the scene of controversy on more than one occasion. First there was the construction of an office at one end of the room. The effect being a noticeable difference in the space available for participating in the activities of the room. The second problem with the games room was the equipment, or lack of it at certain times. Students found themselves unable to use the room on occasion as the proper instruments to partake in the sports provided were not always present.

Then there was the situation involving the Men's Hockey team and the forfeiting of their conference championship game against the University College of Cape Breton. A winter storm prevented the game from being played when scheduled, but it was forfeited instead of being rescheduled. A decision that was felt unjust by most of the people involved with the team.

Despite the shortcomings, the athletic year at MSVU must be considered a success. It is a reflection on the amount of time and effort spent by all those involved and if the department officials can learn from their mistakes next year should produce the same results.

Volleyball: sixth at nationals

by Dan Chamberlain
Staff Reporter

MSVU Women's Volleyball team placed sixth in the Canadian College Volleyball Championships held last week in Toronto. The Team placed sixth in last year's championships as well. The Ontario champions won the championship while the Ontario finalists finished second.

The champions defeated the Ontario finalists 15-12, 13-15, 15-6, and British Columbia 15-9, 13-

15, 15-6. The Mystics were defeated 13-15, 11-15 in the consolation round by Ontario.

Coach Tanner believes the tournament was a positive experience and believes the Mount could have finished third. Tanner was very proud of the team's performance and conduct.

The team will lose two veterans next season but Tanner believes next year's team will be a contender and very competitive.

Community Recreation Programs extended

Mount Saint Vincent University is extending its Community Recreation Programs into the Spring and offering a wide variety of fitness classes for modest fees, until the end of May.

Fitness Testing, which was recently a tremendous success on campus, will be offered free of charge at the Athletics/Recreation Department from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 28 to 31; all day on Mondays and on Wednesday mornings from April 6 to May 25.

There will also be a free Aerobics class Monday through Thursday at noon hour from April 6 to May 26, with instructor Carol Ritchey.

Joanne Burns is the instructor for Walk and Jog (a modest \$10 fee is required) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., April 6 to May 30.

Instructor Susan Lethbridge will be taking the Stretch and Flex and also Aerobic Dance on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from April 5 to May 26. There will be a babysitting service available for those wishing to attend either or both of these classes. Fees are \$25 for one class per week for 8 weeks (plus an extra \$3 for babysitting), and \$35 for two classes per week for 8 weeks (\$5 extra for babysitting).

Rhythmical Gymnastics for children between 12 and 16 years is offered with instructor Carol Ritchey on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$8.

Julie Nolan will instruct the Badminton Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 5 to May 26. The fee is \$15 but there is no charge for students or members.

English Society had busy year

by Elizabeth Curren
Staff Reporter
English Society

"The main event of the year was our medieval banquet that we held just last weekend," said Wanda Meyers of the English Society.

Actually, Wanda is a code or assumed name for the English Society's spokesperson. "We keep it that way so that next year the

person doing publicity like writing the column for the Picaro will also have the name Wanda Meyers," said the elusive Wanda.

The English Society was busy this year. Activities included their annual Mingle at the Dingle outdoor picnic held in September to give new members of the society a chance to meet everyone, a Halloween and Christmas party,

and a Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher memorial spelling bee.

Also held was a trip to Neptune and a Lawrence Olivia film festival. The English society played a baseball game against the History Society "which we won 32 to 9, and we played a volleyball game against the Sociology and Anthropology Society which we lost so we won't mention the score," said Meyers.

In speaking of yet another event, Robbie Burns Day, Meyers said, "We all dressed up in kilts

and recited poetry in terrible Gaelic accents."

"We usually get quite a few new members each year but not usually right at the beginning, probably because we at the English Corner are so loud that people are a little scared to join at first," said Meyers. Meyers went on to explain that people usually just start to hang around and are eventually drawn in.

"We are always dying to have new people come in," she said.

Meyers said that anybody interested in finding out about the English Society can just come up to the English Corner on the fifth floor in Seton. "You don't have to be an English major, we have a lot of fun in completely unrelated areas of English too," said Meyers.

Meyers also said that the society has a positive academic side, "it is a good way to get to know professors, talk over courses and get some informal tutoring."



A night at the tabard

by Wanda Myers

While in the month of March, the troubadours were playing, and last Saturday night, a group of those wild and wondrous pilgrims joined together to celebrate year-end. To gobble roast beef and poached salmon, and to munch on 'hedgehogs' and berried artichokes were the sole purposes of some. But, others like Old January and the terrible ogre, Bruhm, won the hearts of their amours by capering to high heaven.

This riotous crowd listened and heckled eagerly to the moral Pardoner's Tale, while the decadence of the three drunkards was slowly revealed in every one of the participants, save, of course, for the Prioress. The crown of the 'tilting at the ring' contest was won by Brother Michael for the illustrious Wife of Bath, who, by the way, forgot to wear her red stockings. Poor Lady Susan lost her lowly courtly lover to bountiful women

and drink.

A most frightening appearance was made by the deadly Porserpine and her mate, Hades. Their entrance astounded those poor and miserly churls who had never known spirit before.

Nevertheless, a good time, and

so I have heard, a good hangover was had by all. God wot! and God Bless! Farewell ye pilgrims, and we'll meet once more to share the memories of time and literature past.

P.S. I liked Lady Elaine's 'blanche mange' best of all.

Appointed Positions

Appointed Positions:

Treasurer—Kathryn Dunster

Board of Governors—Leslie MacDonald

Communications Officer—Bruce Chisholm

Entertainment Director—Dale

Young/Colleen Murphy

Yearbook Editor—Rachel Bachman

Bar Manager—Patrick Longaphy

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Winter Carnival Chairperson—

Darlene Braunmiller

Student Store Asst. Manager—

Sheri McKillop

Student Store Manager—Gerald

Enright

These people will take over these positions next year. All positions are subject to ratification by council, (bar manager also subject to ratification by the university).

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When

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On Campus Entertainment: The Verdict

by Gall Lethbridge
Staff Reporter

Judge: Apathy in the first degree. You, the students of Mount Saint Vincent University are hereby charged with the aforesaid offense. How do you plead, guilty as charged or not guilty as charged?

Mounties: Not guilty!

Judge: Then, let this trial commence. Both the prosecution and the defense will deliver their entertainment on campus case studies for the 1982-83 year. My assessment will be made thereupon. The prosecution will be heard first.

Prosecution: Your Honor, the defendants classically demonstrate a terminal case of dull-dull-apatethichohum. Victims, yes, and it's sad but does that elevate them above the law? No, Your Honor. An empty Multi Purpose Room and an echo in Vinnie's Pub exceed the boundaries of justice and I, for one will not stand for crimes of this nature.

EXHIBIT A: Punk Night, a Wednesday night Vinnie's Pub night, hardly attracted enough punkers to deem the affair a psychedelic or even an intense experience.

EXHIBIT B: John Brennan and the All Stars could not inspire a decent attendance, let alone a good time.

EXHIBIT C: Even Miller's Jug, although they managed to entertain, could not draw those clammy Mounties out of their shell for a good party.

EXHIBIT D: And The Great Leonardo, scheduled to perform during Winter Carnival, cancelled out. Why, you ask? Because there were not enough people to participate, much less to spectate.

EXHIBIT E: The Heartbeats played to another room, void of any human enthusiasm. The only dent made that night was the one in the entertainment budget. It lost 800 big ones.

EXHIBIT F: Gran Falloon went over like a lead balloon and even though the few who turned out enjoyed themselves, the venture lost more bucks.

Your Honor, need I drag out this recital of tragedy any further? I think not, therefore, I rest my case and urge you to allow your good sense to prevail in the final analysis.

Judge: Thank you, and now we will hear from the defence.

Defence: Your Honor, far be it from me to deny that at one time these Mounties were touched with this devastating disease dull-dull-apatethichohum. But the key words and the word upon which my case

builds itself, are "at one time". By some miraculous twist of fate, the Mounties underwent an extraordinary rehabilitation. Let us not challenge nature with the question why, but let us review the recovery, replacing condemnation with contribution to the medical and astrological sciences.

EXHIBIT G: A PJ Party at Vinnie's last September illustrated the first signs of restoration. The PJ'd population showed no signs of apathy.

EXHIBIT H: Spice and Loose Talk opened up as the year's first double decker. No, it was not a sellout but the numbers certainly justified the event.

EXHIBIT I: The next double decker with Mason Chapman and Loco Balloon drew a weird assortment of hairy creatures and monstrous sub-beings to the Mount for Hallowe'en. Plenty of excitement

brewed, keeping the Campus Police on their toes.

EXHIBIT J: Terry Hatty and Boulevard, the smashing sellout, closing the 1983 Winter Carnival, marked the high point of the entertainment season. It was the first Mount sellout in several years.

EXHIBIT K, & L: Vincent Hall's Rockin' 50's bash and Assisi's Spring into Summer party flushed more apathy down the drain.

EXHIBIT M: Karen MacDonald, the Entertainment Officer worked feverishly with a \$2000 budget for the whole year. Please recognize, Your Honor, that this limited her ability to contract big names and big numbers.

She is unavailable to take the stand today but she prepared a statement to give in her absence.

"Apathy was a big problem but it has definitely decreased

throughout the year."

Sir, apathy still festers in the corners and crevices of this university, but it is dying. I appeal to your sense of justice to see this decline and deliver your verdict on that premise.

Two hours later:

Judge: In view of both cases presented here, today, I can only say this. The Mount lacks that dimension of on campus spirit, common to other universities in the area, and this shortcoming a plagued entertainment efforts consistently, for years. I do however detect a trend developing and a glimmer of hope for years to come. Therefore I will give the Mount students a benefit of the doubt and attribute the apathy problem to the limited resources of this area.

THE VERDICT: Not guilty as charged.

Judge: This case is adjourned.

What's the buzz

tell me what's a-happening

by David Cushing
Staff Reporter

Another year. Actually it was more like eight months. Which is really two semesters. Which makes up an academic year. So then it has been a year. How long has that been, anyways?

When we were just starting classes, Gary U.S. Bonds was playing at Dal and at the Moon. Garp had just finished playing at the theatres and E.T. was still at the Hyland.

At the Metro centre, Anne Murray showed up in Halifax for the first time in years to an appreciative crowd who were given a slick production. The Spinners showed up later in the year to show off their very slick and programmed show to only 1500 people who couldn't heat up the rink even if they had all brought butane torches with them.

The Rebecca Cohn auditorium held a few concerts during the year which were all well received and usually, well performed. These included the stiff and boring Mary O'Hara, the electrifying Danny Grossman Dance Company, the captivating Edith Buthler, Canada's folk rocker Murray McLaughlin and that popular a cappella singing group, The Nylons. Probably the most memorable was the three nights of performances by the National Ballet of Canada which were all highlights of the year for those lucky enough to get tickets to the performances. The Neptune put on some fine perfor-

mances, in what turned out to be director John Neville's last season with the company. The Apple Cart, their last production with Neville, found the entire company in fine form.

The Dal Theatre Dept. put on a couple of productions this year—Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamboat and The Farm Show. The former was perhaps a little to ambitious, the second was perfectly suited to the abilities and purposes of the university's theatre department.

Back in the clubs, we were lucky to have some fine Canadian talent run through our city: Doug and the Slugs, Toronto, The Payola\$, Johnny Dee Fury, Bryan Adams, Long John Baldry, and David Wilcox. Not bad.

Since we're on music, let's not forget about the final Who concert that marked the end of a great rock and roll band and at the same time, the death of a lumbering dinosaur.

Not that that was the only final episode on T.V. After 11 years, we all sat tear eyed in front of our sets as the members of the 4077th M*A*S*H* bid each other, and us, farewell.

On a more local note, what ever happened to Music Week? The publication, run by Patrick Ellis and his wife, never surfaced after one of our school breaks. A good idea, executed so-so and too much work for such a small staff. And was there ever really a need for it in the first place?

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There were some good records put out during the past year, too. No need to list them here—personal preferences won't help anyone. Just walk into a record store and take a look around.

The movies were excellent this year—Ghandi, Tootsie, the Absence of Malice, just to name a few. There was also some real bombs—Airplane II, Class Re-

union are two that stick out in my mind. In addition to the fine foreign films shown at the Rebecca Cohn, the NFB and the new Wormwood theatre, the Downsview Cinemas began a limited run of several foreign films from the previous year. In all, a great selection for almost any taste.

Probably the most controversial

thing in the way of movies was their entrance into our households via Pay T.V.. And of course what is a discussion about Pay T.V. without mentioning First Choice? And Playboy?!! If you want to stay up at home till 2:00 on Sunday morning go ahead.

Me, I'll head downtown and take some of the action in.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR AT DAL

by David Cushing
Staff Reporter

The Dal Drama Society will begin its production of the rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar on March 30 in the MacInnes room at the Dal SUB at 8:00 p.m. The show will run until April 7.

The show is being produced by Robin Johnston and directed by Glen Walton, who directed last semester's Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Walton said that JCS has benefited from Joseph in terms of technical problems, casting and orchestration. After Joseph he had people interested in doing another

production which made things much easier.

Jim Petri, who starred in the Mount's production of Evageline, will play the title role. Elizabeth Beller plays Mary Ian Clifford portrays Herod, Pilate will be played by Doug Carrigan and Brian Tomie will portray Judas.

Although Walton admits the acoustics for Joseph were terrible, things should be much improved for JCS. The singers will all use hand held mikes to be heard over the 17 piece orchestra. Also, the audience will be closer to the stage than it was during Joseph. The stage will be extended but the

audience will be arranged in an amphitheatre style.

The choreography for the production was arranged by Penny Evans of the Halifax Dance Association. The dancers will be dancing on the sparse set designed by Christopher Hall, with a simple backdrop of a suspended cross and six curtain screens.

The eight weeks of rehearsals will finally bear their fruit for the cast this Wednesday evening. The Dal S.U. supported production, said Walton, should prove to be very exciting and enjoyable.

Daniel L. Chamberlain

Have a great summer and
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Sue (Sasquatch)
Drapeau

Nicholas Hamill

James

Cory

Lynn
Wilson

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