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Corner store prices to rise

by Marina Geronazzo

Student council voted unanimously in favor of increasing MSVU corner store prices in order to set and maintain a 25 per cent gross profit margin last Sunday.

In drafting their recommendation to increase prices, a corner store policy committee looked at the major selling items in the store and compared the supplier's price to the retail price. "We found that about one-quarter of the products are being sold with a mark-up of ten per cent or less," said Danny McKinnon, corner store manager. "There

was even one item being sold at a 13 per cent loss." The committee's motion ensures that retail prices will be set at an average of 25 per cent above the supplier's prices.

The corner store has operated on a 14.25 per cent average gross profit margin since May of 1986. At this level, the committee estimated that the store would just break even by the end of the fiscal year.

Financial records from previous years prove that gross profits as a percentage of sales have steadily declined since 1984. "In

actual fact, sale's prices have not been keeping up with supplier's costs," said McKinnon.

McKinnon believes that the problems stem from the fact that price increases, when made, have not been set according to supplier's costs.

"Also, you had to go through council before you could mark-up anything," said McKinnon. "The whole process was very time consuming. With this motion we will be able to set and maintain the 25 per cent margin without having to go to council," he said.

The last average price increase, set in July 1986, was five per cent.

Gross profits as a percentage of sales were 21.85 in 1984. They decreased to 14.58 in 1985 and have decreased again to 13.88 so far this year.

Profits from corner store sales go directly to student council funds. Profits were \$5,365 at the end of the 1985/86 fiscal period.

"Almost everything will be affected," he continued. "We haven't determined what the mark-up will be for everything

yet, but I hope that the changes will be in effect within a week."

McKinnon believes most students will accept the increases. "Of course, some of them will be upset," he said. "Students are price conscious and any increase in costs hurt. But if we don't increase the prices students will be hurt anyway because council won't receive any profits from the store and won't be able to perform their function for students."

The hardest increase for many students might be on cigarettes. At \$2.75 per pack, the current profit margin is only 12 per cent.

Society budgets fall through

by Robert Caume

The MSVU finance committee's proposal regarding society grant allotments was passed by student council on Oct. 19.

Each society was asked to submit a proposal by Oct. 13, listing their plans and objectives for the year. From these, council rated each society, and placed them into one of six categories, said Janice Pisko, Student Union treasurer.

Pisko commented on the reason for dividing grants into six levels rather than last year's four. "The spread between \$400 and \$4,700 was just too large, so we tried to narrow the gap between each level."

The budgets have been more than cut in half from last year. The reason, stated in a recent finance committee report was that Student Union hopes to promote self-sufficiency in student societies by decreasing their budgets.

Although society budgets were passed, each individual grant is not guaranteed. Council will review a society's grant if it mismanages its funds or fails to abide by its mandate.

This Year's Society Budgets

Level I \$100.00
MSVU Chinese Club *
Duet Society *
Graduate Students Association *
MSVU Marketing Society *

Single Parents Student Support Group *
Tourism and Hospitality Management Society *

* dependent upon Council's granting of charters to these new societies

Level II \$200.00

Child Study Society
French Club
History Society
Mount Christian Fellowship
Psychology Society
Sociology/Anthropology Society
Dal-Mount Caribbean Society

Level III \$400.00

International Students Association
Education Society
Public Relations Society

Level IV \$600.00

Science Society
Home Economics Society
English Society
Professional Office Administration Society

Level V \$800.00

Business Society

Last Year's Society Budgets

Section One (up to \$400)

Child Study
Circle, Square, Triangle
History
Mount Christian Fellowship
Psychology
Religious Studies

Sociology/Anthropology
Student Christian Movement

Section Two (up to \$800)

Caribbean Society
Education
International Students Assoc.
Political Studies
Public Relations

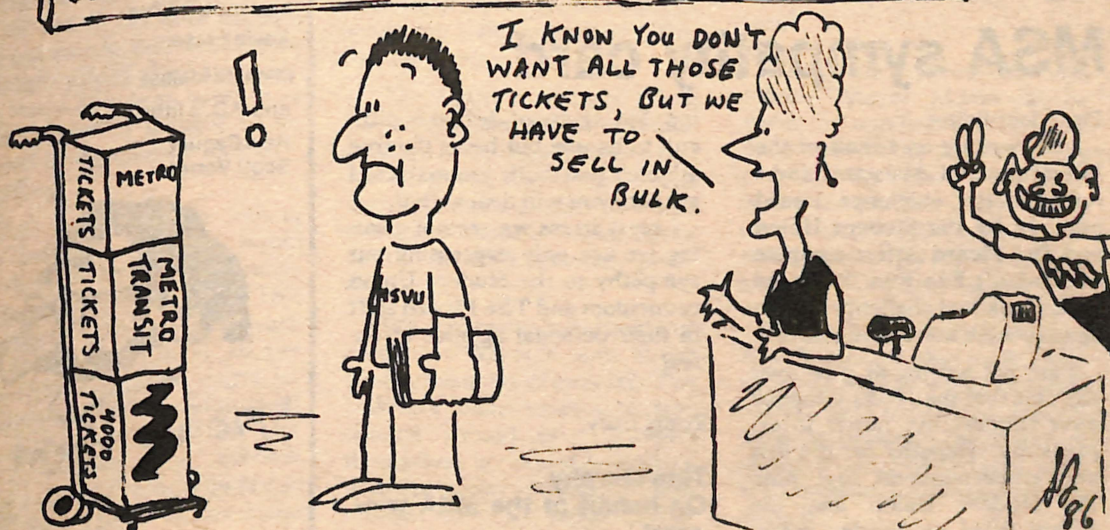
Section Three (up to \$1,100)

English Society
Professional Office
Administration Society
Science Society

Section Four (up to \$2,000)

Business Society
Manus
\$4,700

CORNER STORE - LEAVE YOUR WALLET AT THE DOOR.



Bus tickets in bulk only

The corner store no longer sells individual 75¢ bus tickets. Instead students must buy the tickets in packages of 50 tickets for \$35.

"We've had a lot of requests, but we've never had anyone take a fit," said Marina Geronazzo, store worker.

"Because we're an outlet of Metro Transit we have to sell the tickets under their conditions," explained corner store manager Danny McKinnon. "They won't allow us to sell the tickets separately. Instead we must sell

them by the book of 50 tickets, or in sheets of 20 tickets for \$15, which works out to 75¢ a ticket."

"The biggest saving is with the 50-ticket books," continued McKinnon. "But if people want the sheets of 20, all they have to do is ask. We'll order them in if we get a number of requests."

"No more individual bus tickets!" is a complaint heard by many staff members at the corner store in Rosaria Centre.

Sermon on the Mount

Don't you dislike professors that include "attendance" marks when calculating your final grade?

Is this really necessary?

Let's consider a few facts.

First of all, students pay professors to teach them. Whether or not a student attends a class doesn't really seem relevant. If a student wants to waste their own money, that's their prerogative.

Once in university, a student should be responsible enough to keep up with class work regardless of attendance. After all, first-year university students are allowed to vote and most are of legal drinking age. If a student is not responsible enough to catch up on missed notes or material, they won't pass their courses. It's as simple as that.

I think marks for attendance is a juvenile practice that should be abolished. I had more freedom in high school than university.

It's not a professor's job to entice students to attend by blackmailing them with marks.

I'm not saying students should hook off classes left, right and center. However, if this is what a student wants to do, they should be able to do so without being penalized—as long as they have good reasons (which they shouldn't have to tell their professor).

In the end, it is students who pay for their absence and employ the professors.

Shelley Murphy
Editor

Letters to the editor

We'll put it on for ya

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about entertainment and the upcoming events. While I realize that mid-terms are on everybody's mind, myself and the Entertainment Committee, thought it was about time for some short-range planning. We are looking past those long hours of studying and into some good old fashion rest and relaxation . . . and what could better fit that need than a wet and dry **Hallowe'en Double-Decker**. On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1986, from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., MSVU Student Union is proud to present the Screaming Trees and Basic English in what promises to be a real "hoot"!

While there are plenty of tickets available, you are encouraged to get your tickets in advance because we are expecting a sell-out. Tickets will be on sale this coming Thurs., Oct. 23, in

Rosaria outside the corner store. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

For a warm-up to the Double-Decker, on Fri., Oct. 24, The Swell Guys will be appearing from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Vinnies Pub. Admission will be \$1 and the Matinee is wet and dry . . . so come one come all . . . and remember get those tickets in advance.

If anyone has any comments on the entertainment scene please feel free to contact myself or any member of the Entertainment Committee, Paul Card, Jane Henderson, Karen Seaboyer, Karen Chilton, Cheryl Mackenzie and we will try to "Put It On For Ya"!

Sincerely,

Jan Thomas
Entertainment Director

Take your money and run

Dear Editor:

There are many nice and convenient things about this university. Some of them are the corner store, the book store, the heated tunnels, and having housekeepers for the residences. Unfortunately something that is supposed to be a convenience no longer is: it's the bank!

I just spent 35 minutes waiting in line to get some money so that I could go home for the weekend. I feel that it is getting to be a pretty "hurtin' unit" if, when

it opens, one teller is open, another is counting money, and the other two ding dongs are playing with the blank blank vault!! It really would not be so bad if this was a first-time thing, but the lines at the bank have been extremely long this year, and I feel that the bank is everything but organized. I sincerely hope they get their act together, and soon!

Suzanne Weirs
P.S. I am very sure that people agree with me.

Sexism in the MSVU boardroom

Dear Editor:

I refer to the article which appeared in the October 15 issue to **The Picaro** concerning the impending construction of a new communications centre on the campus of MSVU.

In the article it is stated that the MSVU Board of Governors insisted that the senior architect

for the project was to be a woman. I find this disturbing. This seems to indicate that the Board is conceding that the most competent architect would likely not be a woman, and that specification to that effect was, therefore, necessary.

I am all for equality between men and women, whether it be

at work or at home, but it seems to me that an institution which is dedicated to the advancement of women (presumably to the point of social equality) is saying that they are not able to compete in the job market with men and must be given special preference. That's sexist.

I only wonder if that same sexism exists when it comes to scholarships, assistantships, etcetera within the university. I hope it does not.

The Board has gone too far. Is it time for the men of this institution to unite?

Scott Verret

MSA sympathy card

Dear dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Mount Student Assistants and I refer to the challenge issued publicly by the Student Union and **The Picaro** staff to compete in Sunday's Fun Run. Well, the MSAs took that challenge and on Sunday were there in full force.

I am not writing to gloat over the fact that the MSAs whipped your runners but rather to express my sympathy for the loss and embarrassment that both the Student Union and the **Picaro** faced on Sunday morn-

ing. The agony of de-feet is difficult to handle but being the true athletes that both groups are, I am sure you will deal with it.

I must stress we are not gloating we are only expressing our sympathy to the Student Union councillors and **The Picaro** staff in their personal agonies of de-feat.

Yours truly,

Tina Murphy
On behalf of the MSA winners!

Leadership conference

Dear Ms. Editor,

I would like to thank a few very important people. As of Sat., Oct. 18, the sixth Annual Leadership Conference is a part of the past. Its success was largely due to the help I received from many volunteers and campus staff.

To Linda LeBlanc, Conference Desk, and Peggy Stephens, Print Shop, thank-you seems hardly enough after all the work you provided.

Susan Smith and Paul Card, thanks for all the answers to my many questions.

The Mount Student Assistants deserve a standing ovation of their own. In one two-hour workshop, they did two day's

work. And Lisa Courtney, co-chair, thanks heaps and heaps.

To everyone who attended and everyone involved, names too many to mention, thank-you!
Tina Murphy

the Picaro

Once upon a time, **Picaro** was a little man who tore through the Spanish countryside proclaiming the news to the people. Today, it is the student newspaper of Mount Saint Vincent University, published weekly by the Student Union. **The Picaro** is a member of Canadian University Press, and subscribes to its statement of principles.

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SAGE winds through Halifax

by Angela Vecchio-Ozmon

Four teenagers crossing the country in an old station wagon filled with their belongings is a typical scene, but not in this case.

Seth Klein, Allison Carpenter, Maxime Faille and Desiree McGraw are Montreal high school students travelling across

Canada to speak about nuclear disarmament.

"Of all the age groups, perhaps none stand to lose as much as youth. Youth pays the price of the arms race on a daily basis, as our hopes for a life of success dwindle in the darkness of the nuclear shadow," says Klein, an 18-year-old high school graduate and founder of Students Against

Global Extinction (SAGE). SAGE is a nuclear disarmament group for youths. It was formed in 1983 by these four high school students who wanted to inform other students of the threat of nuclear arms.

Klein says most people his age feel that a nuclear war will happen in their lifetime, but many do not know what they can do about it. This makes people think that young people do not

care. "That stereotype crumbles very quickly when we go into a school," he said.

"They are ordinary kids with a special message," said Anita Coady, member of the United Nations Association and tour organizer for Halifax/Dartmouth. "The students concentrate more on the emotional and psychological aspects than the politics of nuclear war," she said.

The Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour was in Halifax from Oct. 5 to 15 and visited 14 high schools. They will be on tour across the country until May, 1987 and will reach about 200,000 students in 50 cities.

The tour, funded by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security in Ottawa, the United Church of Canada and the YMCA, consists of a presentation of the National Film Board's award-winning film, "If You Love This Planet" followed by a discussion with the students.

Carpenter, 17, has been a member of SAGE since she was 15 and is the winner of the 1985 Soroptimist International of the Americas Youth Citizenship

Award for Eastern Canada.

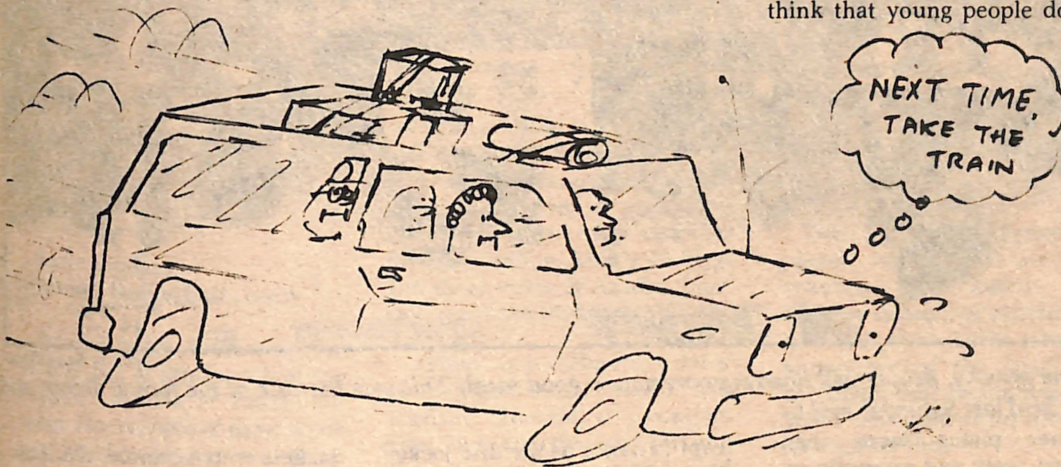
Faille, 17, co-founded a YMCA international development youth group and joined SAGE at 14. He participated in and organized the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour 85-86.

Klein, 18, co-founded SAGE at age 15 and since that time has been giving yearly disarmament workshops in Montreal. He developed several youth group chapters for his school, such as Amnesty International and Students for Social Concern.

McGraw, 16, has been involved with SAGE since 1985. She presented two workshops at the International Institute for Peace and Education in Edmonton last July.

There are no problems with communication because the four members of the tour are bilingual and Faille is also fluent in Spanish.

Klein believes optimism for young people can only be acquired through information, action and involvement. The members have put school aside for this year to concentrate on the tour.



MANUS taskforce suggestions still being studied by Council

by Donna Lafave

A proposal, put forward by the Mount Association of Non-Traditional University Students (MANUS) to hire a part-time liaison officer, was defeated by council at their Oct. 19 meeting by a 7 to 4 vote.

The proposal also recommends that council establish a mandate for the alternative programmer and that her primary focus be programming for non-traditional students.

Although the proposal was defeated, Paul Card, senate representative on student council, motioned that council form a committee consisting of council members to "take another shot at the recommendations suggested by the taskforce".

"I passed the motion because of the way things stood. The recommendations were just going to die, and all the work put into the taskforce to date would have just been passed along and nothing would have been handled or accomplished. I thought it deserved taking another look at," said Card.

The resource/liaison officer for part-time students would work out of the MANUS Lounge in Seton Academic Centre. This part-time employee would work 15 hours per week at \$6 per hour. The total cost of wages, including benefits, would amount to approximately \$3,000 for eight months. The Student Union would also be required to contribute \$1,000 to cover the

cost of office supplies, many of which would be start-up costs.

As the proposal reads, the alternative programmer's first responsibility would be to service non-traditional students' needs. Non-traditional students refer to all part-time students and all full-time students aged 25 and over. This year there are 1,643 part-time Mount students, a 10.1 per cent increase from last year.

Last September, MANUS representative Gaby Roughneen made a presentation to council asking that the needs and interests of mature and part-time students be recognized. At that same meeting, a motion was passed that the Student Union, MANUS and the university establish a taskforce.

The taskforce was made up of Frank DeMont and Susan Smith from student council, Mary Kay MacKinnon and Margaret Thomas of MANUS, and MSVU academic vice-president Dr. Pauline Jones.

"The taskforce met and asked for admissions from students, faculty, and administrators and we tried to identify the needs and the wants of part-time and mature students," said Susan Smith, student council president.

"We still haven't finished our meetings. We still have to go over some areas of concern. The taskforce believes that student council should take it upon themselves to meet the needs of non-traditional students. They thought their two recommenda-

tions were steps towards achieving this," said Smith.

Although the full report and recommendations of the MANUS taskforce are not yet complete, Smith wanted the recommendations brought forward as soon as possible so that the resource/liaison officer could be hired. The motion to endorse the proposal was discussed at the Oct. 5 council meeting. However, it was deferred to the next meeting so councillors could think about the proposal and further investigate the issues.

When the proposal was defeated, reasons were discussed as to why several councillors voted against the proposal. "One reason was that many people didn't feel that hiring someone was a solution to the problem. Possibly, the new committee that will be formed can find alternative solutions," said Smith.

The money issue was also raised. "Maybe \$4,000 can be spent in another manner and better serve the needs of the part-time and mature students. Some councillors were concerned that \$4,000 in one lump sum for only one project was an awful lot of money," said Smith.

At the next council meeting Nov. 2, membership for the new council committee will be established. This committee will review the completed taskforce report, but will only concern itself with proposals recommended to council.

MSA Introduction



photo by Kevin Fraser

Beth Joyce

Elizabeth (Beth) Joyce is an imported student. This is the second year Beth has left her hometown of Boston to study Liberal Arts at MSVU.

"I love the Mount," says Beth. "It's a great place and Halifax is an exciting city."

Beth became a MSA because as a group the MSAs impressed her. "Seeing the MSAs on campus was reassuring because you couldn't possibly get lost. There were just too many of them."

Beth is involved in residence life, city life and is co-chair of the MSA semi-formal to be held Feb. 14.

After graduation Beth would like to counsel handicapped children.



photo by Kevin Fraser

Frances Markee

Frances (with an "e") Markee is a third-year public relations student and a second-year MSA. She's from Moncton, New Brunswick and graduated from Moncton High School.

A resident of the Birches, Frances enjoys being a MSA for several reasons but stressed that the MSAs are a great bunch. "We work well together and we do so much."

This year, Frances has undertaken co-chair of the MSA semi-formal to be hosted Feb. 14.

Upon the completion of Frances' university degree, she would like first to travel the world, and then will probably work in the non-profit area of public relations.

Child Study formal was a class act

by Robert Moffat

Cummerbunds, corsages, bow ties and flowing taffeta dresses set the stage for the Child Study Society's second annual Formal Dinner and Dance in the MPR, Sat., Oct. 18.

Teresa Carruthers, Child Study Society president, termed the \$21 per couple gala "a complete success," with over 120 guests in attendance.

Carruthers said the social was to raise funds for the Halifax Development Centre, an integrated day care for physically and mentally handicapped children.

"It's all for a good cause," said Carruthers. "Last year we raised \$2,000 for Ernie (a seven-year-old New Brunswick boy with cerebral palsy), and this May he's going to New York for an operation to gain motor control."

Carruthers added, however, that a large chunk of this year's profits will be needed just to break even. "Basically, we hope to raise enough to cover everything we had to pay, and all our extra revenue will go to the Halifax Development Centre."

The evening began for most guests at private wine and

cheese parties in the homes of Child Study Society members.

After a half-hour of snatching free drinks and snacks, guests met in Rosaria at 7:30 p.m. There, guests mingled with all the chivalry and formalities of a royal visit. Faint "ohs" and "ahs" floated through the crowd as each new couple arrived sporting their best attire.

As patrons relaxed and settled for dinner, the formal atmosphere slowly gave way to some jovial spoon-tapping and hearty laughter as tables shared boisterous comments.

The four-course meal, served under the soft glow of candlelight, started with a steamy bowl of lobster and leek soup. A small plate of fresh garden salad followed, making the dinner, to that point, a general success.

However, many gave the main course of baked potato, string beans, tomato, Yorkshire pudding with a wafer-thin slice of roast beef only fair reviews. The most common complaint: Not enough gravy. This lead one mildly dissatisfied guest to quip, "I'm bored with this food," referring to his dry potato and pudding.

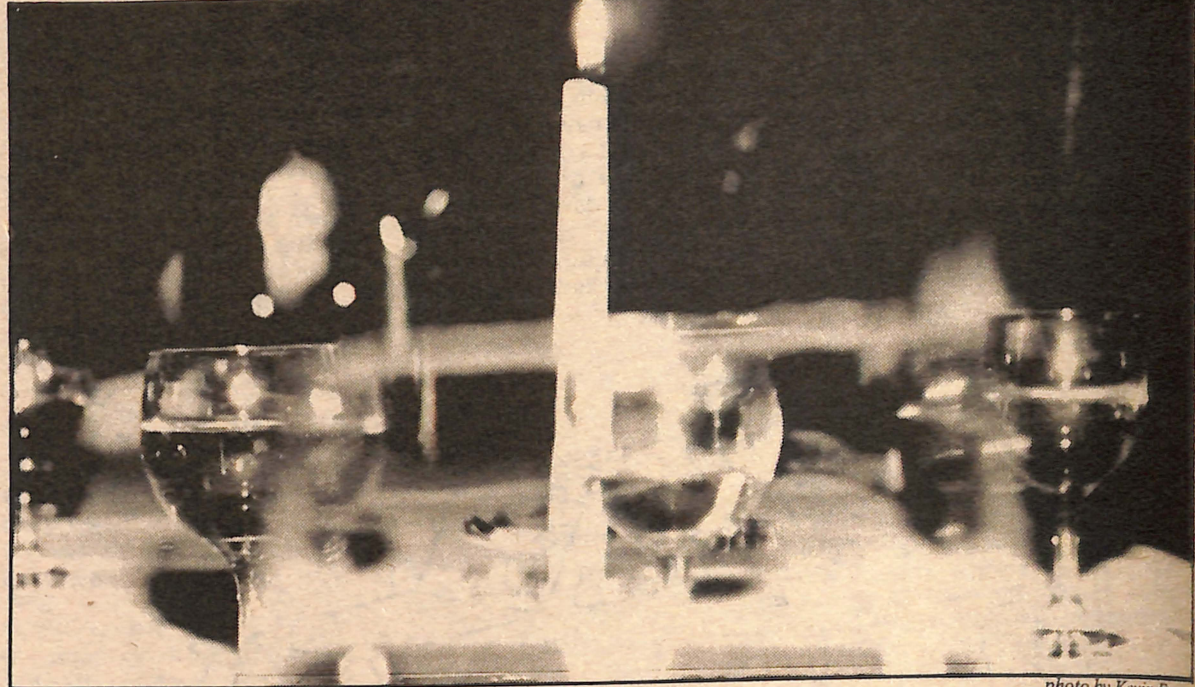


photo by Kevin Fraser

As time goes by, people will always appreciate a good meal. This was the case at the formal dinner and dance held last Saturday night.

Dinner plates were then whisked away and promptly replaced with what most called the meal's highlight attraction: an almond liqueur parfait dessert. This left almost everyone with only kind words and broad smiles.

With renewed energy, guests

leapt to dance as the disc jockey switched from classical dinner music to a variety of contemporary tunes.

On the dance floor, few restrained themselves with the same demure mannerisms practised before dinner. Instead,

jackets were removed, ties loosened and high heels thrown off as guests bounced the night away.

"All this for 21 bucks?", asked one surprised customer, adding, "I'm going next year for sure!"

Handbook headaches finally end

by Donna Lafave

The 3,000 copies of Student Union's student handbooks, which should have been given out during the first weeks of classes, only arrived this week due to printing delays.

Tina Murphy, editor of the handbook, said planning for the project started in May 1986. In June, plans were changed to include a calendar in the handbook, almost doubling its length. This change was the start of problems.

A formal written contract between Ron Ford Publishing Company, the company chosen to print the handbook, and Murphy stated that all content information for the handbook would be received by Ron Ford Publishing by July 25, 1986. On this date, Ford received informa-

tion on the student constitution and judicial system only. The remainder of the information was received within a week.

"We were to receive some information throughout July so we could work on it through the month. July 25 was the final deadline for all the information," said Ford. Susan Smith, Student Union president, said such an agreement was never made.

"As a result, it conflicted with our scheduling. Everytime after that when it was going to be run, something of priority had to be printed. It just kept getting bumped. Normally you can fit small things in but this was 122 pages. We just couldn't get the thing done," said Ford.

Murphy informed Ron Ford Publishing Company that the in-

formation would be late meeting the July 25 deadline. Ford made a verbal agreement with Murphy that this delay would not affect the final delivery of the handbooks in September.

"I think that Ron Ford simply miscalculated his own abilities," said Smith. "Then promises and broken promises started happening," she said.

"I feel that the handbook was being put aside in terms of the printing company's priorities. To them we were just a headache," said Murphy.

Writer's Note: Ironically, in the middle of my interview with Ford, an employee of the publishing company interrupted us to tell Ford that the Mount Saint Vincent University handbook was finally ready.



Donna Day

photo by Kevin Fraser

Donna Day fills bookkeeping position

by Shelley Murphy

Part-time MSVU student Donna Day has been hired as Student Union's new part-time bookkeeper.

Day, who has completed a year auditing with Touche Ross in London, England, is a Mount business grad. Currently she is


taking courses to earn a Certificate of Management Accounting.

Student council treasurer Janice Pisko said Day was chosen from about 60 applicants.

The bookkeeper position is renewed annually by student council. Day is accountable to

Pisko and student council president, Susan Smith.

Minimum qualifications for the position are: a grade 12 education; two years of practical bookkeeping; one year of formal bookkeeping training or equivalent, and an ability to work independently with little supervision.



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A/R has a winning coaching team

by Jeff Mann

Despite the rebuilding process that the Mount's six inter-collegiate sports teams are going through, this year will be much easier because of veteran coaches. Mystic sports teams will be guided by coaches with at least one year of Nova Scotia College Conference (NSCC) experience.

This week, **The Picaro**, which has already introduced three of the Mount's coaches, will feature Anne Lindsay, women's basketball coach, Bruce Croft, badminton coach, and Kevin Marks, women's soccer coach.

Anne Lindsay — women's basketball coach

Anne Lindsay is starting her second year as head coach of the Mystic women's basketball team. Her basketball experience and attitude toward the game give her and her players an advantage over all opponents.

Lindsay graduated from Dalhousie with a Bachelor of Physi-



Anne Lindsay photo by Jeff Mann

cal Education and a Masters of Science. While at Dalhousie, she played five seasons with the Tigers and learned a great deal about the sport. After coaching for one year at King's College, and three years at Acadia, Lindsay joined the Mystics.

"There is a different level of competition in the NSCC," said Lindsay. "It is still very competitive, but athletics are put into their proper perspective." Lindsay is happy to be at the Mount.

Bruce Croft — badminton coach

Bruce Croft is a nationally certified badminton coach and is starting his second year as a coach at the Mount.



Bruce Croft photo by Kevin Fraser

With more than 10 years as a player, as well as level two coaching certification, Croft adds an element of experience to his otherwise rookie team. His knowledge of the sport is so complete, that Badminton Nova Scotia uses him as an instructor for various clinics.

Last season, the Mystics under Croft's guidance finished second in the province. This year, he says, they are going to win.

Croft is also a Dalhousie graduate where he completed a Bachelor of Physical Education degree.

"The highest level of competitive badminton in Nova Scotia is in the College Conference," says Croft. "Badminton is a growing sport in the province, and the Mount is in the middle of it."

Kevin Marks — women's soccer coach

Last season, the Mystics women's soccer team, under the direction of Kevin Marks, finished second in the NSCC. This season, Marks and his unde-



Kevin Marks photo by Kevin Fraser

feated squad are well on their way to a championship.

Marks has been involved with soccer in Nova Scotia for 11 years. He has coached various women's teams for four years, and is currently the chairman of the Soccer Nova Scotia Discipline and Appeals committee.

A third-level coaching certificate is only part of Marks' qualification for his position. He is also a certified athletic trainer.

"I enjoy coaching at the Mount because the girls are willing to learn. Often, I am trying to turn raw athletic ability into true soccer talent, and it is that challenge which intrigues me," said Marks.

The Mystics coaches should be able to build strong, competitive, inter-collegiate athletic teams this season. These teams however, are not only for the benefit of the athletes, but also for fans. All coaches and players invite students and members of the Mount's community to support the Mystics by attending home games.

For the Run of It was fund filled

by Scott Verret

The weatherman was cooperative last Sun., Oct. 19, as the fourth annual MSVU "For the Run of It" took place under sunny skies and balmy 12 degree temperatures.

A total of 150 runners participated in the event, including 27 cross-country athletes from the Nova Scotia College Conference.

There were 106 runners in the 5km race and 44 ran for 10km, requiring either one or two laps of the five-kilometre course established by officials.

The best time for the 5km event was Jack Clothier's 17:04.3 minutes, which won for him the men's title. Ladies 5km winner was the Mount's Ann Cherry with a time of 20:58.9. In the 10km race, the men's winner was Dave Ruggles, at 35:08.3, while Janet Steele captured the ladies crown with a time of 45:55.8.

In the NSCC cross-country competition, the Mount ladies won their division and King's won the men's title.

The run/walk/jog started at the Seton Academic Centre and travelled down the Bedford Highway to the Fairview overpass. Participants turned right onto Titus Street, continuing on up Lacewood. A right turn onto Gateway Road and another onto Bayview found the participants back on the Bedford Highway heading towards the Mount.

According to June Lumsden of the MSVU athletics/recreation department, the run was a success. Said Lumsden, "We were really pleased with the turnout, especially with the number of students."

The bottom line of "For the Run of It" was fundraising. Early speculation by Lumsden placed this year's total at approximately \$2,500.00, roughly the same as last year.

The money raised will be di-

vided equally between Ad Sum House, an emergency shelter

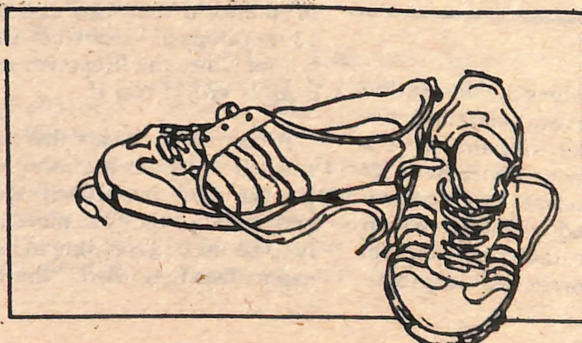
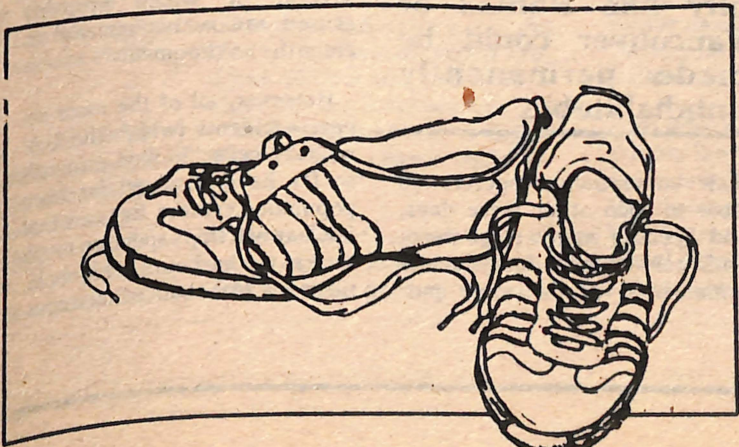
and specialized residence for homeless and transient women,

and the MSVU athletics/recreation department.



photo by Kevin Fraser

Walkers/runners and joggers take a break after completing the hilly 5 and 10km "For the Run of It"



Home sweet home found in

Unknown to most Canadians, U.S. nuclear weapons by the dozens are coming into Canada and sitting for days at a time in the middle of some of our largest cities.

As a favour to the United States, the Canadian government allows American warships to dock in Canadian harbours so that the ship crews can enjoy "R and R" in port cities such as Victoria, Vancouver, Halifax, St. John's, and Quebec City. Since about 85 per cent of the major combat vessels in the U.S. fleet are equipped to carry nuclear weapons, the result is that Canada is playing host to the weapons of World War Three on a regular basis.

How frequent are these visits? Quite common and growing more so. In 1985, there were 35 different nuclear weapons-capable vessels which spend a combined total of 272 "shipdays" here (a shipday is one day in port for each ship). This is roughly two-and-one-half times the yearly average of 120 shipdays for each of the previous ten years.

The U.S. Navy has a very convenient policy of "neither confirming nor denying" the presence of nuclear weapons on its ships. This allows the American and Canadian governments to sidestep the issue of whether we are allowing these weapons into Canada. Supposedly, this policy keeps sensitive military information from potential enemies.

"It has been my experience that all U.S. warships capable of carrying nuclear weapons, do carry nuclear weapons."

But common sense tells us that the Soviet Union would assume the presence of nuclear weapons on all U.S. ships capable of carrying them, anyway. And they would probably be right. Chances are that any warship on active duty carries its full complement of weaponry.

In the words of retired U.S. Admiral Eugene Carroll, "It has been my experience . . . that all U.S. warships that are capable of carrying nuclear weapons, do carry nuclear weapons."

The nuclear arms on these warships include tactical, intermediate, and strategic weapons. Even the smaller weapons, however, fit into the dangerous new strategies developed by the "limited nuclear war" strategist at the Pentagon. A major accident with any of them would be an unequalled disaster for a city like Vancouver or Halifax.

Nuclear depth charges are the nuclear weapons most frequently carried into Canada. There are two kinds: ASROC (launched from surface ships) and

SUBROC (launched from submarines). Both are designed to destroy enemy submarines.

ASROC and SUBROC are among the oldest nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal and lack many of the safety features in more modern weapons, making an accidental leak of radioactivity all the more likely. In fact, a recent U.S. Navy list of more than 600 accidents with its nuclear weapons put ASROC right at the top of the list.

These weapons might also be used to start a nuclear war, according to current U.S. thinking. The U.S. plan for anti-submarine warfare includes possible attacks against Soviet missile-carrying submarines early in a conventional war in order to "alter the nuclear equation" in favor of the U.S. before the war goes nuclear—which is a sure-fire way of guaranteeing that it does go nuclear.

The Tomahawk is a sea-launched version of the cruise missile. Its nuclear version does carry a nuclear warhead while it's in Canadian territory. Tomahawk is now being deployed on the U.S. Navy's Los Angeles class subs. Four of these subs spent a total of 41 shipdays in Canada in 1985.

The U.S.S. Benjamin Franklin, which was four days in Halifax in 1985, carries 13 megatons of firepower—nearly four times the firepower used in all of World War II.

Because it blurs the distinction between conventional and nuclear war, the Tomahawk is a very dangerous weapon. It comes in nuclear and conventionally armed versions, which are virtually indistinguishable. The Soviet forces would proba-

bly not wait for an incoming Tomahawk to hit them to find out which kind of warhead it was carrying. They would assume the worst and respond with a nuclear attack of their own.

Poseidon and Trident are the real giants of the U.S. naval arsenal. These missiles have a range of up to 4,600 miles and are loaded aboard R.S. ballistic missile submarines. One of these subs, the U.S.S. Benjamin Franklin, which was four days in Halifax in 1985, carries nearly 13 megatons of firepower—nearly four times the firepower used in all of World War II.

A case can be made that naval nuclear weapons are more dangerous than land-based weapons, because they are more likely to be used. According to naval expert Desmond Ball, "the U.S.

Navy is much more self-contained than the other services and its autonomy is cherished as a primary value." Unlike army or air force generals, navy commanders have the authority to fire their nuclear weapons without the permission of the U.S. President under some circumstances. Because the navies of

" . . . there is a real chance that a community like Halifax or Vancouver could be made permanently uninhabitable.

both superpowers operate so close to each other these days, and because many ships carry both conventional and nuclear armaments for the same pur-

pose, it's easy to imagine a minor engagement or a misunderstanding leading to either side's launching a nuclear weapon. Once that fateful decision has been made, there may be no turning back short of worldwide nuclear war.

An immediate concern for Canadians is the danger of a nuclear weapons accident on a warship docked in one of our cities. As stated above, the U.S. Navy admits to a long list of accidents, several of which probably caused radioactive material to enter the environment.

However, all of the more severe accidents (which the U.S. military calls "broken arrows") so far have occurred far from population centers. But now that nuclear warships spend so much time in the harbours of big cities, there is a real chance that a com-



Unsafe Canadian harbors



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Another U.S. study of this
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dreds of thousands of people
could be moved in time to avoid
their contamination. But even if
the evacuation succeeded, a
clean-up of the radiation in the
deserted city could never find or
remove all the deposited parti-
cles of plutonium. Any of these
contaminants left behind would
remain deadly for thousands of
years.

The U.S. government once
conducted an experiment to see
if an imaginary community of
only 7,000 people could be made
livable again after a hypothetical
"broken arrow". They found it
couldn't be done.

So why does the government
put our ports at risk in this way?
Operation Dismantle, a national
disarmament organization, was
told by the Department for Ex-
ternal Affairs that "Canada con-
siders allowing ships of the USA

and other NATO allies to transit
Canada's internal waters is an
important element in Alliance
cooperation".

It's hard to see how these vis-
its do anything for our military
security—except weaken it by
giving the Soviets another rea-
son to target our cities. We are
contributing, not to deterrence,
but to a naval nuclear weapons
build-up that is making war
more likely. And we are risking
nuclear accidents bigger than
Chernobyl right in the middle of
large Canadian cities.

Operation Dismantle believes
these visits deserve at least as
much public attention as the
flight-testing of the cruise. Peace
activists in Halifax and on the
West Coast are doing good work
in publicizing the visits to their
cities, but so far the federal gov-
ernment is not feeling much

pressure on this issue because
there is yet no national cam-
paign.

**Canada is playing
host to the weapons of
World War Three on a
regular basis.**

Dismantle is now trying to
build the public profile of "port-
ing" by assisting groups in port
cities and by contacts with MPs
and the media. As a first step,
Operation Dismantle has pre-
pared a booklet, **Unsafe Har-
bours**, which is probably the
only detailed treatment of this
issue from a Canadian view-
point. It is available from Dis-
mantle, P.O. Box 3887, Station
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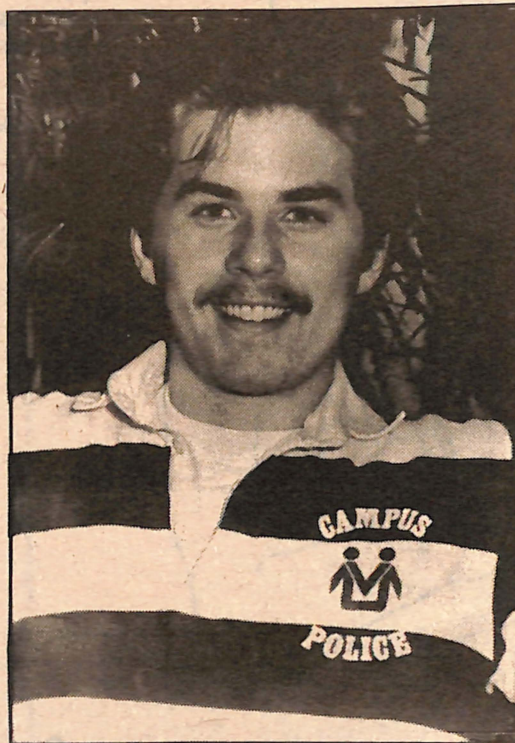
Vox Populi

QUESTION: What is your opinion of the new non-smoking areas on campus?

by Kevin Fraser
and Liseanne Gillham



Lisa Fréchette, first year BT&HM—"I think they're great. I can breathe between classes now."



Steve Lawlor, second year BA—"Basically, being a non-smoker, I feel it's very important to have designated areas for both smokers and non-smokers, so that each may enjoy a smoking or non-smoking environment."



photo by Kevin Fraser

Lara Townsend, first year BSc—"I think it is excellent because it gives people both freedom of choice and freedom of health."

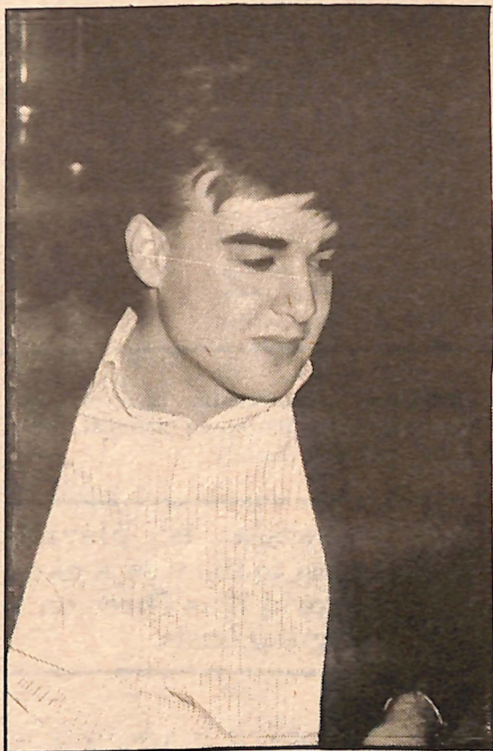


photo by Kevin Fraser

Ron Joudrie, third year BBA—"I respect the majority, who are non-smokers, so I don't mind having to go to a particular area to smoke."



photo by Kevin Fraser

Kerry Parsons, first year BSc—"I think it is a pretty good idea. Non-smokers have as many rights as smokers."

Quebec students must wait and worry

MONTREAL (CUP)—More than one third of all Quebec students who applied for financial assistance on time are still waiting for their loans.

"It's not a question of the loans being late. It's only a question of them not being processed yet," said Emile Dubois, Quebec financial aid director. "We're at the same level we were this time last year," he added.

But Jean-Pierre Paquet of l'Association Nationale des Etudiant-e-s du Quebec, says government is not delivering adequate services to students. He said because the deadline was pushed from June 30 to May 31, "students were forced to apply earlier this year."

"This is the second time they've pushed the deadline ahead in three years," he said. "There is no reason why they should be late now."

About 90,000 of 131,000 appli-

cations were processed by early October, according to Dubois. He said the number of applications has doubled during the last 10 years.

Although almost all applications have been processed at McGill University, as many as one half of all student loans are late at Concordia University according to Concordia student aid director Roger Cote.

"You can always say there's room for improvement in the system," said Cote. "Quebec (aid department) could benefit, not necessarily by an increase in funding, but by improving the operational aspects of the department."

And while students cope with such short terms problems as processing delays, many will face enormous debt loads when they leave school. The Liberal government transferred \$24.3 million from bursaries to loans this spring.

"This means there will be the same amount of money in students' pockets, only their debt load will increase," said Dubois.

"Obviously students will graduate with greater debts, but compared to other provinces, Quebec student debt loans are still under the average," said Cote.

Paquet sees the increase in debt loads as an attempt to prompt students to finish their degrees in less time.

"They are in effect encouraging increased debts and they are even talking about taking the

students' academic standing into account, which will make financial aid conditional on academic performance. This would be an elitist approach," he said.

Concordia's Cote said the provincial government should also play a role in debt counselling.

"Students should be aware what effects their debts will have on them. They need the proper information and it should be clear whose responsibility this is," he said.

But Dubois said students are already aware of the regulations, and he claims don't need much

assistance in the first place. "Most students buy cars with their loans," he said.

McGill financial aid counselor Charlotte Legare agrees with Cote. "If debt load management is not dealt with at the university level, and the government doesn't do it either, students could end up being surprised at the amount of money they owe," she said.

Cote said he receives 80 requests a week for emergency loans. The money is only available for students who can demonstrate a need for housing and food.

Postcard statement from MUN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Federal finance minister Michael Wilson is currently receiving plenty of mail from Newfoundland, and he probably doesn't want to read any of it.

Students and faculty at Memorial University have sent 7,500 postcards condemning financial restraint of post-secondary education to Wilson's Parliament Hill office. The campaign was organized by the student union, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Students' "Funding the Future" project.

"Post-secondary education is on the line," said Memorial council vice-president Anne Marie Vaughn. "The aim of the campaign is to get students involved and aware of the problem of cuts."

Vaughn said students at Memorial, the only university in Canada's poorest province, face problems heavier than most other students.

The federal government is

planning to restrict spending growth to transfer payments, which may lead to a budgeted loss of as much as \$6 billion within five years. Transfer payments to the provinces, arranged through Established Programs Financing, are earmarked for education and health.

CFS chair Tony Macerollo is enthusiastic about the Memorial campaign. "I think it's just wonderful," he said.

"It's a great example of a student union that is organizing a national campaign on a local level."

Further stages of the Memorial campaign include a rally at the provincial legislature in March to protest the Peckford government's record on education.

NSCAD students strike

HALIFAX (CUP)—Unionized faculty at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design have gone on strike, and students there say they will join pickets to force the board of governors back to the negotiating table.

Negotiations broke down Oct. 16 when representatives reached an impasse over such issues as job security and unjustified dismissal.

"Why can't this administration offer faculty the terms enjoyed by faculty at nearly every other university in Canada," asked Isla McEachern, a fourth-year arts and education student who has already joined picketing professors.

Students have organized the walk-out in support of the union, although college presi-

dent Garry Kennedy maintains classes will be conducted as usual.

Student participation in the strike has prompted the board to send a letter warning "the board will reserve its right to take appropriate action and response."

Students say a strike longer than two weeks will mean a lost year. "With a four-month semester, two weeks out will mean not finishing the course," said McEachern.

Although the college has found replacements for the striking professors, McEachern thinks students won't get their money's worth. "A make-shift term here is not good enough for \$900," she said.

Students actively supporting

the faculty union say the only solution is arbitration. The union is agreeable to arbitration, although the board is not.



"We need the provincial government to step in at this point. If we leave it to the board, nothing positive will happen," McEachern said.

Acadia rejoins SUNS

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—The Acadia University Student Union has voted to rejoin the Students' Union of Nova Scotia, only a year after withdrawing its membership in the provincial lobby organization.

Student Union president Peter Sonnichsen said last year's SUNS wasn't organized or worth

the \$1.50 per student fee.

"The organization was becoming leftist and unco-operative, resulting in ineffective lobbying and misrepresentation of the students of Nova Scotia," said Sonnichsen, adding new leaders had much to do with Acadia's decision.

"This year the positive attitudes and new ideas will re-establish the respectability of the organization," he said.

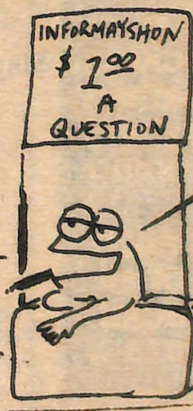
SUNS chair Barney Savage is confident Acadia made the right choice. "We're proven to be an effective lobbying group, and having Acadia back in it is going to make us even stronger," said Savage.

Trent Allen, a fourth-year student who petitioned to stay in SUNS last year, said the Student Union pulled out with little direction. "Last year, council was full of criticism, but didn't put it (SUNS) to use. They just copped out," said Allen.

by Steve Jennex

Art's Pond

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Joseph and his Dreamcoat can be seen at Neptune in technicolor

by Lisa Bugden

The Biblical story of Joseph and his multi-colored coat is brought to life in technicolor by Richard Ouzounian as he makes his debut as Neptune Theatre's artistic director.

The Webber and Rice musical, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** marks the opening of Neptune's 24th season. Joseph is a musical in the true sense of the word, harmonious and unlike anything else seen on stage.

Once again the innovative genius of set designer Stephen Degenstein transforms the tiny Neptune stage. The set transports the audience through time and back again, keeping them suspended in dramatic time until the curtain falls and you realize it's 1986.

Joseph brings well-known performer Frank MacKay back to

Neptune to narrate the energetic musical. Talented Steven Fox as Joseph performs in Halifax for the first time but hopefully not the last. Jennette White sparkles on a male dominated stage, while fellow Dal Theatre grad Douglas Carrigan is entertainment itself in action.

Joseph also marks the Neptune debut of three young Halifaxians: Troy Adams, Melanie Doane, and MSVU grad P.D. Coffin.

As Richard Ouzounian has said, the cast and crew have different backgrounds and varied experiences but they all have one thing in common; each one is enormously talented.

I agree with Mr. Ouzounian and look forward to another splendid season at Neptune Theatre.

Joseph will play at Neptune until Nov. 2.



Shown are nine of Joseph's brothers playing in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Neptune Theatre until Nov. 2, 1986. Third from left, P.D. Coffin, Mount BA graduate.

Jumpin' Jack Flash leaps into the limelight

by Steve Jennex

Whoopi Goldberg's first shot at comedy on the big screen, combined with popular TV comedienne Penny Marshall's direction, has produced a sure-fire hit in the film "Jumpin' Jack Flash".

Goldberg, who was nominated for an Oscar for her role in "The Color Purple" is irrepressible in her new film. She plays Terry Doolittle, a computer terminal operator in a large bank. She becomes accidentally involved in international espionage, and the film takes off.

Goldberg's comic talent stems from an inferiority theme in the movie. She appears at a fancy state ball at the British Consulate. Not only is she without an invitation, but she catches her dress in a paper shredder... well, you get the idea. Goldberg stumbles from hilarious episode to episode, always "the little black woman in the big silver box", one step ahead of her pursuers and three steps behind understanding what she's got herself into.

"Jumpin' Jack Flash" proves the comic genius of Whoopi Goldberg and is hopefully the first of many comedy films for this star.

On its own, the movie is quick-paced and funny—a nice break from the melodrama of Rambo and the guts and gore of Friday the 13th part XVI—Jason's Grandson. Goldberg proves Jagger's old line—Jumpin' Jack Flash is indeed a GAS.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH

Hot Stuff—Singles and Albums

The following are the top 10 albums and singles in Canada as of Oct. 12. Information supplied by RPM Magazine and Canadian Press.

Albums

1. Madonna—True Blue (Sire)
2. Huey Lewis and the News—Fore (Chrysalis)
3. Top Gun Soundtrack—Various (Columbia)
4. Lionel Richie—Dancing on the Ceiling (Motown)
5. Eurythmics—Revenge (RCA)
6. Tina Turner—Break Every Rule (Capitol)
7. Genesis—Invisible Touch (Charisma)
8. Steve Winwood—Back in the High Life (Warner Bros)
9. Peter Gabriel—So (Geffen)
10. Kim Mitchell—Shakin' Like a Human (Geffen)

Singles

1. Spirit in the Sky—Dr. and the Medics (I.R.S.)
2. Rumours—Timex Social Club (Jay)
3. Stuck With You—Huey Lewis and the News (Chrysalis)
4. Friends and Lovers—Gloria Loring and Carl Anderson (Carrere)
5. True Colors—Cyndi Lauper (Portrait)
6. Lady in Red—Chris de Burgh (A&M)
7. Walk This Way—Run DMC (Profile)
8. Venus—Bananarama (London)
9. Take My Breath Away—Berlin (Columbia)
10. Heartbeat—Don Johnson (CBS)

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Open Class Week

Members of the community have the chance to be a student for a day during Open Class Week at Saint Mary's University.

The week, from Oct. 20-24, is part of **Saint Mary's Community Month**. Fifty courses will be open, from astronomy to zoology, with over 100 opportunities for visitors to participate.

The open classes are intended to give people an opportunity to experience a university setting, sample a course before enrolling, or learn more about a subject of interest.

A special effort is being made to encourage people with daytime commitments to participate. There are several late afternoon and evening classes offered, and courses will be offered in Cole Harbour, Truro, and the Halifax Regional Library as part of the Saint Mary's extension program.

Private military forces and state militarism

Private military forces and state militarism will be the topic of this week's Saint Mary's University Lunch and Learn lecture in the Latin American series at the Halifax City Regional Library, Main Branch on Spring Garden Road. Bring your lunch and enjoy this informative session. That's on **Thurs., Oct. 23 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.** Everyone is welcome.

Investment Workshop

The Dartmouth Regional Library presents Part I of "Invest In Your Future", a workshop on basic investing at 10:00 a.m. on **Tues., Oct. 28** at the Woodlawn Branch.

Co-op applications date

Applications are due Nov. 10, 1986 for admittance to the Co-op Program in January and first work term in May, 1987. Pick up application forms at the Co-op Office in Rosaria.

Statement of Enrolment check

Statements of Enrolment—listing all students' course registrations for 1986-87—have been mailed using the most recent local address on file in the registrar's office. Check yours carefully for accuracy and report any corrections to the registrar's office by **Fri., Oct. 24**.

Remember, only you can add or drop a course from your enrolment record by submitting a properly signed ADD/DROP form.

If you have not received a statement of enrolment, check your current local address with the registrar's office immediately. You can then request a duplicate statement of enrolment to verify the accuracy of your enrolment record.

Don't leave things to chance. Check your statement of enrolment now.

Reminder: Did you receive a statement of enrolment? Did you check it for accuracy? Report any inaccuracies. Turn in ADD/DROP forms and so forth at the registrar's office. Double check now.

Campus Ministry reading

Campus Ministry, Oct. 29, 4 p.m. Ecumenical Peace Service marking National Disarmament Week.

Anglican Holy Communion will not be held in lieu of Peace Service.

National Disarmament Week
Ecumenical Peace Service
"Peace on Earth"
Oct. 29
4 p.m. Evaristus Chapel
Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Barbara Rumscheidt.

After A Rape—What Next?

There will be a seminar on sexual assault dealing with "After A Rape—What Next?". There will be a guest panel from the medical, legal and social work professions present.

It will be held Oct. 25, 1986 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building, Theatre "A". All health professionals and interested public are invited.

P.S. If any questions about this announcement contact Valerie Lewis 455-1330 after 6 p.m.

Attention!

If you are having difficulty making a career decision or want to find out about occupations in your chosen field then the **Career Room** at Student Services can help!

Located in Room 116 Rosaria Hall, we have: university and college calendars from all over North America; information on working and/or studying abroad; business directories; the Canadian Dictionary of Occupations; books on career planning and job search skills; specific information on a wide range of careers; and best of all we have "Choices".

Choices is a computer program that allows you to search the computer's files for occupations compatible with your needs, abilities and aspirations. A series of questions will help you decide what kinds of activities you do well now, or feel you do well; what kinds of job responsibilities you would like; what kinds of working relationships with other people you prefer and what kind of working conditions you could accept. **Choices** uses this information to help you find suitable occupations.

Appointments to use **Choices** may be made through Claire Cunningham who is in the Career Room at Student Services.

Versa Pumpkin Carving Contest

On **Wed., Oct. 29**, every residence's floor, birch and society are invited to participate in Versa Services' annual pumpkin carving contest. The creators of the winning pumpkin will receive a gourmet dinner (limited to 20 people). Pumpkins are available at the dining hall.



Joy Kogawa reading

Japanese-Canadian poet and novelist Joy Kogawa will read from her works **Sat., Oct. 18** at 8 p.m. as part of a Red Herring Bookstore coffee house at the YWCA, 1239 Barrington St. She will also sign books at 3 p.m. the same day at the bookstore.

The Pottersfield Portfolio

Crazy Quilt Press will launch the 1986-87 issue of **The Pottersfield Portfolio** with a public reading on **Thurs., Oct. 23** at 7:30 p.m. in the Canadian Book Information Centre, located in the Killam Library at Dalhousie University.

Spider Robinson, Carol Anne Wien, George Elliott Clarke, Jane Hilton and Richard Marchand will read from their recent work. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Education Society

On **Fri., Oct. 31**, members of the Education Society will be going on a Walk-a-Thon. The money raised will be used to purchase food and gifts for needy families at Christmas. Please sponsor if someone calls upon you. Every penny counts. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Education Society would like to thank everyone who supported them by buying goods at their bake sale which was held on **Tues., Oct. 14**. It was a huge success. Thanks to ALL.

On **Tues., Oct. 21, 1986**, the following Education students entered the Pizza Eating Contest: Gladstone Thompson, Brenda Smallshaw, Darlene Rissesco, Ron Bulmer, Danny McKinnon. Congratulations to all for a job well ate.

MANUS meeting

MANUS (Mount Association of Non-traditional University Students) invites all students 25-years-old or more and all part-time students to its monthly meeting on **Thurs., Oct. 30**, room 442 Seton at noon.

What is Eckankar?

Eckankar is holding a free introductory talk titled: "What is Eckankar?"

This talk will be held in the MacMechan Auditorium (Killam Library) at Dalhousie University on **Thurs., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Topics in the program include: Spiritual Freedom through Soul Travel.

This talk is open to the general public. For more information please call 464-1333.

MSVU Spirit Committee

MSVU student council and athletics have formed a "Spirit Committee". The committee is to promote a greater interest in student athletics.

Who or what is a Mystic? Have you seen our Mystic? Well, we are looking for a mascot for our Mount Mystics teams. A contest is opening on **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1986**. Entries should be submitted by **Wednesday, Nov. 12**.

Prizes will be awarded for good suggestions, ideas, and general interest. Entries can be submitted to student council office, fourth floor Rosaria Centre or to the athletics and recreation office, first floor Rosaria Centre.

ISA general meeting

There will be an ISA general meeting on **Oct. 24**, in the Don MacNeil Room (401) Rosaria Centre at 3:15 p.m. This meeting concerns the video-buffet dinner on **Oct. 25** at 5 p.m. in Vinnies Pub, and the fashion disco to be held the end of November. All are welcome. Refreshments to follow.

85-86 Yearbooks arrive

The 1985-86 yearbooks have arrived. Graduates can pick up their yearbooks at the student council office, fourth floor Rosaria, during regular office hours.

PR society activities

Society activities are in full swing this week. On **Thurs., Oct. 23**, there will be a Choices Panel in the Don MacNeil Room from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. This panel will feature four PR graduates who will discuss their careers, goals and challenges faced after graduating with a BPR. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a professional association membership day (IABC and CPRS) on **Fri., Oct. 24**, from 10 - 2 p.m. in front of room 304, Seton. Bring cash or a cheque book and join these worthwhile associations.

Things to look for: a day conference on **Nov. 15**; after mid-term "Spaz-Out" party; November general meeting and the society bake sale.

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Tai Chi Workshop

by Ian Chaytor

The athletics and recreation office at MSVU will hold a four-hour workshop on the ancient Chinese exercise program of Taoist Tai Chi on Nov. 1.

The workshop will be held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Don MacNeil Room of Rosaria under the instruction of Elizabeth Lindsay.

Taoist Tai Chi is an ancient system of exercise developed in

China but only recently known in the West. Its practice has a number of physical and other benefits.

Tai Chi helps develop unusual strength, physical resilience, a sense of well-being, and a resistance to stress. It deals with "internal energy". Students who practice Tai Chi may undergo a variety of physical changes.

Cost for the workshop is \$5. Interested parties may sign up at the A/R office in Rosaria Centre.

Picaro Player of the Week

by Jeff Mann

Caroline Rodgers has been chosen **Picaro Player of the Week** for her strong offensive play against Nova Scotia Teachers College last Saturday in Truro.

"She is a great athlete, and a super all-round team player," said MSVU assistant coach Peggy Boudreau.

In last Saturday's match against NSTC, Rodgers scored twice and pressured the defence in a relentless offensive attack. Rodgers has played in four of the Mystics' five games this year and is second in team scoring with eight goals.

Rodgers, a first-year secretari-

al student, is a residence assistant in Vincent Hall and enjoys playing volleyball when she is not playing soccer.

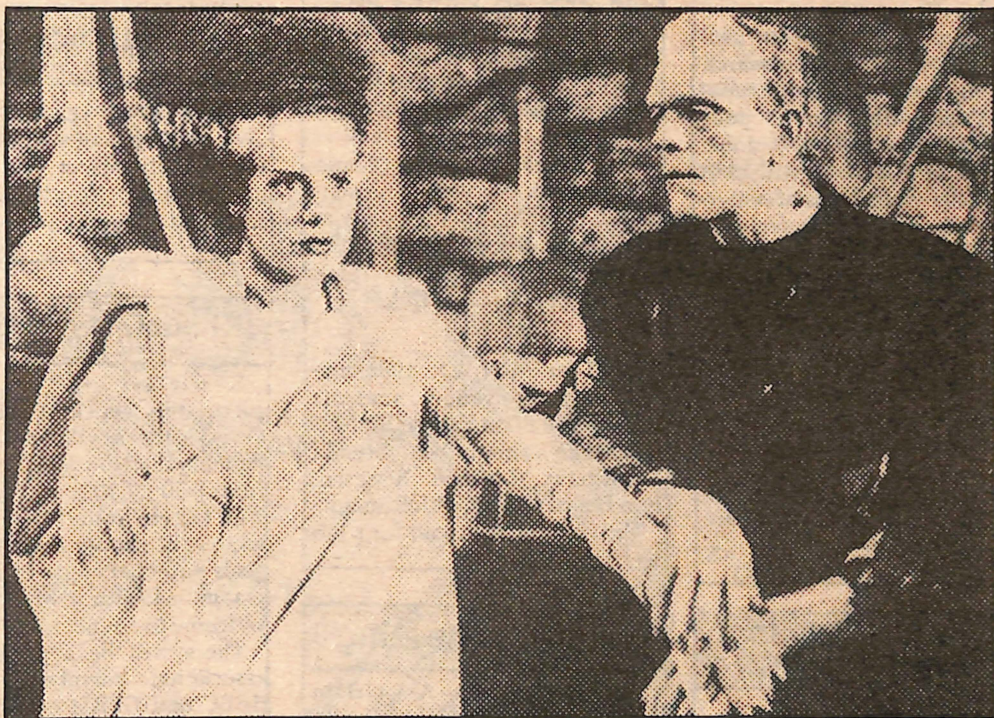
Soccer is a major part of life at home on Prince Edward Island, where she played for women's provincial team this year.



Caroline Rodgers, women's soccer player.

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