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Assumption: Nine Percent Tuition Increase

By Janet Allen

Mount Saint Vincent University's budget committee is working on the assumption of a tuition increase of nine per cent, said Lois Dyer Mann, the chair of the University Budget Committee.

"We are working with a variety of different assumptions, but we haven't made a decision yet," said Mann. "We are using a number of revenue assumptions in order to be able to project expenditures so that we propose a balanced budget."

Another assumption still being considered by the University Budget Committee is the creation of a bursary fund to be provided for students in need. Karen Casey and Ancel Langille, the student members of the budget committee, have been voicing students' concerns about a tuition increase.

"Karen and I made a proposal for a nine per cent increase in tuition and a dollar figure of \$225,000 to be placed into the university's bursary fund," said Langille, external vice president

of the student union. Langille said the money for the bursary fund would come partly from the tuition increase and partly from the university's general budget.

Casey and Langille have estimated 1,228 students will definitely need the financial assistance the bursary fund would provide. "That dollar figure covers the nine per cent increase in tuition of \$189 that students would have to pay," Langille said. "If they're going to raise tuition, the university should have enough money in the bursary fund to cover it."

Langille said everyone realizes tuition will have to increase. However, he said his goal is to keep the increase to a minimum. Langille said working on the assumption of a nine per cent increase is more favourable than the previous discussion of a 10 per cent increase. "Even though we're working on the assumption of a tuition increase of \$189, that's better than an increase of \$210," said Langille.

Langille is concerned about Mount students being able to

afford to attend university next year after the results from his Broken Heart Campaign. Formally called the, 'If you love education' campaign, Langille and other students lobbied the Mount administration to consider a minimal tuition fee increase.

"When you look at the figure and see 157 students said they couldn't come back to the Mount if there was an increase--the administration must look at that."

Lois Dyer Mann said the University Budget Committee is also considering a foreign student fee premium of \$500. Foreign students have in the past paid a \$1,700 differential fee to the Mount that is then rebated to the province of Nova Scotia. The \$500 foreign student fee premium would go to the university to account for the cost of the service for foreign students.

"I don't want any students to think that these assumptions are set in concrete yet," said Mann. "We wanted to make sure we have some flexibility in a balanced budget. We want to be mindful of the needs of students."

Broken Hearts for Education

by Ancel Langille

On February 14, representatives from the Mount Student Union Executive, the Students' Council, and residence students presented the Administration with more than 400 petitions expressing students' concerns surrounding the proposed 10% tuition fee increase.

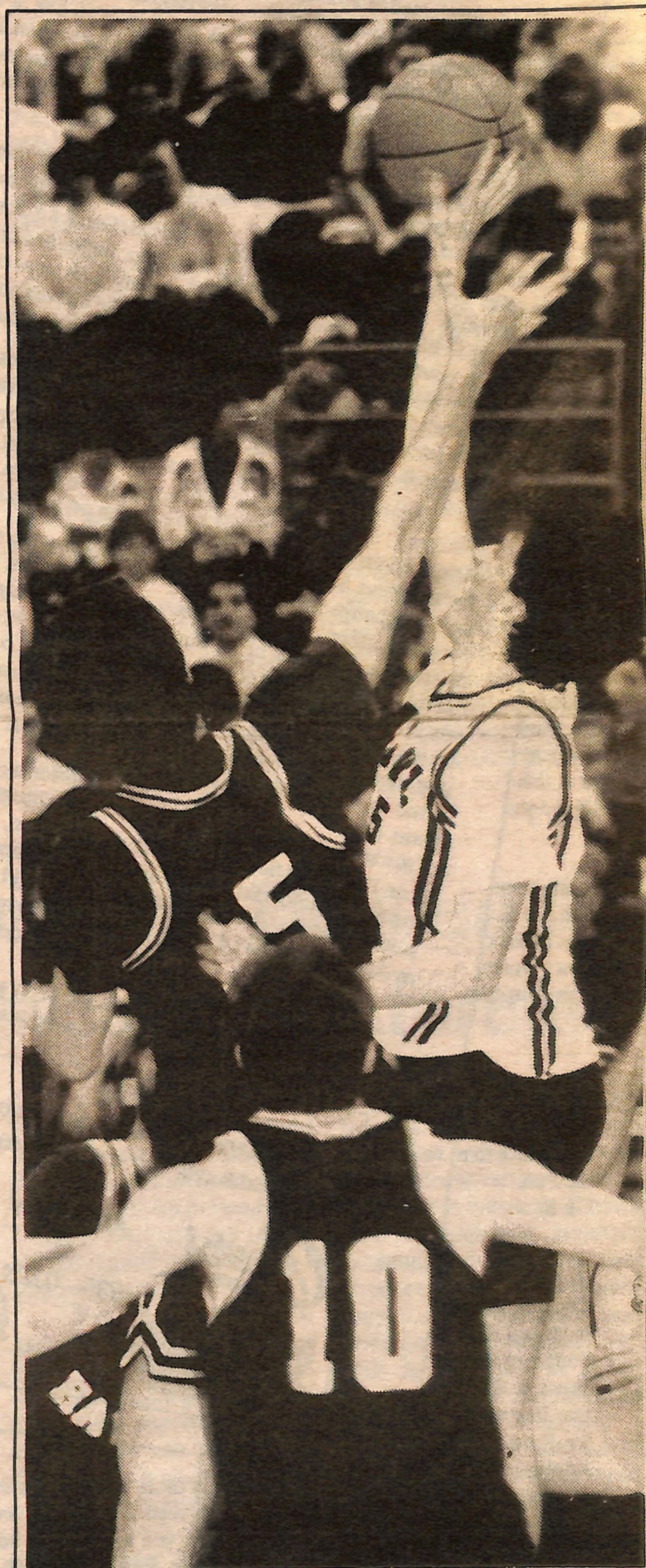
The "If You Love Education" campaign was started early in February when students from Assisi Hall decided they wanted to do something to protest about rising tuition. The first idea was to lobby the provincial government for a province wide tuition

fee freeze, but after discussing this with Student Union president Karen Casey, they decided to lobby the Mount administration instead for a minimal tuition fee increase. The residence students from Assisi decided to work in co-operation with the Student Council to organize such a campaign.

On Valentine's Day, the petitions were presented to Dr. Reginald Stuart, Dean of Humanities and Sciences in the absence of university president Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston. At the University Budget Committee on the following Wednesday, Dr. Parr-Johnston con-

gratulated all Mount students for presenting their views in such a civilized and professional manner.

Of the total of 440 valentines received, 157 students said that they would be unable to return to university if tuition was increased, and 85 people said that the increase would only create additional struggles to continuing their education. Hopefully, the administration will carefully consider the financial straits that students will be in with any tuition fee increase and find other ways to come up with the money to efficiently run the university.



Mens' Basketball Team Wins Back-to-Back Championships. Head to Nationals Next Week, see page 10.

Classifieds

Are you interested in accessibility services at the Mount? Would you like to be part of discussion and change for the physically and learning challenged on this campus? We would like your input! Contact: Anne Bulley, Health Office, Rosaria Room 108, 443-4450 ext. 353.

The Writing Resource Centre, Rosaria 101B, provides writing help to Mount students. Drop in with your paper between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, or call 443-4450 ext 567 for an appointment. The Centre is open until April 2.

Applications are now available for the Nova Scotia - New England exchange program. This program offers an opportunity to spend a semester or an academic year at a college or university in New England, but remain registered at the Mount. Students pay their tuition here and continue to be eligible for student loans etc.

If you are interested, see Jean Hartley in Seton room 302 for further information and application forms. The closing date is April 1st so don't delay.

The Halifax YWCA on 1239 Barrington Street: is offering Wen-Do, a self defense course for women. Enhance your self-confidence and ability to defend yourself in threatening situations.

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To those mystical Gringos that
we read about every week. We
love you with all our hearts and
souls. Please say you'll be ours
(especially "Wingo")
Love and kisses
L'na and S'rah

On Thursday, March 5, from 7:30
p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Fall River
Recreation Centre the N.S. Ar-
thritis Society is sponsoring "The
Athlete and Arthritis - Playing
with Pain" panel discussion.

NO WORD ON STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FUNDING

by Karen Hill

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The federal government is stalling its annual announcement on summer employment funding, fuelling speculation about a cut to a popular program.

Funding for the Challenge Initiative is usually announced early in the year, but not a word has been spoken about money for 1992. The federal program funds SEED (Summer Employment/Experience Development) which provides wage subsidies to employers creating summer jobs for students.

Education critics for the NDP and Liberals say they don't know what to make of the delay.

"If they don't make (an announcement), we're left to speculate," said Liberal education critic Ron Duhamel. "The delay might mean a reduction of the program."

Last year, the Progressive Conservative government increased funding by \$3 million over 1990, bringing the total up to \$80 million. That marked the first boost to the program since the program was introduced in 1985 with a budget of \$149.3 million.

Since then, announcements about the program have usually been characterized by cuts, much to the chagrin of students. At its peak in 1985, SEED helped create 87,000 jobs, while in 1990, the number had dropped to only 47,000.

The national average un-

employment rate for students last summer hit 14.5 per cent.

Yvan Clermont, a government spokesperson, said an announcement has been delayed because of a federal freeze on discretionary spending, in effect since January.

"Traditionally, the Challenge announcement is in January," he said. "We are not in a position at this point to make an announcement."

Clermont would not indicate if a statement is forthcoming.

NDP education critic Howard McCurdy said this is an ominous sign. "Almost anything the government delays indicates bad news," he said.

Duhamel said the government may be planning to skip an announcement altogether in an attempt to deflect criticism about possible cuts to the program.

"They need to make a decision now," he said. "Young people need to know what the (job) market is like now."

Alison Lewis, deputy-chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, agreed.

"It's important to (announce funding) so that the public knows what kind of commitment the government has to summer employment."

CFS has been lobbying for pay equity and affirmative action to be implemented as part of the Challenge program.

STUDENT LOANS

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) -- Students who have opted out of a health plan at Memorial University are being forced to forfeit the equivalent amount in federal loans.

According to guidelines issued by the Newfoundland branch of the federal student loan office, the Canada Student Loan Program no longer counts the \$79 per semester charge as an educational expense, payable by students.

Memorial student council president Gerry Ryan said loan officials have forced the council to turn over a list of students who didn't want the health plan.

He said if the council didn't produce the list, CSL officials threatened to dock every student loan \$79.

"We had no alternative but to give them the list," Ryan said.

Over 4000 students -- 33 per cent of the student population -- rejected the plan.

Karen Snelgrove, a loan officer at Memorial, said students

were given plenty of warning about the new policy.

"Last September, students were advised in the brochure available from student aid that money would be withheld from those student who opted-out of the health plan," she said.

Snelgrove said she does not know of any other province with a similar policy.

Students may be able to recover some of the money if they pay for another plan. However, if a student is covered by a parent's plan, loan officials consider it a 'parental contribution' and no money will be repaid.

The plan provides 100 per cent coverage of prescription drugs, eye wear, and birth control pills.

A spring referendum will determine whether students want to maintain this plan or move to 80 per cent coverage. If they vote to keep the existing coverage, costs could rise by \$125 per semester by 1993.

NEWS

CFS Takes Credit for Non-Victory

by Katie Swoger

OTTAWA (CUP) -- A national student lobby group is tooting its own horn over a victory that does not exist.

The Canadian Federation of Students has been heralding the federal government's budget proposal to cut the three per cent tax on student loans as a triumph. But in reality, CFS can neither take full credit for the proposed change, nor call it a victory.

CFS chair Kelly Lamrock said the proposal to cut the tax is an example of the effectiveness of CFS as a political lobby.

"We made it a political issue that the government couldn't ignore," he said.

But the Feb. 25 federal budget axed the six-month interest-free period graduates had to repay their student loans.

Students will now be subject to interest charges that start accumulating once they graduate. The total in interest charges

exceeds the amount they are paying under the three per cent tax. "They (the federal government) will be bringing in more than that they will be eliminating," said Ron Duhamel, Liberal education critic.

A student with a \$10,000 debt-load upon graduation could be paying about \$240 more than she would under the former plan.

If the student begins repaying the \$10,000 loan over 24 months immediately following graduation -- at the going interest rate of about 10.6 per cent -- she will pay \$540.64 more in interest than under the six-month interest free plan.

She will be paying more interest charges, but she will save \$300 because of the elimination of the tax. In effect, she will be paying an additional \$240.64.

But Lamrock said the budget holds good news for students.

"I think (the budget) is a victory on two fronts, while it is not ideal," he said. He called it a victory because students won't be paying the government any money until they leave school. And full-time students can now claim educational deductions of \$80 per month when they file their income tax -- an increase of \$20. Lamrock said it is a victory of sorts.

Mark Hudson, press secretary for the Secretary of State, said CFS is only partially responsible for the changes to the student loan program.

"Concern had been expressed (over the three per cent tax) by student groups, financial institutions and the provinces," he said. "It isn't one single source that has led to the potential removal of the guarantee fee."

"It's a combination of a lot of those concerns, plus our own fiscal plan."

Mount Director Headed for Commonwealth Conference

Dr. Deborah Poff, director of Mount Saint Vincent University's Institute for the Study of Women, has been chosen to participate in the Seventh Commonwealth Study Conference. Dr. Poff is among 250 women and men from 40 Commonwealth countries who will assemble at Oxford University, England, where the conference begins July 10.

The Commonwealth Study Conference is a forum for sharing, challenging and broadening ideas about issues facing decision makers, particularly related to the impact of industry of people and their environment. Founded in 1956 by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, the conference is held at six-year intervals in various Commonwealth countries.

Dr. Poff was chosen primarily for her leadership role in research and programs relating

to women's issues, and for her expertise in the field of business ethics. Under her direction, the Institute for the Study of Women continues to fulfil its mandate to conduct research and design programs aimed at improving the quality of women's lives.

"I feel honoured to have been chosen to participate in the Commonwealth Conference," said Dr. Poff. "This is going to be an exceptional opportunity to exchange ideas with people from other Commonwealth countries on important topics."

This year's theme, "International Issues; Individual Initiatives", reflects the fact that the world is becoming increasingly inter-dependent and that people everywhere share common issues and concerns. Dr. Poff said, "I'm particularly pleased that this year's conference will focus on issues like international development and the global economy."

After the conference, participants will assemble in small groups and embark upon 10-day study tours of various locations in the United Kingdom. Through visits to businesses, industrial facilities, engineering and construction sites, and community projects, and discussions with local residents and government officials, they will gain an understanding of social and industrial problems and opportunities.

Within the framework of the conference and study tours, participants will address several key issues, including the international economy and its impact on organizations; the evolution of the workplace; the need for life-long learning; the relationship between industry and the community; and the need for a sustainable use of resources.

Prince Philip will preside over the 1992 conference, as he has done since 1956.

OP/ED

To the Editor:

After reading Karen Casey's response to the many letters to the editor concerning the student council and their activities I felt that a response to her comments was warranted.

Ms. Casey I am afraid that after two years in the office as President of MSVU Student Union you continue to remain unclear on the concept of what the MSVU Student Union conception embodies in terms of being a political institution.

The MSVU Student Union is an organization based upon the democratic principles of voluntary association and an implicit social contract between the members and their elected representatives. The Student Union is therefore a microcosm of representative government mirroring the political system that we as Canadians live and work in everyday. As such, the Student Union and its democratically elected officials, are as equally responsible to its members as any local, provincial or federal elected official within the Canadian political system. Persons who seek an office in a democratic political system must be prepared to be understanding in a democracy that a tyranny of the majority exists, and as public figures, elected officials are subject to that democratic control structure. Representatives in a democratic political system, therefore are subject to fair comment by their electorate on any and all of their actions.

Ms. Casey in their letters, no one was attacking any of the Student Union officials on a personal basis. Rather they were making fair comments on the decisions being made by their representatives, of which they did

not agree with and/or they were raising concerns about situations they felt disturbed about. Fair comment on elected Student Union officials by the members of the student union is their right and their responsibility.

In your letter, Ms. Casey, you stated that you felt that people should come to the Student Union with their concerns rather than publish them in the Picaro as letters to the editor. You have characterized these letters as "pettiness that's running rampid (rampant?) around here...people are concerned with trying to find and/or create "smut" on the student council". This characterization of the legitimate concerns of your electorate is a sad comment on your part and seems to reflect a feeling that people should make no public comment, as well as blindly accepting any or all actions of our Student Union officials.

In a democratic society the free-press has come to represent a channel through which individuals can communicate their concerns, ideas, and feelings to the entire society and to their representative government officials. As the Student Union has no two-party government system, the free-press, (the Picaro) has become a vital tool through which persons can reach their fellow students with their concerns and a medium for building associations of opposition to any decisions. If the students do not agree with decisions made by the Student Union and/or feel a need to voice any concerns which affect them and their fellow students, they have the right to try to form a majority consensus and effect positive change. When the Student Union elected officials refuse to answer the letters of Student Union members they are

neglecting the social contract under which they have assumed office.

As to my last letter to the Picaro in response to an article I had read in the Feb. 6 issue of the Picaro, which concerned Keith Campbell leaving his position under mysterious circumstances. In it I asked for a response to the questions the article had raised in my mind. I'm afraid that you have been functioning under the misconception that you held a corporate employer/employee relationship with Mr. Campbell using this viewpoint to refuse answers under the confidentiality principals of management. I am forced to point out to you that you are operating in a microcosm of the Canadian political system and not for a corporation. Even as a CEO of a company, you will find that certain actions are always being questioned by both your board of directors and by your shareholders.

Mr. Campbell's position as bookkeeper was comparable to a senior civil servant in the federal or provincial government. When any highly placed civil servant disappears from his job questions are asked and yes, answers are given. Ms. Casey, you were never Mr. Campbell's employer, the students of the Mount were, we paid his salary and ultimately received the benefits of his actions on our behalf. You, as our elected representative, are accountable for your actions to us, the students, that's the beauty of the democratic process.

The Picaro is an open forum through which the democratic process at the Mount can remain a vital interactive application of democratic principals.

Sincerely,
Jamie Robb

To the Editor

I was surprised last Monday night as I sat down to supper in the cafeteria and read the election material displayed on the tables.

As I read, my attention was drawn to one particular pamphlet, that of Anceel Langille, presidential candidate. I was surprised to see in the brochure, mention of Langille's involvement in a campaign protesting this year's proposed tuition increase.

As you may not know, earlier this term, Student Union ran a campaign (in conjunction with some resident students) to protest the proposed hike. The campaign consisted of students

signing their names to "broken hearts" which were presented to Mount administration on Valentine's Day.

Assisi Hall residents had been promised recognition for initiating the event. They devised the concept and its execution and approached Student Union to form what was hoped to have been a cooperative contribution to this university.

Our recognition was promised over three weeks ago in the form of a Picaro article acknowledging the event. We have yet to see this article. This promise was made by Langille to myself and other members of the residence staff, particularly one member of my staff who made a considerable

effort to contribute to the event.

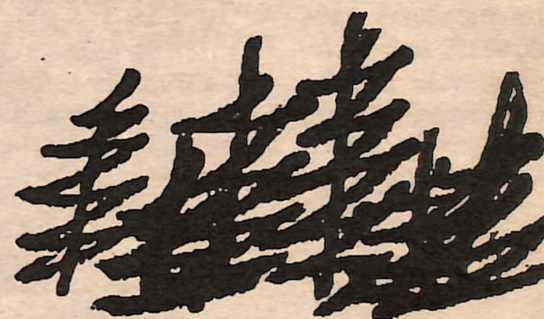
In short, I hope that the reference Langille's efforts made in his brochure was not in light of the above project. For someone who could not bother to write an article acknowledging the part of resident students in the project should not bother using his participation in the project to boost his election campaign.

Considering resident students (especially the 140 in Assisi Hall) make up a fairly high percentage of voters Langille, I think you owe them a little more consideration.

Respectfully,
Suzanne Campbell
DON Assisi Hall 1991-92

Blah Blah Blah!

by Mike Isenor

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ELECTION '92

Presidential Candidates

Dave Wynn



Hi, my name is David Wynn. I enrolled at Mount Saint Vincent University in 1985 entering the Public Relations program as a mature student. After successfully completing two and a half years of the program, I took advantage of an opportunity to travel extensively across Europe and North Africa. Upon returning to the Mount to resume my education, I began in the Science program.

I am currently in my third year, majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and psychology. I plan to apply to the Dalhousie medical program for the Fall of 1993, an aspiration reinforced by two years experience as an orderly at the Victoria General Hospital emergency department.

As new blood in Student Council, I feel strongly that I can offer an open minded perspective on new ideas and act responsibly to the concerns and issues of Mount life. Anyone who has come into the pub while I am working will know me as someone who is easy to talk to and a hard worker who likes a good time while getting the job done. The traits I carry in my work at the pub will not change if I am elected president. My approachability and good nature will be a reflection of my devotion to the students of Mount Saint Vincent University and my quest to make the 1992-1993 Student Council one of the best yet.

Thank you for your support and I urge you to vote in elections this year.

My name is Ancel Langille and I am running for the position of President of the Student Union for the 1992-93 academic term. In September, I will be entering my third year in Public Relations, and if elected, I will use the skills I have learned to the best of my abilities.

The most important quality that the President needs is experience of the position. For the past nine years, I have been involved in student politics in some way, shape, or form and I have held such positions as class rep, President of my senior high, to currently being External Vice President.

I have the experience to manage the Student Union efficiently and effectively. I have the experience to deal with the full and part-time staff and I also have the experience to administer a budget in excess of \$500,000. The following is a list of things that show and prove that I have the

necessary qualities and experience to be the President of the Student Union:

- * External Vice President
- * Full-time Senate Rep
- * SUNS Aids Committee
- * Chair of Winter Carnival
- * Assistant Chair of Nova Scotia High School Leadership Conference
- * Chair of Christmas Daddies Fundraising
- * Member of Student Union Executive
- * University Budget Committee
- * Awards Banquet Committee
- * Successful lobbying of Metro Transit for the return of bus
- * Launched the "If You Love Education" campaign
- * External Affairs Committee

I can guarantee you that if you elect me as President, I will do my best to represent you to the University Administration,

Ancel Langille



all levels of government, the surrounding community and I can ensure that students voices are heard. I strongly urge all students

at the Mount to use this opportunity to vote. Please vote for me and Make Experience Your Choice.

My name is Lynne Isenor and I am running for the position of President of the Mount Saint Vincent Student Union. I have been studying at the Mount for the past 5 years and am going into my final year of a B.A. program.

With my past experience, both off and on campus, I will bring a wealth of experience to the position of President. I became involved with student politics following the Mount's labour dispute of 1989. Since then, I have held the positions of both Part-time Senate Rep and Off-Campus Rep; as well, I have been on the MANUS Executive for three consecutive years. While in my first year with the Student Council, I acted as Chairperson of the Student's Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) Child Care Committee, I represented students for the Child Care Advocacy Association of Nova Scotia (CAANS) and acted as Director of the Parent Care Lounge (which is sponsored by the Student Union). I also sat on the External Affairs Committee under Naomi Martin during my two year stint with



the Student Union. Through this experience I received a working knowledge of both SUNS and the Canadian Federation of

Students (CFS).

My work with MANUS, Student Council and the two student lobbying groups, has provided me with a comprehensive picture of the issues affecting all students. I feel it is very important that a strong voice be heard on behalf of all students attending the Mount. The coming years are going to be extremely difficult for students, due to cost increases and funding cuts. I will ensure that the concerns of Mount students are being heard. I will actively represent the students at all levels of administration and government bodies. I will commit myself to addressing the problems of accessibility, safety on campus and the inadequate lighting. As my past record shows, I am also committed to affordable child care on campus, environmental issues and the ongoing problem of parking on campus. One of my deepest concerns for the future of the Mount, however, is the "quality of life"

for students living both on and off campus. To address this problem, I plan to lobby the administration to keep tuition increases to a minimum, while lobbying the provincial and federal governments to make post-secondary education a priority. I will also continue to fight to maintain the existing services we have on campus - specifically, the Canada Employment Centre and the Dal/Mount Shuttle.

In closing, I would like to remind all students that by voting, you can influence the future of Mount Saint Vincent University. On March 17 & 18, go to the polls. Cast your ballot. VOTE!!

**VOTE OR
YOU'RE
CRUD.**

Hi, my name is Cindy Wambolt. I am running for the position of Executive Vice President for the 1992-1993 school term. Presently, I hold the position of one of the Student representatives on the Board of Governors.

I feel that due to my experiences this year on the council, I would be able to execute those duties that come along with the position of being Executive Vice President of the Student Union with a great deal of confidence and capability.

Along with the duties that I now have as being on the Board of Governors, I presently sit on the Occupational Health and

Safety Committee, I am a member of the Alcohol Awareness



Cindy Wambolt

Committee, which is chaired by the present Executive Vice Presi-

dent, and I am a member of the committee that is planning Mount St. Vincent's Annual High School Leadership Conference.

Before I became a member of the student's council at the Mount, I had been actively involved in student politics at the High School level. I was a member of the Cobequid Educational Centre's students council for my final two years there.

I feel that my experiences have made me ready for the position of Executive Vice President. I hope that you, too, feel confident in me and will vote for me in the upcoming election.

Thank you.

Shauna MacNeil
External Vice President

I am running for the position of External Vice President for the academic year of 1992-93.

For the past year I have held the position of off-campus representatives. I have the determination and leadership abilities to represent you, the student body.

In addition to this year's position, I have held other council positions in the past.

The role of the External Vice President is to act as a liaison with other universities so that all issues can be addressed. the most important role of the External Vice President is to be a representative for the provincial and national organizations, Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and Student Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS). This year I have already experienced these organizations

as I have attended two conferences, representing the Mount.

This year, I have sat on a variety of committees that has further enhanced my leadership



Shauna MacNeil

abilities and familiarity with the Student Union. The committees are, Women's Week of Reflection Committee, Teaching Excellence Committee, Awards

Banquet Committee, and a Leadership Committee that is planning the annual high school leadership conference.

As a candidate for the position of External Vice President, I ask for your support on election day. I am willing to volunteer my time to work for you.

I would like to address the issue of rationalization, as Mount Saint Vincent is so diverse yet small in numbers. It is important that we have a voice.

I know I can count on your support, as the total student population needs to unite and work with each other.

I would like to thank you for support during the past year as Off-Campus Rep. I know I can fully represent you, the student body.

Thank you
Shauna MacNeil

Doris Christine Agingu (1st Year BBA)

Running for International Students Rep. A part of the education that International students get here at the Mount is interaction with students from other cultures. We are the world and united we can reach great heights; so let's unite and learn from each other; study together, play together and party together.

My main objective is to create awareness in the student council and the school about problems and concerns of international students; for example, the issue of discriminative/racist teaching. I would like to encourage students to talk about their problems, especially what may affect their studies.

I am willing to represent



you and get possible solutions (in the Student Union) for your problems.

You are very valuable people and your views are important, speak up through your representative.

Vote for Doris.

Hi, my name is Rebecca Nelson and I am campaigning to represent the business students of the Mount Saint Vincent Student Union. I am currently in my first year of the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree program. If elected I hope to work effectively as a liaison for business students in matters concerning council, faculty, and any other functions or concerns that may arise requiring my services. Having

attended the Mount for a year I feel I have a formidable understanding of how our student's council operates and what I can bring to the position I am seeking. My first and foremost concern will be the students I represent, and to see that they are recognized in voicing their opinions.

I encourage everyone to participate in this year's election, so please vote.



Sonia Baillon

Hello, I'm Sonia Baillon and I am campaigning for the position of Public Relations Representative on next year's Student's Council.

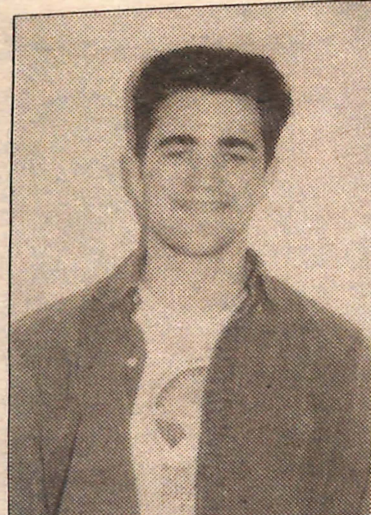
I'll be entering my second year of PR at the Mount in the fall and hope to have the chance to prove my abilities to you. I have previous experience working with student government and am capable of voicing the opin-

ions of those people I would represent as PR Rep. As an academic representative I would act as a link between students, faculty and the Student's Council.

I am an energetic person with some innovative ideas and am always open to suggestions.

To conclude, in the words of the immortal Jim Morrison: "I am the Lizard King - I can do anything."

Jeffrey Morris



Hello, my name is Jeffrey Morris and I would like to explain my reasons for running for Internal Vice President of the Mount Saint Vincent Student Union. As a second year Arts student I am aware of the role and importance of the Student Union. Inasmuch as the union has done a great job this year, it is my belief that new ideas and a new outlook should be brought to the 1992-1993 executive. I bring to my campaign a great deal of

fund-raising experience that I intend to use in coordinating the Christmas Daddies and United Way projects.

The role of Internal Vice President also requires the patient responsibility of coordinating and working with our university's societies. As a society member I can empathize with the concerns of the societies. I intend to use the societies and their role at the university to elicit a new school spirit that has been lacking in previous years.

I can bring to this position a considerable amount of experience in dealing with people both at the university level and in the work force and I am confident that I can bring about new imagination in the role of Internal Vice President. I urge you to vote Jeffrey Morris in the upcoming elections to ensure that a new outlook and a new spirit emerges at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Thank you for your support.

Jodie Boone
St. George, N.B.
Bachelor of Child Study

The position of residence representative this past year has been quite busy and extremely informative of how the Student Union is operated. Through my representative duties and active participation on various committees, I have gained the knowledge of what this position requires. If elected, I believe I have the abilities to better represent the residence student body.

Jodie Boone



Rebecca Nelson



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Karen Dean

Hi! My name is Karen Dean and I am running for the position of Internal Vice-President. In October of 1991 I was elected Business Administration Representative and since that time I

have been very active with several of the committees within the Student Union. I have also been quite involved with the Business Society, which was part of my position but, on top of that, I was one of the two coordinators of this year's Business Conference. I have learned a lot about the role of the Student Union Internal Vice-President and have realized that it is quite similar to what I did as Treasurer of my high school's student council in 1990-1991 so I am well prepared to take on the responsibilities of this position and I am willing to do anything I possibly can to make the Mount a better place. Please think before you vote and you will know who is going to be your best choice for next year's Internal VP - KAREN DEAN!!

Hi, I'm sure that as you have been walking around the campus this week, one question has been burning in your brain...WHO'S BILL? Well, I'm Bill, and I'm running for Academic Vice President. I've been at the Mount for three years, working on a B.A. with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in Women's Studies. In those years, I have often felt that there was a need for more student involvement in decisions regarding academic matters, and the conclusion I have arrived at is that rather than just talking about it, I should become involved. My concerns are not restricted to the academic portion of campus life, and to find out more, check out



Bill Thomas

one of the speeches. I personally recommend the one at the Pub on Wednesday night. See you there, and don't forget to vote.



Melanie Morgan

Hello, my name is Melanie Morgan and I am running for the position of Full-Time Senate Representative. I have attended Mount Saint Vincent University for the past 4 years and am studying English and Religious Studies.

For the past 3 years I have been the Vice-President of the English Society and also have been a member of the History Society. This year I have been actively involved in the Women Studies Society and with the Speech and Drama Departments' productions.

If I am elected as a Full-Time Senate Representative, I promise to address the issues and needs of all full-time students to the best of my ability so as to make Mount Saint Vincent University's programs and policies a benefit to all. I am also willing and able to sit on any committees which the Senate is involved with as a pledge of my commitment to you. Thank you.

Melannie Morgan

Hi, my name is Cathy Thorpe and I am running for Executive Vice President of Student Union. I have been here at the Mount since May of 1988, working on a BSc. with a math major and minors in Psychology and Computer Science.

Over the past few years I have been involved with both the Psychology and Science Societies, as well as the MANUS daycare committee. I have also been working for the Math department here at the Mount for two years (some of you may recognize me from your stats labs), and tutoring privately for ten years.

My main objectives will be to increase alcohol awareness, environmental issues (especially recycling) and to lobby the gov-

ernment to keep education accessible to EVERYONE. I will work to ensure that Student Union



Cathy Thorpe

is a voice for ALL students. I mean, let's face it, whether you are a traditional, non-traditional,

resident or off-campus student, you have concerns and/or important issues that you would like addressed and you have a right to be heard!!

Specifically, I intend to lobby the government to improve accessibility to student loans, increase safety on campus, address residents' concerns and I will work to improve parking, here on campus.

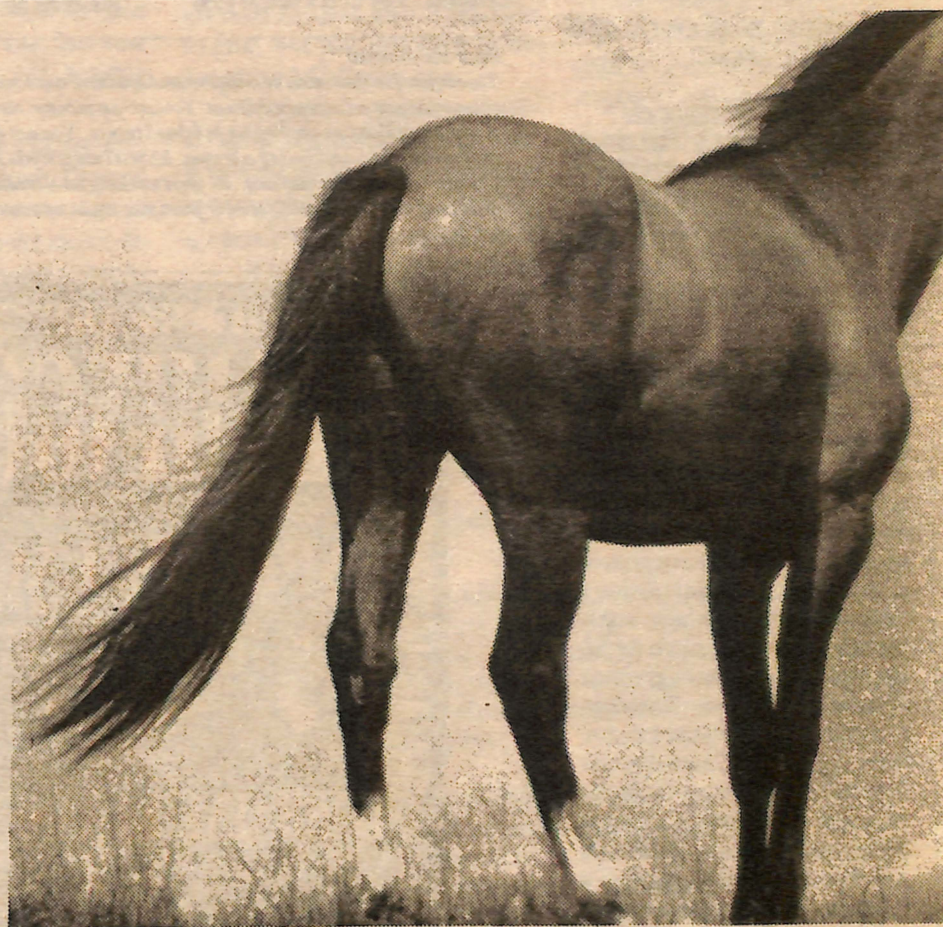
Above all, it is important that students maintain a united front and therefore, student government should be representative of the entire student body. This can be accomplished if you make the decision to have a say about who represents you. So, don't forget to VOTE on March 17th and 18th!!

My name is Kathy Greenfield and I am a 3rd year Human Ecology student majoring in Family Studies with a minor in Foods and Nutrition. My future plans include specializing further in Family Studies. I am seeking the position of Human Ecology representative on student council. It is important that a large department, such as Human Ecology, be represented on the council to facilitate greater awareness of the Human Ecology de-

partment on campus. Many of the current Human Ecology Student Association (HESA) members are graduating, including the entire executive. There is a need for increased membership of HESA and to have a representative who will act as a liaison between HESA and the student council. As the Human Ecology representative I will work hard to fulfil my role as a liaison person and to represent the interests of HESA.



Katherine Greenfield



GET OFF YOUR ASS AND VOTE!!

This week it's an **CORNER**

ENTERTAINMENT

ant girl who gets a thousand year curse from an evil sorcerer cast on her, and will awaken when she finds her true love. Enter Jason Williamson (played by the oh-so-cute William Ragsdale). The movie continues with the pair falling in love while trying to outwit an idiotic Count with the help of "Hollywood" Montrose (the colorful artiste who is the most amusing character in this film). Of course, in the end true love prevails. If you enjoyed the first one you're bound to like this one, but if you didn't, better leave this one alone.

Rating: !!!

Regarding Henry

Carolyn:

I have been a Harrison Ford fan ever since the first Indiana Jones movie came out (and maybe even as far back as Star Wars) and I must say he did a great job with this movie! The movie tells a romantic and sad story about a big shot (and somewhat phony) lawyer (Henry) who is shot while buying cigarettes. Henry loses his memory and changes through his recovery. He discovers all the pleasures he was missing in his life prior to the shooting. This movie was a drama taken to its fullest, with a few laughs along the way for good measure. The effect was a truly

fantastic movie. I was actually surprised that I managed to hold back my tears near the end of this wonderful story of new beginnings. You really should see this movie. It is certainly worth the three bucks or so it costs to rent it.

Rating: !!!

Carolyn and Lesley's VIDEO PIX

Lesley:

Not being a big fan of emotional dramas I watched this film with expectations of nothing particularly engaging. I am pleased to admit I was wrong! Harrison Ford plays Henry, a hardened, arrogant lawyer who gets shot while out to get a pack of cigarettes. His rehabilitation is remarkable, and his personality undergoes a complete transformation. He actually becomes pleasant and compassionate. His relations with his wife and daughter improve,

and he is generally a better person. I definitely recommend this film, even though things are sped up and there are some gaps. But hey -- in a two hour movie you can't have everything, right?

Rating: !!!

Silence of the Lambs

Carolyn:

Federal agent-in-training Clarice Starling (Jodie Foster) befriends a brilliant mass murderer, Hannibal "the Cannibal" Lector (Anthony Hopkins), who helps her solve the puzzle of a serial killer on the rampage. This movie was absolutely incredible!! The excitement never let up from start to finish and the suspense was fantastic! As weird as it sounds, anyone who watches this movie will find it difficult not to like Lector, even though he is a convicted (and cannibalistic) serial killer. Hopkins was the perfect choice for the role of Lector. Both he and Foster were outstanding

beyond words. I do not believe I witnessed one second of bad acting in this movie! If you haven't seen *Silence of the Lambs* yet, go out, rent it RIGHT THIS INSTANT!! This is a movie you do NOT want to miss.

Rating: !!!!

Lesley:

If you haven't seen this movie yet, get out there and rent it! This chilling thriller is up for some Oscars, and deservedly so. This is one of those rare movies adapted from a novel (by Thomas Harris) that is just as captivating visually as it is written. Jodie Foster plays Clarice, an FBI trainee who gets thrust into the case of a serial killer. She goes for help to "Hannibal the Cannibal" an already hospitalized serial killer. The rest of the film consists of Clarice-Hannibal mind games, and the race to catch the serial killer "Buffalo Bill" before he kills again. This movie will entertain, frighten and fascinate you and is well worth seeing, (but don't forget to check your locks and turn on some lights before watching it!)

Rating: !!!!

We would like to dedicate this week's column to our dear fan at the Saint Mary's "Journal", Mr. Andrew Bowers (the Remote Control guy).

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Mannequin 2

Carolyn:

Sequels everywhere! This movie was a fairy tale from beginning to end. Of course none of it was really believable but a prince, a peasant girl, a sorcerer (with a three foot long mole hair) and a thousand year curse made for 98 minutes of incredibly light fun! Although William Ragsdale (Fright Night) who played Jason, this story's Prince Charming, was incredibly gorgeous, my favourite character by far was Hollywood Montrose. Montrose (who was also in the first Mannequin) is a "true artiste in every sense of the word" and I had to laugh every time he stepped onto the screen! (I LOVE THIS GUY!) If you're looking for light entertainment, this movie's definitely for you!

Rating: !!!

Lesley:

This sequel's plot is very similar to its predecessor, and just as tedious. It's the story of a peas-

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Thank you for your humble criticism and gracious comments. We realize we could never surpass your writing expertise and subtle wit. You are our mentor. As we know your true intention was to give us some publicity, we are forever indebted to you. You are the great master of video reviews, so we humbly submit a criticism of our own. May we suggest you seek help for your insecurity and fear of competition. Also, it may help to start working for a credible paper. Thank you ever so much for your kind words and until we hear from you again we remain...

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Feature

Helping Hands, Loving Hearts

by Lecann Thow

There's a long, dimly lit hallway on the third floor of Vincent Hall that houses some of the Mount's professor's offices. It is very quiet. Towards the end of the hallway, an office door is open. You can hear the clicking of a typewriter. A phone rings and the clicking stops. It's quiet again. Then you faintly hear a high pitched squeal and some laughter. It's coming from behind the closed door of room #3607.

If you open the door, you will walk into a small room with pinkish-peach walls that are dotted with pictures of fairytale characters. There is a sink and a fridge, a crib, a desk with a chair, a bookshelf, a table and two chairs, a high chair, a tiny tikes playhouse with a slide, a kiddy table with two little chairs and a storage closet. One whole wall is a window, but the curtains are pulled to keep out the bright mid-morning sunshine.

This room at the top of the hill is the Student Union Parent Care Lounge. The Lounge was started six years ago and has had many homes. Last year it was in Evaristus, this year it's at the Motherhouse.

The location is the biggest challenge the Lounge faces this year. The Lounge had to be moved because they are renovating this year at Evaristus. They are making new chemistry labs. Student

Council fought the move to the Motherhouse. One of the big concerns was, "most of the people who use the service need it financially. They don't have cars. Lugging books and a baby in a stroller up the hill is going to be hard, especially in the winter," explains Kathy Shay, Treasurer of the Student Union.

The Lounge is not a licensed child care facility, but a volunteer babysitting service for parents who are MSVU students.

Heidi Reinbold, the director of the program, says the room is full of, "helping hands and loving hearts."

Most of the volunteers are first-year girls. "They volunteer because they get homesick, or they miss their little brothers and sisters from home," Reinbold says.

The service is operated by thirty-four volunteers and accommodates 13 children between the ages of three months and five years. Parents may not use the centre (by way of supervised care) more than nine hours per week.

Parents are charged a fee of \$1.50 per hour per child. Parents submit monthly payments directly to the Student Union Office. Shay estimates the Lounge brings in about \$200 a month, but it does vary month to month. "That amount [\$200] is billed, not necessarily paid. Some haven't paid yet. Some people use the service because they need to. They

can't afford other care." The money that comes in is put towards Reinbold's monthly honorarium. The University supplies the room at the Motherhouse.

Parents are responsible for providing children with snacks or lunches, extra clothing, blankets and crib sheets, as well as diapers and any creams to be used during change time.

The first function of the Parent Care Lounge is to allow parents to attend class.

Helene Monsigneur, mother of four-month-old Alex, says if there wasn't the Parent Care Lounge, she wouldn't be able to go to school. She especially likes that the Lounge is run by volunteers. "I think the girls are more reliable. They are volunteers. They obviously want to do it. They aren't in it for the money. They provide good care because they enjoy what they are doing."

Monsigneur admits that at the beginning she was a little timid leaving Alex. "Every parent is scared at the beginning, you don't think anyone can look after your child as well as you can, but now I'm quite comfortable leaving Alex."

If there is one complaint about the Parent Care Lounge it's its location. "If it was at Seton or Evaristus you could check on the kids between classes," Monsigneur adds.

Celeste Chiasson agrees. This is Celeste's second semester volunteering at the Lounge. "I would probably do more [hours] if it was down at Seton." Celeste puts in three hours a week, and finds it easier to do it in one chunk on Wednesday mornings. "If it was closer you could volunteer on free periods between classes, but having it up here [the Motherhouse] takes up so much time walking up and down the hill that it's not really worth it."

This is Karen Hiltz's first semester volunteering at the Lounge. Karen got involved with the Lounge because she wanted to do some volunteer work on campus. Karen says she has learned a lot in a short time and feels appreciated. "It makes you realize what it would be like to be a single mom....or a mom at all. I can't imagine having to study at home with a two-year-old around."

Most of the children at the Lounge are between two and three years of age. A volunteer will only look after three children at any given time. "Some children require more care than is possible to give, but you just have to do your best," Chiasson says.

"We get complaints sometimes from the surrounding offices if the children are really noisy, but they [the professors] are pretty understanding," Chiasson adds.

The Lounge runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but is open only when

necessary. The Lounge is open to all Mount students, although actual scheduling operates on a first come, first serve basis.

The Lounge is a parentally-approved facility. It is necessary for the parents to take an active role in its day-to-day running. "The parents help out by bringing stuff in from home like paper and craft supplies and by helping keep the room tidy," Reinbold says. "The room is small and if it isn't kept tidy it looks cluttered."

"We really don't have a budget, so we have to get things donated. It would be nice if the children had some blocks to play with, but there are lots of other toys," Reinbold adds.

"Sometimes the tile floor gets cold; it would be nice to have a small piece of carpet. What we really need is a rocking chair to rock the babies in," Chiasson says.

The Lounge also has access to room #3610 across the hall, but it is seldom used. The separate rooms make it more difficult to supervise the children and also increases the noise level. "If the children are really wound up we can take them down to the gym to play so we don't disturb anyone," Hiltz says.

The Parent Care Lounge is a unique service, available only at the Mount. It would not exist without the co-operation of so many people who enjoy providing a service for others.

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Sports

Mens Basketball Team Wins Provincial Championships

by Nadine Hines

The men's basketball team captured their second NSCAA provincial title on Sunday. This marked another historical milestone for the men's team. They were not only the first men's team to capture a title last year, they are the first men's team to capture back to back titles in the Mount's history.

On Saturday in the semi-finals, the Mystics rebounded from a defeat by TUNS two weeks ago to win by a twenty point margin of 77-57.

"It was a total team and coaching effort", said Mark Forward, "TUNS wasn't prepared for what we were prepared for."

Every team member scored,

including first year players Steven Sampson and Todd House who scored two point respectively. Top scorers for the Mount were, Mark Forward 20, Ray Adekayode 10, Tony Ross 10, and Dyrick McDermott 9. Andrew McNeil was top rebounder with 19 rebounds alone!

The Mystics then advanced to the finals against NSTC. Down by 10 points at the half, the Mystics came back to tie the Hawks with 13:15 to go in the game. With Dyrick McDermott's basket and foul shot, the Mystics took the lead and never looked back. The final score 66-45.

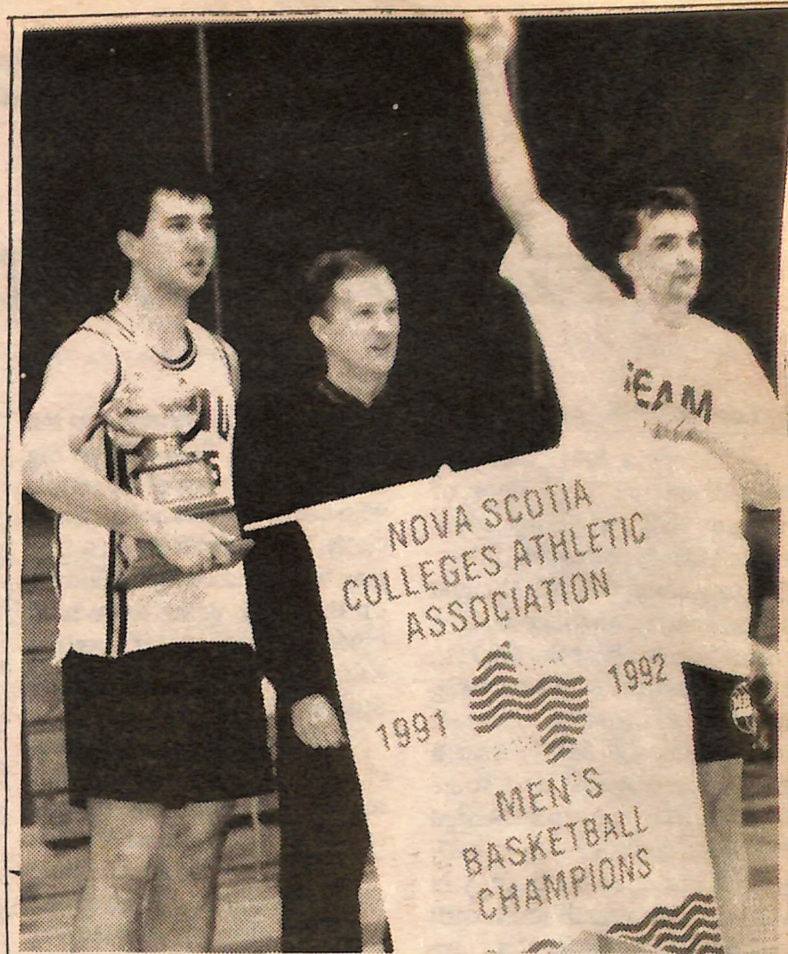
Again it was a great team effort, Forward said, "the coaching was awesome" and added,

"timming on the substitutions were great!". This being Forwards last year concluded, "It was a good feeling to be a part of it."

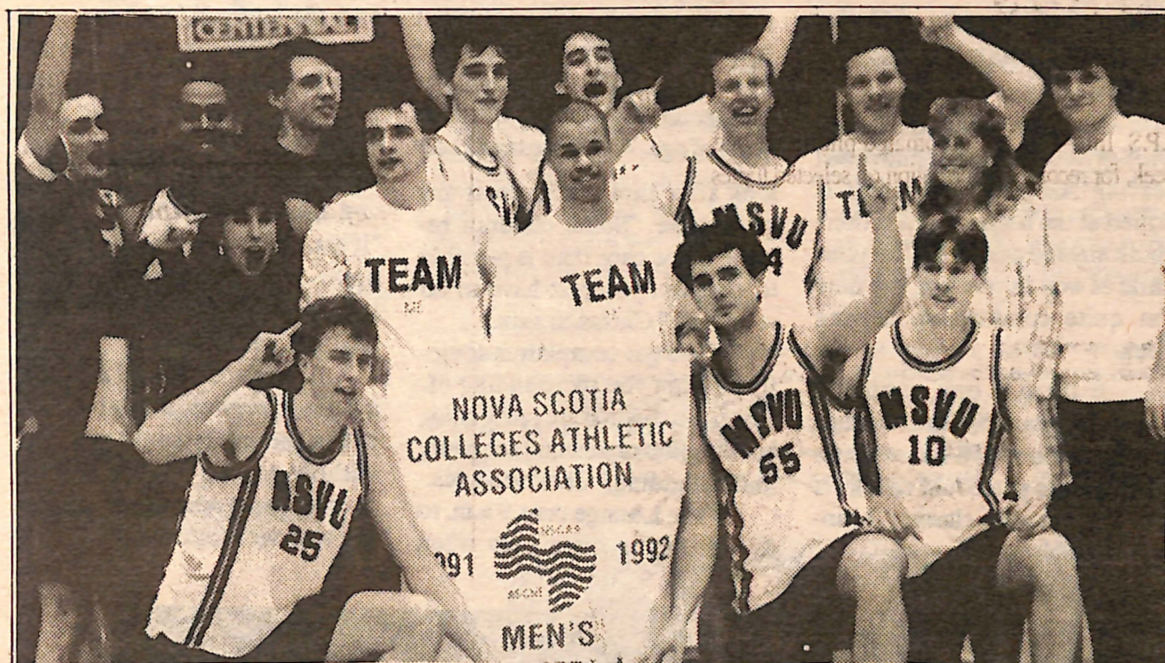
Scorers for the Mount were, Mark Forward 20, Andrew McNeil 8, Dyrick McDermott 7 and Anthony McNeil 4.

At the awards ceremonies held on Saturday, Tony Ross was named to the 1st all-conference team, Mark Forward and Andrew McNeil both named to the 2nd all-conference team. Congratulations to these three athletes and to the whole team.

The team will travel to Seneca College in Toronto Tuesday to participate in the National Championships.



Co-Captains, Mark Forward and Dyrick McDermott accept the trophy and banner.



Sweet Victory



The number of fans attending provincials was great and much appreciated.



Disappointment for Women

The Mystics Women's Basketball team finished their regular season play in second place behind Nova Scotia Teachers College. The Mystics had defeated NSTC two weeks prior to the Championships for the first time this season.

In the first round of the NSCAA Championships the Mystics faced the University of Kings College. The team from Kings had handed the Mystics their fifth loss of the season just a week before the playoffs. The Mystics were not stymied by this loss and came out strong, leading at one time by sixteen points. The second half seemed to take its toll on the Mystics as they lost their footing and faltered a bit but finally ended the game with a

48-44 win. This win advanced the team to the Championship Final game against the team from Nova Scotia Teachers College. The Mystics had defeated NSTC two weeks prior to the Championships for the first time this season.

The Mystics came out against a very determined team from NSTC falling behind at one point by fourteen, but fighting back to take the lead by five points at the half. The determination of the NSTC and mental lapses by the Mount team led to their demise as they fell to the Hawks by a final score of 63-52.

While the team was disappointed by the loss after representing the NSCAA at the Na-

tionals for the past two years, two members of the team were recognized by the conference when Alex Taylor was named to the first all star team and Jocelyn MacLean was named to the second team. Alex Taylor was also selected the conference most valuable player and a member of the All Canadian team.

The team will be losing three members of the team who have been instrumental in getting the team to nationals twice before and who have had a positive impact on the women's basketball program here at the Mount. Wanda Skinner, Jeannie Flynn and Jocelyn MacLean are all graduating this year and will be greatly missed by the team.

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Good Job!



Krista Naugler who is a member of the Women's Volleyball team was selected MVP for the NSCAA and is nominated all-Canadian. Krista is a second year student in the Human Ecology



Alex Taylor, who is a member of the women's basketball team was selected MVP for the NSCAA and was also selected All-Canadian. Alex is a third year student in the PR program.

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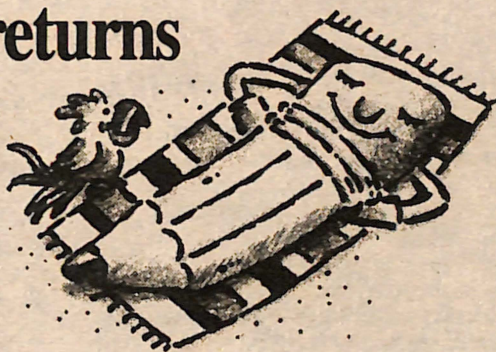
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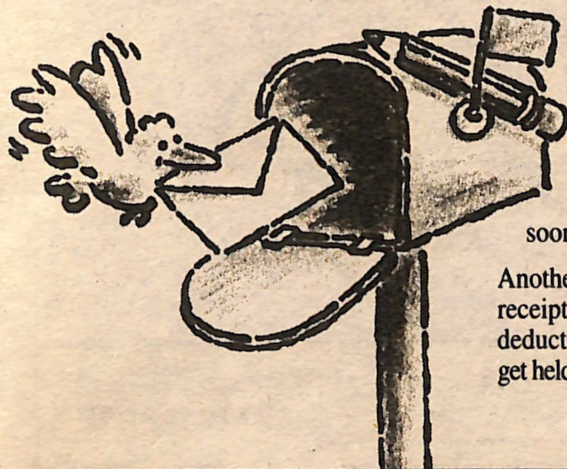
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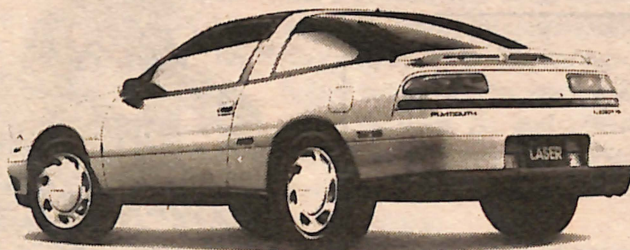
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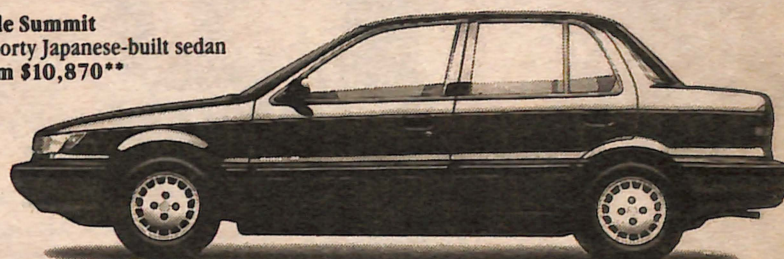
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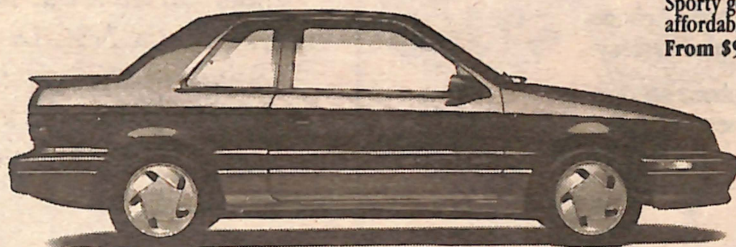
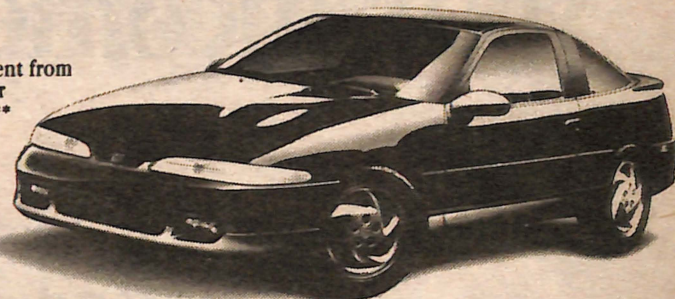
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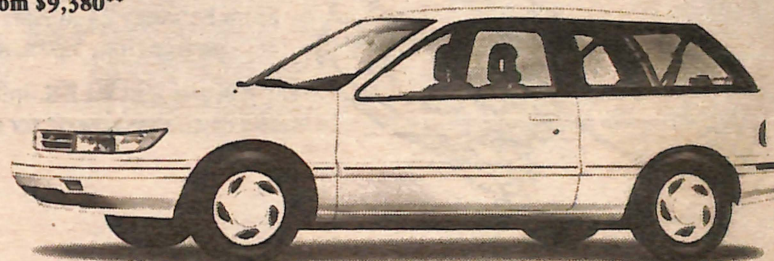
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