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Food, Glorious Food!

BY SUSAN GIFFIN

"Our main goal is to establish prices sensitive to a student's budget," claims Stacey McKeil, a full-time BTHM student embarking on her 2nd year as manager of Vinnie's, Wednesday nights' hang-out locale.

Prior to filling the position, she worked as a pub waitress/bartender. Through observation, she noted aspects of the workplace environment in need of change.

"When I applied for the managerial job, I had set objectives in mind," remembers

After the initial year of adjustment and becoming aware of the responsibility associate with her new title, McKeil is excited about the doings planned for 1996-97.

"I spent last year testing out the waters and revising internal alcohol and employee policies, already in place." Top on her list for this year's agenda is the newly adopted food service. You can treat your taste buds to one of approximately 10 finger food menu items, for under a minimal five dollars.

The service is available between 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Times are subject to change, depending on the views expressed by customers.

"The serivce is avail-

able to students with their needs in mind. If they want it available between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., we will accomadate that."

Through extensive planning over the duration of the summer and receiving final 'go ahead' from student union and *Versa*, the campus food supplier, her priority became reality.

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NEWS

Student Union to Conduct Polls

Council will add student opinion poll to fall by-elections

BY MARK DARROW

The Student Union will be conducting a poll of students on three separate issues concerning regulations at the Mount in October.

The polls, which will coincide with the byelection on October 8 and 9, will be asking students to vote on a dental plan, examining regulations in residence and a social fee.

Sheri Moore, Student Union President, says that although these issues could be resolved within council, she wants student input so they are better informed.

"What we wanted to

ask students up front in October," Moore says, "their opinions on these three questions in order to be able to come back with a response from students and inform them of what the process is going to be."

Each of the questions will be polled by the students who are directly affected by the changes in regulation. One of the questions will deal with a dental plan which will be voted on by all full time students at the Mount. Another poll for residence students concerns regulations for male visitation and to allow alcohol in residence. Finally, a poll for all students

dents will be set up for the introduction of a social fee of



Sheri Moore

\$2.00 per half credit (to a maximum of \$20.00) to cover all

events at Vinnie's (the University Pub) for the year.

The decision to initiate the polls was supported unanimously by Student Council. However, there is opposition to at least one of the issues. Rob Batherson, member of the Board of Governors, whole-heartedly supports the idea of a dental plan, but he is opposed to a social fee for all students. "It forces students to contribute to social life at the Mount," Batherson explains "where they may not want to participate."

Sheri Moore is optomistic about the social fee and claims that the proposal

would "save students money." Using a comparison of costs, Moore says that an average of \$182.00 per year will be paid by students to attend every function at Vinnie's Pub, so the \$2.00 per half credit fee is a great savings to students.

Nevertheless, the decision on these three questions will ultimately be in the hands of the students. The results of the poll will determine which course of action Student Council will take on any changes to these procedures. However, Moore confirms that any changes will not be in place until next year.

The following is a list of positions available for students to run for in the fall By-elections.

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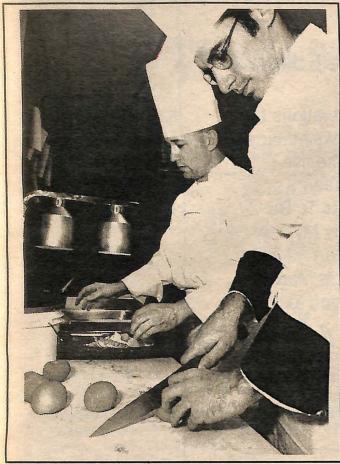
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NEWS



Vinnie's chef's (L)Lance Jay and (R)John LeBlanc

Food Service... continued from page 1

Frosh week was used as a trial basis for the service, to test demand. There was no form of publicity advertisement done to promote its presence.

"Word spread like wildfire," says McKeil. "It was a hit!"

As of September 9, McKeil and her crew planned on letting the world know about the new aura surrounding MSVU's campus pub.

Advertising will occur in other city university papers as well as The Picaro. Other forms of lobbying include paper place mats that will be used in the main cafeteria in Rosaria and in SAC. Also, presently in progress are door hangers for students living in residence. One side will read, Gone to Vinnie's, the flip side will display a copy of menu items.

BRIAN KERRIGAN

With the introduction of the new food service a net job increase of five has resulted. A total of over 30 students presently benefit financially from Vinnie's existence.

New trainees were shown the ropes and all were briefed on non-violent security violence measures. McKeil notes that she feels 150 per cent more confident with disciplines taught.

McKeil sincerly believes that this year will prosper.

More Groans about N.S. Loans

BY SUSAN GIFFIN

All N.S. Loan holders beware! It is possible that you are eligible for more money.

In late August via the mail system, MSVU goers were notified about a tuition increase of sixty-one dollars per unit. As of Spring 1996, students were unaware of the hike.

The student assistance program guide that accompanied initial loan forms, notes on page 11, under the heading, Calculating Students' Costs, subtitle tuition, that processing of student loans may begin prior to institutions finalizing their fees. If this happens, one's file is to be automatically updated to reflect current costs

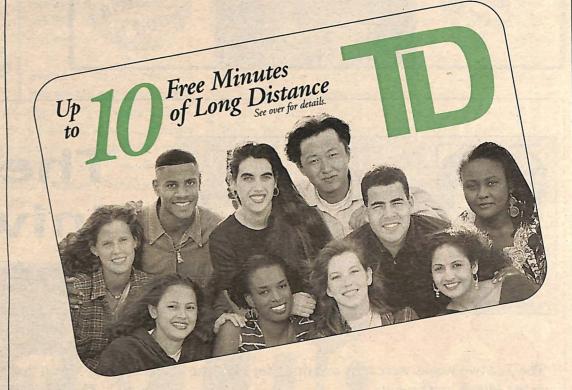
once the Student Assistance Office is notified by the specific institution.

It is true, according to the assistance office. After days upon days of phoning their line (424-8420), we finally broke

This entire problem has caused great stress for many of us! Financial services nor the registers office could help or answer any concerns. I sincerely believed that Mount employees working in such offices would be informed about the issue at hand.

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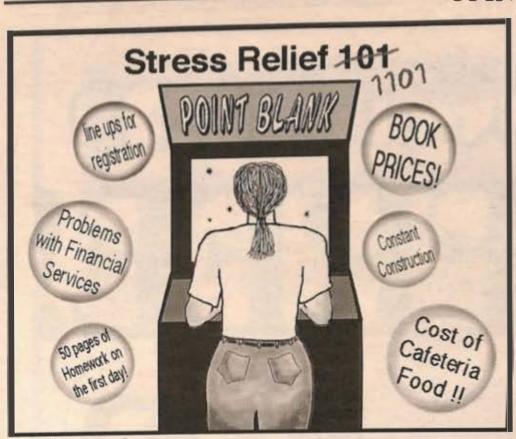


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Letter to the Editor:

Congratulations for a well-written well-thought of editorial. The title should have been: "Mount Accepts To Be Manipulated by Mystery Folk" rather than "Mystery Folk Manipulate Mount" (methinks). Good luck!

Dr. J. Goulet.

Chair Religious; Studies Department.



The True University Experience

The past two weeks were busy and tiring for everyone in the Mount community.

For students, there was the seemingly endless processes of registration, financial services, adding and dropping courses (which lands you back at registration and financial services) and trying to settle into your schedule.

For faculty and staff, its the endless lines of students, most confused by the process, some at the end of their ropes, all needing the same busic, repetitive task from the staff.

The first two weeks of school can be trying at times, possibly more than any point in the year. But, occasionally you can be part of something so special on campus, so energizing, that it makes not only the routine worth while, but stands out as a defining moment of the university experience. I had one of these moments last week.

Last Wednesday I trudged up the hill to Everistus to attend my first ever class in that building. To my surprise the classroom was filled with as many faculty members as students, possibly more. Tea, coffee, and snacks sat on the desk at the front of the room. Smiles and looks of anticipation graced the faces of the faculty. Confusion registered on the faces of the students.

For the faculty members in attendance it was the realization of months of work, meetings, and scrounging, as part of the next phase of a grass roots move-

ment at the Mount that goes back over a decade. The course is The Roots of Peace and Conflict To understand it's significance to the Mount you have to go back to the Reagan era of renewing the cold war and speeding up the arms race with the "Evil Empire" of the USSR. Beyond that, to appreciate what it means to the individuals involved, you have to know their personal background. They are a diverse group who's lives and experience with peace and conflict range from personal violence to war and famine, with each individual adding to what defines violence, and what paves the road to peace.

To be a part of this class, and see the fruit of the committee's labor, put perspective on my day, and university in general. That's what university traditionally was, and occasionally still can be all about. Vastly experience educators sharing with wide eyed, open minded students, in a symbiotic relationship personal growth. In many ways it's unfortunate that university today is leaning more towards the "practical" hands on, vocational education, than the true universal education.

We live in a society that is heavy on critique and lean on compliments. Hard work is expected, including going the extra mile or so. That shouldn't be the case, and I at least, want to put in my two cents. To the committee members and all those who pulled this program together, congratulations and thanks. To be a small part of this new program is well worth the price of admission.

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The Picaro in Cyberspace

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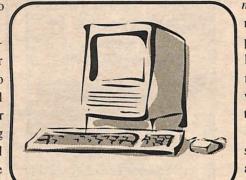
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FEATURES

CASA Launches National Campaign for Student Representation

BY TUIJA ROMAN Source: The Carillon, University of Regina

REGINA (CUP) - If students are expected to pay a larger part of the cost of their educations, they should have more say on how universities are run, says one national student group.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, along with ten local student unions will be campaigning this fall for more student representation on university governing boards.

The campaign comes on the heels of changes to the University of Manitoba act.

In April the Manitoba government changed the University of Manitoba act to give students twice as many seats on the university's board of governors. Six students now sit on the twenty three-member board.

Trevor Lines, president of the U of M's student council,

says students in Manitoba have been lobbying for increased representation on their Board of Governors for the last 4 or 5 years.

"We should have representation equivalent to the amount of money that is paid through student tuition into the general operating budget of the university," said Lines.

CASA director Matthew Hough says he realizes that success will take time. "It's an issue that we won't see really big results in until couple years down the road, but persistence is the key."

Students at the University of Alberta haven't lobbied for increased representation before, but are eager to start says student council president Garett Poston.

"Times have changed...
Students are now paying about 25 per cent of (the) university's operating budget.

versity's operating budget. Membership (on the board of governors) should reflect funding (levels)."

The University of Alberta now has 3 students in the board of 18. They are hoping to increase the number into 6 out of a board of 21.

For students at St. Thomas University the number of representatives on the board of governors is less important than the quality of representation.

Student council president Carrie Ricker says the St. Thomas University Board of Governors only meets twice a year.

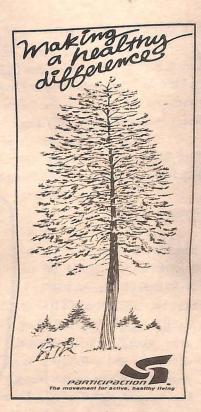
Because the board meets so rarely, it has given much of its

practical power to the executive committee, Ricker says.

"We would be very interested in trying to get student representation to the executive committee," said Ricker.

Universities taking part in the campaign to increase student representation on governing boards include:

Acadia University
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BY GIN HING YEE

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Where to get cheap food in Halifax!!

BY CARRIE WARNER

So you want cheap food? Well, after searching all over town, I've come up with a few suggestions for those who like to eat out, but don't like to pay an arm and a leg.

If you like pizza, then Halifax is the town for you! From lunchtime until 4pm, and then late at night, you can grab a huge piece of pizza for \$2.00 at any of four pizza places at the corner of Blowers Street and Grafton Street in downtown Halifax. You can also grab a small donair for the same price. One of those and a pop is only \$3.10, and it fills you up. That isn't bad at all!

Instead of pizza, there are always the fast food places that appear in every decently sized town. There are several Harvey's, McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, etc, etc. around town. Subway is a bit more expensive, but they appear on practically every corner, and offer subs as an alternative to hamburgers. It seems as though every fast food place

has jumped on to the "combo" bandwagon. You can usually get a burger, fries and a drink for around \$5.00, which isn't a bad price to pay for dinner. Watch some of those combo deals, though, because there have been times when buying everything separately is no more expensive than the combo.

To get away from the fast food places, you may want to try some of the cafes and bars in town. Steer clear from the popular ones, and hit places that you don't hear about very often. It can be either a good experience or a bad one, but you never know until you try. The Spartan restaurant on the corner of Oxford Street and Quinpool Road used to be the place to go for cheap food, but rumor has it they've raised their prices. Most of the popular restaurants and bars serve food that is more expensive than lesser known places. Both The Oasis Bar and Grill and Gatsby's are reasonably priced, and are located in the middle of the action on Spring Garden Road.

In all honesty, I find that the cafeteria food here at the Mount is outrageously priced. Last year, for example, poutine became an extremely popular lunchtime fare, probably because it was only a little over a dollar for a small serving. After Christmas, however, the price was suddenly over two dollars. Same deal for the garlic fingers, which many bought instead of pizza. They have mysteriously disappeared this year. Sandwiches and pizza are also higher than they really need to be. It is a shame that students who don't have a lot of extra money have to pay so much for their meals.

So there you have it. A quick overview of some ways to get out of paying a fortune to feed your face. Go out and try some new places, and tell a friend if they're any good. Just hope they don't become popular enough to raise their prices. Happy munching!



Hot Hot Hot !!!

Residence Assistants and Fire Wardens received training last week in Rosaria parking lot.

Where to Relax on Campus

BY LESLIE REID

If you are new here, you may need a little help finding where things are. But after you attend a few classes, you will probably want to know where are the best places to just relax. Here are a few places you may want to consider when the stress starts to get to you and you need a place to sit back and relax.

Many students have already discovered the back of the library. Some like to study on the chairs in the back while others like to get a nap in between classes. But be advised that there are computers next to this area, and the noise may keep you awake.

If you like noise, the link is the ideal place to spend your spare time. Around lunchtime there are plenty of people around to keep you company. This spot is only recommended to those who enjoy

being around lots of people.

Vinnie's Pub allows you to study and enjoy a beer without too many people to bother you. There are two pool tables in the pub and plenty of music to help you kill time and forget about homework for a little while. Of course if you have too many beer you may forget about more than homework, like class.

The Rosaria Center provides a few places to go besides Vinnie's. There are chairs located outside the games room, and some more outside the cafeteria. The fourth floor of Rosaria also has some seats available.

Various outdoor benches are available for those who crave fresh air after a couple of hours of the stale air we all breathe in class. And if the weather has been good, you can always relax on the grass. Anyone who smokes will spend plenty of time relaxing outside since there is no smoking indoors.

The M.A.N.U.S. Lounge is available for non-traditional students, offering couches and carrels. This is an ideal place for non-traditional students to relax, study or even play cards.

There seems to be no limits to where people will go to relax. Another spot people go is to the top of the stairs in the S.A.C. People seem to gather in groups wherever they can. If you look long enough, you will probably find your own special spot to go to. It all depends on what you like. Some people just want to get some sleep, others want to play pool, and some people would rather go to the gym and work off their stress. It just depends

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Your Student Union Executive: Who Are They and What Do They Do?

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By Ceri Young
Photos by Brian Kerrigan

Last issue, we took a look at Sheri Moore, in her duties as Ambassador...that is, um, President, Sarah Clarke, who is watching over your academic well-being, and Reyn Gray who intends to help the societies help each other. This issue our focus shifts to Chuck Williams who is working "behind the scenes", Rhonda Coleman in her fight against cuts to education, and Juanita Dominey who is taking care of the finances.

so far, there's no draw back to his job. "The worst thing would probably be stress, but I thrive on that anyway." he concluded.

And if stress is something that Chuck thrives on, he will have plenty of it in the year to come, just as he's had plenty of it this summer. Those hand-books didn't make the nselves, you know.

know what students need," she said.

Getting students involved also means that Rhonda won't be fighting alone, which is the worst part of her job. "You just don't want to be the lone voice," she says. And with the impending cuts to education, she definitely won't be the lone voice.

Chuck Williams: Executive Vice President

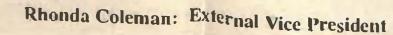


Chuck is definitely immersed in his work. When he took the position of Executive Vice President, he says, "I jumped in with two feet, plugged my nose, and I still haven't come up for air yet."

Definitely true. Chuck seems to be running for the award of "Student Union Executive With The Most On His Plate". This summer as the Chair of the Selections Committee, he's been responsible for hiring the Pub manager, Corner Store manager, and even creating the new Offices Services Manager position. He's on the University Budgeting Committee, the Policy and Constitution Planning Committee, and an all-new learning disabilities committee (which doesn't have an official name). He also put together the student handbook, which will be appearing on campus shortly. This fall, he's planning to improve the way the health plan works, and rewrite the Student Union's Constitution. Which means that be bas his work cut out for him.

But even with all this work Chuck says that he's one of the less-visible members of the Student Union Executive. For example, "The handbook, that's behind the scenes. The students don't really know who did it, they just know that they have it," he explains.

Of course, Chuck doesn't consider that a drawback. In fact, he says that





Rhonda Coleman is just getting warmed up for her job. After spending the summer working out of town, she's returned to the Mount, and is ready to go. That's good, seeing as she's got some rather daunting tasks in front of her, such as fighting cuts to education, and making sure students are informed about organizations that can help.

Getting information to students is also one of the reasons she took the job as External Vice-President. Rhonda says that students are not as informed about organizations like the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) as they should be. "[Students] just know that they get travel cards and a lot of things like that. CFS is also a lobbying organization for the rights of students."

Affairs Committee, whose aim is to make sure students know what these organizations are doing for them. In turn, she's also trying to find out what exactly students want from these organizations. "I'm going to try to get a lot of new ideas, fresh ideas from different aspects of the university community." she says.

Rhonda also wants students to help her by lobbying against the cuts to education. "It's so important that we get our voice heard, that the ministers

Juanita Dominey: Vice President of Finance

Juanita Dominey's job is just a little bit different from everyone else in the Student Union. There are a few reasons for that. Juanita's is the only position on the Student Union Executive that is appointed, (that is, students don't vote her in, the Union does.) Also, she is probably the member of the executive that is least in the public eye.

mostly with the finances of the Union, as opposed to the students of the Mount. In her own words her job description is "preparing a budget for the Union and trying to make sure that the budget is workable and that we stick with



it." Juanita is a business student, majoring in accounting, so that shouldn't be a problem for her.

Even though she won't be dealing with students as much as the other Vice-Presidents, Juanita says that students can still come by and talk to her if they have any questions. "If they have any questions about spending, anything that doesn't seem right, [such as] why one society needed more of a budget, anything, they can come and see me" she says.

So, is Juanita looking forward to this year? Definitely. "It's going to be a challenge, and a it's challenge 1'm looking forward to" she says.



Wendy Lands: A New Spin on an Old Album

BY CERI YOUNG

Giving a refereshing twist to the popular anger-filled songs of the past year, Wendy Lands has burst onto the music scene. Her debut album "Angels & Ordinary Men" is actually a re-release of her independent album from four years ago, with a few songs changed.

Do the new songs give the album a different feel? "Yes," says Lands "they make the album a little bit more modern...they're closer to who I truly feel that I am."

The new songs are also a faint echo of performers like Alanis Morisette — but only an echo. Lands has a style that is all her own. Instead of the lyrics being loud and angry, they are soft and forgiving, giving the album a theme of redemption. "I'm not about lashing out, I'm about reaching out." Lands explains.

And reaching out is exactly what Lands is doing. Besides a cross-country tour with Jann Arden, "Angels & Ordinary Men" has garnered international interest, especially in Japan record stores who ordered, said Lands,



the largest-ever shipment of a new artist's album from EMI.

It's easy to see why. Each song on the album captures the listener's interest because it is different from the rest. Each song has a story to tell, some based on Lands' life experience, and some not, such as the ballad "Sanctuary", which tells the story of a woman who winds up in a dying relationship, and lets her dreams slip by.

Even better, the music isn't the only thing that you'll find on the album, at least on the compact disc version. It's also a CD-ROM, complete with biography, pictures, video and sound clips, and even a poem written and read by Lands herself.

"I thought 'Wow, what a great opportunity', especially being a new artist, it's like a whole extra chunk of who I am on my CD." says Lands of the Enhanced CD format.

Lands has her own e-mail address and web site at http://www.wendylands.com/wendy.

"It's very exciting," says Lands.

Big Picture Releases CD

BY CARRIE WARNER

Local band Big Picture has capped off its summer with the release of its major label debut. The album, simply named Big Picture, is now available in local stores, and their first video (Under the Birdbath) will soon be in rotation at Much Music.

Big Picture is a five member band of twenty-somethings, who know how to play to an audience. The band is made up of Benjamin Fong, Chris Church, Shehab Illyas, Asif Illyas and Julian Marentette. All five are trained in classical music, but their sound is more a mix of rock with a touch of traditional to add some flavour. This flavour comes mainly from the sound of a violin, played by Church.

The record release party held recently at the Lord Nelson Hotel included an explanation and demonstration of the CD-Rom features on the enhanced disc. This CD can be played on any audio CD player, and you can also pop it into the CD-ROM drive on your computer to get visual biographies of the members of the band, and see highlights of their recent tour and recording sessions. The show also has a "book of secrets" that is only accessible if you can first find the golden key that is hidden in another part of the program. The location changes every time you open the show.

The video for "Under the Birdbath" was a big hit with the approximately 200 people in attendance at the party, which included friends and family of the guys in the band.

Both physically and artistically the band is more refined and mature than past efforts. After a cross-Canada tour last year, and the release of the new album, Big Picture is more than ready for major success to come their way.



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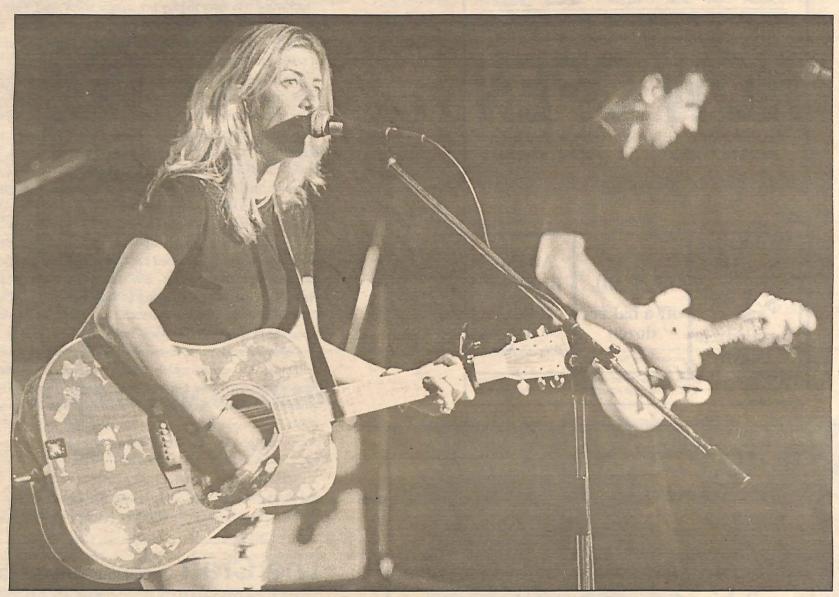
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Stockwood returns to where it all started, Vinnie's.



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BY REBECCA DAWSON

t seemed completely natural for Kim Stockwood's only Halifax date on this leg of her tour to promote her debut album Bonavista to be at Vinnie's, as this is where she began her first-ever tour the night of February 6th, 1996. Kim looks back on her months of touring as getting "better." "I certainly became a better guitar player (over the course of the tour) since that night," she admits.

Kim is certainly able to demonstrate to her listeners that things are constantly being improved. A revamped version of the album with two new songs on it, including Kim's present smash "Jerk", has recently hit record shelves, and business is booming. "The album sold more records in the last three or four weeks since Jerk's been out than it sold in the first year". And for all of the fans of the song "Jerk" out there, the song wasn't written about any one specific person, let alone one specific gender. "Truthfully, it's written about people who are just plain ignorant...I didn't say it was about a guy...people assume."

Bonavista is Kim's first actual album; she "dabbled a bit" before making this record but didn't do any independent recordings. She got tremendous help from the CBC in Newfoundland before heading out to Toronto: "They basically just got me out there. They put me on local radio shows...they did a couple of news pieces." And for all of us patriotic Canadians: Kim much preferred recording in Toronto and Vancouver than she did recording in L.A. "I couldn't really sing in L.A. I had recorded some vocals that I wasn't really happy with...it was probably a stupid kind of mind thing."

The music industry is finding it hard to place Bonavista in one

specific music category, due to its variety of songs from rock to practically country (Kim does a wicked cover of a Stompin' Tom song in her shows), and Kim wouldn't have it any other way. "I don't care what people call it, as long as they call it good, I really don't...I consider myself a pop artist", she said during the interview. Kim also dreads comparisons of her work to that of other artists; she knows that she is in a category all her own. There's some people I would not like to be compared to...Michael Bolton. You know it's sad, I hate to slag him because he has a nice voice...(but) he drives me crazy."

All of the songs that Kim co-wrote on the album (10 out of the 12) have been based on personal experience ("Who's other experience would you use?"). The song "A Good Man" was written about her father, "It was something that had to be done...everyone can identify with it because we all have fathers." It's clear from both Kim's album and her live shows that she sings as though she can identify with the songs, something that many artists these days can't perfect as well as she does.

For all of those wondering Kim gives credit to Tom Cochrane for the title Bonavista even though she named it after the birthplace of both her mother and maternal grandmother - "I had a page of about 4,000 titles that I wanted to name my record, (puns like) 'Piece of Stock-wood'. Tom and I were talking and he asked me where my mother was from, and I said 'Bonavista'. He said, 'Bonavista! I've always wanted to write a song about Bonavista!' (When it came down to naming the record) "I thought 'What am I doing with all these stupid titles?'", and Bonavista was born.

(also see "Friday Night Fun..."pg14)





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Friday Night Fun at Vinnie's

BY TAWNYA ZWICKER

On Friday, September 6th, Vinnie's was the place to be. Kim Stockwood was there to play her second show since February. Despite the late start (8:30 became 9:00 before Dave Carmichael took the stage to open) and the disappointing attendance (I had expected more people) it was a great show.

Dave Carmichael kicked off the night, mostly drowning out the audience, who continued to chat throughout his entire set. A nauve of Montreal, his easy pop-style show failed to charm the boisterous crowd as did his attempts to joke with them. Because he's just starting out m his career, I'm sure his ways of building a rapport with the audience will improve with a few more gigs. He's already got the voice, the skill with his guitar, and the ability to blend those two talents together in order to create his own songs with catchy lyrics.

Kim Stockwood took the stage about 45 minutes later, commanding attention by starting with an explosive version of her song, "You Won't Remember This". She carried her typical high energy style throughout the entire hour and a half set. She even threw in a couple of extras not on her CD, including a haunting ballad entitled "Helplessly Drawa to the Sea", written with Randy Bauchman. The entire crowd joined Kino when she sang her latest single, "Jerk".

When she threw a few covers into her show, the audience was delighted. The artist formally known as Prince's "Purple Rain" and a Patsy Cline song were big hits, but Stompin' Tom's "The Man in the Moon is a Newfie" brought the house down and the crowd to its feet. While Stockwood sang people were stomping and jigging all over the place, and for a few minutes Vinnie's was no longer a university pub, but a Friday night Newfoundland kitchen party.

The concert was fantastic. An evening of listening to Carmichael and Stockwood do what they do best (belt out pop tunes to an appreciative audience) was well worth the ten bucks admission.

The Craft - Various Artists (CD Review)

BY CARRIE WARNER

A virtually unknown movie has one of the best soundtracks of the summer. The Craft seemed to appear out of nowhere, but it and the music on the soundtrack have made their mark on audiences everywhere.

The movie focuses on four girls, and their trials and tribulations involving witchcraft. It is a rare glimpse into the good side (unul the end) of an otten misunderstood practice. The music from the movie is incredthle and the best song on the CD is "Witches Song" by Juliana Hallield, She touches on some aspects of witchcruft, in this beautifully written song, Anyhody listening would delinitely shed any former image of ugly, green faced "witches" in fivour of a more serene, kind

The music on the album is varied, with songs by I Mother



Earth, Matthew Sweet, Elastica. and a slew of other mainstream artists. The mood changes with every song, but each song fits extremely well with the movie While listening to one song you may be in an almost meditative state, but with the next song, you may find yourself lively and dancing around the room. It is for that reason that this CD is so good. Lately, a lot of CD's seem to pick a patticu lar type of song, and stick with it until the very end Thankfully, this one doesn't lt definately augments my CD collection, as it will the collection of any who acquire it.



Frosh Week a Big Success

BY CARRIE WARNER

Another year underway, another frosh week completed. And what a frosh week it was! This year's first year students were treated to a week of entertainment that kept them up late every night, and they got a free tee-shirt to boot. What more could they have asked for?

The week kicked off on Labor day, with campus tours and an icebreaker event that had everyone laughing. This was followed by some free pizza (the best kind) and entertainment provided by comedian Kevin Hughes, and hypnotist Michael

Anthony. The hypnotist's show left many poor souls who will not (thanks to their friends) forget the evening!

Tuesday's entertainment started with a boat cruise, during which the MSVU frosh showed everyone just how much spirit they have. Dancing the night away proved to be one of the highlights of the trip down the harbour, and once the boat gets fixed, they may even get invited back! After the cruise, everyone crowded into Vinnie's Pub for an electrifying performance by Lawrence (you can call him Larry) Gowan.

Turnout for this event was fantastic, and the audience certainly wasn't disappointed.

Wednesday kicked off a new season of Pub Nights at Vinnie's, and the new faces on campus quickly caught on to the tradition of fun on a Wednesday! The evening was complete with a disco contest, and a general good time had by all.

After a late night at the pub, students of MSVU had to wake up to an early morning of classes. The dancing fun was continued on Thursday evening with a dance featuring music of the 80's and 90's.

Friday night was a concert performed by Newfoundland's Kim Stockwood. She put on a great show that had everyone singing along. Her latest release, "Jerk" was one of the pleasers! biggest crowd Opening act Dave Carmichael brought the smooth sound of his guitar to Vinnie's Pub, and got the audience warmed up for a night of fun.

The weekend proved to be just as much fun as the rest of the week. After a great day of fundraising for the YWCA on Saturday, there was a "Rocking

Pub Party" for all the frosh, and their orientation week leaders. Sunday's entertainment was an evening of movies, from the 70's, 80's, and 90's. Greece, Dirty Dancing and The Bodyguard were the films of

Well, that is Frosh Week '96 in a nutshell. I'm sure that all of the frosh appreciated the work done by the Orientation Committee, as well as all the planning and preparation by a lot of other people, both on campus and off. Now that the busy week is over, everyone really is dazed and confused.

Gowan packs pub

"I'm happy to

be living and

using this body!"

- Gowan

BY BRIAN KERRIGAN

Ya gotta be keen if your gonna see the sights during frosh week.

The line ups in Rosaria reversed themselves Tuesday night as students and staff showed in force to see Larry Gowan play at Vinnie's. "I just went and stood in line at financial services for 2.5 hours." recounted first year student Sonya Ciesielski. "My two friends were in

line upstairs for three hours. came down here (for the pub line) at 6:30" breathing and still The doors for the show opened just after 8pm.

Phycadelically colored orientation people kept the frosh hopping in the line with noisy chanting and clapping, Laurence Gowan, the man they came to see, made a quite entrance into Rosaria Hall. A return he wouldn't have missed.

"I enjoyed this gig so much last year. I hadn't played a university in a number of years and this was the first one I'd done in four or five years. That show went so well and it suprised me because although my audience seems to be getting wider and wider in age range, I didn't

expect so many of the younger people in the university to know so many of my songs." mused the year old Gowan "not just remember them, but be into them."

Gowan's show, flying solo on a piano, let's him present himself and his influeces in a more traditonal, personal form. He says that's the way people want to hear the music,

> "hearing songs as they've been originally concieved in a truly profound sense."

> As far as the diverse age group he's playing to now, Gowan

looks at it as a personal philosophy of performing, not as a sign that the Rock business is getting healthier, and performers living longer. "It's stopped being 'you can't possible be doing this past 29!' But in the whole history of show business there have been people that have had to burn out and die young to do what they do effectively. I'm glad I'm not one of those people." laughs Gowan as he sits in the Picaro office before his show "I'm happy to be living and breathing and still using this body!"



BRIAN KERRIGAN

Gowen entertains the Tuesday night crowd at Vinnies during Frosh Week.

COMMUNITY

No Scents is Good Sense

BY SHEILA BANNON,

Occupational Health and Safety Committee

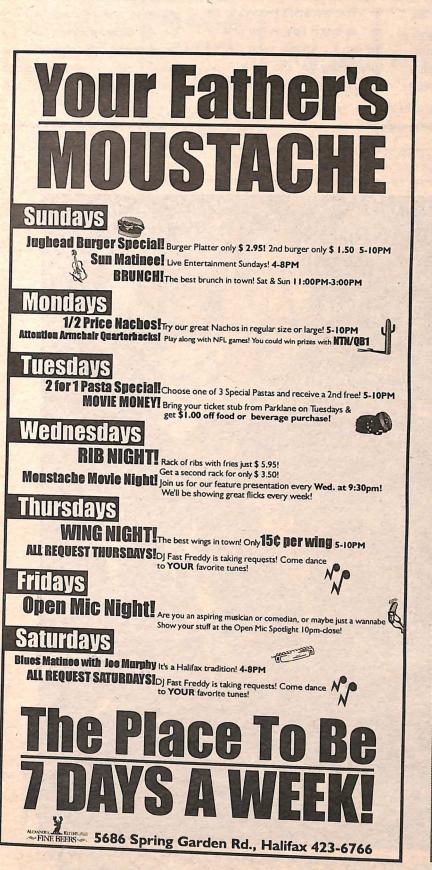
As most people are aware, the incidence of environmental discomforts and illnesses is increasing. Scented products may cause a variety of health problems from runny noses to nausea and muscle pain. Statistics show that 15-25% of today's population has some type of breathing problem such as hay fever or asthmathat is adversely effected by strong odors from scented products such as perfumes and aftershave. As well, about 17% of Canadians suffer from migraines. Migraines are sometimes triggered by strongly scented products.

The public is often not aware that thousands of chemicals are used in the making of fragrances and several hundred can be used in a single product. Very little research is available to show the neurotoxic effect of these chemicals on humans. Sometimes, unknowingly, people wear many layers of fragrances daily: in hair gels and sprays, and deodorants. It is virtually impossible for ventilation systems to extract all these chemicals from the air and, as a result, chemicals are being re-circulated. Individuals are constantly being bombarded by chemicals in their homes and work.

Physical Plant is making every effort to obtain products that are effective but environmentally friendly, for example, bowl and floor cleaners and toxic-free painting products. In addition, floor adhesives are used where appli-

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COMMUNITY

Society News

On Tueday September 17th the History Society will be holding there first meeting of the year at the History Corner on the fifth floor.

The Science Society will hold its first meeting of the year on September 20th at 12pm in the General Bio Lab, Evaristus. The Society will also be holding a Pizza Party September 27. Have fun and meet everyone for the low price of \$4, which includes membership. For information on the Science Society call Karen Cooper at 835-2509 or Amy Gordon at 429-2315.

The Picaro is looking for Society information such as time and date of meetings and special events. If you are a member of a Society on Campus we would like to publish your events, please call the Picaro office at 445-3584 and ask for Andrew or fax us at 457-0444.

Community Events

The Discovery Centre's hours of operation are as follows: Monday-Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm ans Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

On September 18 The Dalhousie Women's Centre invites students, staff, faculty, and community members to it's Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. See our new, accessible space, hve a coffee on us, and let us know how we can work for you. 1229 LeMarchant St., 494-2432.

On September 27— the annual TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH takes place, beginning in Grand Parade Square. The evening starts at 8 p.m. With an open mic for sharing thoughts. Following the March, a reception will be held. Hot drinks will be provided and the March participants are invited to plan to sing or play music to wrap up the evening.

"On the Beaches of Sable Island" Tuesday Septer 17, 7:30 pm (tentative -phone ahead 424-7490 to confirm) Sable Island- an isolated strip of pristine and windswept sands dunes and grass about 250 km east of Halifax. But how isolated and prostine is it really? Join Sable Island researcher Zoe Lucas for this illustrated talk about some of her work including beach litter surveys. You'll b surprised to learn just how far a heliumfilled birthday balloon can drift!

Bluenose || at the Maritime Museum. This September when in Halifax, will be berthed at the Maritime Museum. Tenative September dates for public sailings in Halifax are Sept. 13, 14, 17-22 & 24-29. For mre information on bookings, please call toll free 1-800-763-1963. This is your last chance this summer!

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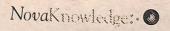
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SOCCER TEAM SET TO GO



BY MELANIE BEATON

The Mystics Soccer team is set to start the 1996 season. "This is probably the most talented group for try-

out camps I have seen here at the Mount", coach Patsy Pyke said. That says quite a bit considering the Mount has five consecutive conference banners hanging in the gym and boasts a trip to the first ever CCAA Women's National Championship.

Each year the calibre of soccer players trying out gets better and better. "The improvement in women's play attests to better coaching and quality of programs offered in the school system and at the club level", Coach Pyke said. The team looks very promising with a strong returning crew of All Conference players Wendy Spence, Jackie MacLeod and Erin Atkinson along Denise Elliott, Shannon Keefe, Heather Hennigar,

Maeribeth MacDonald, Jennifer Brown, and Erin Barkhouse. This group is very solid and has the advantage of having played together before. Add to them a strong group of rookies including Susan Duffy, Jazmine Hayden, Tara Kinch, Sheila Murphy, Jennifer Reardon, Jennifer Tummonds, and Cindy Wilson, and they are sure to have a successful year.

The season gets underway on Sunday September 15 when the Mystics host TUNS at 1pm at Tremont Park. The field is located at the top of Flamingo off Trailwoods. Come on out and support your team!!

Sept 22 the Mystics host St Thomas University at 10am and NSAC on Sept 25 at 4:30pm. Don't miss the best soccer on the hill!



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M.O.S.S:

If you like the Outdoors then the Mount Outdoor Students Society is for you! This is the first year this society has been in operation. They are planning numerous field trips, including hiking on McNabs Island and rock climbing at the Dalplex. Any outdoor activities go. New ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in joining contact Sara at 457-0078 or Keith at 445-BUDA.

INTRAMURAL SOCIETY:

This is a new society for students who want to play intramural sports and would like to be involved with the planning of this student run program. This society is a great way to meet other students. Meetings are every monday from 4:25-5:00pm in the Athletics/Recreation Studio off the Rosaria Gym.

MYSTIC BAND:

Did you play a musical instrument in high school? Would you like the chance to get together with other students who played in school bands? The MYSTIC BAND is a new club for students interested in getting together to share a few experiences and play a few tunes. If you are interested, contact Joanne in the Athletics/Recreation Office at 457-6369.

WALK/RUNNING CLUB:

If you are looking for someone to walk or run with, you should check out this club. This is for everyone who enjoys the outdoors, no matter what your pace is. Members with similar paces and schedules will be matched up. The first meeting will be held in the Studio on Wednesday, September 18, from 12:30 - 12:55pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, contact Joanne at 457-6369.

GAMES CLUB:

If you enjoy learning a new card game, spending an afternoon playing Monopoly or Risk, or competing in a great game of Backgammon, then this new club is for you! Come sign-up at the Athletics/Recreation Office or contact Joanne at 457-6369.

INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES:

All the intramurals are held in the Rosaria Gym and students can participate for **FREE!!** The sports are coed and every skill level is welcome. Come have some fun and meet other students. You could win one of many Pepsi prizes just by participating! Intramurals begin the week of September 9th.

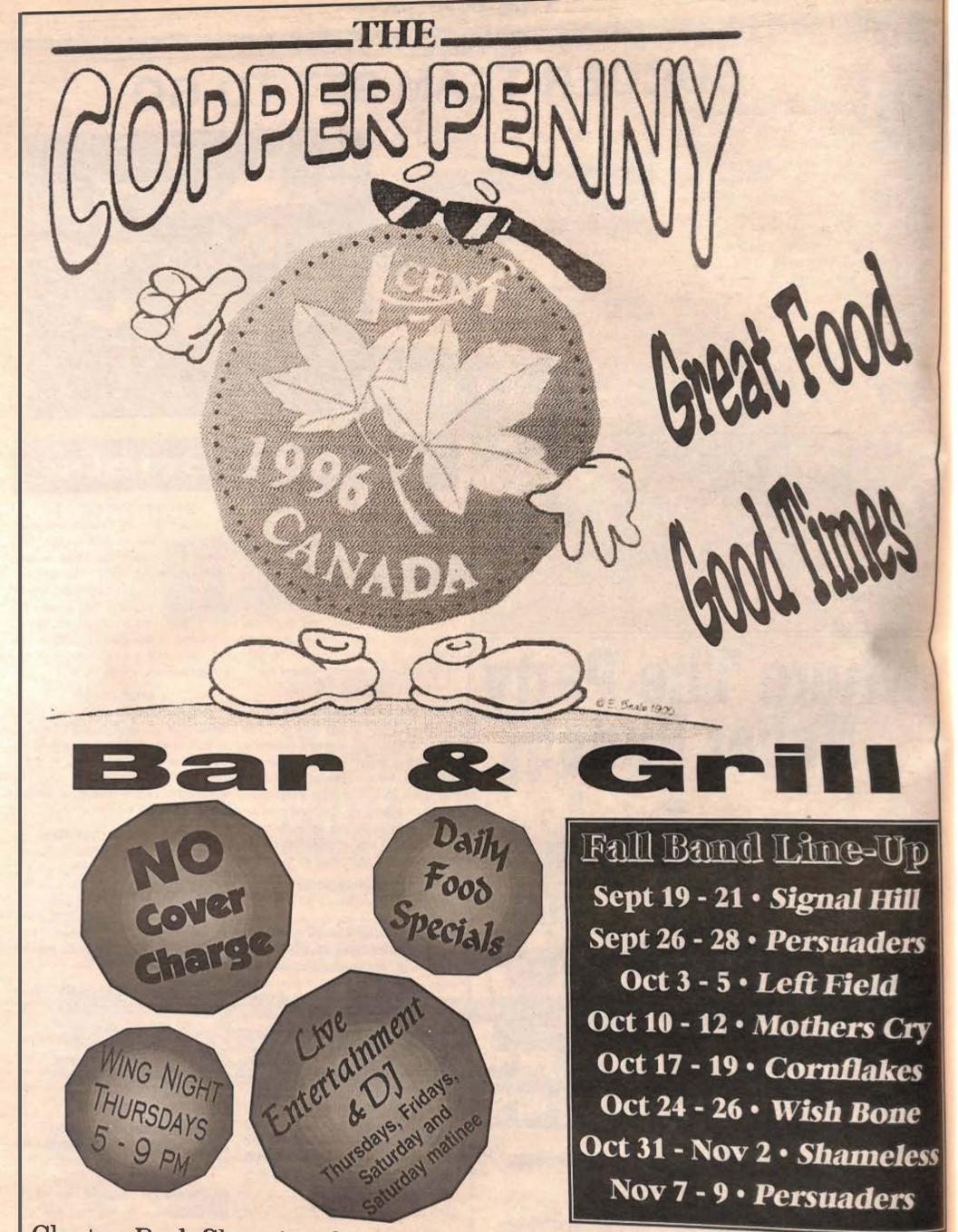
MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE:

This is a ten week organized league. The cost is \$30 for MSVU students and a team shirt is included. Register in person at the Athletics/Recreation Office, Rosaria Centre. League games are played on Sundays at 5:30 and 6:30pm. Draft night is September 22nd at 5:30pm.

ATH/REC SOCIETY EVENTS:

MOVIE NIGHT: "HEAT", Sunday September 22, 7pm in Auditorium A.

BEACH PARTY: Saturday September 28, 4pm (tenatative). We will meet in Rosaria and from there we will head out to Crystal Crescent Beach.



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