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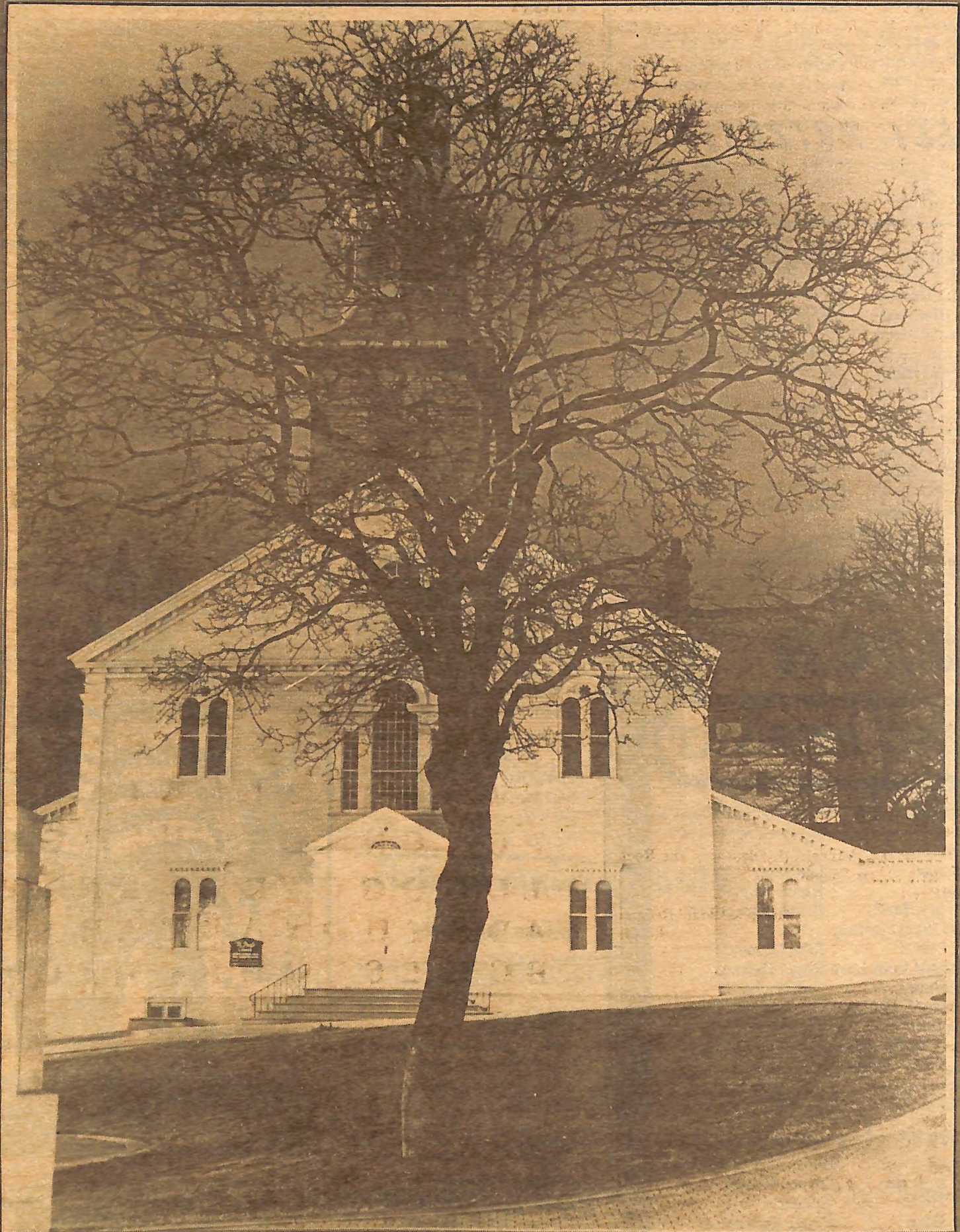
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DOOR DECORATING CONTEST SPONSORED BY STUDENT UNION

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PRIZES! PRIZES!

Artist Robin Hopper is exhibiting his ceramic works at the Art Gallery, until December 21, concluding the Gallery's fall series of events based on the landscape theme.

The artist's "Explorations Within a Landscape" exhibit of expressive decorative ceramics illustrates new techniques applied to the traditions of Oriental masters. Some works are misty, fluid and gentle; Some reflect Chinese

brush paintings and others recall the vision of Canadian Group of Seven artists Tom Thompson and J.E. MacDonald. Hopper has said that the Canadian landscape has had a "profound influence" upon him.

Deeply devoted to the beauty of landscape and the shifting moods of forest, lake and seashore, he presents their subtleties in both his functional and exhibition pieces.

MESSIAH 'FROM SCRATCH'

The Nova Scotia Choral Federation and the Nova Scotia String Music Camp will invite singers and string players to participate in a read-through of Handel's *Messiah* "from scratch", at All Saints Cathedral, Halifax, Saturday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your instruments or your score, and enjoy being a part of everyone's favorite oratorio. Persons with experience singing or playing *Messiah* are invited to form a volunteer core choir and orchestra. For more information about "Messiah from scratch" call 423-4688.

GRADUATE ADMISSION TESTS

WHERE: Most graduate admission tests are written in the Sir James Dunn Building, Room 117, Dalhousie University.

WHEN: The registration deadline for most tests is six weeks before the examination date. The next writing dates are as follows:

LSAT, February 21, 1981, June 20, 1981; GMAT, January 24, 1981, March 21, 1981; GRE, February 7, 1981, April 25, 1981.

For further information, consult Ann Wetmore-Foshay at Student Services or phone Local 357.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Psychology Today, 3rd edition, Arlyne Lazerson, \$9; The Music Language, Part 1, Mary Helen Richards, \$5; Aesthetic Foundations of Thinking, Part 1, Mary Helen Richards; An Introduction to Language, Fromkin and Rodman, \$9; The Double Ghetto, Armstrong, \$5.50; Cognitive Development: A lifespan view, Foreman and Sigel; Sex Structure, Ambert \$3. Call Rhonda Dixon at 469-1321.

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Coalition Organizes to oppose the Klan

The Coalition Organizing to Oppose the Klan is meeting on December 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Education Building, Dalhousie University. "The Coalition is forming to seek ways of preventing the Klu Klux Klan establishing an office in Halifax," spokesman Roger Davies said.

All interested individuals and representatives from community groups are invited to attend. Information and inquiries about the group can be obtained at 429-1123.

WHAT'S ON AT GRAFTON STREET CAFE

Want to go somewhere where you can sit back, relax and sip on a coffee or cider during a break from the books? Grafton Street Cafe can offer you just that! Here's their line-up during exam week:

Wednesday, December 10, **Jarvis Benoit Quartet** (old time fiddle music).

Thursday, December 11, **Marcel Doucet** (Cape Breton fiddler with friends, Andy Aucoin and Hilda Chiasson on guitar and piano).

Friday, December 12, **Stray Cats** (a Halifax Rock and Roll band).

Saturday, December 13, **Hootenanny** (a jam session hosted by Ted Jordan).

FUNKY WHITE T-SHIRTS ANYONE?

Applications for MSVU Campus Police are available now till December 18, 1980 at the MSVU student council office. Both full and reserve positions are open. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older.

LUNCHTIME COMEDY

What are you doing for lunch today? Why not drop down to Neptune for some sandwiches, fruit juice and the final performance of *Village Wooling*; a George Bernard Shaw comedy which

features Nicola Lipman and David Brown? Curtain rises at 12:05 p.m., so avoid noon hour traffic jams.

STARGAZING AT THE DUNN

If you'd like to get a glimpse of what you or Santa might expect to see in a December sky, the Nova Scotia Museum's planetarium offers you this opportunity. On December 9 and 17 at 8 p.m., a special show of the stars and astronomical phenomena will take place in the Dunn Building, Dalhousie University. Leave your telescopes at home.

PUPPETS AT CHRISTMAS

On Saturday, December 13, the puppet show, *New Christmas Show*, will be presented at the Halifax City Regional Library, 5381 Spring Garden Road at 10:30 a.m. Another puppet show, *Jorinda and Joringel*, will be presented at the North Branch Library, 2285 Gottingen Street at 2:30 p.m. on the same day.

FOR THOSE WITH A SWEET TOOTH

Seasonal candy will be prepared in the Project Room of the Nova Scotia Museum on Saturday, December 20 from 10:30 to 12:30. For further information phone 429-4610.

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MUSIC REPORT

NOVA SCOTIA'S TOP TEN SINGLES

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| 1 | More Than I Can Say | Leo Sayer |
| 2 | Lady | Kenny Rogers |
| 3 | Hungry Heart | Bruce Springsteen |
| 4 | (Just Like) Starting Over | John Lennon |
| 5 | Without Your Love | Roger Daltrey |
| 6 | Dreaming | Cliff Richard |
| 7 | Hit Me With Your Best Shot | Pat Benatar |
| 8 | Never Be The Same | Christopher Cross |
| 9 | You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling | Hall & Oates |
| 10 | I Got You | Split Enz |

NOVA SCOTIA'S TOP TEN ALBUMS

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| 1 | Guilty | Barbara Streisand |
| 2 | Greatest Hits | Kenny Rogers |
| 3 | The Game | Queen |
| 4 | The River | Bruce Springsteen |
| 5 | Diana | Diana Ross |
| 6 | Paris | Supertramp |
| 7 | One Step Closer | Doobie Brothers |
| 8 | Gaucha | Steely Dan |
| 9 | Eagles Live | Eagles |
| 10 | Making Movies | Dire Straits |

This record listing is the opinion of CJCH, based on surveys of record sales, listener requests and opinions, and CJCH's judgment of the song's appeal to the Nova Scotian audience.

HIDDEN TALENT?

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Watch for these events and more second semester:

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MILLER'S JUG

News

LOCAL OPPOSITION TO KKK GROWING

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Local opposition to the Ku Klux Klan's recent decision to open an office here in Halifax has become organized with the formation of the Coalition Organizing to Oppose the Klan.

Richard Davies, a spokesperson for the group, said the coalition will "discuss the tactics and strategy we would like to take to keep the Klan out of the province."

Made up of "people we knew would be opposed to the Klan," Davies said his organi-

Council kicks off chocolate bar campaign

by Nancy Burns
Staff Reporter

The Student Union Fund Raising Committee will kick off its chocolate bar selling early in the New Year. The object behind the campaign; to raise \$7000 in two weeks to offset student council's \$8,000 debt. If the goal is reached, student council will be able to continue to provide more funding to campus societies and clubs without initiating too drastic a hike in next year's student union fees.

The kick-off assembly for the bar campaign will be held January 7 at 12 noon in Seton Auditorium B and C. At this time, representatives from the campus residences, clubs and societies will act as team captains in distributing the bars to their respective groups. At the end of the two week blitz campaign, they will turn over the money collected. Prizes for the top sellers will be awarded on an individual basis. They tentatively include black and white portable televisions, trips, t-shirts, wardrobes from the Warehouse, and chocolates, all to be presented on a daily basis.

Student Council treasurer, and organizer of the fund raising committee, Susan Brennan, says "The beauty of the campaign is that it lasts only two weeks. It's right at the beginning of the term before everyone's workload gets so heavy that they feel they can't get involved in a fund drive. If everyone on campus sold only six bars apiece, we would meet our target."

The proposed campaign has met with wholehearted support of Dr. Fulton, administration, and nearly all the societies. Those organizations requiring student council funding to exist hope to solicit a lot of involvement as the success of the campaign could affect the well-being of their societies next year.

zation "wants to see what legal possibilities there are to shut the Klan out."

Provincial Attorney-General Harry How maintains there are no such legal possibilities.

"I've explained publicly that there are no laws which ban or prohibit any organization such as the KKK. We've even allowed the Communist Party to establish," How said.

George McCurdy, director of the Nova Scotian Human rights Commission was not as timid in his reaction to the Klan. He said the commission has spent the last two years monitoring

the clan's activities elsewhere but kept quiet so as not to stimulate attention in the Klan.

Now that the Klan has announced they are coming to Nova Scotia, McCurdy said the commission "is calling upon Nova Scotians to become vocal about (Alexander) MacQuirter's (Eastern Canadian organizer for the Klan) announcement and to make it clear he is not welcome.

"The message has to come through that the Klan is counter to everything we stand for in Nova Scotia.

With the exception of the call for vocal opposition to the Klan, McCurdy conceded there is little else the commission can do outside of monitoring the Klan's activities and looking for violations of the law.

And, he said, although the Klan may not break the letter of the law, they are in violation of the spirit of the law.

"The Human Rights Act is implicit and explicit in mandating us in creating a climate of racial equality. You can't create or maintain that climate (with the Klan here," he said.

The attorney-general disagrees.

"All our laws are directed at the activities of people. Therefore I can not see that any programme would be started to prevent (the Klan).

"If they involve themselves in hate literature or intimidation of any kind, it would certainly involve investigation."

But, he said, banning the Klan "is foreign to our system. It's a dangerous road to start banning organizations; to start banning objectionable activities."

Davies and the Coalition Organizing to Oppose the Klan see no such difficulty.

"Our whole stand is that they have no right to be here or to exist. We do not see them as a rational group," he said.

"There is opposition from civil liberties people that they do have a right to exist. But in their 100-year history they have been committed to violent racial antagonism."

The Black United Front, (BUF) a provincial organiza-

tion affiliated with the National Black Coalition of Canada, although opposed to the Klan, has no activities planned to stage that opposition.

"It's a democratic society, we can't do anything about a KKK," Clyde Bishop, BUF chairperson said.

"We don't like to see them here because it's disturbing to black and other ethnic groups.

"There isn't much that can be done outside the process of the law. We don't want to put ourselves on the same level as the KKK."

Davies warns people not to overreact to the KKK's presence.

"It's important not to be alarmist about it. It's simply a matter of being prepared."

Attorney-General How summed up his attitude to the Klan saying "We don't even ban organizations which advocate the overthrow of our system of government so we can't ban the Klan."

Editor's note: One would suspect there is a rather fundamental difference between a political party which advocates a different, non-democratic system of government and a ruthless organization which advocates the superiority of one race over another.


Harry How is also the same politician who, this time last year, chaired the Law Amendments review Committee which approved the abolition of the democratic right of Michelin workers to unionize and who has referred to Cape Bretoners universally as "Big-mouthed". One would suspect his devotion to democratic rights and equality of all people is not what it could be.

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Reply to fire regulation rumpus

To The Picaro:

I am pleased to see that residents are concerned about their personal safety and adherence to fire regulations. Such concern was not evident

at the fire drills staged on campus last week.

Each September students are informed of the rules and regulations of this institution. At this time the procedures to follow in case of fire or fire alarm are reviewed with house residents. In addition, a poster

with fire instructions is posted in each individual residence room and in the kitchen, lounges and doorways of the residences.

This past September the resident assistants were instructed by the Fire Marshall on procedures for clearing

buildings and on the use of fire extinguishers. The Resident Assistants later reviewed these procedures with the residents. The Fire Marshall emphasized at that time that it is the responsibility of anyone who discovers a fire or hears an alarm to call the fire department and not assume that someone else will do it. While time and effort does go into training the Resident Assistants, it would be unrealistic to expect them to be present at all times in the residence hall.

In the case of an actual fire, a natural delay of two or three minutes required by the security guard to get from Seton to the Birches could be critical. During the day there are times when the security guard is off-campus and precious time could indeed be lost trying to locate him.

Therefore, I would like to urge you to take responsibility for your own safety in the case of emergency. This may, in fact, be an opportune time for a review of procedures with all residents.

Heather Sutherland
Housing Officer

cause truly known. Their response has been very good in replying to our letters but perhaps if more boycott their products our cause will be solidified and they will do more to stop their activities in the Third World Countries.

Yours Truly,
Joyce McCrae
Social Concern
Mother's Union

Where is everybody

To The Picaro:

Where is everybody? Picture it, a team works out and practices for weeks and finally is rewarded with a major win. A fantastic feeling—yes—but there is never anybody around to share it with or to boost the morale of a hard working team throughout play. A photographer and/or staff person is never available for coverage of such a rewarding experience. Come on fellow students, where is your school spirit? To date, the Mount teams have shown their athletic capabilities but they still need you, their fellow students, as an essential part of their play. They also need a little bit of written coverage as one way of extending congratulations and encouraging further play. In order to accomplish this, upcoming events should be well advertised by the Athletic Department and **The Picaro**. However, the morale of the teams is still high but, would it ever be higher with a little encouragement and support. So, next term—where is everybody?—out supporting their teams!

Yours sincerely,
Mary Moran
Badminton Team

News

BC STUDENTS DECLARE WAR ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

VANCOUVER [CUP]—The B.C. Students' Federation has declared war on the provincial government for its assault on accessible education.

The federation will be asking its members to contribute to an expanded war chest to hire two more employees to combat government policies.

As delegates met at a weekend conference, tuition fee increases were announced at two more educational institutions. Students at Douglas College face a 32 per cent hike, while Simon Fraser University will be raising fees by an unknown amount.

The Douglas student society is circulating a petition opposing the hike. Society president Kevin Hallgate says he expects 75 per cent of the college's 6,500 students on nine campuses will sign the petition.

At SFU, a senate committee urges that fees be "reasonably consistent with those

charged by the university of B.C.", which recently decided to raise fees 13 per cent.

Student society president-elect Jim Crawley says there is no student position on fees because council has not reached quorum in six months.

"I have a lot of criticism over the fact that this (student) administration has done bugger all" says Crawley, who becomes president January 1. However, he added he does not feel responsible for organizing opposition to the increase. "I don't have a plan. They don't have a (council). My hands are tied."

Says outgoing student society president Bill Goodacre: "We're a lame duck (council) right now. We only have three or four weeks left in our mandate."

The 40 delegates to the B.C. students federation conference decided to proceed with an expansion plan which will

bring a series of referenda to member campuses next year.

The plan would raise the current \$1 per student annual membership levy to \$3.50, a figure comparable to that charged by other provincial student organizations. About 27,000 students belong to the federation, including those of SFU and Douglas College.

"This expansion will give students the resources to fight for an accessible education system in B.C.," federation spokesperson Steve Shallhorn said. "Education is under attack and we have to mount a fight back."

Tuition fee increases have already been announced at Vancouver Community College and Capilano College, where students are still campaigning to prevent a possible 83 per cent fee hike. Hikes are expected to be announced for the University of Victoria in the spring.

Staff

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RYERSON STUDENTS FACE 12.9% TUITION HIKE

TORONTO [CUP]—Ryerson students can expect a 12.9 per cent hike in tuition next year, according to Finance director P.G. Harry.

Students will have to pay \$86 more, for a total of \$755, next year for their education to compensate for an anticipated inadequate increase in the provincial government's grant to the institute. Although the grant will be increased, it is not expected to cover Ryerson's budgetary needs.

Harry was told about the grant increase by a Ministry of Colleges and Universities representative at a meeting of university finance officers. They were told to "anticipate an increase of between 7.5 per cent and nine per cent."

No formal government announcement on the grants has been made. Ryerson student

council president John Long thinks it is "undemocratic" for the ministry to tell the finance officers before the statement was made.

"I'm amazed that it's being brought up so soon," he said, adding he had only heard rumours of the tuition fee increase. "SURPI (the council) has asked the ministry for a study on how an increase in fees will affect Ryerson's enrollment before they raise tuition fees again. Our pleas have obviously fallen on deaf ears."

Long said he thinks continued increases in tuition fees will limit Ryerson's enrollment to upper middle class students who can afford the spiralling costs.

Ryerson's departments can expect to have reduced budgets next year as well.

News

FACULTY ASSOCIATION AT TUNS RESTLESS

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Association at the Technical University of Nova Scotia here in Halifax has gone public with its contract demands in an attempt to break what it calls an impasse in negotiations with the university.

Despite a "tentative agreement" with the university to keep the negotiation process internal, association President Dr. Charles Miller said the faculty went to public to break the stall in the talks.

"The basic issue is the administration is usurping academic control," Miller said. "Issue which should be decided by faculty and senate are being decided by the administration."

Lorabeth Ritch, the university's personnel officer, refused to take a call from this reporter, instructing her secretary to say the university had

no comment on the issue.

Hector MacInnis, lawyer representing the university in the negotiations, however, did comment, denying that the talks have stalled.

"The parties are in the midst of negotiations right now. The university's responses to their (the faculty's) demands are not complete," MacInnis said.

He added the university's position would not be made public until an agreement had been reached. He said the faculty's going public was "a tactic they chose to employ."

Miller said the faculty presented the university with a full set of contract proposals on June 4. "We're still waiting for their full set," he said.

"They have presented us with four articles only and these were based on a 19th century industrial model rather than an academic model."

He said the faculty rejected the four articles and rejected

them once more when they had been revised but left "fundamentally the same."

Miller said the faculty's demands have not even touched on salary or benefits yet, dealing instead with academic issues such as decision-making, tenure, appointment and academic responsibility.

"All we really want are academic freedoms," he said.

MacInnis said he could not comment on the university's offers to the faculty since these are still being negotiated. He also said he could not even begin to summarize the university's stand on the various issues.

Strike action, while not completely ruled out, is not very likely to occur.

"We've discussed a number of alternatives," Miller said. "We haven't taken a strike vote. This is something we would be reluctant to do because of student involve-

ment."

He said the faculty will be appealing to a meeting of the full Board of Governors this week in an attempt to solve the impasse. The full board only meets twice a year with the

executive of the board operating the university in the interim.

MacInnis, who said he was not aware of the board meeting, added that negotiations "are not complete" and will be ongoing.

U OF A STUDENT UNION NEAR BANKRUPTCY

EDMONTON [CUP]—The University of Alberta Students' Union is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy and union officials are pulling out the stops to resolve the situation.

The university has been acting as the student union's banker, giving them hundreds of thousands of dollars in credit to keep them solvent despite mounting losses on union business operations. But according to council president Nolan Astley, the university has suggested it may not be willing to carry the debt load much longer.

The union's overdraft with the university rose from \$430,000 at the end of March to over \$600,000 by the beginning of September. Despite receiving \$340,000 in student fees since then, the overdraft has only been reduced by \$200,000.

The university has suggested the union repay the debt by August 1981, but

Astley doesn't consider this enough time.

The union has frozen all capital spending, shut down the music listening room, and reduced inventories at the record store, and more drastic action is being contemplated including closing one of the student pubs.

The biggest difficulty in gearing down is that the union is tied into a union contract that doesn't allow it to lay off full time employees indiscriminately.

"The union is not exactly being cooperative," says students' union vice president (finance) Pat Haws.

If the university decides to call in its loan, the union will either have to seek an outside loan or pay off its debts.

But "rather than pushing us off, the university would probably step in gradually," says Haws.

"I don't really like to think about such a possibility," she adds.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

by Karen MacDonald

Does MSVU have an outstanding professor? If it does, that professor could be \$600 richer.

This year, Mount President E. Margaret Fulton, following discussions with the Faculty Association's committee on teaching, established an annual award of \$600 for teaching excellence, in order to give greater recognition to the teaching function of the Mount.

Walter Shelton, Academic Vice-president explained that eligible candidates must have taught three full academic years on the MSVU campus and be nominated by three people who could be students, faculty or alumnae.

A presidential committee, chaired by Dr. Shelton has met on several occasions to consider criteria, procedures and time-frame for making the award. The criteria will stress:

- having comprehensive knowledge of the subject
- being consistently prepared for class
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- establishing good rapport with students
- encouraging student participation in class
- motivating students to achieve high standards
- communicating effectively at a level appropriate to students' abilities
- putting stress on understanding of the subject
- being accessible to students outside class hours

With the written consent of candidates to permit their names to stand, the general procedure will include the use of student evaluations, course outlines and examinations as well as lecture-room visits.

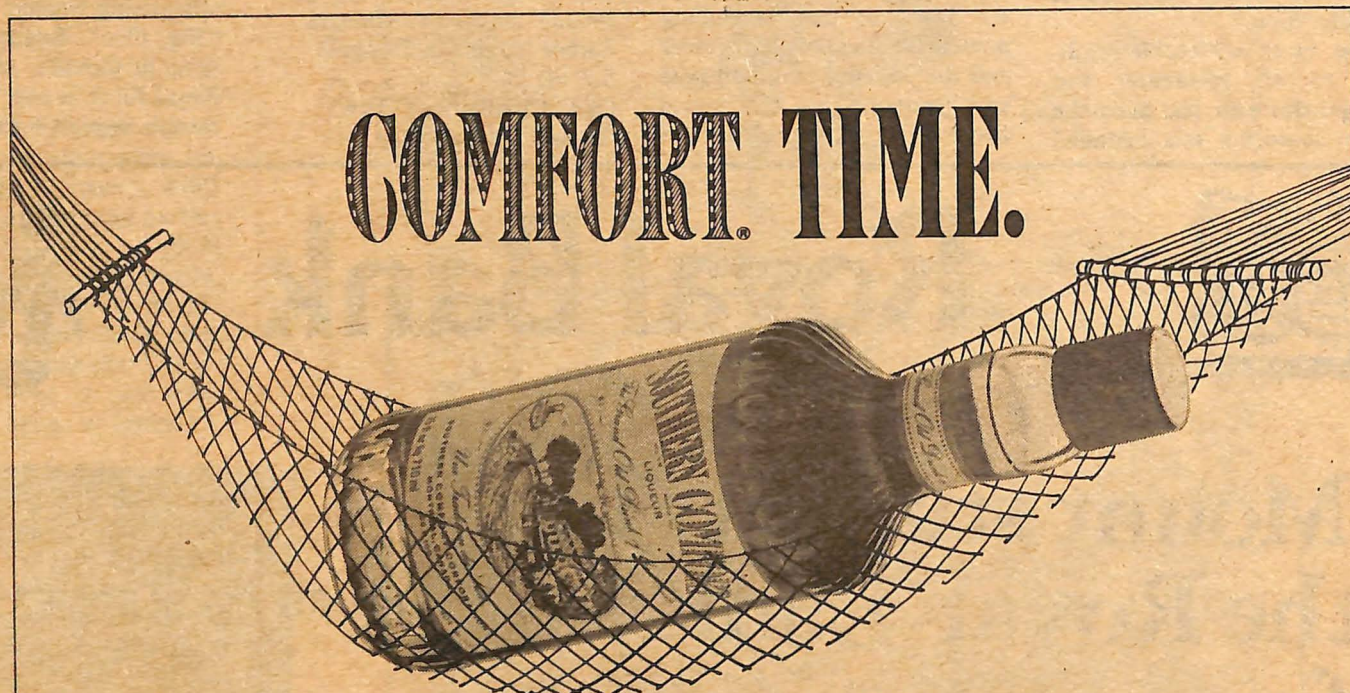
The committee consists of one faculty member from each of the Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences and professional departments and four alternates; two students and one alum-

nus.

Nominations will open this month and forms will be widely circulated throughout the campus. Nomination forms should be returned to the office of the Academic Vice-president by January 15, 1981.

The award will be given at the spring convocation by Dr. Fulton.

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Residence lounges improved

(a little)

by Nancy Burns
Staff Reporter

Lounge renovations around campus have met with general approval by residents though there is still room for improvement.

Evaristus Hall no longer has its big lounges on second floor. The space was allocated to administration in exchange for six small dating lounges. Executive Assistant to the President, Michael Merrigan said the university engaged an architect from Montreal last year to determine the best way to utilize space. Both student and administration suggestions were solicited in designing lounge space to suit everyone's needs. Residence Council President for Evaristus, Brenda Farren, says that the new lounges are being used but there are some problems with privacy as none of them have locks on the door and people have started to put "do not disturb" signs outside. Merrigan also voiced the concern that the dating lounges are being used by day students as meeting places for case discussions. He expects this problem will be alleviated in January when the new complex opens and students use lounge areas there.

The dividers which were taken away from the Evaristus foyer will not be collecting dust in the attic for too long either. They were removed because they obstructed the view and, according to students, were not particularly conducive to private conversations anyway. Says Merrigan, "Believe me, those dividers will be used. We have approximately 35 requests for them which are under consideration."

The most noticeable addition to all residence and lounges this year has been the colour television sets installed

in September.

Their appearance met with unanimous approval by residents. Assisi lounges still meet with the same complaints: The main lounge wastes too much space and the smaller dating lounges contain no radios. Past Assisi Residence Council president, Laura Cooke said that her council left \$50 for this year's council to put towards lounge improvements; notably, dividing the space better in the bigger lounge. The condition of the furniture and the decor has been another bone of contention. Housing Officer, Heather Sutherland says the furniture and the room's condition depends a lot on the students using it.

Vincent Hall's lounges were completed last month, 8 weeks

behind schedule. According to Merrigan, the delays in construction were beyond the university's control. However, students are pleased with the final result as they now have three lounges and a study room in operation again.

When asked whether administration would set up another lounge improvement committee this year, Merrigan said that he can't see it being organized again unless a need for it is expressed by the residents. He explained that last year's committee was an ad hoc structure set up to partially address the needs voiced by the forum for male visiting privileges held last spring. The committee was disbanded last April and its recommendations were considered.

Travel opportunities to third world

For the second year, Scarborough Foreign Missions and Youth Corps are sponsoring a 6-week experience in the Dominican Republic.

The purpose of this trip will be to experience, in as direct a way as possible, a 3rd world reality, and to realize where we as Christians with "heart and mind open" must take a stand.

This will be accomplished by seeing and experiencing as many different aspects of Dominican life as possible by the input of people presently living in the Dominican Republic, and through direct group research. Last year's research covered such issues as the effect of the multi nationals in a country where the majority of its people remain in poverty, the value of the developing popular education programs and the political situation past and present, and the issues surrounding the problem of

Haitian oppression.

A limited number of places are available for residents of the East Coast of post-secondary school status, who would be interested in the experience this summer.

This year the group will leave Toronto on July 4th, and the program will end with a de-briefing session on August 16th. Each participant is asked to make a contribution of approximately \$900.00 towards the cost of this subsidized program. Further information and application forms are available at your Chaplaincy Office, Rosaria Centre.

Application deadline: December 15, 1980. Age: 18 years and over. Length of program: July 4 to August 16, 1981. Cost: \$900.00 (subject to change). Father Hugh MacDougall, S.F.M. C/O Chaplaincy Office Rosaria Centre

Cuts from Council

Union Fee Referendum

Council voted Friday to organize a referendum for February 18, 1980, in conjunction with council elections, asking for an increase in union fees to \$65 per year. The decision comes in light of recent financial calculations that keep putting the Student Union into deeper and deeper financial trouble. It was decided Friday that either the union fees increase to \$65 or the union goes "belly up".

Kick-off For Candy

The kick off for the Student Council chocolate bar campaign will happen on Wednesday, January 7 at noon in Auditoriums B & C, including speeches from the student council and university presidents. This is the time to support your student council in erasing its operating deficit. Pick up a box of bars and sell them. Teams are being organized and prizes will be awarded to teams and individuals with the highest sales recorded at the end of the two week campaign.

Evaluations In

Faculty evaluations are in and available for students to see at the Student Council office, third floor Rosaria Centre.

Teaching Award Nominations

Nomination forms are available to students for the teaching excellence awards. The only criterion for nominating one of your professors is that she has been on faculty here for more than three years.

Global Disarmament Disapproved

A motion asking for a referendum on campus on Global Disarmament, brought to council by External Vice President, Heather MacDougall, was defeated at Friday's meeting. MacDougall said that a referendum was an important way to gauge student interest. When the motion was defeated it was suggested that she bring the matter back to council asking for some method of student survey of the situation, whether it be referendum or petition.

McNair "AIM's" For Support

A motion to support a doctor in Britain with his research on artificial insemination for men, brought to council by Academic Vice President, Paul McNair, was defeated. Councillors were concerned that this was not a serious motion and requested more information on the research being done before they would send their support for such a cause.

In explanation

This short piece is in connection with the advertisement on behalf of the Royal Bank of Canada, running alongside. The Picaro supports a national advertising boycott against the "Big Five" financial institutions in Canada, of which the Royal Bank is one. The reason for this boycott is to protest the

banks' continued practice of extending loans to countries whose governments are demonstrably racist or repressive, including South Africa and Chile. We will not accept generic national advertising on behalf of these institutions.

However, The Picaro also has the express mandate of serving its readers, the students of Mt. St. Vincent University. The Royal Bank provides a service to these students, a service which is not duplicated by anyone else on campus. For this reason, we decided to solicit advertising from the Mount sub-branch of the Bank, with the condition that it emphasize this unique service and not serve as a generic promotion.

The advertising copy carried in this issue was the result.

After a discussion of the staff, it was decided to carry the Royal Bank advertising along with this explanatory message. By carrying the advertisement, the staff of The Picaro does not wish to intimate that we condone the lending practices of the Royal Bank in any way but that we are only fulfilling our mandate to inform the students of Mt. St. Vincent of the services available to them on campus. The Staff of The Picaro



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SEPTEMBER TO MAY

All services are available at Rockingham Branch on days this branch is closed.

Sports

Volleyball team takes second tournament

by Joanne Bower
Sports Reporter

Last weekend the Mount Volleyball team traveled to the College of Cape Breton to capture another win in their second tournament of the season.

The Mount placed first in round robin play by successfully defeating Kings and the college of Cape Breton, which advanced them to the finals. In that final game of the day our team captured the College conference tournament championship by whipping the C.C.B. team; 15-3, 17-3 and 15-8.

According to coach Brian Carlton, they were some key players who excelled throughout the entire tournament. One of these players was Julianna Elsinga who maintained 34 offensive points and a 96 per cent serving average. While Colleen Hourigan displayed some excellent setting and made 9 offensive points which is very good for a setter. Carlton also noted two 100 per cent performances from Betty MacDonell who had 100 per cent serving, and Catherine LeBlanc with a 100 per cent serve reception.

With the teams current record of two wins in two tournaments, it is quite conceivable that they may be on

their way to claiming the second college conference championship for the Mount, so let's get out there and give them the support they deserve.

The next invitational tournament for the team is the Scoopblades tournament being held in Shearwater on December 13 and 14 which will include 10 to 15 teams. The team's chances in that tournament? Coach Carlton said, "We should do fairly well as we've been practicing really hard and have played some tough games."

The next college Conference tournament will be played on Jan. 17 at King's college gym.

Congratulations team and good luck in the future.

The final games of the intramural volleyball tournament was held in our gym on December 2. The Off-Campus team, having lost some of their players through injuries, proved however that their five-member team of Nelda Dalziel, Bruce Croft, Gerald Denison, Jerry Shea and Andrea Currie was still unbeatable in the round robin tournament.

Assisi commanded a close second with Vincent and Evaristus finishing third and fourth.

While there had to be one winner and some losers everyone did enjoy the fun of the

sport and the opportunity to mix with other students from the university, which was clearly evident from the hooping and hollering of all participants as they battled for the win.

Many also expressed a desire

to maintain this university spirit by continuing these types of intramural sports in the new year. Interested? then contact your recreational council rep or the athletics office about the possibilities.

Recreational badminton,

which finished for the Christmas break, will begin again on Monday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 7, 1981.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE. AND I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR.

Badminton team victorious over small colleges

by Mary Moran

The M.S.V.U. Badminton team won an invitational tournament at Nova Scotia Technical College, November 30, defeating five other small colleges for the provincial title.

The most exciting competition of the entire tournament was played by Anita Sundaram in women's singles. She portrayed excellent endurance and strategy throughout her play claiming second in this event.

First place in men's singles was taken by Bruce Croft who,

as usual, gave both audience and opponents a good show and superb play.

The mixed doubles event was captured by Mary Moran and Jerry Shea.

Women's doubles was played by Kim Dutnall and Rachael Backman who had a close match with the College of Cape Breton team and ended up claiming third in this event.

Our men's doubles team was proudly represented by Gary Tang and Earl Williams who claimed second place and showed everyone what team

play is all about.

The team felt that they had all played very well and proved, once again, that the Mount is not an unknown in sports anymore. With this win, the team hopes to do as well, if not better, in another tournament at College of Cape Breton on February 8.

Special thanks is extended to Pat Demont, Bruce Croft, and Jerry Shea for their help and support throughout this term. Congratulations team mates, keep up the good play, and Merry Christmas!

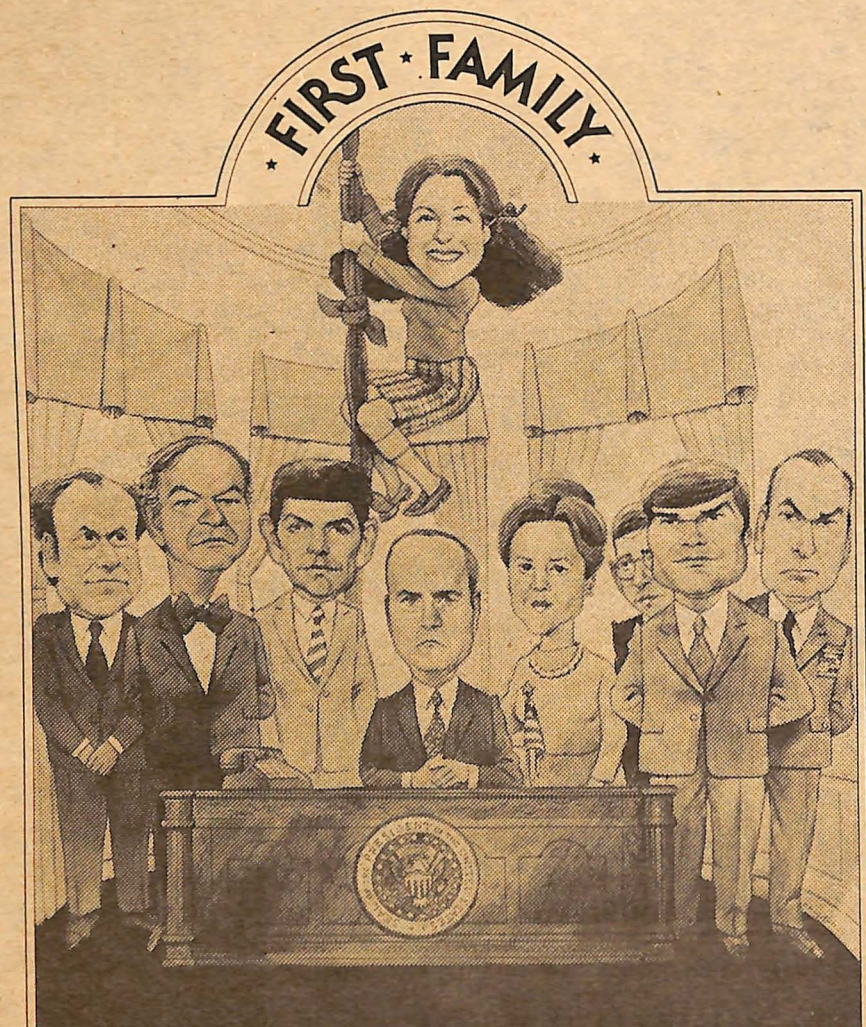
Basketball team suffers disappointments

by Myfanwy Woolway

The Women's Basketball Team finished their league games for this term last Tuesday, Dec. 2. The team was defeated by King's College by a score of 50-32. Although the team finished with a loss the team is not too discouraged. Play resumes again in January, when classes start, and

M.S.V.U. will be more determined to prove themselves on the basketball court. 1981 already looks promising as the team will be back at full strength with 3 injured players returning to the line-up. BEST OF LUCK to the coach and players—we'll look forward to seeing you play in our own gym when it opens in January.)

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Bedford Place Mall

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.
Live Entertainment

December 10-13 Fred Lavery

December 17-20 Micheal Forbes

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University ID

Tues. Is Talent Night

Campus Comment

The campus newspaper is very often the center of discussion and controversy. To find out what you, our readers, really think, and to fulfill our masochistic desire for ridicule and criticism, we asked you this week what you thought of **The Picaro**. And, to see what kind of resolve Mount students have and what they really want in life, we also asked what your New Year's resolutions are.

Questions

1. What do you think of **The Picaro**?
2. What is your New Year's resolution?

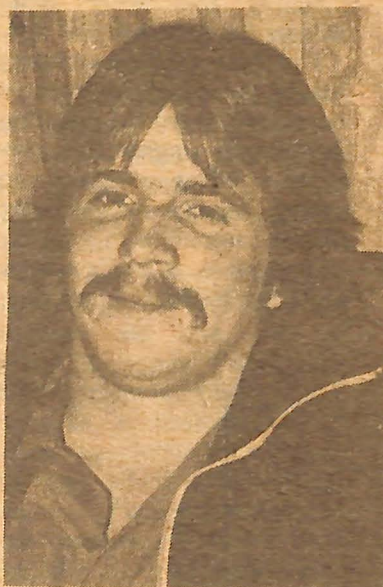
John McDade [first year, B.B.A.]

1. It's not bad. They should have another beer drinking contest with better prizes.
2. To get a radio station at the Mount.



Lina Taraschi [first year, B.A.]

1. I try not to!
2. To leave those parked cars alone!



John Ingram [first year, B.A.]

1. I don't know. I can't read.
2. To live forever.



Pam Atkins [second year, B.S.A.]

1. Very informative. It keeps you informed on things on campus.
2. Quit smoking.

Debbie McNair [first year, B.A.]

1. Frankly. . . I don't give a damn! I'll be better in February.
2. To get into a Mount function stamped "WET".



Literary

This is a story about the caf—
The food they serve deserves a laugh.
Crackers, soup, eggs and buns
We fill our stomach, then get the runs.
The food it stinks, it's not so great
They just throw crap onto your plate.
They pour on gravy and call it hot
They never taste it, and know it's not.
As for the soup, they call it hearty
With all the beans you know it's -----!
Then for the dinners, we give a cheer
God it only happens once a year.
You drown your sorrows in 2%
That's only if the coke is spent.

Well breakfast there, it is a treat
Of course it's eggs without any meat.
Cholesterol is not their care—
If our teeth fall out and we lose our hair!
Make your own subs, that's what they decree
Trying to beat through the menagerie
You scratch and claw and tear your hair,
It's quite the sight, I do declare!

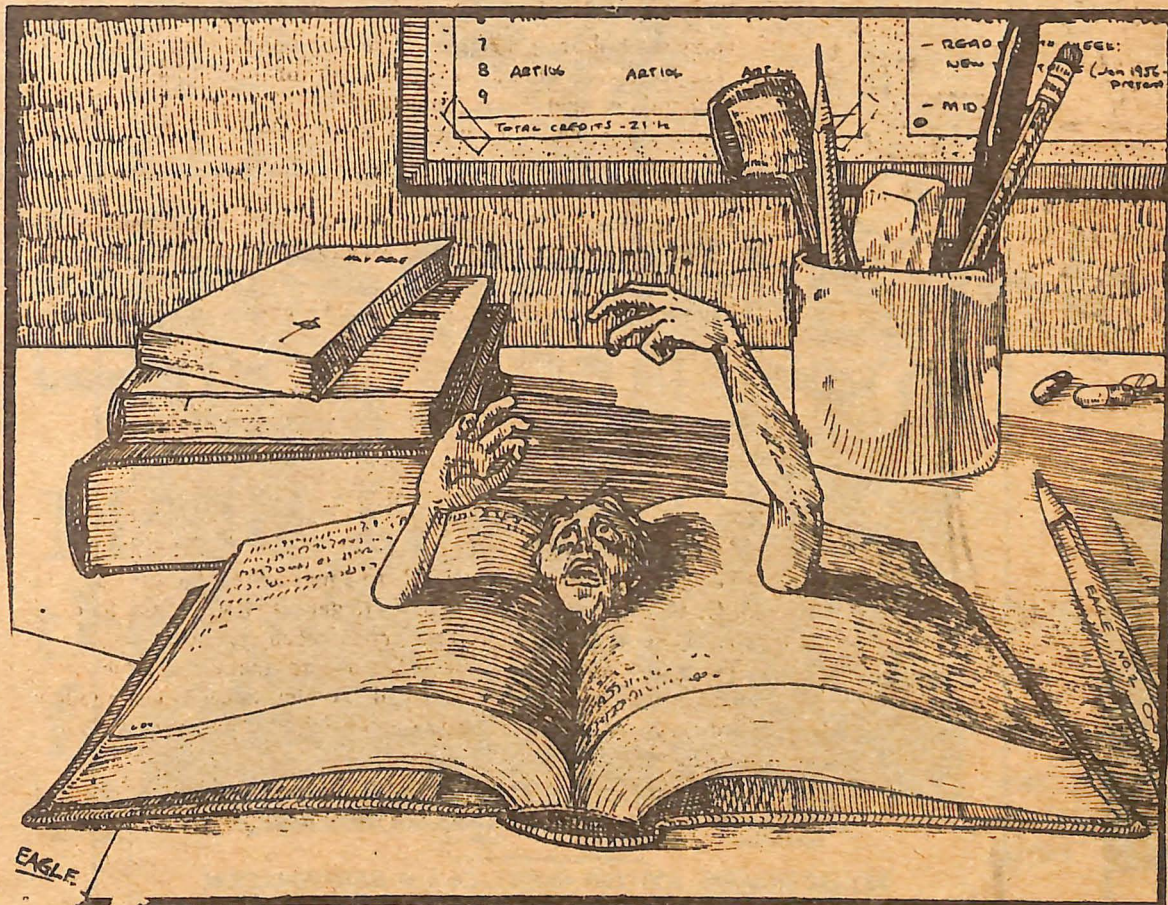
Of course we all know about the jello
Whether red or green, or orange or yellow
If I see it again I'll surely scream
Well maybe today they'll have whipped cream.
We try and hide our gurgling tummy
Then fill it with food that is crummy
The gurgles are then replaced with moans—

Till we go to our rooms and find parcels from home.

This is not the end—there is still more.
About the guy who works the door
He takes our numbers and lets us in.
He is so cute, it is a sin.

We give our numbers, but would like to give more
When he gives a wink, I almost hit the floor.
His curly hair—it drives me mad

When supper comes, boy am I glad.
An now, I'm to the end of my prose
The food's really not bad, as everyone knows
There's always McDonalds as far as that goes.



GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS !