

Canada's Only
Women's University
Newspaper

Picaro

Mount Saint Vincent University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Thursday, December 1, 1988
Vol. 24, No. 11

Women Building Tomorrow

by Suzanne McCarthy

Feminist, activist, academic and social worker Rosemary Brown called upon educators to smash the poverty mould which imprisons the lives of women and renders them powerless in today's society.

Brown, a Mount Saint Vincent graduate, delivered that message on November 12 in Halifax to more than 200 educators who attended "Women Building Tomorrow" a three-day national conference on the status of women and education.

The Canadian Teachers' Federation organized the conference held at the Halifax Sheraton. More than 400 educators from across Canada gathered together to hear from Brown and other women who have made outstanding contributions to education and Canadian society.

"I urge educators to challenge the traditional role of education's way of maintaining the status quo, which is hostile and flawed with violence towards women," said Brown who described poverty as a violence of the mind and stomach.

Brown said the words "women" and "poverty" are interchangeable everywhere in the world.

"If you are poor in Canada today, you are probably a woman with children, perhaps a single parent," Brown said.

She asked the mainly female audience to memorize the facts: 60 per cent of the five million poor in Canada are women; women make up one-half the population, do two-thirds the work, earn one-tenth the incomes, own less than one one-hundredth of the property, and earn 65 cents for every dollar men make.

Brown told the audience not to link women's poverty to biology, but to their place in a patriarchal society which devalues them, except as nurturers and cheap labour. Brown also explained how society tries to convince women that their only security lies in any kind of marriage.

"Most women are just a man away from welfare," she said.

Brown named poor career choices as one reason for women's poverty and said an effective buffer against this is advanced education.

Research shows more and more women are furthering their education today, however Brown said the increase merely moves

them from the status of the unemployed poor to the working poor.

The cycle of women's poverty will remain real, said Brown, unless drastic change takes place in the role of education.

Brown said, Students need general information about the way society works." She said students have little knowledge

of the structure of the workforce or the barriers and hurdles awaiting them.

Brown said young women are especially unaware of society's ideological underpinnings. They have limited visions and lack long term realistic plans for career and employment.

"These young women need the plain unvarnished facts,"

Brown told the audience.

She said this message must reach young women sooner than later so they might be spared entry into the poverty cycle and take their place as equals in society.

"Educators can be catalysts," said Brown. "You have a choice; be part of the solution or part of the problem."

Rapists Not Always Strangers

by Nicole Smith

"Statistics show that at least three out of you 13 girls in this room will be raped at some time in your lives," Sonia Arnold, a member of Services for Sexual Assault Victims (SSAV), told a group of Mount residence students last week.

Arnold and her co-worker, Liz Cosgrove, both members of SSAV's telephone hotline, lectured campus women concerning sexual assault and prevention last Wednesday evening. The women help to staff the 24-hour service which caters to the needs of both women and men who have been the victims of sexual assault or rape. Their main job is to provide counselling for the victims, and to listen to them. Since they cannot give the victims advice concerning legal action or medical attention, they refer them to other departments within SSAV.

"One of the most common myths about a rapist is that he would be a stranger, or a psycho," said Cosgrove. She said that too often a rapist is a person of perfectly routine appearance, who may be a neighbour, someone you see on a daily basis, or a family member, in which case the rape would be incestuous.

Arnold said that another common myth that causes rape victims to harbour guilt, restraining them from seeking help, is the notion that women who get raped, asked for it: "If you are dating, you have the right to say

no, and the guy has to respect your decision. Even if you are responding to some sort of intimacy, and refuse to have intercourse, it is still rape if the guy forces himself upon you - he has

infringed upon your right."

To help prevent rape, the women recommend that homes and cars should be locked at all times, whether occupied or not. They also suggested that women

should not walk alone at night, and they should always carry emergency coins in case they need to make a call.

Apology Demanded From Crosby


by Chris Gallant

Many students of Mount Saint Vincent University were not satisfied with Howard Crosby's argument in favour of the free trade deal during the debate in the Multi Purpose Room on November 3rd. The PC candidate for Halifax West irritated the audience when he said that "free trade is not about people, it's about fruit and vegetables".

On November 21, this debate between Crosby and Mel Hurtig

was probably far from the minds of most Mount students as they witnessed another majority win by the federal PC party. When interviewed by CBC and the Daily News as to why he experienced a drastic drop in support, although he won the riding, Crosby blamed it on the "slugs". He stated that the animosity was due to special interest groups, unions and "nuts" like Mel Hurtig who "wowed" students at the Mount "...and what do they know about free trade!"

Student Union President Paul Card was not pleased with Crosby's comments. "I think it is about time for Mr. Crosby to get his stick on the ice," he said. "We gave him an opportunity to forward his position on free trade to the members of his constituency. Mr. Crosby lost the debate - yet he won the election. His comments were inappropriate for an elected official. He owes the student's of this University an official apology."



WARNING!

Within this paper
is the semester's
issue of The
Sicaro.

Proceed with caution.

LETTERS

"IN CASE YOU WEREN'T WONDERING"

by Emma Davies-Webb

Merry Christmas Mr. Anderson.

You haven't been completely forgotten.

Remember hearing about the kidnapping of the Middle East bureau chief of the Associated Press back in March of '85?

Well - he's still there. Held hostage by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad (Holy War) group, Terry Anderson hasn't tasted freedom in three and a half years.

In a recently released video tape from Lebanon, Anderson questioned the blatant lack of co-operation for his release by the U.S. government. Reagan's efforts seem to be concentrated on everything but.

Other hostages seem to merit higher priority. A total of 766 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails were re-

leased on hijacker's demands in return for the 40 U.S. passengers they were holding hostage on the 1985 TWA flight to Beirut.

Three trapped whales recently attracted a generous international collaboration that culminated in the helpless animals release.

And then there's the Iran-contra affair. Given the proven power of U.S. negotiations, why is Anderson after three and a half years, still at the bottom of the pile?

Ignored by his busy government, Anderson doesn't even merit attention from Amnesty International as he's not a political prisoner detained in a government jail.

This season will mark Terry Anderson's 41st Christmas.

I hope Santa doesn't overlook him too.

Prez Retorts

To the Editors

Just a brief explanation to Simon Kennedy and his concern that I am completely misguided over public post-secondary institutions in the United States.

Misguided...no...lacking in literary expertise...quite possibly.

Your point is very well taken, the post-secondary institutions you pointed out are of world stature, all nine of them. (in fact I believe that there are about nine or ten more that could be included in your list)

Simon...do you have any idea how many post-secondary institutions there are in the United States? Over 3000.

Simon...do you know how many universities there are in the United States? Over 1000. Simon...do you know how many good post-secondary institutions there are in the United States?

Sure you do...because you named a good percentage of them. Simon do you know what the range of tuition is for the Universities you named? Anywhere between about \$6,500 to 17,000.

Simon... do you know how many poor post-secondary institutions there are in the United States? Well take the ones you mentioned, add on the ten you forgot, add on a few hundred or so as fair institutions and subtract that number from 3000. The number you come up with is some where in the mid 2000s.

Simon... do you know what I call these 2000 odd institutions that still charge some \$4000 a year for tuition... HALF ASS.

That was my point Simon, in United States there exists a two tiered education system. This two tier system is what I was worried about...the fact that it may find its way into Canada, more than it has already.

Paul Card

Mandela Alive

To the Editors

As a public relations student in my final year, I have heard my professors drill into the students the importance of checking all the facts before writing a story. The reason for their concern was never more evident to me than after reading an article published in the Picaro last week.

Emma Davies Webb, a new Picaro columnist and public relations student, wrote an article entitled "In Case You Weren't Wondering." In the article, Webb commented on the apartheid system used in South Africa.

Although her intentions were honourable, her facts were far from well-researched.

As a South African born Cape-Colored, I found this article both insulting and shocking. Not wanting to suffer the indignation alone, I shared the Webb article with my family.

So, on behalf of the Seville/Van Vollenhoven family here and in South Africa, I would like to set the record straight.

First of all, the Webb article was quoted as saying that: "The deaths of freedom fighters like Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko spur motivation in the increasing number of black trade unions ... etc."

To my knowledge Nelson

Mandela is still alive and continuing to serve an unjust sentence in prison. If Mandela did die, I think that someone should inform Winnie Mandela who continues to wait and pray for her husband's release.

Pronouncing an important figure dead is a horrid mistake but one which I can overlook. This would certainly not be the first time that such an error has made it into print

The second oversight in the Webb article, however, I find somewhat more difficult to forgive.

In speaking of the races in South Africa, 26 per cent of the population is quoted as belonging to the white race and 74 per

cent is quoted as being black. I am by no stretch of the imagination a mathematical genius but I believe that 26 percent white plus 74 percent black adds up to 100 per cent of the population.

South Africa isn't all black and white. South Africa has three official races. What happened to my race, the population of coloreds? This race is descended from the original inhabitants of South Africa, the Hottentots, and is also comprised of Mulatto and Indians.

In 1985 during my studies in Spain, I applied for permission to re-enter the country of my birth and spend Christmas with a family which I haven't seen for 18 years. I was denied the right

to ever enter South Africa again because of the combination of my "inferior" race and my "superior" education. The South African government is denying my existence as a person, Webb's article denies the existence of my race.

Knowing the facts before you sit down to write is a way of avoiding embarrassing misunderstandings and a way of not insulting the intelligence of your audience. The Webb article is honourable in its concept but lacks credibility. While trying to enlighten a Mount audience, Emma, you've insulted my entire race.

Avril Vollenhoven

RESEARCH PAPERS

16,278 to choose from—all subjects
Save Time and Improve Your Grades!
Order Catalog Today with Visa/MC or COD
Ordering Hot Line **213-477-8226** Ext. 49
Or, rush \$2.00 to: Research Assistance
11322 Idaho Ave. #206-SN, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Custom research also available—all levels

Overpoliticization

To the Editor

The clearest and most disturbing conclusion one can draw from Professor Goulet's open letter (Picaro, November 9, 1988) is, insofar as academic freedom including research is concerned, that discrimination and double standards should be applied in a

paternalistic and dogmatic way. As a result of this regrettable tendency to overpoliticize academic life, the author, who seems to unilaterally impose a moratorium on academic freedom, evicts me beyond the confines of his "brave new world."

Unacceptable as Professor Goulet's views are, his misconceptions regarding my research project make matters still worse. A person in his position can be expected to be better informed. This is plainly visible when the author questions the ranking of countries, from the point of view of my research activities. According to his uninformed value judgement putting South Africa

in front of Great Britain is an outrage. And yet, the bulk of my research is in South Africa, where I plan to spend most of my sabbatical leave. This is particularly true of the problem of black labour relations in the gold mining industry - an area of investigation which, implicitly, appears to be of little concern to Professor Goulet.

The author of the open letter should be reminded that the freedom of expression, which he has abused in this case, is not only a right but, above all, a grave responsibility.

J.M. Konczacki
Professor of History

Picaro

Editors:

Marla Cranston

Chris Gallant

Entertainment Editor:

Karen Seaboyer

Sports Editor:

Marcel d'Eon

Production Manager:

Michele Maillet

Distribution Manager:

See Sports Editor

Business Manager:

Paul Carroll

Advertising:

See Business Manager

Photo Director:

Kurt Ritter

Photographs:

Cindi Coffill

Tolson Smith

Typist:

Linda McLeod

Contributors:

Suzanna McCarthy

Nicole Smith

Emma Davies-Webb

John Doody

Lisa Boudreau

David O'Brian

Special Layout Star

Melanie Parker

The Picaro
Rosaria Centre
Mount Saint Vincent
University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3M 2J6
(902) 445-3584

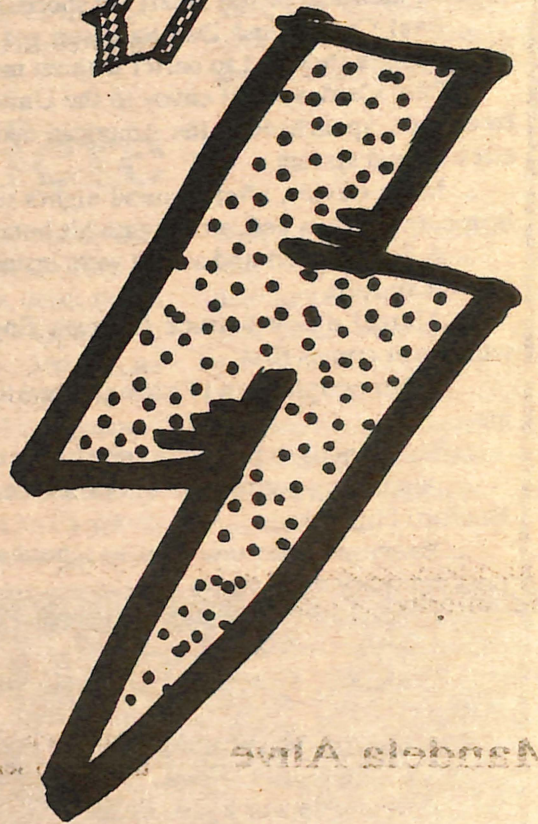
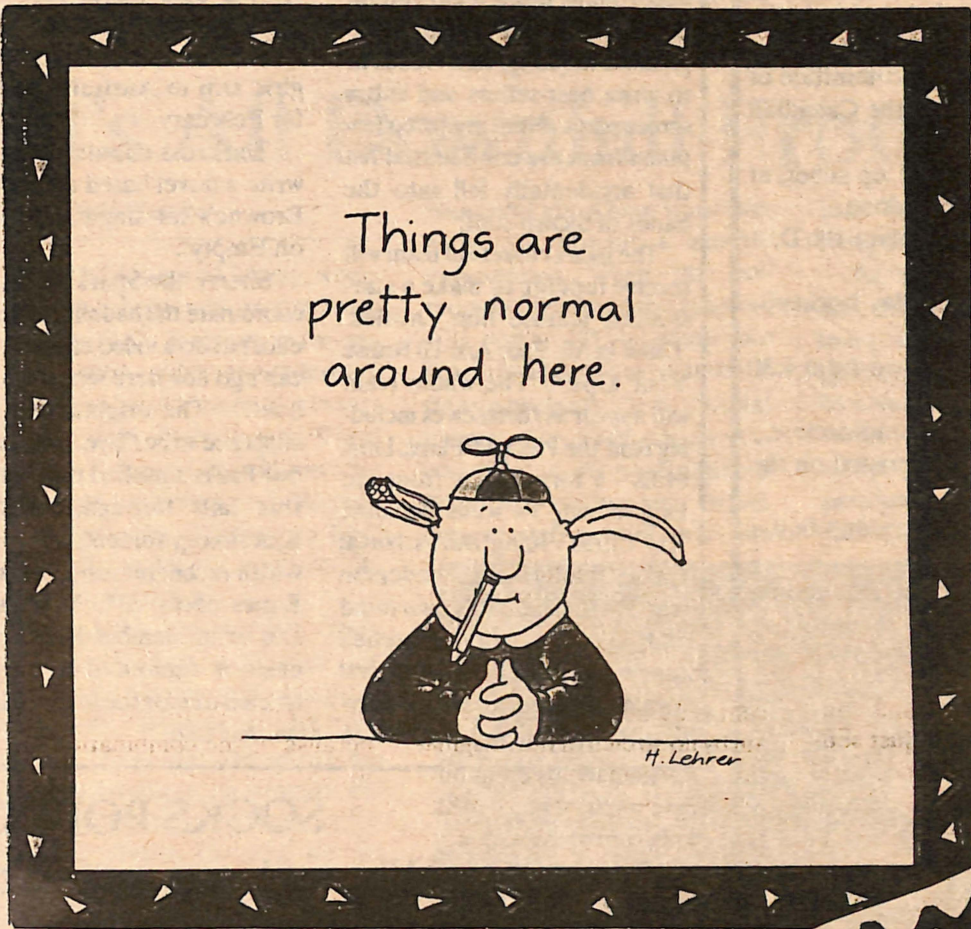
The Picaro is an active member of the Canadian University Press (CUP), a national student newspaper cooperative.

Mount Saint Vincent University's student newspaper, the Picaro, is published weekly at the Dartmouth Free Press.

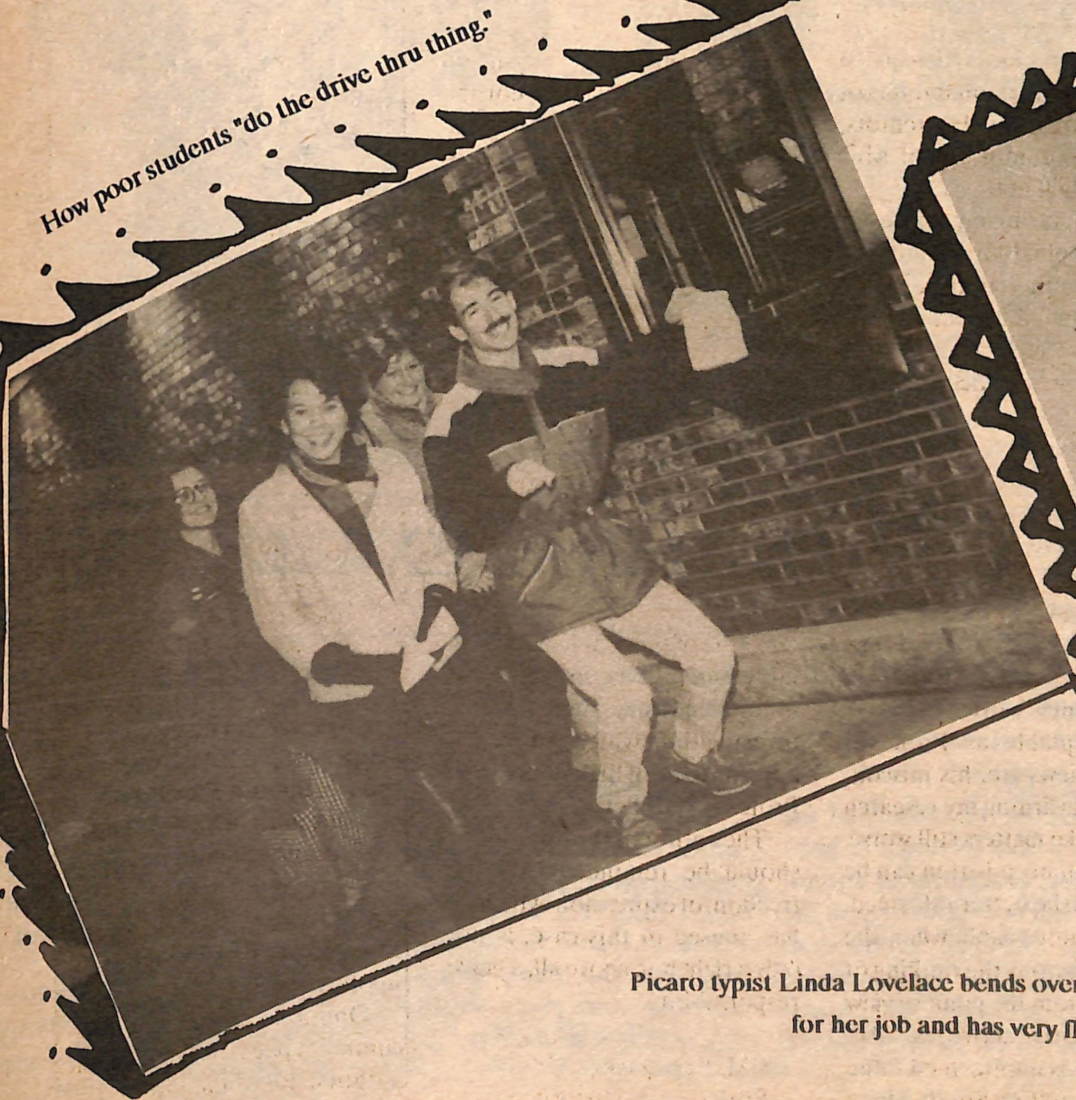
Copy must be signed, double-spaced and submitted no later than Friday at 5 p.m. All letters to the editor must be signed, though we will withhold name upon request.

Opinions expressed on our comment pages are those of the authors, not of the Picaro staff

STUDENT LIFE



How poor students "do the drive thru thing."



Picaro typist Linda Lovelace bends over backwards for her job and has very flexible hours.



Wouldn't it be neat if:

- ... Kurt Ritter's camera ran out of film just before he was abducted by a UFO.
- ... Sports Illustrated included Andrew McLeod in their bathing suit issue as "Mr. Before."
- ... A microphone was installed in the games room and connected to a speaker in Dr. Hersom's office.
- ... Mount Saint Vincent had a men's football team.
- ... A fire-pole was installed at Assisi for those who hate waiting for elevators.
- ... All female students at the Mount didn't show up for class wearing identical pastel Smart Set specials.
- ... Paul Carroll and Dan Sampson got stranded on an Arctic island where they had to barter without money to survive.
- ... Paul Card, special envoy to the United States committee of free trade, spearheaded the American take-over of the Canadian educational system.
- ... Mike Cayley, after a sound night's sleep, woke up sober, at home, in his own bed, alone, with his homework all done.
- ... A bobsled run and ski lift were installed to replace the Dal-Mount shuttle.
- ... Marcel d'Eon learned to speak English or play hockey -- whichever comes first.
- ... Other people found Picaro graphics as funny as we did at 4:30 am.
- ... The pencils that people keep from exams were radioactive.
- ... A crossing guard with a rocket launcher was posted on the Bedford Highway.
- ... Everyone rode unicycles to school and still couldn't find a parking space on campus.
- ... Classical music was played for one Pub Night so that people would appreciate our deejays.
- ... Posters of kittens and Garfield were forbidden in Vincent Hall.
- ... A banking machine was installed in the Pub.
- ... A banking machine was installed anywhere near this campus.
- ... Karen Seaboyer wore pastels.
- ... During registration, beer, walkmans and beef jerky were passed out to those waiting for hours.
- ... The one person you've always been crazy about approaches you at Vinnie's, smiles, and asks if your best friend is seeing anyone.
- ... The crows outside Rosaria were officially honoured by the Department of National Defence as "The Mount Air Force."
- ... A spotlight was installed at Vinnie's to identify dancers that appear to have eaten squirrel meat.
- ... All the parking meters turned into gum machines overnight.
- ... All the parking meters simply got beamed elsewhere.
- ... The inconsiderate and offensive Leg Contests and Slave Auctions were permanently banned from the Pub and replaced with the exciting and culturally acceptable "Topless Roller Derby in Jello."
- ... Marla Cranston could slam dunk.
- ... Tina Broderick coached the Toronto Blizzard.
- ... Chris Gallant woke up to discover she had a Diana Ross hair style.
- ... Diana Ross woke up to discover she had a Ron LaPierre hair style.
- ... Picaro layout nights finished before 5:00 am.

With a little participation on your part and charitable funding from the Student Union, there's no reason why these feasible improvements can't take place and make Mount Saint Vincent more fun than a porcupine in a balloon factory.

BIOLOGY

Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 years earlier, with special attention to the probable effects on the English Parliamentary system. Prove your thesis.

EXTRA CREDIT

Give today's date - in metric.

PSYCHOLOGY

Estimate the differences from the major schools of psychoanalytic thought, successfully subject yourself to analysis. Make appropriate personality changes, bill yourself and fill out all medical insurance forms. Now do the same to the person seated immediately to your left.

HISTORY

Describe the history of the Papacy from its origin to present day, concentrating specifically, but not exclusively on the social, political, economical, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America and Africa. Be brief, concise and specific.

LITERATURE

Compose an epic poem based on the events of your own life in which you see and footnote allusions from T.S. Eliot, Keats, Chaucer, Dante, Norse mythology and the Marx brothers. Critique your poem with full discussion of its metrics.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2500 riot crazed students storm into the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

MUSIC

Compose a piano concerto. Orchestrate it and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

CRUD-COURT

by John Doody

In order to create a higher awareness of some of the Mount's varsity teams, the Athletics department has decided to allocate a huge chunk of its budget for various projects in promoting the image of each team. The department hired a consultant to help them apply for grants to produce hit songs and videos or to write best-sellers and sultry screenplays. Here are just a few taken from the confidential list that accidentally fell into the hands of Sicaro staff:

The men's basketball team will receive funding to make a star-studded feature film entitled, "Dunk In My Face And I'll Bruise Your Lips!". The whole team will appear as themselves including Rod 'the Pinhead' Flake, Hoss Mills - a former star from the long-running TV series Bonanza, Ray 'Little Viking' Burns, Naval Caines, Hollywood Henderson who is a legend in his own mind and just back from the rehab centre, Slim Jim Lewis, Jeff 'Psycho' Manning, and Alf Havill who we hear was shipped in

exclusively from another planet. Team coach Rick Plato will direct.

June Jett and the Volleyball Blockhearts have the go-ahead to release a new country album, "Take this set and spike it, I ain't serving here no more." It is reported that proceeds from record sales will go towards the girls' trip to Australia planned for February.

The cross-country team will write a novel based on Jackson Browne's hit single, "Running on Empty".

Sherry 'the Spark' Parks will coordinate the badminton team's effort to do a video entitled, "We can't go nowhere without a racquet!" The original title was supposed to be, "Bye, Bye, Birdie" but Parks smashed that title. If that falls through, Sherry, a Kinesiology student, will go solo with a recent hit song, "Make no Bones about it!" Vinnies DJ and team member Rob MacKenzie is rumoured to be contracted out for the musical score on that one.

The soccer team is expected to do a commercial for Tide to be shown during the soap opera, Another World Cup. They will wear the same pinnies worn in the championship game against Kings. The pinnies still haven't been washed and there is a rumour by the Mount team that the pinnies actually helped them win. (They were so dirty, they moved by themselves, thus less energy expended by the Mount team!).

Last, but not least, is the girls' basketball team. The team will write and star in a play written exclusively for the Neptune Theatre. It stars Julie Kidney and it will be called, "Screen Away A Porch Door Has Blown Off". The team is still suffering from its last effort which turned out to be a flop. Its title, "A Pick and Roll is Not Something that Comes With Dinner!"

See ya in da movies!

SOCKS POPULAR

Where do you stand on acid rain?



Under a tree.
In the lake.



On the back porch.

THE FINAL EXAM

INSTRUCTIONS

Read each question thoroughly.

Answer all questions.
Time limit - three hours.

Begin immediately.

Mag Hag Mall To Take Over Comm Centre

by Her Royal Moopishness
by the Moopish One
by Moop Unit Cranstoned
by Marla Procranstonator
OK, so I have a split personal-
ity!

The asphalt has been poured on the parking lot for the nearly-completed E. Mag Hag Mall. The grand opening should take place in April with plenty of sales for starving students.

The \$8.5-million centre was originally intended to house communications facilities such as microcomputers and editing suites. However, Let's Get Physical Plant Waterer Tall Wino suddenly changed plans for the building.

"We re-evaluated students' needs and discovered that they really weren't interested in a communications centre," said Wino. "It seemed like a waste of money to relocate the library and Duet studio when all students really want is a shopping mall."

Prime commercial space is still for lease, but many stores have jumped at the chance to serve the lucrative student market. In fact, market analysts have found that Mount students make up the bulk of the target market for preppy clothing retail outlets.

Students can look forward to shopping at Benetton, Club Monaco, Jacob, Esprit, Smart Set, Bass, Beaver Canoe, Fairweather, Roots, Kettle Creek, Cotton Ginny, Rodier, Bootlegger and Aldo.

There had been tentative plans for a food court until Chef Kelsie put his foot down. Wersa Foods has agreed to open yet another delightful cafeteria on campus in hopes of saving students from the horrible food dished out by Orange Foolius and Fairy Queen.

"Students can expect the same high quality of delicious food in the new cafeteria," said Kelsie. "We're really looking forward to expanding our food service."

Students are shocked about the new plans for the Communications Centre but overall, they think it's a good idea. First year public relations student Shari-Lea Sweet is already saving up her money for the grand opening. "I hope there's going to be plenty of khaki shades," she said. "That colour should still be in when April comes. If not, I'm prepared to adapt."

Fourth year briefcase-head

business student Price Stevenson can't wait to add to his scrunched sock collection. "It's going to be great!" he said. "I won't have to sit on the damn Metro Trashit all day to get to Park Lane. We'll have an even better mall right here in Rockingham."

Professors are worried that students will spend more time shopping than in class. "Students miss Stats class 37.2 per cent of

the time as it is, with a standard deviation of 3.5," said Professor John Tweed. "I expect this rate to increase 54 per cent if the new mall is opened."

To protest the mall, Tweed and 30 other professors have formed CASH, or the Coalition Against Shopping. They expect it to be an issue in their contract negotiations. They may even strike if the mall goes through.

Administrators remain tight-

lipped about the shopping centre. PR Director Root Jetson, who requested that this information be kept off the record, said that administration can expect to bag big bucks with this new real estate venture. She justified it by saying, "Maybe now we'll be able to afford new books for the library."

Despite the conflicting opinions, the E. Mag Hag Mall is slated for completion by February and occupancy by early April.

It's All Downhill From Here

by Staff Weirdos

The Sisters of Mercy, working in cahoots with Mount President Helly Hersom, have announced plans to redevelop Mount Saint Vincent as a luxury ski resort, to be named Thrill Hill. This news flash follows the recent showing of Warren Miller's film, "Escape to Ski", which the Sisters watched 230 times, non-stop.

Seventy-two-year-old Sister Hilda Heaven explained the reasons for the big change at MSVU. "We needed a lift," she said. "A ski lift." She added that most buildings on campus will be levelled to make room for the many slopes planned for all degrees of difficulty.

Remaining in residence at Vincent Hall, the Sisters of Mercy will have easy access to the top of the Mother Hill. Their only problem will be getting back up - ski lifts are difficult enough at any age. Rosaria Centre and Assisi Hall will be transformed into the Ski Margaret Fulton Communication Lodge. The lodge will meet all future guests' needs, including accommodations and hearty food, prepared by Chef Boyardee.

"I'm introducing a new formula for my chili," said Boyardee. "Skiing sisters need hot, spicy food that will keep them warm on the hill."

The Sisters plan to re-design

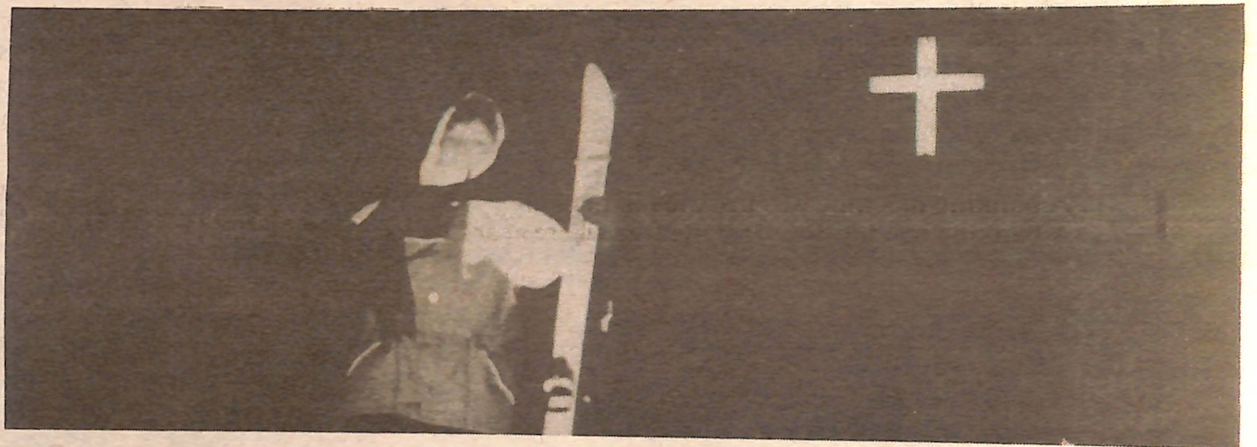
Skinny's Pub. A huge stone fireplace will provide a warmer atmosphere. When the pub reopens, Keith and the gang will still serve old standbys like Ronbo's Special, as well as exciting new drinks like hot mulled Communion wine. DeeJay extraordinaire, Wowie Frightle is preparing for the new crowd, even though most of them will

have broken legs, which may hamper any efforts to dance.

At this moment, desks, books and other school supplies are being sold so the Sisters can purchase the snow machine, ski lifts and ski rental equipment.

According to Sister Heaven, "The potential for expansion is superb and a ski resort will be much more lucrative

than a university." Plans for the redevelopment are ongoing and clearing of the buildings is scheduled to start in May of 1989. If the resort is a success, the Sisters plan to open a Club Med year-round resort, complete with waterskiing in the Bedford Basin and nude sunbathing along the highway.



Sister Hilda Heaven prays for snow so she can practise her night skiing on Thrill Hill.

Annie Alligator Bingo Banned

by Scarin' Seahorse

Despite strong efforts on behalf of the Mount's P.R. Society, university administration has banned the production of what could be the most exciting event on campus.

Members of the most talkative student club were in the midst of planning "Annie Alligator Bingo." The Mount campus would be plotted on a grid and a live alligator let loose to roam. Tickets were being sold, with

purchasers predicting where Annie would devour her first victim.

Prefer to Ramble Society co-president Gifita LaGab was disappointed with administration's decision. "We tried to present the issue as professionally as possible," she said, "but Physical Plant just wouldn't buy it. I think they're afraid Annie will head their first."

Bill Nosenminute, Prefer to Ramble's other co-president, is also upset. "We tried to cover all

bases so they couldn't say no. I think a little gore on campus would liven this place up a bit. Depending on who got eaten, it may even improve things."

It's been reported that student Jeff G. Womann was recently seen feeding Registrar pamphlets and Business Office receipts to Annie over the walls of her temporary holding unit. He denies being guilty of any sort of temptation tactics with the reptile.

U2: Rattle and Hum

It's amazing how their first release **Desire** can have 10 syllables. De-si-hi-hi-a-i-a-er-er. It's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.

Michelle Shocked: Short, Sharp, Shocked

"If love was a train I would ride me a long one." Need I say more? Several sexual undertones (overtones? onto-potones?). It's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.

Jonathan Astley: Put This Love to the Test

Definitely no relation to Rick, his voice resembles early Bowie hits. I'll put him to the test any day. It's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.

Beach Boys: That Kokomo Song

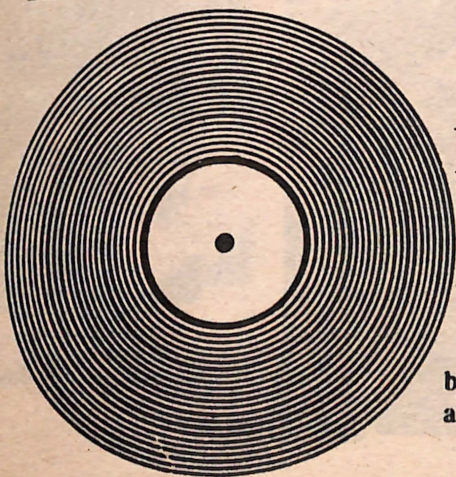
If you don't listen to the lyrics, it could pass as a panty liner ad. It's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.

Bobby McFerrin: Don't Worry, Be Happy

!*\$%(!?)=**&+##\$@!XX*\$!!
I HATE THIS SONG SO MUCH! But it's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.

Elton John: A Word in Spanish

It may have been "follate" or "Me caigo en la madre gue te pario". Look that one up, if they print it. Jean LeVasseur gives it a five-star rating. It's got a good beat and it's easy to dance to.



Record Reviews

by F. Offen Die
and the little boy on Q104

GETTING A HEAD A



Howard Crosbie in Vinnie's just before the infamous "Mount students affected my votes" debate.

Co-editor Chris Gallant goes after everyone who's made fun of her cowboy boots in the past.



L.A. Kings thought they were getting Gretzky, Editor Marcel d'Eon instead.



Picaro photogs Cindi Coffill and tainside retreat after a hectic s



Co-editor Marla Cranston on a blind date. Whoever said they weren't fun?



Jan Thomas

THE MOUNT

ports



Ritter relax at their moun-



up the crowd in Vinnie's.



A Ronbo Special at its best.

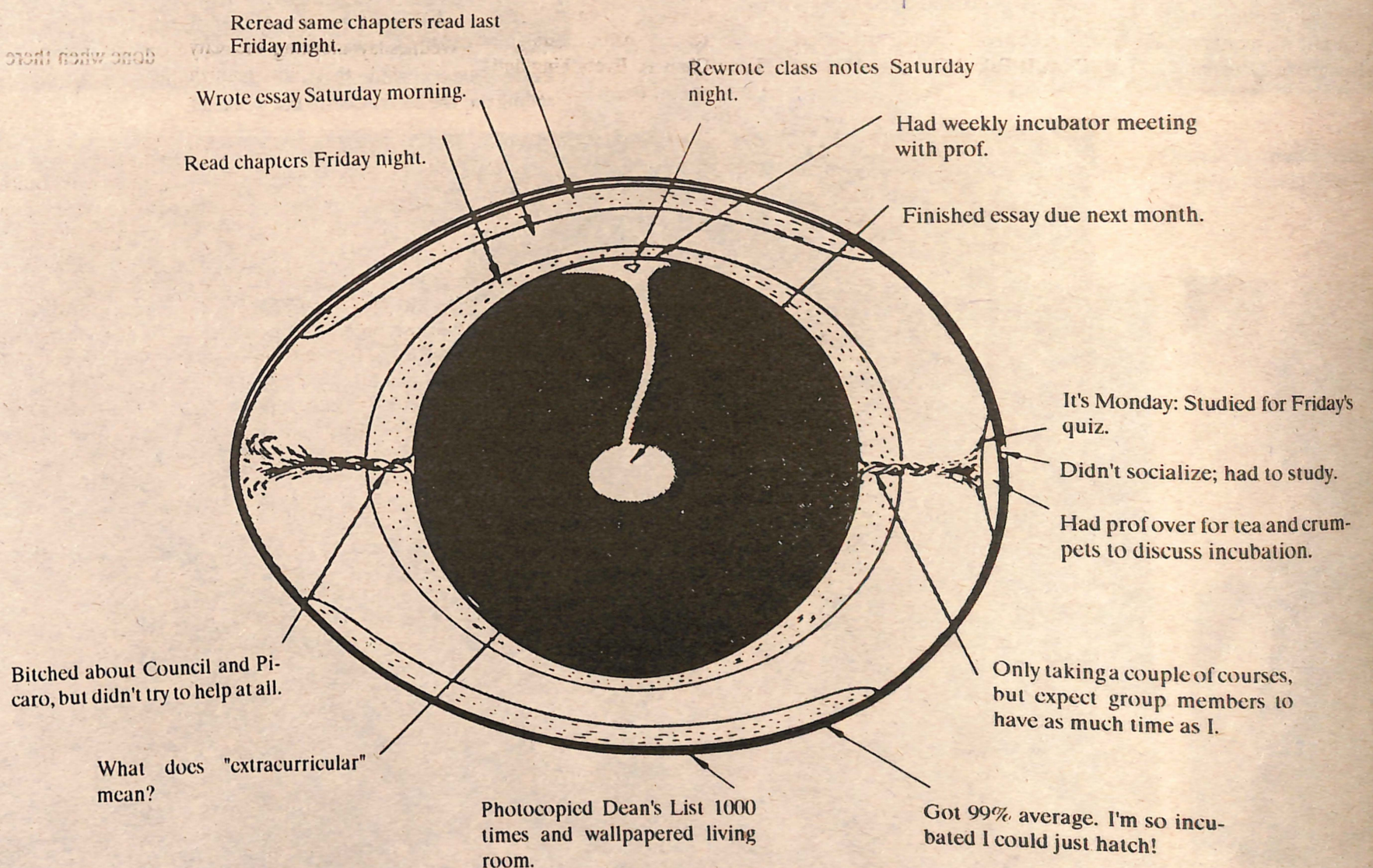
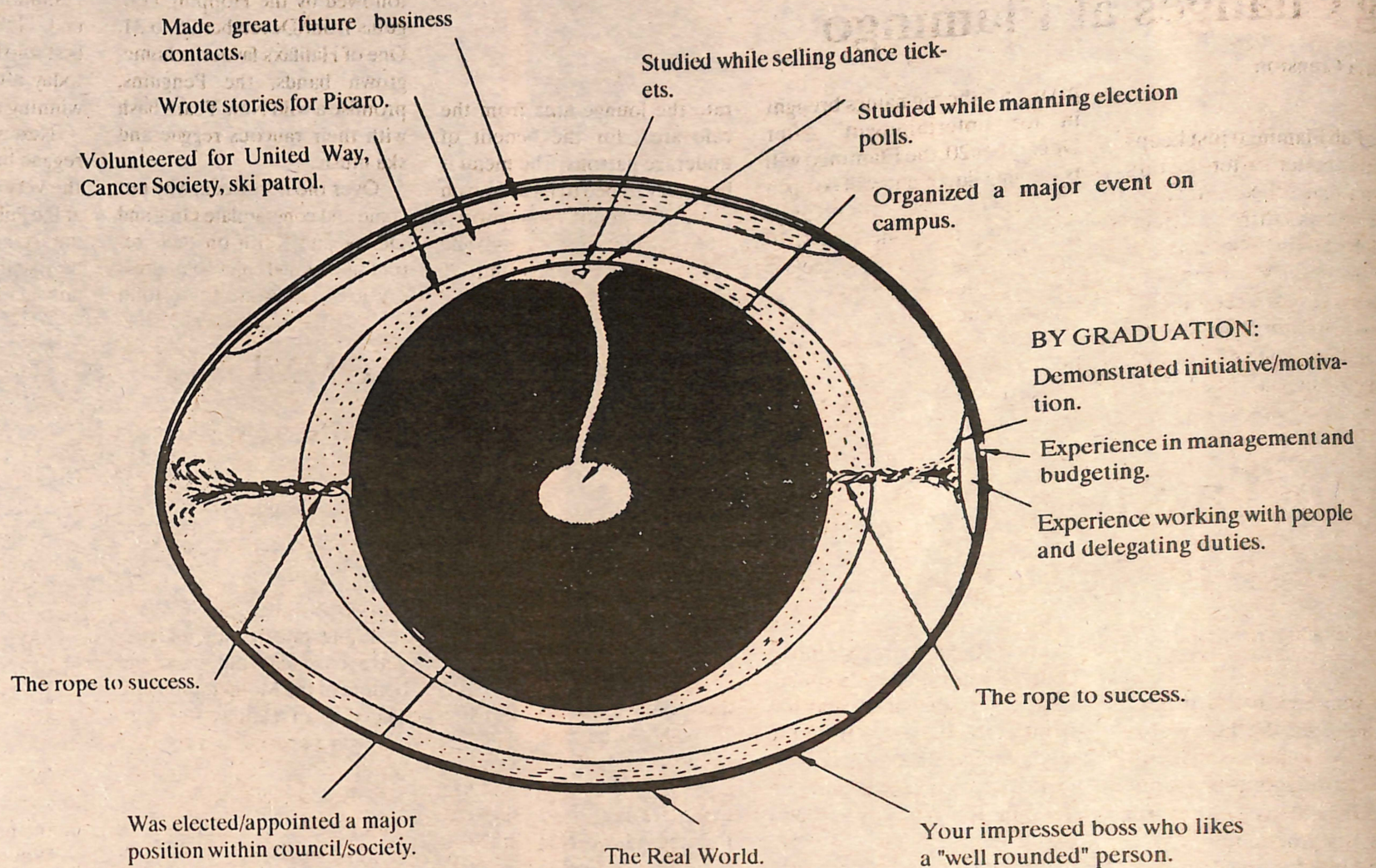


Entertainment Editor Karen Seaboyer fulfills life-long dream by selling out the MetroCentre last weekend.

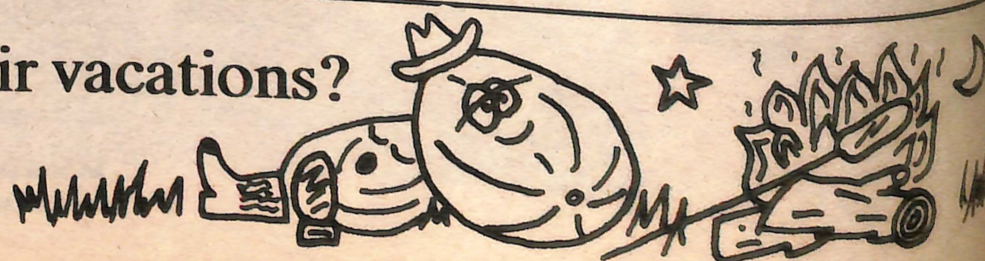


Mount men show their stuff at the Blue Ball Swim to raise money for Christmas Daddies.

A GOOD EGG: Which One Are You?



Where do watermelons spend their vacations?
John Cougar's melon camp.



Big Changes at Flamingo

by Marla Cranston

The Pub Flamingo just keeps on getting better. After starting off as an unlicensed entertainment club on Gottingen Street, the Club Flamingo became the Pub Flamingo in Maritime Mall. Just over one year later, the Pub has grown up enough to become the Flamingo Cafe and Lounge.

Why the big changes? Well, beer and wine sales just weren't

paying for the big names brought in for entertainment. After December 20, the Flamingo will be serving liquor and will be open until 2 a.m. Bands will be playing during the same hours, 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and deejays will provide dance music until closing time.

The Pub was granted its lounge licence on November 22. Before it can open for business as a lounge, it must renovate to sepa-

rate the lounge area from the cafe area, for the benefit of underage patrons. The menu is being revamped to include even more "fun food" (don't worry, seafood jambalaya's staying!) and the cafe will be open until 10 p.m., when the entire space becomes a lounge.

Renovations are taking place from December 11 to December 20. The Open Road Band will open the new Flamingo,

followed by the Hopping Penguins from December 28 to 31. One of Halifax's favourite home-grown bands, the Penguins, promise a wild New Year's bash with their raucous reggae and ska music.

Over the next week, why not come and congratulate Greg and Derick and Keith on their recent success and enjoy some great music at the same time. John

Hammond is playing this weekend. He's considered to be the best solo blues artist on the scene today, after releasing 20 LPs and winning a Grammy.

Next week, Canada's foremost reggae band, Messenjah, will be the very last big act to perform at the Pub Flamingo. Don't worry, the acts are still coming but they'll be playing at the new and improved Flamingo Cafe and Grill.

Suite Talking at the Metro Centre

by Karen Seaboyer

"It's your bad, bad attitude" may have been the last words Johnnie Dee told a less than full Metro Centre last weekend, but it was no reflection of the crowd's enthusiastic reaction.

Bad Attitude, served up as an encore during Saturday night's concert, was one of **Honeymoon Suite's** first hits to establish them as significant elements in the Canadian music industry.

Their **Racing After Midnight** Tour '88 was billed as "a sound, light, laser spectacle" and appropriately so. Apart from the band's vibrant and energetic stage presence, green laser beams shot through fog amid a rainbow assortment of lights.

Perhaps the most effective moment of the laser show was when keyboardist Rob Preuss (formerly of the Spoons) performed a solo leading into **What Does It Take?** Overhead beams

shone down, encircling him while deep purple spotlights flooded the surrounding stage. Such colour is unusual for rock concerts and was certainly an impressive feature at this one.

Special effects aside, **Honeymoon Suite** put on a super show. Though not an avid Suite follower, over half the performance was comprised of familiar tunes, earlier songs such as **Burning in Love**, **New Girl Now**, **Wave Babies**, **Feel It Again** and **Stay in the Light** kept the crowd dancing and cheering. No less welcome were recent releases from **Racing After Midnight**; **Love Changes Everything** and **Looking Out For Number One**.

It was something about Dee's comment to the audience that made me chuckle.

"Is my career worth shit or are you guys gonna make some noise out there?" he asked near the beginning of the show.

Much to my surprise -- and maybe his -- the place wasn't filled with screaming teenyboppers (I later discovered they were hanging out at the Duke Street stage entrance.) Most people were somewhere in their 20s and while enjoying the show, weren't making overtly audible spectacles of themselves.

Enough Suite talk. Opening act **Frozen Ghost** displayed an equally animated and impressive appearance. For the most part, they could be considered as the first half of a double feature, rather than an opening act. Everyone knew **Should I See**, **Promises** and **End of the Line** from last year's debut album as well as **Round and Round** and **Pauper in Paradise** from their recent **Nice Place To Visit**.

In celebration of turning "five years young", Q104 radio encouraged concert-goers to dig into a huge birthday cake at the end of the night. Said Q104's Dave Fredericks, "It just goes to show Q listeners can have their cake and eat it too." A suitable wrap-up for the evening -- how Suite it was.

COMMENT...

Highway Crosswalk?

by Todd Bechard

Two years ago Garfield Hiscock and myself attempted to get a crosswalk put in at the bottom of the Motherhouse hill. The City of Halifax was very reluctant and in the end we didn't get the crosswalk. Some of the reasons given were that the crosswalk would be located to close to the crosswalk in front of Seton, that traffic would be slowed down (which is the whole point of a crosswalk) and based on a survey done for one hour on a Wednesday morning the City concluded that not enough people used the crosswalk to justify it.

During a conversation with a City official I commented that it seemed that the only way we would get a crosswalk was if someone got hurt trying to cross the highway. Well it looks like we will be getting a crosswalk because on November 16 Lisa McNutt, a first year B.Ed. student, got hit trying to cross the Bedford Highway after getting off the bus. The sad thing is that Lisa can not even get any compensation for her injuries (bruising and scraping of her legs)

because she wasn't crossing at a crosswalk. So the City says that the crosswalk is not needed, and students who want to cross the road do so at their own risk and to top it off you could legally be given a ticket for jaywalking.

I'm sick and tired of taking my life in my own hands. Ms. McNutt has a good point when she stated "The next person may not be so lucky". I don't want to be the next person.

Why is it that nothing gets done until after someone gets hurt? It's too bad that the civic elections are over. It's amazing how quickly you can get things done when there is an election on.

There is a meeting scheduled for late this week between members of student council and the Mayor's office. The student union representatives will be bringing with them petitions from the Mount urging the City to install the crosswalk. The petitions are available through student union and most of the R.A.s. Please make an effort to sign one of these petitions.

It's time City Hall made up its mind on what is important, saving a few dollars by not putting the crosswalk in or saving a few lives by putting one in.



Honeymoon Suite's Derry Grehan put on a commendable "sound, light and laser spectacle" at the Metro Centre last weekend with the boys in the band.



PIZZA & DONAIR

(Next to Bridgeview Grocery & Meats)

188 BEDFORD HIGHWAY

443-0006

443-9104

FREE DELIVERY on food orders over \$6.00
in our local area, starts at 4 p.m.
& stops 1/2 hr. before closing.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Monday to Thursday 4 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Friday & Saturday 4 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Sunday 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Plato brings "Never-say-die" Attitude to Mount

by John Doody

The team isn't exactly known as a powerhouse. Graced with a losing record each year since its entrance into the Nova Scotia College Conference three years ago, the Mount Saint Vincent men's basketball team has never qualified for post-season play. Given the low percentage of male enrolment, things probably don't figure to get much better.

Most coaches wouldn't even consider putting themselves into such a seemingly no-win situation.

Enter Rick Plato. Not only does he accept the challenge, he actually likes it. This situation is right on line with his never-say-die attitude. He is the confident new coach, a basketball mechanic ready to give the men's basketball program a complete overhaul. Already, he is talking provincial playoffs for the first time, even being so bold as to suggest Mount representation in the national championships. He explains, "In order to be a winner, you have to think like a winner. If you think you're gonna lose, then you probably will." He adds, "If it kills me, there will be a banner dangling from the gym with men's basketball champs on it."

You have to admire his determination. Most critics would pass off his ambitions as nothing more than dreams and loose talk. However, this former St. Mary's basketball star has a wealth of experience as a coach and player and a record to back it up.

Born in Niagara Falls, New York, Plato's family moved to Canada when he was very young. He grew up and played basketball in Ontario. Although he

was highly recruited by Simon Fraser University, he changed his mind on the last day before he was supposed to leave. With a quick phone call, he was on his way to play for the St. Mary's Huskies, a strong team with a good coach.

Although he had to practice daily, Plato still found time to coach and maintain high academic standards. (He was on the Dean's List and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in History.) He modestly shrugs off his admirable accomplishment. "It's just a matter of time management. I tell my players to organize their time. Missing practice because they have to study is not a valid excuse."

It's easy to see that some of his qualities as a player influence his style as a coach. On the court, he was known as an aggressive player, a leader, and most importantly, a winner.

After playing out his University basketball career with St. Mary's, Plato has played with and against some exceptional teams. However, he doesn't base his experience solely on his playing days. He was the assistant coach for the SMU women's basketball team from 1981 to 1983. He coached at Sir John A. MacDonald High School in 1983. Perhaps his most significant achievement occurred that year at the school where he now teaches, Sackville High. After inheriting a fundamentally weak basketball program, he took a last place team and virtually molded them into winners. After only a year with Plato at the helm, the resurrected Sackville

squad captured the provincial championship for three consecutive years. A former high school player who witnessed the phenomenal development was quoted as saying, "I couldn't believe it was the same team we were playing."

The Director of Athletics at the Mount, June Lumsden, hopes the miracle worker can work his magic at the Mount. She is very pleased with the latest acquisition to the coaching staff and believes Plato is the man to turn things around. "Rick has an excellent background, not only in basketball but in academics as well. He has the ability to get 110 per cent from his players and judging from the player's



Athlete of the Week



Rod Blake is this week's Pepsi Athlete of the Week. Rod, a member of the Men's basketball team, scored 24 points on Wednesday's double header

against NSTC. Rod is a fourth year Arts student from Halifax. Congratulations on being chosen Pepsi Athlete of the Week!

reaction, he is quite popular."

But what about the team? How does the coach feel about what he has seen so far? "I'm happy with what we have right now. They want to win but they have to learn how to win. Winning isn't easy, success isn't easy, but if you're willing to work hard for it, it's fun." He adds that while the team won't bust out of the starting gates, there will be improvement with time. "We have the type of team that will get better and better as the season progresses." As his thoughts

on the powerhouses of the league, Kings and Teachers College? "I respect the other teams," he says candidly, "but we'll beat them. It's just a matter of us playing to our potential. If we do that, we'll win."

The philosopher Plato was known for his wise sayings. This Plato has one of his own. "There's nobody that hates to lose more than me." With time and hard work, there may be a group of people in that category, namely the Mount Saint Vincent men's basketball team.

Sherry Parks...

by John Doody

A first-year Kinesiology student in the Masters programme at Dalhousie, Sherry Parks is kept quite busy. A Masters programme in any faculty is very demanding and requires a great deal of time. But it's the phenomenal amount of time that Sherry spends on badminton that is mind-boggling.

Besides taking on the role as new coach of the Mount badminton team and attending to her school work, she helps out with the badminton program in the faculty of Physical Education at Dalhousie University. She works with the top provincial junior badminton players as a coach at the Regional Training Centre in Bedford. In between zipping from one training facility to the next, she maintains her status as one of the top badminton players in Nova Scotia.

Her mother used to worry about Sherry suffering from burn-out with so many things to deal with but she soon realized that everything was under control. "I used to tell her to take it easy, but she's very well-organized and uses badminton as an outlet from her studies. For Sherry, they go hand in hand together," says Mrs. Parks.

Practices at the Mount, coaching the juniors at the Regional

Training Centre, helping out at DAL, playing in tournaments, studies Where does she ever find the time? Is it too much? Her reply is an indication of how much she truly loves the sport of badminton. She answers, "To be quite honest, it's only when people ask me about that I actually stop to think how much time I spend at it."

She enjoys the challenge of coaching the Mount and her first opportunity to coach in the Nova Scotia College Conference. "It's nice to be working with older players for a change. They're easier to coach in the sense that they understand better that if they want to win, they have to work hard."

Age is not a factor when it comes to this energetic young coach, who at 21 is younger than some of the players she is coaching on the Mount team. It's her play that inspires the team to treat her with respect. Says team member Eric Gill, "Seeing her play tells you she's qualified. I can tell she knows what she's talking about just from watching her; she's an awesome player."

Awesome indeed. Sherry is a former provincial champion and has participated in several junior and senior national tournaments. She was on the Nova

Scotia team that hosted the 1987 Canada Games in Cape Breton and is currently a member of the Nova Scotia team that sends the top three men and women to the national senior tournament.

She is pleased with the Mount's performance in the first NSCC tournament in Sydney. "Most players finished second or third, which is pretty good for the first tournament of the year. We have a good consistent team with a lot of depth."

She plans to have the team in peak form in order to achieve one of its main objectives - "To reach the playoffs and then play the way we're capable of playing."

Her job will be a little easier knowing that there are some players returning from last year with national playoff experience. These players will lead the team into the next two crucial tournaments. "These two tournaments are very important because there are only five in total all year. It's not like in basketball where you play so many games and go by the win-loss record, so we have to do well our next time out." She pauses and then laughs mischievously, "and we will if I have anything to do with it."



AIR FARES AT AIRLINE PRICES

SUPER SPECIAL AMSTERDAM from \$399

TORONTO	from	\$213	FLORIDA	from	\$365
AUSTRALIA	from	\$1739	BOSTON	from	\$138
GERMANY	from	\$528	CALGARY	from	\$452
PORTUGAL	from	\$699	CALIFORNIA	from	\$458
HONG KONG	from	\$1299	BERMUDA	from	\$324

DIRECT FLIGHTS HALIFAX/JAMAICA FEB. 10/89 - MAR. 31/89

The above fares are those in effect Nov. 25 and are subject to change. They are subject to availability and prices vary according to departure dates.

BURGESS TRAVEL LTD.

1505 Barrington St. Maritime Centre
425-6110

Our Toll Free Line:
N.S. Call 1-421-1345

31960K26

JANUARY INTRAMURALS NEED PLANNING NOW!

Sil-lympics

Everyone is welcome to participate. Register at the equipment control centre outside the gym entrance.

Cross-Country Skiing

Bring your skis back with you after Christmas. Cross-Country Ski Clinics will be offered during National Ski Week, January 23-27.

Women's Indoor Soccer

Starting in the new year - Mondays - 4:30-5:30 pm, Rosaria Gym. All students welcome.

Intramural Kick-Off 1989.
Sunday, January 9, 8:00 pm,
Rosaria Gym

Start planning now to participate in the **SIL-LYMPICS** (short for the silly olympics). Any team of five can enter. Teams compete in a series of events that include everything from relay races to paper-airplane making.

Mount Basketball Update

On Wednesday, November 23 the women's and men's basketball teams hosted teams from Nova Scotia Teacher's College.

In the first game the women were defeated by NSTC by a score of 56-49. Scorers for the Mount were Julie Gidney 14, Paula Sweeney 10, Heather Nicholson 8, Andrea Drake 7, Leora Pye 4, Kim Little 2. Scorers for NSTC were Cathy Morse with 29, Cindy Leadbetter 6, Terry Stewart 6, Patty Stewart 5, Patti Bowser 4, Donna Decoste 4, Cindy Rafuse 2, Dana MacRae 2.

In the men's game, the NSTC team defeated the Mount by a score of 75-57. Scorers for the Mount were Rod Blake 24, Paul Henderson 7, John Doody 7, Jeff Manning 6, Al Havill 5, Ross Mills 7, Neville Caines 1.

In an exhibition game Friday night, the women's team defeated the UPEI Junior Varsity team

by a score of 75-65. Leading 36-22 at the half, the team maintained strong defensive play, dominated the boards at both ends of the court and worked the ball well on offense. The game was sweet revenge for the loss to UPEI last weekend at the NSAC Tournament. Scorers for the Mount were Julie Gidney 21, Kim Little 16, Andrea Drake 15, Heather Nicholson 8, Leora Pye 6, Paula Seeney 6, Lori MacCormack 2.

For the UPEI Panthers, Ria Bahadursingh scored 18, Cathy Lawlor 18, Heather Campbell 12, Heather Coffin 10, Jennifer Dunn 4, June Duivenvoorden 2.

This week the women's and men's basketball teams host KINGS on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. **COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAMS!**

MacKenzie/Lingley Duo Pace Badminton Team

Over the last weekend in Sydney (Nov. 18-19) the Mount Saint Vincent Badminton Team competed in its first intercollegiate badminton tournament of the season. With five returning players and three rookies, the MSVU Badminton Team exhibited both depth and consistency in their performance placing third overall behind the strong U.C.C.B. team and the seasoned, veteran Coast Guard College badminton team.

The best individual showing for MSVU was the men's doubles duo of Karl Lingley and Robert MacKenzie who had a second place finish in a very competi-

by Lisa Boudreau, Athletics/
Recreation Assistant

Fit Tips

With exams just around the corner, everyone's stress level is probably increasing. Stress is a necessary part of life, but too much stress causes distress. This is where your lifestyle habits can determine how you limit and deal with stress.

If you are not a physically active person, you do not have an outlet for stress induced tension. With no outlet, the stress builds up in the form of nervousness and anxiety. This keeps you awake at night and makes it difficult to concentrate during the day.

Regular physical activity helps you reduce or relieve the stress before it can accumulate. This allows you to better cope with your daily activities and improves your concentration -- something you need lots of during exam time.

If you are feeling the pressure, the Athletics and Recreation Office has just the thing to help you through the crunch. We will offer a **FREE** week of fitness classes, December 12-16, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Centre. Everyone is welcome, and they are free!

Sydney,
November 18-19, 1988:

Final Team Standing:

- (1) U.C.C.B.
- (2) Coast Guard College
- (3) Mount Saint Vincent U.

Ladies' Singles:

Rebecca Margeson, 4th Place

Ladies' Doubles:

Karrie MacDonald and
Debbie MacDonald, 3rd Place

Men's Singles:

Ray Bourque, 3rd Place

Men's Doubles:

Robert MacKenzie and
Karl Lingley, 2nd Place

Mixed Doubles:

Geraldine Hubbard and
Eric Boucher, 3rd Place

Complete IBM Compatible & Printer

\$70 / Month

- Over 1,000 Free Software Programs
- Free Help Line
- One Year In-House Warranty

The Computer Help Centre

420-0211

Ongoing Events

November 30
Women's Basketball
KINGS at MSVU
6:30 pm
Men's Basketball
KINGS at MSVU
8:30 pm

December 1
Intramural Co-ed Badminton
3:30-4:30 pm
Vincent Hall

Intramural Co-ed Volleyball
8:00-10:00 pm
Rosaria Gym

December 2
Intramural Co-ed Basketball
2:00-4:00 pm
Rosaria Gym

MSVU Basketball at NSTC

December 4
Men's Basketball
UCCB at MSVU
1:00 pm

Intramural Men's Ball Hockey
5:00-7:00 pm
Rosaria Gym

Intramural Men's Volleyball
7:00-8:00 pm
Rosaria Gym

Intramural Co-ed Volleyball
8:00-10:00 pm
Rosaria

December 5
Intramural Women's Volleyball
4:30-5:30 pm
Rosaria Gym

December 6
Intramural Women's Floor Hockey
8:00-9:00 pm
Vincent Hall

Intramural Co-ed Badminton
7:30-10:30 pm
Rosaria Gym

December 12-16
One FREE week of "exam stress burner" fitness classes
12:00-1:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Room
Rosaria Centre

Nov. 26, 1988 at the Cultural
Corner of Provencher and Des
s. Win a free ski trip!!! Tickets at
ers or call 222-8249.

The
Holiday
\$25.00 on sale

Classifieds

Foxy girls in negligees... Hot studs
jockey... experience... feel it...
Social... 209 Armes... the lounge
renovated. November 10.

St. John's
in the St.
olive

Royalty is coming to visit St. John's College. On Nov. 4, at 7:30pm in the St. John's College Chapel YOU can relive

Foxy girls in negligees... Hot studs in the
jockey... experience... feel it... Pajam
Social... 209 Armes... the lounge to b
renovated. November 10.

Upcoming Events

**John Hammond will be playing in Pub Flamingo until Dec. 3
Admission \$8.00**

Ecumenical Christmas Service in the Chapel in Evaristus Wed. Dec. 7. Christmas dinner will follow in the cafeteria. For tickets to the dinner contact Student Serveces.

Free fitness classes from Dec 12 to 16 from 12-1 pm. Multi Purpose Room, Rosaria.

Music by Bach and French
Classical composers Dec. 9 at
8pm St. Mary's Basilica.

On China: An exhibition of one hundred colour photographs on display in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia December 15 to January 29.

Paintings and woodblock prints by Suezan Aikins at the Mount Art Gallery until Dec. 15, then closed until January.

[illegible]

E- it's no fun talking to Fuzzy
without you-P

--- purrrrrr!

Here Kitty, Kitty! Don't forget to bring your nip to the nap!!!
--- Cat-man-do!!

Calling all stray cats! Relief at last! A catnap is just around

the corner. Feline Casanovas beware! No dogs allowed, just purrfect paws.

-- "Cat"ch y'all at 11:59. Meow!

Dear J.D.:
Watched you from a distance
on Wednesday. Hope it can be
closer next time. See you on the
fourth. Maybe we can talk then.

Anxiously Awaiting Your
Response.

P.S. I never thanked you properly for holding the clothes line. THANKS!

Bobby - Just a note to remind you about our date on Thursday night. Then we can go home, and play WWF!! Looking forward to it?

- Ms. Codjigger

Other

Will you be graduating this year? Please fill out your Intent to Graduate Forms before February 1989.

If you are moving and need to fill your apt. why not put an add in the Picaro?

If you have books to sell why not put an add in the Picaro?

Student Union has received the official 1988 graduates list. Yearbooks will be mailed within the next two weeks. They can also be picked up in Student Union office with proper i.d.

If you sing, play guitar or organ, and want to participate in a meaningful Sunday liturgy, we would welcome your talents and leadership at our 6:30 pm Mass on Sunday evenings in the Chapel at Evaristus. Contact Sister Lorrained'Entremont, Campus Ministry, Rosaria 120, Loc. 446.

TAKE A BREAK

Bring your lunch and drop in:
-- enjoy a cup of tea on the
house

- meet old friends
- make new friends
- "chew the fat"
- watch a thought-provoking video

When: Monday lunch hours
(11:00-12:00) in December
December 5: The single Life-
style (15 min.)

Cohabitation (15 min.)

December 12: Patricia's
Moving Picture (25 min.)

Where: The old Life Planning and Learning Centre, next door to Vinnie's Pub

Who: An invitation from
Campus Ministry

Everyone experiences a crisis at sometime in life. When it happens to a friend it is often difficult to know what to do/not do. This workshop is intended to help participants develop greater confidence in their ability to respond appropriately to crisis.

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm Place:
Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria
A Campus Ministry Work-
shop

FART'S POND

