

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

Plastics: Environmental Killers

By: Charmaine Pope

The environment is one of the hottest topics in today's society. People pride themselves on being "environmentally conscious" and on taking steps to help "save" the environment. One way people try to aid the environment is by using biodegradable plastics. A major question remains: Do biodegradable plastics help to save the environment or do they create harm for the environment?

Plastic does not break down easily at landfill sites or in the natural environment. It takes many years for plastic to break down. The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation reported that more than 50 percent of the garbage on Nova Scotia's shoreline is plastic. Many animals are killed

on beaches each year by plastic wrappers.

Many companies are trying to develop a biodegradable plastic by adding chemicals to plastic. There are two types of biodegradable plastic. One type is photobiodegradable plastic which breaks down when exposed to ultraviolet light or direct sunlight. Their advantage is that they reduce litter on roadsides. The other type is plastic which breaks down when buried in soil or submerged in water so they reduce the amount of litter.

The use of biodegradable plastics offer some solutions to environmental problems created by plastics but not much. Lois Corbett, Director of the Ecology Action Centre, says that

the use of biodegradable plastic is just a "green band-aid" and that it is not much of an alternative to regular plastic. Biodegradable plastics just break down into small pieces of plastic which still take many years to fully break down.

Corbett says that many people are very proud of the fact that they use biodegradable garbage bags but they often fail to realize that their garbage bags are full of material, including plastics which are not biodegradable. The garbage bag may degrade easily but other things in the bag may take a long time.

Rather than develop more biodegradable plastics, Corbett says we should reduce consumption of plastic and reuse the plastic products we buy.

Corbett says that a garbage can with a little bit of garbage is better than a biodegradable bag full of non-degradable material.

Corbett tries to decrease her use of plastic by taking simple steps. These include getting grocery stores to wrap all the meat she buys in brown paper rather than in plastic. She buys recyclable glass pop bottles and she also takes a knapsack to the grocery store to put her groceries in so she will not need to use plastic grocery bags.

A "packaging ethic" is needed according to Corbett. The ethic would involve companies looking at the packaging of a product from the beginning to the end of the product life cycle. The focus would consider what

happens to the package when the user is finished with it. The ethic could involve more recycling or more and better biodegradable packages.

Corbett says that companies like McDonald's, whose emphasis is on consumption, should shift its focus to recycling. She says they should use plates and forks which can be washed after use rather than containers which are discarded.

Any development of a "packaging ethic" may bring radical changes to companies and consumers' lives. Until we get a "packaging ethic" and questions remain about biodegradable plastics, our environment will continue to suffer the effects of people using plastic.

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Diapers: An Environmental Threat

By: Elizabeth Beck

The "green wave" that's flooding the country has even found its way into babies' nurseries. Parents must now decide whether they will use cloth or disposable diapers to cover their baby's bottom.

It has recently been discovered that disposable diapers present serious environmental problems. In the 2 1/2 year period in which a baby needs diapering, he or she will contribute about a half a ton of disposables to Canada's landfill sites. Because the plastic takes about 500 years to decompose, they add to the problem of landfills reaching full capacity.

Another environmental problem presented by disposables is that they increase the demand for pulp and petroleum. In fact, one survey estimates that nearly one billion trees worldwide are used annually to manufacture disposable diapers.

In addition to the environmental problems, disposables pose health risks. Viruses from human waste can survive for up to two weeks in a sealed, plastic-coated diaper. If the viruses es-

cape, they can contaminate groundwater near landfills.

Another problem with using disposables is that they contain toxic chemicals, such as dioxins for which no safe level has been determined.

However, there are other factors to consider, such as the convenience of disposables. These diapers are a blessing for families in which one, or both parents work full or part-time.

With the recent environmental movement, many parents are turning to cloth diapers as an alternative to disposables. Today's cloth diapers are more efficient than ever before, as they have fitted legs and velcro fasteners.

Many entrepreneurs are taking advantage of this environmental awareness by starting up cloth diaper services. Parents store the diapers in deodorized containers, usually without even having to rinse them. The services pick up the diapers, wash them, and return them to the homes.

Of course, cost is always a consideration. Diapering a baby

in brand name disposables for 2 1/2 years costs about \$1,400-\$1,700. Using a cloth diaper service costs about the same as using disposables. However, using cloth and washing them at home only costs about \$600.

What this "green wave" movement means for parents is that they now have a big decision to make. For manufacturers of disposable diapers this could mean bad news.



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EDITORIAL

I listen to the silence. The fan is turned off; the phone is unplugged. No one comes in because I have the key. My office is like a black hole and my body is stretched out on the couch. My muscles contract and relax...contract and relax. My eyes are closed and my fingers, which slide lightly over them, wipe away the tension. Commotion and anxiety fade away. My mind stops racing and I become more aware of the most obscure little noise. I am learning to relax.

In the city, there are noises we never escape. The traffic, horns, and sirens all break the wonderful serenity. It is so loud; yet it is a silent killer--noise pollution. High blood pressure, strokes, heart attacks, stress and frustration are constant reminders that noise pollution is an important factor in the general health of people in the city.

If you've already discovered the value of relaxing, you

won't think taking a few minutes out of a busy schedule to do nothing in the dark is so absurd.

At university we are especially prone to stress. Deadlines, exams, busy schedules, and personal problems at times seem too much to handle and the stress keeps us awake just when we most need the rest. When we get home we listen to the television, blare the music or talk with roommates. We are using noise to relax us...Ironie!

If you don't seem to cope well during the day sometimes, are stressed out when you get home or can't sleep because your brain won't take a rest--try listening to silence and use some relaxation techniques. It doesn't matter if you look silly. You're alone in a black room. No one else has to know.

Garbage is polluting our environment; noise is polluting our minds.

Jean Sloan



33 Shopping Days 'til XMAS

Sollows Speaks

By: Celia Sollows

I was at a friend's apartment playing cards a couple of weeks ago when LA LAW came on. It was the season premiere. Not a highlight in my life by any means, but it proved distracting enough for us to forfeit the card game and engage in one of those endless debates that students attack with relish. This particular program touched on the issue of animal rights and the fur industry.

Historically, Canada is pretty close to the fur industry. The Hudson's Bay Company began trade in furs and established a demand for them in fashion conscious Europe.

Interesting enough, I think the opposition to the fur trade was initiated in Europe as well. Maybe it is the result of all that interbreeding that dominates higher civilization.

In any case, I have trouble understanding opposition to the fur industry. I have several friends opposed to the idea of harvesting animals for their fur, but they are unable to provide me with any explanation that can be logically supported.

There is no difference between killing an animal for fur and killing an animal for food or

leather. Granted, no one likes to see a seal pup clubbed into oblivion or a fox gnaw its leg off to free itself from a trap. But these ugly images aren't realistic depictions of Canada's fur industry. Today it is more common for animals that are produced for their fur to be grown in a controlled farm environment. Yes, that means cages. But how does that differ from keeping cattle in a stall?

There is one particular incident that typifies the lunacy that is involved in the fur debate. During the annual seal hunt a group poured green dye on seal pups so the damaged hides would be destroyed and couldn't be sold on the market. As a result the pups starved to death because the adult seals would not feed them.

Now that seal coats are passe, the cod fishery is being depleted by the growing seal population. I understand experimental methods of population control are being tested but I haven't heard anything of their success.

This scenario can be applied, on a broader scale, to the debate that is currently facing the fur industry. Public opposition, kind-hearted but per-

haps ill-informed, leads to greater problems. Problems like unemployment and welfare for people who have depended on the industry for their livelihood. I don't advocate hunting endangered species, but I fail to see the logic in putting an animal's life above a human's.

If you still think it is cruel to kill for fur, what about boiling a live lobster? How do you rationalize those leather shoes? If you think that meat is a necessary part of your diet, many vegetarians have proved you wrong. There are alternatives.

Using animals for research is, for me, a non-issue. If we can find a cure for a disease such as cancer through animal research, we can continue to become a healthier society. On the other hand, if we are so bold as to oppose such research as has proven effective in the past, perhaps we shouldn't live any longer than we already do. When animal life starts to take precedence over human life longevity isn't something that I look forward to.



In the Spanish literary tradition of the picaresque novel, a picaro was one who lived by his wits as he roamed from one place to another.

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Groundwater Contamination

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"If you live in an area near a dump, a dry cleaning business, service station, or near fields where they use chemical pesticides, you have a right to have your water tested," says Cindy Gallagher of Margerville, New Brunswick.

Like other New Brunswickers, Cindy and her family are victims of groundwater contamination caused by the pesticides and fertilizers farmers use in fields near her home. The *Underlying Threat*, a NFB documentary, examines how Cindy, four families, and two communities reacted when they discovered toxic chemicals in their water supplies. Written by Kevin Mathews and produced by the National Film Board, Atlantic Centre, the film provides a local perspective on an issue that has been the subject of concern around the world.

Groundwater is water found beneath the land which supplies lakes, rivers, wetlands and marshes with fresh water. Described as "the bloodline of the planet", 95 percent of the world uses groundwater as a

source of water supply.

Approximately 6 million Canadians rely on groundwater as a source of water supply. When hazardous wastes, pesticides, nitrogen fertilizers, leachates from landfills, garbage dumps and underground storage tanks to name a few, enter the soil, these poisonous wastes eventually enter the groundwater.

The *Underlying Threat* examines groundwater which can seep into any water system virtually undetected. Cindy Gallagher became concerned when she noticed that many members from neighbourhood families had cancer. After a long battle with the government to receive accurate water testing, 19 of the 28 wells tested in her area had pesticide contamination, including her own well.

Water testing for hazardous waste is new where most laboratories only test for bacteria and naturally-occurring minerals. However, private labs can test for toxic wastes which can cost up to \$300. According to Dr. Michael Moss of Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, there

are still hundreds and thousands of other chemicals where little or no information is available.

Besides cancer, chemicals in the water can cause water blisters, sore throats, itchy skin, red eyes, anaemia, headaches and nausea. Currently, the extent of groundwater pollution throughout Canada is unknown, but because small businesses, agriculture and industries are the usual source of this pollution dilemma, rural areas, towns and cities are the potential victims. In addition, there are few laws in Canada which protect groundwater from pollution. Most small businesses lack the capacity to handle hazardous waste usually dumping their toxic chemicals down the sink. Even in many homes dumping household hazardous wastes such as paint thinners, cleaners, degreasers, disinfectants and glues down the sink may also contribute to the contamination of a groundwater supply. When contamination occurs identifying the source is difficult. Often families must buy bottled or bagged water at their own expense.

The *Underlying Threat* offers hope. "Much of our groundwater is still pure. There is still time to protect many of our vast reserves of underground water from pollution," says the narrator. The victims in the film with persistent public pressure against government and industry prove that efforts can be taken to avoid groundwater contamination. Although not all residents have been compensated and not all "the polluters have paid", a cry for ecological justice is seen and heard in the film. As Margaret Mead, an environmental activist concludes, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

The *Underlying Threat* is available for rent at the National Film Board, Halifax.



Paint Thinners



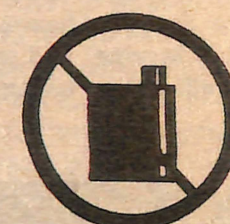
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Garbage Guide

By: Shona Ross

Remember reading, writing and arithmetic, the three R's to survival? Now, there are three R's for survival on our dying earth: recycle, reuse, and reduce.

Canadians produce 800 kilograms of garbage a year. That's approximately 4 pounds of garbage per person every day. With hardly any effort, you can become part of the solution instead of the problem. Here are a few suggestions.

A variety of items you may normally throw in the trash can be recycled. Paper, such as note paper and newspaper can be recycled except for high glossy magazine paper and flat cardboard. Instead of throwing paper away in class or at the photocopier, take it home and add it to your pile of papers. When garbage day arrives, just pile your paper in a separate bag and place it aside from your other garbage on the curb.

Wine bottles, non-returnable bottles, glass jars and even those aluminum beer cans can be recycled. There are depots around Halifax where you

can bring your collectibles. Here are a few: (from A Guide to Recycling in Nova Scotia. The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation) Twin Cities Bottle Exchange 3557/3559 Dutch Village Road 443-3737

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What about the styrofoam, plastic containers and bags that fill the bin? Reuse and reduce.

Even though most styrofoam and aerosol products are now CFC free, their use still generates waste that will probably be around long after we're gone. There are alternatives.

-Ask Mr. Grocer or one of his managers to stop packaging your hamburger in styrofoam; have it wrapped instead. -Bring your own coffee cup to school or ask Chef Rene to use glass dishes in the Sacateria.

-Buy your cookies and other products in bulk. When you do buy something that comes with more plastic than product, mail the garbage back to the manufacturer.

-Use your grocery bags over and over and over again. Take those plastic bags shopping every week; better yet, use your knapsack.

-Take the bus, walk or bike. If you drive, you deserve parking and traffic headaches.

-Take egg cartons, toilet rolls, tin

plates and plastic containers to day cares and schools. Students can use them for art supplies.

-Please, please, please don't throw your hazardous wastes in the garbage and down the sink. Save your paint thinner, glues, solvents,

etc. These can be adequately disposed of at organized household hazardous waste depots.

You CAN make a difference! If you have any tips to share, drop them off at the PICARO, and join Students Against Waste.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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Students Hurt by VIA Cuts

WINNIPEG (CUP) -- Post-secondary students -- who use the train three times more often than the rest of Canada -- will be hit hard by Via Rail service cutbacks, the Canadian Federation of Students says.

Federation chair Jane Arnold said the cuts will hurt students' ability to move around cheaply and will seriously affect students who depend on Via Rail to get home.

About 11 per cent of Canadian post-secondary students use the train, compared to about three per cent of all Canadians, according to a survey conducted by Campus Plus.

"It is important to factor in the cost students are faced with today as they attend post-secondary institutions," Arnold said. "In recognition that students use the train extensively, Via Rail has offered a student discount of a third in savings on a ticket."

Deborah Boardman, a Via employee and coordinator of 'Keep Via Moving,' said more students will end up taking the bus.

"(The train) is good because we have the facilities. We get people who come on with canoes, snowshoes, backpacks. There's no limit to what you can bring onto the baggage car.

"Most of what we get are students who take their bicycles and they take bicycling expenditures. Now if you have 100 students on a bus there's no way you're going to get bicycles on a bus."

More people will likely travel by air, but Boardman said they shouldn't expect cheaper rates. She said over the last few years Canadian airlines have been reducing their available capacity -- the Via cutbacks will mean a higher demand for air travel which will push prices higher.

With the train effectively gone in many parts of the country, Boardman said Canada will end up as a nation dependent on gasoline.

"What if there's a bus strike, what if there's airline strike. There are all things you have to consider. There are no options."

She said that people aren't planning for the future.

She said the media is misinforming the public by saying no one is taking the train.

"They're coming up with saying certain trains are absolutely empty, certain trains are only 30 per cent full and these are trains that are at 95 per cent capacity."

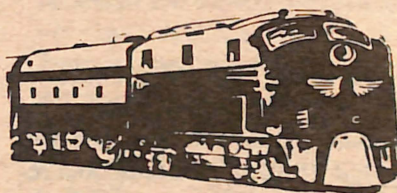
The Via Rail cutbacks will cost over 2,700 Via employee (as well as an unspecified number of CNR employees) their jobs but Boardman said employees aren't the only ones which will be hurt. While only 3 per cent of Canadians use the train; 5 per cent use airplanes, Boardman said.

"The amount of Canadians using the train is really irrelevant in that sense because the trains are always full. The rest of the people are tourists and that's nothing to be scoffed at. That brings in millions of dollars to this country."

She said tourism-based communities like Lake Louise and Banff, Alberta will be in deep trouble.

"The highest ridership trains in these areas are being taken out," she said. "If you're not going to take out all the trains why take the ones with the best ridership?"

Boardman said Western Canada and Atlantic Canada will be the hardest hit by the cutbacks.



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Abortion Bill Unpopular

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The proposed criminal law on abortion is a dangerous infringement on women's rights pro-choice leaders say.

While the bill, which makes having an abortion without valid "social, psychological or economic cause" punishable by two years in jail, isn't as limiting as what many observers had expected, Judith Allen said it still "stinks."

The spokesperson for the National Association of Women and the Law said the bill, tabled last week by Justice Minister Doug Lewis, contains provisions similar to the old law struck down in 1988 by the Supreme Court.

The old abortion law (authored by then-Minister of Justice John Turner) required women seeking abortions to prove their need to a hospital committee. But standards for what constituted a valid need for an abortion varied wildly from province to province.

Allen said the proposed law would have the same problem.

"If you're in Ontario you could say you were stressed out and that might be enough reason to have an abortion," she said. "But if you go to Charlottetown, the doctor might say, 'well, you're not suicidal, so you don't qualify'."

"Women in rural areas, in the north, in Nova Scotia, in Newfoundland will not have the same kind of access to abortions because the law will be applied differently," she added.

This aspect of the old law was found to violate women's right to security of person, Allen said.

The bill would also leave the door open for "ex-boyfriends, family or neighbours" to bring a complaint against a woman they felt was getting an 'illegal' abortion, Allen said.

Allen said the bill could force women who wanted abortions because their birth control failed to have the child or face prosecution.

"In effect, it makes them criminally liable for the act of being sexually active," she said. "In this country, that's not a crime now, but this bill would make it that way."

Canadian Abortion Rights Action League official Nicole Jasmin said the bill was a move to pacify the anti-choice minority.

"It's very difficult to justify this bill to the anti-choice minority," she said. "It makes me wonder what are they promising down the road. All they would have to do is take out the word 'psychological' and abortions would be virtually impossible to perform legally."

"It's very dangerous," she added.

Under the proposed bill, it will be up to doctors to decide whether a woman has a valid need for an abortion.

"That's a terrible imbalance of power," Jasmin said, "which is demeaning and insulting to women."

Allen was optimistic that the bill would be unpopular enough with both pro and anti-choice members of parliament that it would have difficulty getting out of the house's committees.

Are University Students Dyslexic

TORONTO (CUP) -- University of Toronto biochemistry students are angered at a professor's theory that some of them are dyslexic.

Biochemistry professor David Tinker left a message on a public electronic mail system, open to his class, saying a large number of university students suffer from the developmental disorder affecting comprehension.

"I postulate that an unexpectedly large proportion of students have become functionally dyslectic (sic)," he wrote in a note addressed to his third year class, "that is, unable to obtain knowledge from written material even though they can read it."

A member of the class who complained to the UofT student paper, The Varsity, said he was insulted. He said other students had a similar reaction.

Tinker said the message wasn't meant to offend.

"This is a section for general intellectual discussion. There were no sweeping generalizations, there was no abusive language, there was no pejorative language used."

In the note, Tinker theorized that dyslexia could be caused by "neurological lesions."

However, Dr. Jim Warner, an associate professor in Brock's Faculty of Education who runs a reading research clinic, said the note contains generalizations and inaccuracies.

"To talk about brain lesions from developmental dyslexia is inappropriate. There may be, we don't know. We don't know enough to make a difference helping."

Warner also said it was unlikely a student would not be aware of the problem.

Dr. William Thompson, the acting chair of the Biochemistry department, said Tinker's theory was new to him.

"He (Tinker) is not trained in psychology, psychiatry or medicine, so he is not an expert. He should not be going around labelling people as dyslexic. That is very foolish."

Time Running Out For Innu

By Brigitte Audet

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Time may be running out for the 10,000 Innu of Nitassinan.

"The government has treated us as a non-existent people, they have gone ahead and done things on our land without our approval," Innu Raphael Gregoire, told Carleton University students last week.

Ottawa was the final stop of a cross-Canada tour for Gregoire and other members of the Sheshashit Innu community in Labrador and Northern Quebec (Nitassinan). The tour was meant to publicize the Innu's fight against low-level military flight testing over their land.

The group says flight testing, out of a military base in Goose Bay, by Canadian, British, German and Dutch NATO planes are destroying the Innu way of life, devastating the environment and threatening the Innu with ethnocide.

The jets fly about 100 feet above the ground, speed up to 800 miles per hour which causes the noise levels to reach 140 decibels.

Gregoire said flight testing make children afraid to go to sleep, or even to go out and play. It also disrupts adults who hunt and fish for a living.

"The change in noise level produces a startling effect you can't control," said Rob Bartel, a member of the Mennonite Central Committee, who has been travelling with the Innu group.

The Innu began discussing and protesting the flight testing ever since it began nine years ago, but military activity has increased since then.

An estimated 7,500 flights took place between March and December of 1988. The Innu's, who have lived in the area for 8,000 years, want to keep Goose Bay from being chosen for a NATO Tactical Fighter and Weapons Training Centre.

The centre would use about 150,000 square kilometres of Labrador and Quebec -- mostly Innu land -- and increase the number of flights to a possible 40,000 per year.

The Department of National Defence (DND) released an study which said the base would have "minimal effects" on the environment.

"Quite honestly, we believe that the effects of low-level flight training can be mitigated to reduce the impact on the Innu," said Lt. John Blakeley, of National Defence.

"If people are willing to let us know where they are, we will simply go elsewhere," he said.

There are about 10,000 Innu living in different communities in Nitassinan. In Innu, Nitassinan means "Our Land".

"The Innu never signed any land treaties with the government," says Sylvester Andrew, an Innu elder.

"They destroy the peacefulness of living in the country. People who want to live in peace aren't able to do so."

The jets disturbing leave oily slicks in the water, destroying aquatic life. The flights also disrupt animals feeding habits.

"In bombing ranges we don't see wildlife anymore, animals won't go back to bombing ranges," Gregoire said.

Stephen Schneider, a Carleton student and founder of NATO Out of Nitassinan on campus, said it's hard to measure the damage to the Innu lifestyle.

Blakeley defended a recent report released by the Department of National Defence which concludes that NATO activities are not disruptive to the Innu culture.

Schneider disputes the DND report.

"Having DND conduct a study of the impact of low-level flight testing on the Innu is like having Hitler conduct a study on the impact of concentration camps on Jewish people," said Schneider.

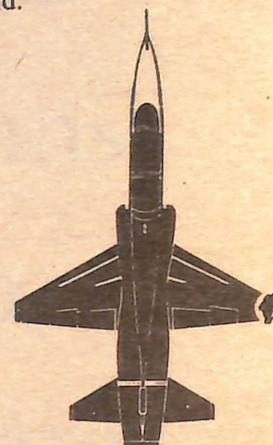
Over 250 criminal charges have been laid in connection with protests and acts of civil disobedience against military activity.

"It (trespassing onto the military base and runways) is civil disobedience in your culture, but

to us, we are walking on our own land," Gregoire told the audience of Carleton students.

Last April, Newfoundland provincial court Judge James Igloliorte acquitted four Innu who were facing mischief charges on the basis that they "reasonably believed CFB Goose Bay is on their land."

"He said we have a reasonable basis..." Gregoire said, "We have a right to protest on our own land."



Finance minister Michael Wilson told parliament in April that the reduced growth rate would cut \$200 million in 1991 alone from the payment program, which will transfer \$34 billion to the provinces this year.

Because the EPF represents 23 per cent of all federal spending, Wilson argued, it had to be cut back as part of the conservative deficit-cutting program.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) researcher Mike Old said C-33 will mean \$900 million less in federal payments for post-secondary education between 1991 and 1995.

Ministry of finance officials say although federal spending will be reduced, it will not fall below the rate of inflation, and extra payments to poorer provinces will continue.

But C-33 is not the first cut-back in federal transfer payments. In 1984, the liberal government limited growth in transfer payments as part of its '6 and 5' restraint program.

The Conservatives' C-96, introduced in 1986, reduced the growth rate by two per cent.

Old says between C-96 and C-33, the total loss to post-secondary education funding will be \$6.8 billion by 1995.

"You have to wonder what the feds are doing when Mulroney makes these comments about how education and research are meant to be priorities, and then they turn around and announce these cutbacks," Canadian Federation of Students chair Jane Arnold said.



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OTTAWA (CUP) -- Their faces were streaked with red, blue and green.

They were hordes of screaming students. They were tooting blowhorns, kazoos and a bevy of assorted noisemakers, but they weren't at a football game.

They were, in fact, on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to protest Bill C-33 last Thursday. The noon-hour rally took place on the steps of a chilly, rain-soaked national capitol before the Canadian Federation of Students' lobbying effort.

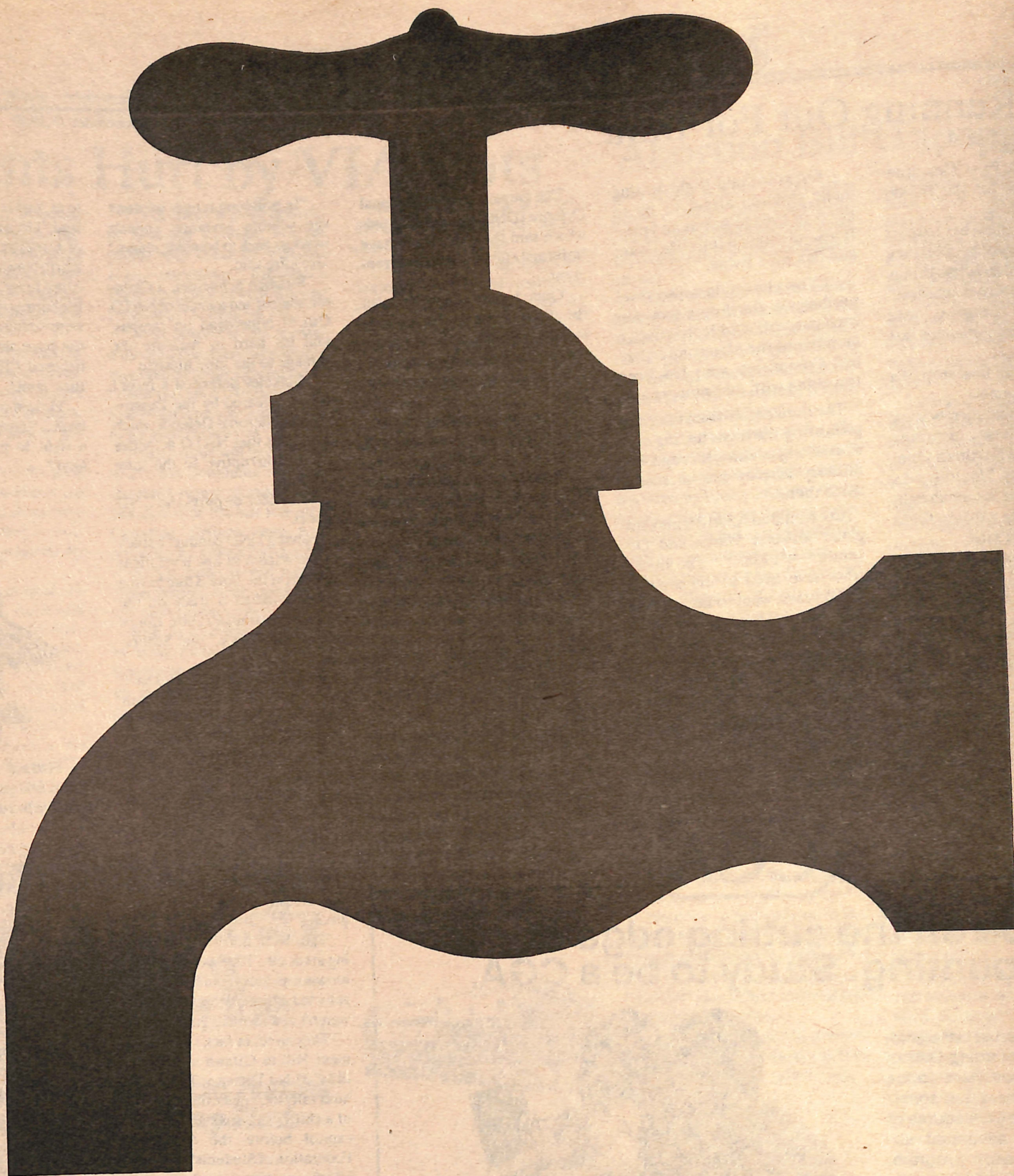
Ink from "Kill the Bill" and other anti-Tory placards had dribbled onto their bearer's faces.

In between speeches by student leaders from across Canada the students chanted "Hey hey, ho ho education cutbacks have got to go," and "We want Brian," as the rain poured down.

Rally organizers didn't get anything like the 2000 students from Carleton and the University of Ottawa they had planned, but at least 500 showed up.

Bill C-33 will cut federal payments to the provinces for health care and post-secondary education.

The bill will reduce the growth rate for the payments to the under the Established Programs Financing program (EPF), by one per cent per year. It would be in effect for 1990/91.



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ENVIRONMENT



Hope Cottage - Brunswick St., Halifax

Hope Cottage and Cans for Care

By: Michael Trueman

Two years ago, Robert Branner, a graduate student, approached the Student Union with an idea. His idea was for Mount Saint Vincent University's students and staff to help support a charitable foundation through collecting aluminum cans, having them recycled and forwarding the proceeds. It was named Cans for Care.

The charity chosen by Mr. Branner was Hope Cottage

on Brunswick Street in Halifax.

Hope Cottage is "essentially a soup kitchen that serves meals twice a day," says Father Bill, Director of Hope Cottage. The meals are served twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening from Monday to Friday to people off the street. The Cottage is not only a place to have a meal but also a place to get warm with its hospitality and encouragement. Hope Cottage

is run by volunteers who give informed counselling and try to instill within the men and women who visit a sense of dignity and self-worth.

Last year we collected the cans at one point and had them recycled. When students went down to drop off the donation they were greeted by one of the volunteer workers. Upon receiving the money, he said thank you with the greatest of joy. They

had their refrigerator repaired earlier in the day and they did not know how they were going to get the money needed to pay their bill.

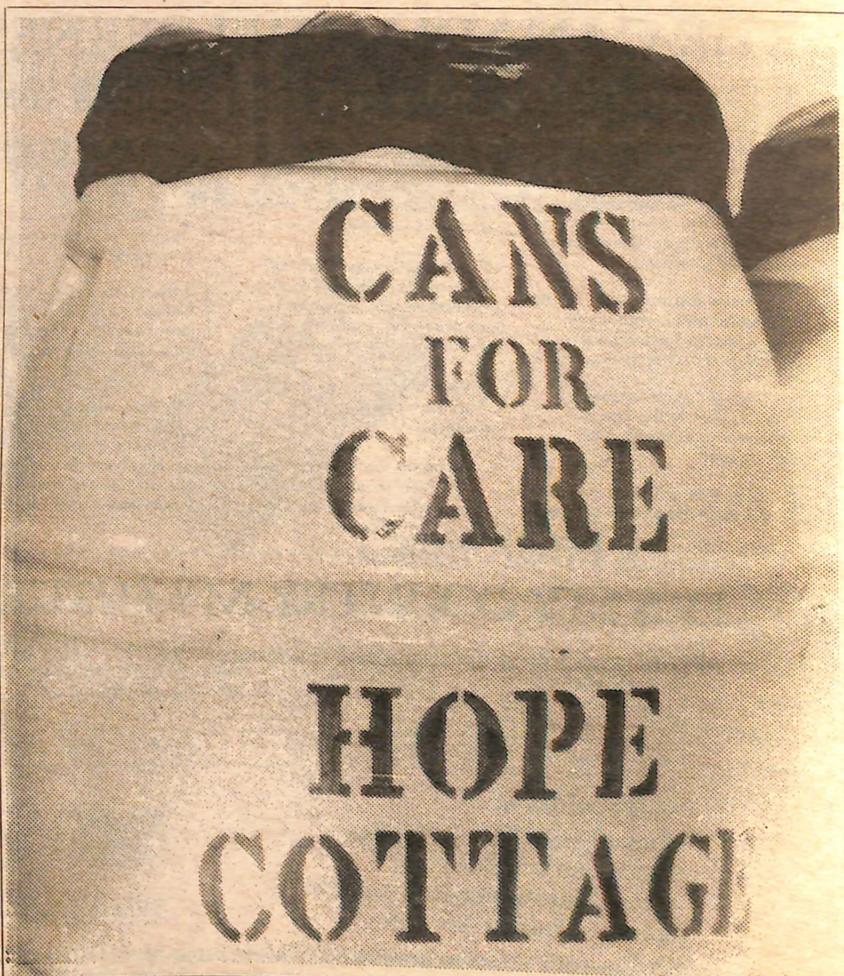
It is situations like this that makes our collection project worthwhile. Student Union is proud to facilitate this project. It is good to see a past student's dream and endeavour still oper-

ating. Unfortunately, we need students to help collect and crush the cans before they go to the recycling company. We need committed individuals willing to put forth their time and energy for a worthy cause. Please step forward and help us help them. If you are interested contact Naomi Martin or myself in the Student Union Office.

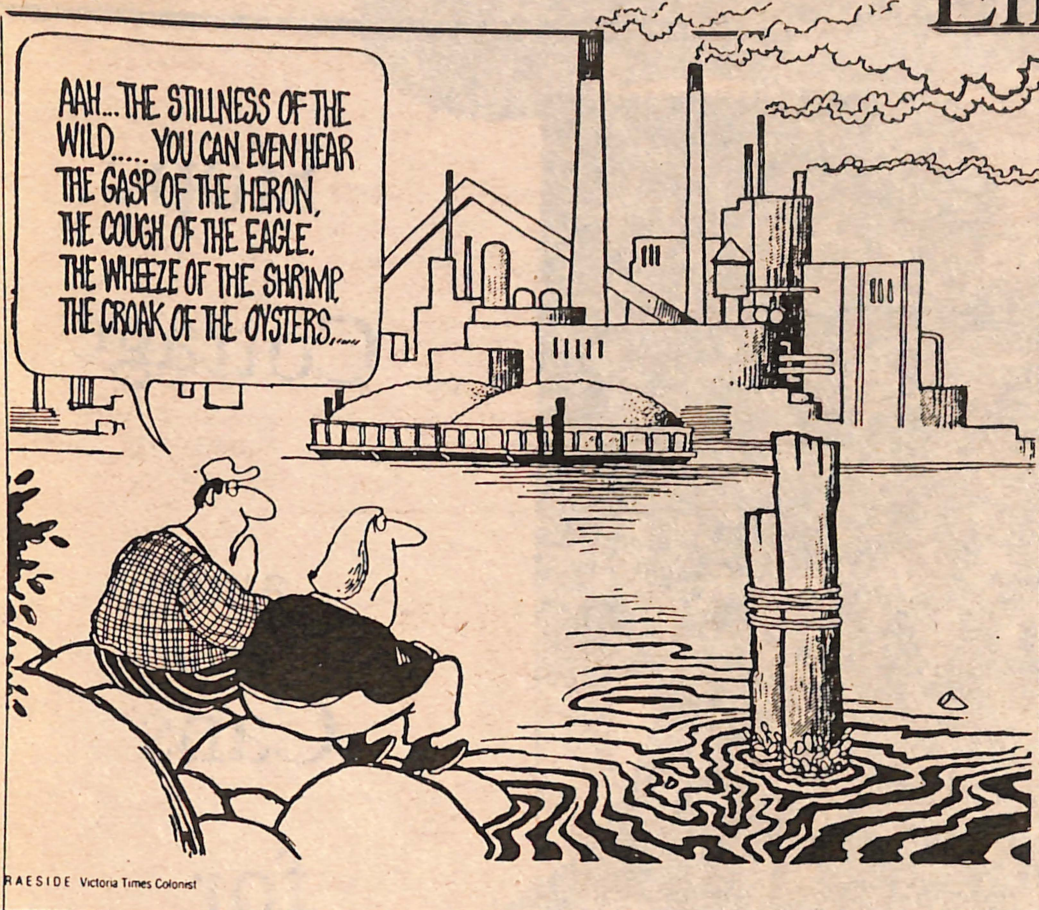
Tree of Life

Wilting, choking, thirst for sparkling spring;
Tall, towering, once untampered;
Yearning, starved, now diseased;
Consumed by acid-spitting puffs of thunder cloud;
Drowned with bleeding rivulets of running macabre cancers
Besieged, naked trash, hemorrhaging acrimonious toxins;
Protective wooden armor, melting, caking, peeling;
Demised buds, aged leafy fingers;
Decline, decay, dilapidated; surrendering tree.
None so blind, who choose not to see.
Open thine eyes; this tree, 'tis you, 'tis me.

By: Julie C. Ernst-Cox



MSVU Cans for Care



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Be An Environmentalist

By: Julie C. Ernst-Cox

Individual effort on a daily basis is crucial to the future of our environment. Be environmentally conscious and follow these tips every day:

Inside Your Home

- We are not water rich; save on water whenever possible.
- Dispose of hazardous wastes through a community collection organization, not through your drain.
- Substitute harsh chemicals with "old fashioned" alternatives, such as baking soda and vinegar for disinfecting, olive oil and lemon juice for polishing, or natural insecticides for house plants, to name just a few.
- Regularly air out your home.
- Use natural materials in your home whenever possible, such as wood or natural fibres in curtains and carpets.
- Avoid anything chemically treated.

Outside in the Yard

- Conserve water.
- Use environmentally safe pesticides and insecticides.
- If you must use hazardous chemicals, store them safely and dispose of them properly.
- Make sure your septic system functions properly.
- Inspect your oil tank for leaks (One litre of oil can contaminate up to 2 million litres of water)
- Try making your own compost (It could reduce your garbage by 1/3)

Your Automobile

Automobile exhaust contributes directly to acid rain.

It is the greatest single source of lead emissions into the air. It produces carbon monoxide which is hazardous to both the environment and humans.

- Make sure you use only unleaded gas.
- Avoid idling your engine for long periods.
- Reduce driving. Use buses, car pools, walk or bicycle instead.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly tuned.
- Keep tires inflated, engine lubricated and wheels aligned.
- Old oil or unwanted antifreeze should be taken to a gas station that accepts it.
- Give your used battery to a recycling company.
- Check regularly for oil leaks.
- Again, conserve water.
- Recycle paper, tins and glass.
- Never pour poisons out. Dispose of them properly.
- Encourage employer to purchase environmentally safe products.

Shopping

- Buy non-hazardous products.
- If you buy hazardous products only get what you need to minimize waste.
- Buy ingredients to mix your own safe products.
- Buy returnable bottles.
- Buy long storage bulk items, instead of over packaged smaller items.
- Buy store items in recycled jars.
- Avoid plastic packages.
- Avoid buying disposal diapers; they clog sewage systems, add greatly to landfill sites, and their manufacture uses large quantities of trees.
- Buy eggs in paper cartons not polystyrene foam.
- Buy loose vegetables, not those in foam trays.
- Buy white paper products; dyed paper contains harmful chemicals to avoid dioxins used to bleach paper products; try to purchase beige commercial paper products.
- Avoid foam products such as cushions, pillows, etc.

Avoid aerosol cans.

The Big Outdoors

At the beach

- Never litter or contaminate the beach or water.
- Never ride all-terrain vehicles along beaches; it destroys wildlife habitat.

Boating

- Avoid the temptation to top off your gas tank because of the small toxic spills.

- Never throw trash overboard.

- Use environmentally safe products when you can.

- Dispose of waste oil properly.

In General

- Make a conscious effort; little things count.
- Talk about your concerns; others may catch on.
- Take a "buyer beware" attitude; ask questions, push for environmentally safe products.
- Take advantage of recycling organizations, or start one up.

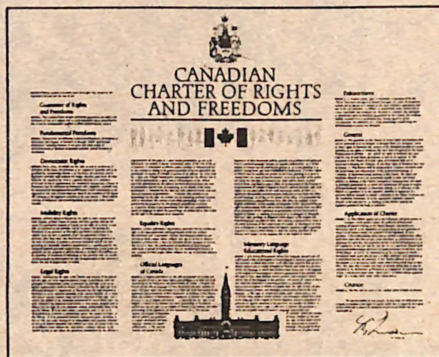
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2 Whereas our planet has already lost much of its former wilderness character, thereby endangering many species and ecosystems.

3 Whereas Canadians still have the opportunity to complete a network of protected areas representing the biological diversity of our country.

4 Whereas Canada's remaining wild places, be they land or water, merit protection for their inherent value.

5 Whereas the protection of wilderness also meets an intrinsic human

need for spiritual rekindling and artistic inspiration.

6 Whereas Canada's once vast wilderness has deeply shaped the national identity and continues to profoundly influence how we view ourselves as Canadians.

7 Whereas Canada's aboriginal peoples hold deep and direct ties to wilderness areas throughout Canada and seek to maintain options for traditional wilderness use.

8 Whereas protected areas can serve a variety of purposes including:

- a) preserving a genetic reservoir of wild plants and animals for future use and appreciation

by citizens of Canada and the world.

b) producing economic benefits from environmentally sensitive tourism.

c) offering opportunities for research and environmental education.

9 Whereas the opportunity to complete a national network of protected areas must be grasped and acted upon during the next ten years, or be lost.

1 We agree and urge:
That governments, industries, environmental groups and individual Canadians commit themselves to a national effort to establish at least one representative protected area in

each of the natural regions of Canada by the year 2000.

2 That the total area thereby protected comprise at least 12% of the lands and waters of Canada as recommended in the World Commission on Environment and Development's report, *Our Common Future*.

3 That public and private agencies at international, national, provincial, territorial and local levels rigorously monitor progress toward meeting these goals in Canada and ensure that they are fully achieved, and

4 That federal, provincial and territorial government conservation agencies on behalf of all Canadians develop action plans by 1990 for achieving these goals by the year 2000.

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Stay Informed

By: Marla Cranston

Our rapidly deteriorating environment has replaced nuclear weaponry as the major world problem students worry about.

The major difference between the two issues is students can do something about the environment. The first step is education and this doesn't require much time.

Newspapers are one of the best sources of information for recent statistics and developments in this area. Every issue of the Chronicle-Herald or Mail Star contains at least five articles relating what government and businesses are doing to save the planet.

Often, powerful people and organizations are all talk and no action. Lois Corbett exposes this hypocrisy in her regular column in the Daily News. The perspective of this environmentalist helps readers analyze the news, to see what's really happening. Corbett works with the Ecology Action Centre, which publishes a probing newsletter called "Between the Issues", definitely worth subscribing to.

The electronic media have started to pick up on growing environmental concerns. Watch for special programs on such topics as the clearcutting of Amazon rainforests.

When you monitor the media on a regular basis, you will find that changes are finally happening, perhaps not quickly enough, but attitudes are shifting.

Some government talk is being translated into action. Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard seems willing to put his job on the line to make sure improvements are made. The N.S. New Democratic Party is struggling to find a balance between industrial labour and environmental concerns. Local papers recently reported Dartmouth's municipal government is using recycled paper, even though it costs more. By now, all Halifax and Dartmouth citizens should know about the curbside newspaper collection service available to them.

Businesses are slowly responding as well. Corporate environmental responsibility makes for favourable publicity and satisfies the demands of consumers who care about the Earth.

Walk into a grocery store. Shining examples of "green" products are beginning to sprout up amid the clutter of unnecessary wasteful packaging. Plastic bottles Mr. Clean, Ivory dish soap and other products, can now be saved and refilled with much larger refill packs. This still creates waste

though not nearly as much.

Last summer, Loblaw's launched a line of assorted "green" products which will continue to expand if consumers respond favourably. Most grocery stores now use photodegradable garbage bags and photodegradable garbage bags can be purchased.

These are but a few examples of how the times are changing. Follow the media to find out more. The more you know, the more you'll panic and the more you'll do to change your own lifestyle. It's hard to take advantage of new products, services and ideas for waste reduc-

tion unless you know about them.

Stay informed so you can't ignore the magnitude of the problem, then let this knowledge guide your actions and purchasing habits.

Remaining aware can create waste too--don't forget to bundle your newspapers and save them for recycling!

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November 16, 1989

Environment Exhibit

PRESS RELEASE

An exhibition that examines our environment opened at the Anna Leonowens Gallery of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design on Monday, November 6.

In Gallery 1, the Anna Leonowens Gallery proudly presents Notions of Environment, an exhibition organized by Eastern Edge Gallery in Newfoundland. This exhibition has been on tour across Canada throughout 1989.

Notions of Environment features the work of Newfoundland artists including Jay Barry, Marlene Creates, Jim Hansen, Shelly McCoy, Kathleen Knowl- ing, Kathleen Sellars, Don Wherry, Susan Wood and Don Wright.

Says Marilyn Koop, Coordinator for Eastern Edge, "Although each artist approaches the Newfoundland environment in a unique way, the work tends to be 'descriptive' of the landscape rather than 'illustrative' of it."

The work includes sculpture, photographs, stone, found objects, drawings, collage and mixed media. Each artist interprets the environment in a very individual way. For example, Kathleen Sellars maintains that a similarity exists between the human figure and the Newfoundland landscape, forming a basis for her sculpture. In comparison, Jay Barry examines the multifaceted relationships that exist between urban and rural environments, and Marlene Creates is interested in the ways in which the landscape is richly and profoundly differentiated into "places."

For Jim Hansen, "environment is a space that I carry with me. Outside is white noise." In comparison, Susan Wood uses aspects and objects of nature as metaphors for female experience. Don Wherry, Kathleen Knowl- ing and Shelly McCoy employ sound, oil and acrylic on paper and acetate, and mixed media

respectively to share their concerns about the Newfoundland environment.

Don Wright, to whom this exhibition is dedicated, was an important member of the Newfoundland art community, whose work, sometimes controversial, was very concerned with the Newfoundland environment. This exhibition includes some of his work that inspired these artists over the years.

A catalogue is available and includes statements by each artist involved. Eastern Edge gratefully acknowledges the support of the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council, the Canada Council and the Don Wright Memorial Trust fund for Notions of Environment, which will be on display at the Gallery until November 25.

Tragically Hip on Stage

Shirley Gay

The Tragically Hip played last weekend to a fairly receptive Misty Moon crowd. This is not a band that many "Moon regulars" would have in their album collections but this hard-driving Canadian group won over the audience with their catchy rhythms, sardonic lyrics and good-natured stage banter. Long-time fans of the band were pleased to hear them play early material like "Highway Girl" and "Last Ameri-

can Highway," as well as some newer songs. Some other highlights included "New Orleans is Sinking", "I'm a Werewolf Baby," and the latest single "Blow at High Dough". Lead singer Gord Downey's versatile vocal styles made each number a real musical treat.

The Hip are in the midst of an extensive Canadian American tour promoting their new album, "Up to Here."



Foxfire: Another Success

By: Shirley Gay

The most difficult task in the world has to be letting go of the past.

"Foxfire", Neptune Theatre's second production of the season, paints a poignant picture of a family matriarch who must reconcile herself to the death of her husband and make new plans for her life.

The play stars Robert Clothier and Shirley Broderick as an "old married couple" who reside high in the mountains, living a pure, simple, God-fearing life. It is not idyllic, however. Conflict between the father and his children has led to deterioration of the family--only the youngest son returns to the homestead from time to time. Broderick, as the

mother and anchor of the family, must decide whether or not to sell the land and move to Florida.

The plot is age-old, and yet it isn't tired. The talented cast brings to life the touching story which delves deeper than family conflict; the story raises questions of progress, integrity and personal growth.

Clothier's portrayal of Hector, the ornery mountain man, is a stretch (somewhat) from his more familiar role as Relic on CBC's "The Beachcombers" and is the perfect complement to wife Broderick's character. Yet again, Neptune has provided top-notch entertainment for Metro's theatre lovers. "Foxfire" runs until December 3.



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Movietalk "Gross Anatomy"

By: Jason Reindorp

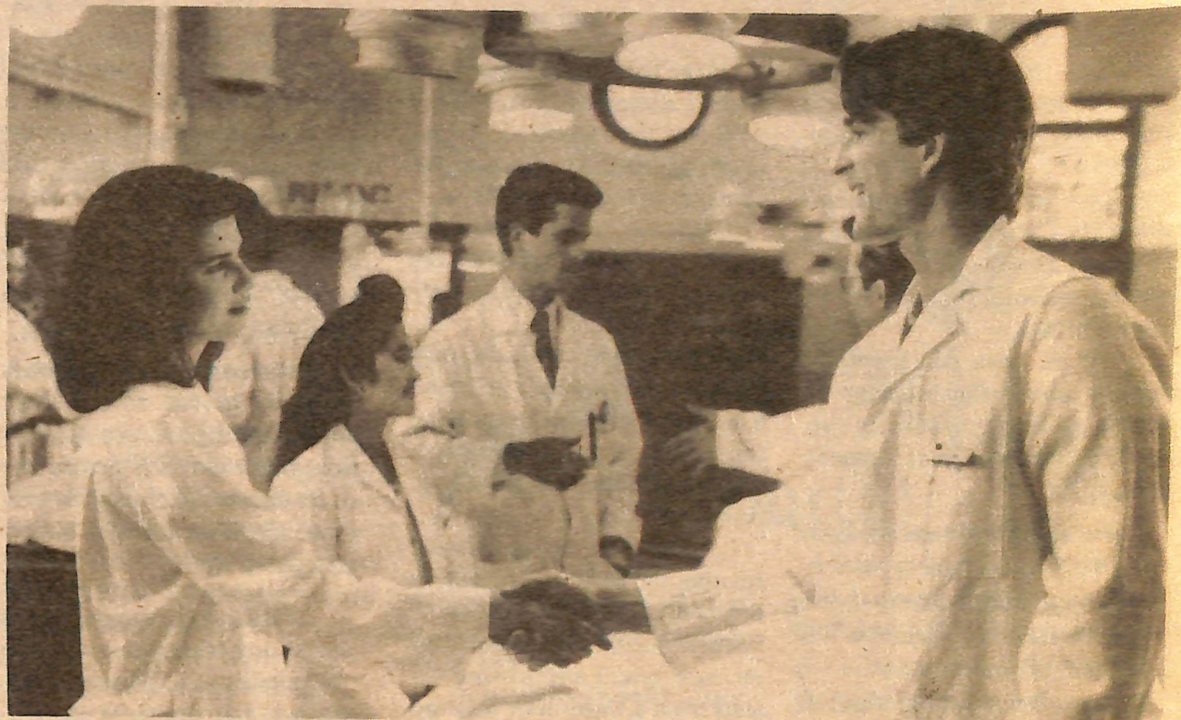
Looking back over some of my past reviews, I've noticed that I've seemed to like almost all of the movies I've seen. Taking this into account, I feel that an explanation of my reviewing techniques is in order.

When I go to see a movie, I don't sit there with pad and pen jotting down notes all the time. I watch these movies just as anyone watches them. I go with friends and just watch. The only difference is that when I go home I write my review.

In my reviews, I think it's silly to dissect the films technically. I assume that you, the people who read this article, want to know whether it is worth seeing and a little bit about the story. That is what I try to give you.

This week I saw "Gross Anatomy", a film dealing mainly with the trials and tribulations of medical school. Firstly, I feel it is important to mention that this isn't just slapstick comedy. I've heard again and again from people who went expecting light comedy. How surprised and pleased they were! This movie deals mainly with the extreme stress placed on medical students, but it also touches on a typical love story that every movie these days feels is necessary to have. As well, there are many smaller plots which, in my opinion, served only to take attention from the main plot. All in all, I enjoyed Gross Anatomy and I would recommend it to my friends. By the way, it is currently playing at Park Lane Cinemas.

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When cocky freshman Joe Slovak (Matthew Modine, right) meets Laurie Rorbach (Daphne Zuniga, left) in Gross Anatomy class, he devises his own lesson plan for getting to know the pretty and privileged doctor-to-be in "Gross Anatomy," a new film from director Thom Eberhardt.



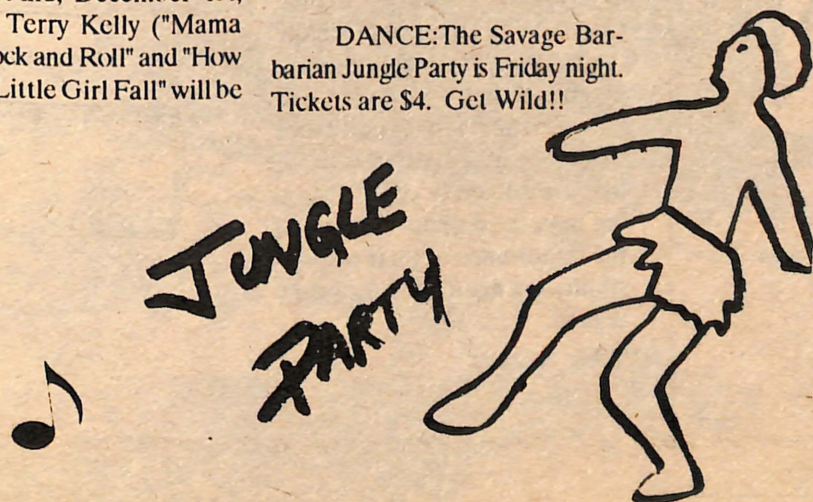
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VINNIES: This Friday, don't miss the Knockouts, a rock-and-blues band hailing from Toronto. And, December 1st, maritimer Terry Kelly ("Mama Likes to Rock and Roll" and "How Far Can a Little Girl Fall" will be on deck.

ART GALLERY: "The Spirit of Africville" is here for only a few more days. This acclaimed exhibition is a must-see.

DANCE: The Savage Barbarian Jungle Party is Friday night. Tickets are \$4. Get Wild!!



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A Conference or a Party?

(CUP) -- It's amazing what student leaders will do when they're miles away from their constituencies.

Take, for example, Monday's all-night Canadian Federation of Students' bash held at the Beacon Arms Hotel in lovely downtown Ottawa.

We've been hearing nasty rumors about the behavior of people who are, supposedly, the leaders of the student movement in Canada.

Several of these rumours have even been confirmed by various federation higher-ups and the security guard at the building opposite the hotel.

These same people marched on Parliament Hill Thursday to demand the federal government take them seriously.

If the feds need ammunition in their attempts to discredit the CFS and their demands for legitimacy, they should talk to the manager of the Beacon Arms.

There was "noise through the night," one of the hotel managers told our spies, requesting anonymity.

Monday night's bash allegedly featured partying until at least 5 a.m., with some sources claiming the festivities lasted till 7 a.m. And it wasn't confined to the hotel rooms.

Apparently, delegates were treating the Beacon Arms like a university residence, making all kinds of noise in the halls during the wee hours and tossing objects from a third-floor balcony.

"Things just got out of control," admitted CFS chair Jane Arnold.

What is out of control? And just what were those objects?

While Arnold often uses the term jokingly to describe CFS national executives' giddy behaviour after marathon 12 hour meetings, this "out of control" was another matter entirely, as the police became involved.

Someone or several ones dropped one or several beer bottles and a paint can. A security guard, working across the street called the cops after one projectile from on high nearly hit a passerby.

Ostensibly, the party was emanating from a second floor 'hospitality suite' where the federation's Pacific region was selling Kokanee beer in seemingly endless quantities for 50 cents a crack.

Cans, however, weren't falling from the sky however, which leads our sources to believe the real animals were elsewhere.

The manager said it's natural when you put that many young people in a hotel together, "they get, sometimes, a bit party minded." But, he added, there's "really no major problem," noting the delegates were well-behaved Tuesday night.

That came after a threat of eviction from the hotel which led to a tongue-lashing from CFS chair Jane Arnold at Tuesday's plenary.

The phenomenon is hardly new although our manager said this past meeting was the most raucous he had seen since the CFS began using the hotel for their meetings nine years ago.

Conferences like this one are famous for their parties. What a pleasant thought: student associations across the country coughing up hundreds of dollars to fly their executives to far-away cities to drink their faces off with impunity. The next day, they are expected to drag themselves out of bed, eyes red, head throbbing, and make important decisions on our behalf.



To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to the poster "Savage Barbarian Jungle Party" that has been posted on all notice boards of the campus by Linda Everett, house president of Evaristus and Lourdes. We African students and the History of Slavery class (History 345) find offensive the implications of the title. We feel that those responsible for the poster, are entertaining themselves with a colonial view of Africa and her people.

We take offence with the use of the word "tribe" linked to that of "savage barbarians" and "jungle". For those of you who are ignorant of the term tribe, it is an organised communal structure that bears no resemblance to savage barbarian behaviour.

It is time people think before they start using words such as these in such a careless manner. This is not the first time this has happened. Last year people like you came up with the idea of a "slave auction"; a serious issue that should not be used for entertainment. Now this year you have come up with this abhorrent title. When is it going to end? Where do we have to draw the line? You have shown an insensitivity to people's feelings that is unpardonable.

The Mount is supposed to be a sensitive institution, so why can't we in turn be sensitive towards foreign people who are proud of their traditions. How dare you make light of other

people's cultures in such poor taste. It is our hope that this will never be repeated.

Signed,
Alison and Janice Rogo
and the students of History 345



To the Editor:

As a visiting student to M.S.V.U. this week, I could not leave without picking up your Picaro to find out all the news. I was impressed with one article in particular by John Tillman in the November 9 issue. I applaud the stand he takes for himself, unborn babies and ultimately women.

I am also anti-abortion for many reasons. Personally, I find it hard to grasp the idea of why women are pushing for abor-

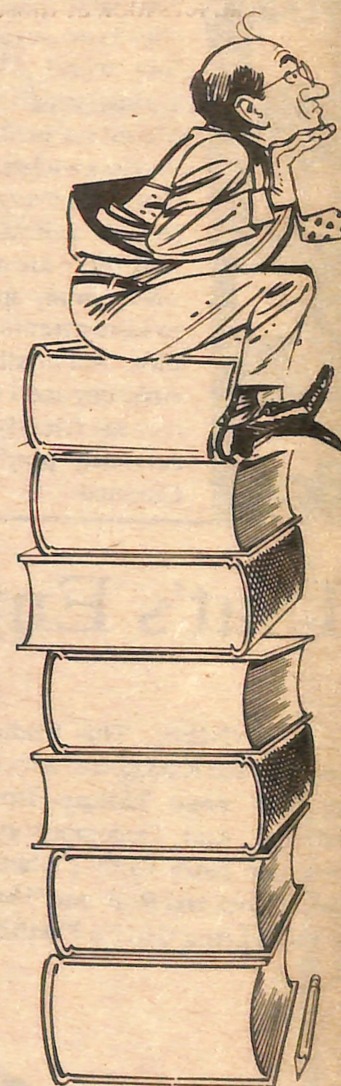
tion. In the first place, 50 percent of abortions performed are killing our future gender.

I am 22 years old now. To grow and mature into a ripe old age all I need is oxygen, food, warmth, and love. This is all the fetus or unborn baby needs also. It is not subhuman or merely a piece of tissue. It is a human being from the time of conception. If we cannot go around killing others who are an inconvenience to us, how can we condone the killing of one so helpless?

Abortion is an inhumane act. D&C, dilation and curettage, dilates the cervix and scrapes the womb cutting the baby to pieces, one that may already have a heartbeat. Abortion by suction pulls the baby apart limb by limb. Would you consider pulling a baby apart limb by limb after birth?

I am not trying to blame women who feel abortion is the only answer. I realize a woman must have alternatives to handle their particular circumstances of pregnancy, but if we do not feel that abortion is a valid choice then society must find ways of helping women to cope. Bringing men to an understanding of the importance of their responsibility is a major step forward.

Signed,
J.A.S.



To the Editor:

This is an open letter that I recently sent to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Transport Minister Benoit Bouchard. The research speaks for itself--we need VIA Rail.

As a Canadian and a student, I have a question for you both: WHY are you cutting VIA Rail?

The federal government will cut VIA's annual budget from \$640 million last year to \$250 million in 1994. Cuts will be made in three basic ways:

1. Cutting routes across Canada. By 1993, all regional service routes in the Maritimes will be gone.

2. Cutting jobs. About 2700 workers will be forced to look for other jobs.

3. Increasing train fares. The price of most fares will increase.

These cuts will lead to numerous problems. I shall highlight a few. Severance pay to employees will cost almost \$1 billion dollars. And what about finding jobs? Even if they find employment within a few weeks, that is still 2700 people to be supported by unemployment insurance.

Next, let's look at those people and their reduced incomes; they don't have as much money to spend. Therefore, they cannot afford to spend as much money. Both of these things have a negative effect on our economy.

It is said that VIA Rail has never been successful. Well, there are two points to note here. First, there is no form of transportation in Canada that is not subsidized in one form or another. Secondly, VIA Rail's future has been in question for at

least the past five years. Given that, how can any manager come up with a business plan. How can anyone expect a company to make a major travel deal with VIA Rail when VIA never knows how long it will offer what services--if any services at all.

A VIA Rail Study, prepared by the federal government, states that the government must pay a minimum of \$2.7 billion to cope with increased air traffic in the Ontario-Quebec corridor alone. The same study recommends that VIA be turned into a high-speed train system.

It notes some advantages to keeping VIA Rail as well. Additional land need not be expropriated to expand roads and airports for former railway travellers.

What about pollution? There is less pollution created in rail travel than if we used cars and buses. The number of vehicles on our highways will increase if VIA is cut in half. That means more highway accidents and higher costs of personal injury and property damage.

Building a high-speed train system would employ 66,000 Canadians over the seven-year construction process. This would be a good boost for our economy.

At the VIA Rail Conference held in Saint John, New Brunswick, last September, an American rail-tours manager demonstrated how important a national rail system is to tourism. VIA Rail could only accommodate two of 23 blocks of tours that he already had sold to American tourists. These tours were re-booked in other countries offering a national rail system. From his report, it is

quoted, "It is reliably estimated that the economic multiplier effect will see a total cost of \$600 million to the national economy arising from the cancellation of rail service." That means that Canadians just lost \$600 million in revenues because VIA could not accommodate them.

The above example was included in a business report prepared by mayors from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Ontario. But, Honorable Ministers, you may not have heard of it because you refused to let this group make their presentation.

And that leads me to my final point. Why were there no public hearings across Canada before these cuts were accepted? I would have thought you would have looked harder for an alternative to cutting our rail service. You should be listening.

A 1984 government study concludes that "it is essential for the national interest that Canadians have at their disposal, an efficient rail system from coast to coast." Why don't you listen to your own report?

In conclusion, Honorable Ministers, I point out that we need VIA Rail for many reasons. Let Canadians have their say about VIA and listen.

I am asking you, the students of Halifax, to take a stand. Write to our federal government; postage is free. Tell Brian Mulroney and Benoit Bouchard that we need VIA Rail. The addresses are:

The Right Honorable
Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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The Honorable
Benoit Bouchard
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
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Signed Ms. Catherine Doucette



SAVAGE BARBARIAN Rebuttal

To Alison and Janice Rogo and the class of Social and Cultural History 345

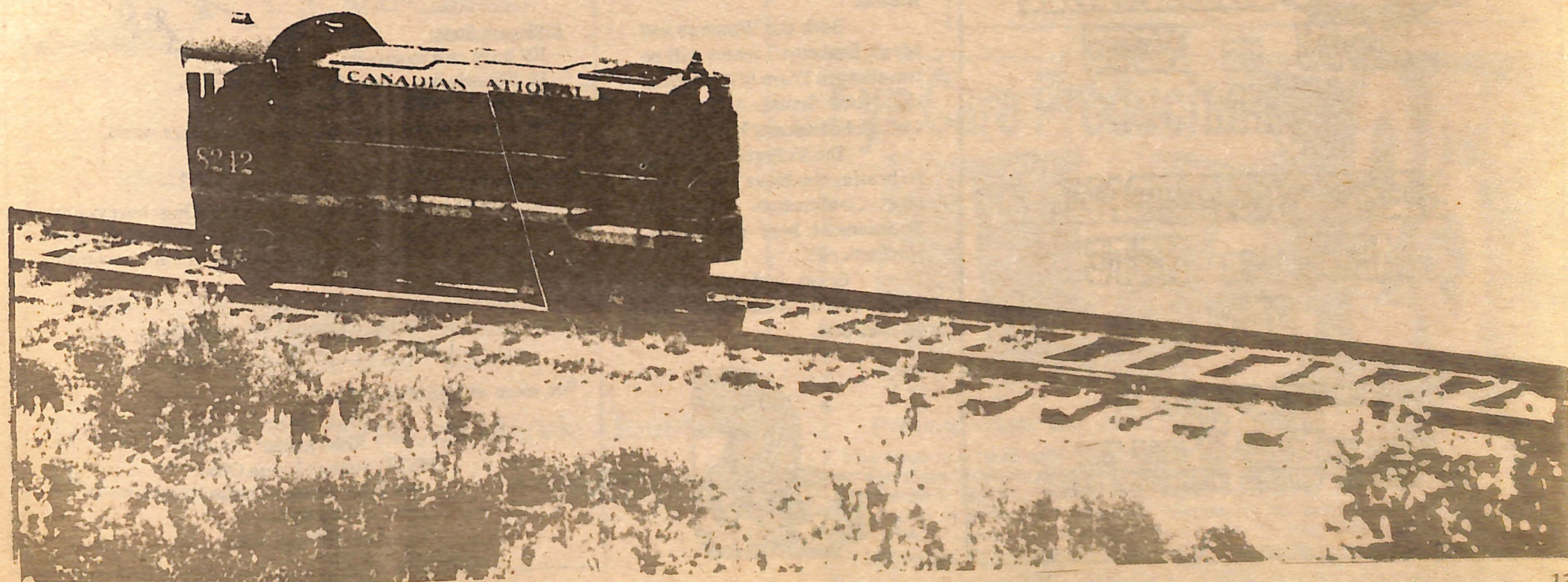
In reply to your letter addressed to myself and my council on November 9, 1989, in reference to the "Savage Barbarian Jungle Party," our annual house dance. The idea for this title was taken from Walt Disney's Jungle Book. A jungle party sounded like an exciting idea. The words "savage" and "barbarian" were added to give it a different twist from last year's Safari Jungle party. The word savage means "wild or uncivilized", which most university students who attend school functions are. "Barbarian" was taken from the cartoon "Conan the Barbarian", so people would have some idea regarding how to dress. We are not ignorant of the term "tribe"; this is the definition in relation to Webster's Dictionary and our concept of it. "A system of social organizations comprising several villages, dis-

groups (this means Dal, SMU, TUNS, Kings and the Mount) that all share common interests, the same purpose and who all love to have fun". The slogan "Get your tribe together" simply means bring your friends.

We take offense to the part in your letter that says, "People like you," and that we have shown an insensitivity to people's feelings. You have stamped us racist, which is insulting. You ask in your letter, "Where will it end?" It will end when you view yourselves as we view you--as people and university students. We share common goals and strive to make this planet a better place.

We're sorry you feel as you do, we have not made light of your culture, and we apologize for any offence taken.

Signed,
Linda Everett
House President, Evaristus/
Lourdes
and Council





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November 16, 1989

Fit Tips: Low Impact Aerobics

by Lisa Boudreau

Low Impact or non-impact aerobics is definitely here to stay. It has become a very popular, safe method to get an excellent cardiovascular workout.

There are still a few aerobic exercisers who believe that in order to reap any benefit, you have to bounce and pound for an hour. This is not so. Low

impact aerobics may have a rather "soft" name, but cushy it is not.

The impact is low, but the intensity can be very high. That is the beauty of low impact aerobics. By varying the body movements, the class can be adjusted to any level, from beginner to advanced. A vigorous session of low impact aerobics

can keep your heart pumping in the desired target zone. Because of the controlled technique used in low impact, you work the major muscles in your upper and lower body, but you spare your feet, shins, knees and hips the stress of endless bouncing. With low impact aerobics you keep one foot on the floor at all times,

keeping the lower body in constant motion while using large-scale controlled arm movements. This type of technique takes control and concentration. You are not just flinging your body around, you have to think about what you are doing, connecting the mind with the body. This mind/body connection makes a

tremendous difference in what you get out of your workout. The focus and concentration have a positive effect on workout benefits. If you thought that a low impact aerobics class would not provide a good workout, think again. You will be amazed at just how good a workout it can be.

Basketball Doubleheader Opens Season

On Wed., Nov. 22, the Women's and Men's Basketball teams will be playing their first home games of the 89-90 season in Rosaria Gym.

The women's team starts the night's activities as they face Nova Scotia Teachers' College at 6 pm. Last year the NSTC women

advanced to the Nationals by defeating the Mount here in the final game of the Nova Scotia College Conference Championships. The Mount women's team is ready for revenge this year. You won't want to miss this game!

At 8 pm, the men's team will square off against the NSTC

men. The TC men also represented the Nova Scotia College Conference at the Nationals last year.

The TC team is strong but they will be up against a new and improved Mount team.

If you haven't seen the Mount teams in action yet this

year, you are in for a pleasant surprise.

Come out on Nov. 22 and support your Mount teams.

Everyone who attends the games will receive a stamp which will allow entrance to the pub following the game for 1/2 price.

There will also be **DRAWS for PRIZES** at half time of each game.

Bring your noise makers, bring a friend, support this year's editions of Mount Basketball on Wednesday, November 22 at 6 pm and 8 pm.

Volleyball

Mount Saint Vincent University will host the season's first Nova Scotia College Conference Volleyball Tournament.

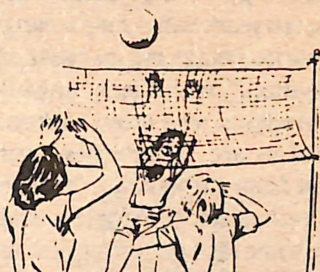
Participating teams include Technical University of Nova Scotia, Kings College, University of Cape Breton and Mount Saint Vincent University.

The tournament play should prove to be very competitive. "The teams are much stronger this year than they have been in the past," says Coach June Lumsden.

Play begins at 9 am on Sunday morning and runs all day.

You can catch the action in Rosaria Gym.

Come out and support the Mount Volleyball team.



Mount Teams In Action

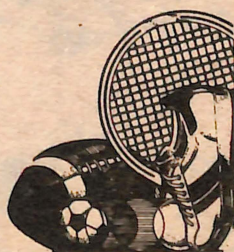
This weekend will be a busy weekend for our Mount teams.

The Co-ed Badminton team will be coming in the season's first Nova Scotia College Conference in Cape Breton at the University College of Cape Breton.

Both the Women's and Men's Basketball teams will be travelling to Truro to compete in the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Invitational Tournament.

The Volleyball team will be hosting the Nova Scotia College Conference Volleyball Tournament here on Sunday, November 19.

Good luck to all the Mount teams. We know you will do your best.



Athlete of the Week

This week's Pepsi Athlete of the Week is Andrea Drake.

Andrea is a KCA grad from Kentville and in her third year in the Business program.

Andrea, a member of the Women's Basketball team, was

named Player of the Game in the MSVU Tournament held here last weekend and is a consistent 100% player.

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Western Runs Over SMU

By John Jarvis

The University of Western Ontario Mustangs provided the St. Mary's Huskies with their first real test of the year.

St. Mary's wasn't able to pass this test and lost 38-33 last Saturday before a sell-out crowd at Huskies Stadium.

The Mustangs' extremely strong running game was the key to their victory. Western's offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage all through the game opening up holes for Duane Forde, the Mustang' fullback. Forde finished with 219 yards,

rushing on 22 carries, and was presented with the Don Loney Award for being the game's most valuable player.

Chris Flynn, the Huskies' star quarterback, had another outstanding game completing 30 of 49 passes for 445 yards and 4 touchdowns. Bill Scollard caught 7 passes for 200 yards despite playing with a shoulder injury. Ian MacDonald and Matt Nealon each caught two touchdown passes. Nealon had 13 receptions for 141 yards.

The turning point in the

game may have occurred in the second quarter with St. Mary's leading 13-8. Brian Smith, of SMU, caught a pass from Flynn at the Western 30 yard line. However, a penalty was called on him for offensive pass of a first down at the Western 30 yard line. St. Mary's faced second down deep in their own end. They failed to get a first down and a poor punt left Western with a great field position. A few plays later, John Wright scored on a two yard run. This made the score 15-13 for Western and they

never looked back.

A seventeen point third quarter for the Mustangs put the game out of reach for all intents and purposes. A courageous fourth quarter comeback by St. Mary's fell a few points short and the University of Western Ontario had captured their fourth Atlantic Bowl title.

Both teams played an excellent game and are extremely talented. Western's offensive line was just too big for St. Mary's to handle. They averaged 6'4" tall and 258 lbs. while the Huskies

defensive line averaged 6'1" tall and 231 lbs. This advantage enabled Western to use their strong running game which ultimately led them to victory.

St. Mary's had a very good season but Western proved to be too much to handle on this particular day. The Mustangs will now face the University of Saskatchewan in the Vanier Cup, November 18 at the Skydome.

Vanier Cup Nov 18

By: Todd Bechard

The CIAU Football Championships will be held indoors for the first time ever. This year's Vanier Cup will be held in Toronto's new Skydome. The November 18 event has a 3:00 p.m. AST start time and will be broadcast live on TSN.

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies advanced to national championship by defeat-

ing the Queens Golden Gaels 40-10 on Saturday.

The Huskies were lead by a strong defence which returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the 3rd quarter. They also came up with an important goal line stand in the 1st quarter to keep the score tied at 0 to 0. Defensive back, Ken Zaporinak was the game's M.V.P.

This will be Saskatchewan's first trip to the Vanier Cup where they will meet the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. (Western defeated Saint Mary's 38-33 in the Atlantic Bowl to advance to the final.)

Look to these pages next week for coverage of the Vanier Cup events at the Skydome.

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Intramural Men's Volleyball
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Intramural Coed Volleyball
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Monday, Nov. 20 Intramural Women's Volleyball
4:30-5:30 pm
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Tuesday, Nov. 21 Intramural Coed Badminton
7:30-10:30 pm
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Native spirituality is the theme of the two films showing Fri., Nov. 17 at the NFB Cinema, 1571 Argyle Street. "Cree Hunters of Mistassini" and "Lypa" are being shown as part of the Faith in Focus series to be shown at 8 pm. Free Admission. For more information call 426-6157.

Two films, Longlining for Halibut and Swordfish, made in the early 1960's aboard the schooner, and Jean Francis, will be shown at the Icehouse Theatre at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, Lunenburg on Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm. Narration is by Captain Amos Grouse.

TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) will meet on Thurs., Nov. 16 from 7-9 pm in Loyola Building, SMU. The theme of the meeting is "ESL and Community Ethnic Groups." For more information, call Margaret at 422-2207.

THE AFRICVILLE EXPERIENCE - LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE, a conference taking place at Mount Saint Vincent University, opens Friday, November 17, at 8 pm with a panel discussion, The Decision Makers, and continues Saturday, November 18, from 10 am to 3 pm with panels on The Africville Response and Lessons From The Experience. The conference is free to all. Lunch is available for \$3.

This conference is in conjunction with the exhibit **AFRICVILLE: A SPIRIT THAT LIVES ON** which continues to November 19. For further information call the gallery at 4450.

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