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Freedom of Information Act?

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The city of rumors. Listen carefully on any given day and you will pick up some tidbit.

A cabinet shuffle in the making, who is going to get what post, the latest government scandal is about to break, millions have been wasted by a department, legislation will come soon on something or other, Trudeau is resigning, so and so has been posted to such and such, and a thousand variations of the same theme, tacts without foundation. All very vague as rumors are wont to be.

But now there is a growing movement to impede the flow of rumors and start replacing them with facts providing a healthy flow of information for intelligent assessment of a situation or problem by a member of the press, a member of parliament or some vested interest group or citizen

Asking for information sounds simple and natural enough. It appears to be a basic right.

In fact, it is not, for in Ottawa, and in provincial and municipal governments, information is witheld on a grand scale. The bureaucracy is enshrouded in a veil of secrecy and does not

ouncil Defeats Motion

The Dalhousie Student Council Sunday night defeated a motion to give \$2000 to Ars/FEA for emergency funding.

Arts Representative Bernie
Macuonnell told the council
"I think there are two basic
groups here, and the people
in the middle who will make
the decision"

A compromise amendment giving a lesser amount totalling \$750 was defeated by the two extremes, when both agreed that it was not an acceptable way of resolving the question.

Mount Saint Vincent University Vice-President External, Diane Wright, together with Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Vice President External, Don Soucy, were present to speak about granting emergency funds to FEA/AFS

"The main problem is the constant referral to AFS/FEA as "they". The failure to realize that it is not "they", but an organization of the students in the Atlantic." Soucy commented atter the motion was deteated.

nave to give up information.
Indeed, it can not because
it is estimated that 80% of
government documents are classified. Let any citizen try to
get a report or document that a
government or civil servant
decides it doesn't have to release. That person will be met

Opposition MPs, and surprisingly enough, government backbenchers have as much difficulty getting information as any citizen.

with a stone wall of silence.

Information given freely is one thing. Information carefully selected and channelled by the government is propoganda.

the solution to this snocking state of affairs is a strong

Science Social

The 1976-1977 Science Society of MSVU sponsered a "Science . Social" on November 30th, 1976 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. All the Science faculty and students were invited to attend, and refreshments were provided for everyone. The purpose of the social was to allow the students: to become better acquainted with this particular sector of MSVU students, as well as to meet and talk with their professors. There was a good turn-out of faculty, and everyone who came soon realized that it was a good opportunity for informal conversation. It is hopeful that word will spread and any absent students will perceive the benefits of a small gathering such as this.

In accordance with the nearness of the Christmas holiday, Santa and Mrs. Claus honored us with an appearance, giving everyone a small present to top the evening off. Kathy Mykelyn, president of the Science Society, introduced herself, the secretary of the Society, and the science representative on Student Council. She spoke about the future activities of the society for the upcoming year. It is hoped that the Science Society will be able to continue with more activities, especially scienceorientated ones, with the help of more student participation, in the second term.

Freedom of Information Act, such as the those now existing in the USA and Sweden, according to private citizens groups, major associations across Canada and MPs from all political parties.

The prime mover behind the call for such an act is Conservative MP and tormer opposition leader Gerald Baldwin, who has been fighting tor an Act for a decade.

Replying in the House to the government's small mention of more open access to government documents in the throne speech recently, he said, "the rights we seek to obtain by legislation of this kind are not extrayagent

or improper. It was said hundreds of years ago that a people which means to govern itself must have the power that knowledge brings."



Koskolos Resigns

The Mount's Entertainment Director, Terry Koskolos, resigned as of December 4.

When asked why he had resigned from his position,
Terry stated that "the position is a full-time, not part time position." He also added that being a student first, he was unable to give the time required for the job.

The Student Council accepted his resignation and thanked him for his work in the past.

The position of Entertainment Director will be open for applications after Christmas. Contact the Student Council for further details.

EDITORIAL

Wow! Did you hear about the fantastic dance that they are a having this weekend? Student: So what?

Our volleyball team is doing really great! Did you know that?

Student: Wno cares?

Our student council is really trying for more student

rights.

Student: What student council?

Our winter carnival is coming up soon. Won't that be fun? Student: I don't have time for that type of thing.

Those physical fitness classes are a good way to lose weight. Student: Why pother?

Suggestion sneets are out for changes in the food.
Student: What difference does

Did you see that play that was on last week?
Student: I was too lazy to go.

The Picaro needs help- lots of it.

Student: Oh, someone will help them.

The flu is going around.
Student: I won't catch it. I
am always in my room.



So you hate one of your courses. Why don't you do something about it?
Student: Oh, well. The year is

half over already.

Did you hear the choir singing last night?
Student: Didn't bother to listen

Student: Didn't bother to listen.

When you can't even get up enough energy to go to a beer bash, things are pretty bad.

Are you going to the beer bash tonight? Student: Nah, I don't feel like

Student apathy is one of the

major problems at the Mount this year.

There are many different organizations and clubs available, with a wide range of interests. Most of them would welcome help from anyone who is interested.

Wny don't YOU join?
Don't tell me that you're
too tired, or you have too much
to do, or not enough time, or
any other silly excuses! How do
you expect to change any of the
things that you complain about
if you don't work at it?

Submitted by two students

Letters

Dear Editor.

It seems to me there is a particular something missing in our university and that being SPIRIT! It is only my first year here at the Mount but it is all too obvious that the Mount lack's this or. important factor. We have our activities, our weekly beer bashes, our dances and our societies but we do not have enough participation. This place is supposedly a university for girls but our girls find it necessary to go to SMU or DAL in order to enjoy themselves. This shouldn't be so. You might have heard the complaint many times that this place needs guys, but it is very true. Regardless of how many times it has been up, it has been too often put aside as being a minor issue. It is very natural that girls enjoy the company of quys, so why don't we have a male dorm. Believe me if guys had more of a chance to succeed (in school work and their personal life) we would have a lot better place to work and live. So, please, tell me why some-one doesn't recognize the need for a better place, with more spirit, participation, and cooperation?

STUDENT STORE TO ALL PATRONS:

I take this opportunity to thank all patrons for their support. This has been the best year ever, as for the store is concerned and it i is because of your continous support.

We will attempt to maintain the hours during exams. We are students too and have to study as well so there may be interuptions in the hours that are scheduled.

The last day the store will

open is; Dec. 17, 1976 and will re-open on Jan 2, 1977.
Just to remind you of our hours, we are opened:

Monday - Friday 10 - 9 Saturday 2 - 5 Sunday 7 - 9

Again we thank you for your patronage and we hope that we can continue to serve you.

THE STAFF OF THE STUDENT STORE



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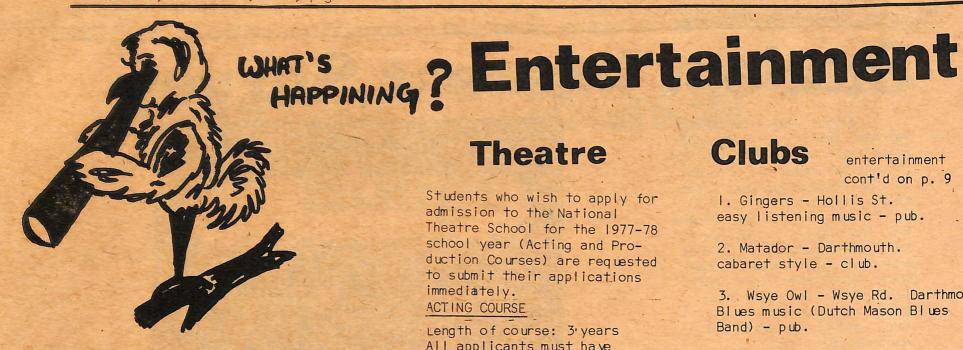
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THE BEATLES - Remember the old "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band" album? In early '77 shooting will begin in the US. The movie will be released at or around, Christmas of 1977.

Rumour has it that Peter Framton will debut in the film. King Khalid of Saudi Arabia is none too happy at the thought of the Beatles getting back together. He seems to be furious at the idea, as a matter of fact The King found out that there were actually some Beatle fans in his kingdom, and has sent a memo to Saudi Arabian Airlines, warning them to be on the lookout for the long hair, sideburns and fingernails that he states are signs of this dreaded sin. He also warned that "those who continue Beatling, shall be subject to punishment."

Anne Murray Nova Scotia's own will be host of her own super special "Keeping in Touch" ton CBC-TV., December 12th. at 7:30. This is Anne's first TV. special since 1974 and is her first major TV. appearance since the birth of her first son this summer. Parts of the show were taped at toronto's fairview Mall, November 29th. Watch for her on "90 minutes Live" on CBC-IV, December 9th. at 11:35p.m.

Theatre

Students who wish to apply for admission to the National Theatre School for the 1977-78 school year (Acting and Production Courses) are requested to submit their applications immediately. ACTING COURSE

Length of course: 3 years All applicants must have completed high school at the time of admission and be between the ages of 17 and 24.

PRODUCTION COURSE

Annual auditions and interviews will commence in March 1977 and will take place in every major city in Canada from St. John's to Vancouver. The National Theatre School is a post secondary school which undertakes the professional formation of future actors, designers and production personnel for Canada's professional theatre.

Length of course: 2 years All applicants must have completed high school at the time of admission but there is no age limit. Design Section candidates must be able to draw.

All inquiries should be addressed to the National Theatre School, 5030 Denis St., Montreal, Que. H2J 2L8 (tel.: 842-7954) as soon as possible. The school will send application forms to everyone so requesting. Candidates will be informed of the date and place of their audition and/or interview shortly after their completed application forms have been received by the School.

Clubs

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- 1. Gingers Hollis St. easy listening music - pub.
- 2. Matador Darthmouth. cabaret style - club.
- 3. Wsye Owl Wsye Rd. Darthmouth Blues music (Dutch Mason Blues Band) - pub.
- 4. Flanagan's Holiday Inn -Quinpool Rd. - commercial music - club.
- 5. Piccadily Grafton St. Hfx. Disco - pub.
- 6. Green Dory Hfx. Shopping Center. Disco - pub.
- 7. Red Fox Bayers Rd. Shopping Center - no music
- 8. Dick Turpins Scotia Square Folk - Rock music - pub.
- 9. Zapataz South St. Commercial music - club.
- 10. Misty Moon Gottingen St. commercial music - club.
- 11. Arrows Lounge Brunswick St. Soul Music - club.
- 12. The Cellar Quinpool Rd. Disco - club.
- 13. Choo-Choo Train Citadel Inn. - commercial music - club.
- 14. Village Gate Darthmouth. Commercial - pub



Student Interest Survey

"I didn't know that there was one," said one student when asked about his knowledge of the Student Government in a recent poll on student interest taken by the Picaro staff.

The answers received ranged from the utterly ridiculous to the utterly insane. Atter serious investigation of the results, we of the Picaro staff have come to the conclusion that this university is a... Well, read on and formulate your own opinions.

However, we must stress that this is only a random sample of approximately 10% of the student body.

What kind of activities would you like to see more of an campus?

Sports- 28%

Dances- 15%

Movies- 10%

Bar- 10%

Coffeshop- 9%

No comment- 9% Social events- 6%

Clubs and societies- 4%

Parties- 4%

Satisfied- 3%

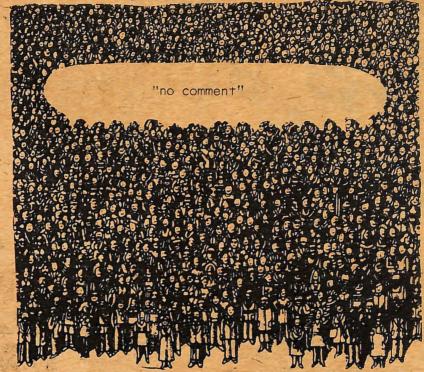
Anything- 2%

It these activities were offered, would you participate?
Yes- 86%
No- 8%

No comment - 4% Undecided - 2%

Where are you, 86%? At the present time the Mount offers a variety of sports activities, most of which will be cancelled If interest in them does not increase. Margaret Ellis, our athletics director, is disheartened by the whole attitude of the student body towards participation in the sports program. But she is willing to make a fresh start in January, with a new set of programs. The continuation and success of these programs throughout the year is up to you, the student.

As for the other activities that are presently not offered, we can only suggest that concerned students bring their ideas forward to the Student Council. Student action is the only thing that can bring about change.



MOUNT MULTITUDES SPEAK OUT

Would you volunteer yourself to help organize these activities? Yes- 53% No- 39% Maybe- 5% No comment- 3%

These figures and the actual number of students volunteering to organize activities do not correspond. If the students are as interested as these figures indicate, the campus life shouldn't be as boring as students say it is.

In your opinion, what does MSVU lack most? (Besides guys)
Spirit- 47%
Social activities- 18%
No comment- 12%
Athletic Facilities- 8%
Food- 4%
Guys- 4%
SUB- 3%
Freedom in Residences- 3%
Coffee Houses- 1%

Here we received a variety of answers, from the scarcity of "gauze tea bags" to the most common complaint that the Mount doesn't have enough spirit. Other answers included "Half-decent professors", "All night food stands on campus" and "The lighting in Seton is awful".

To top it all off, one students' solution to the problem of a lack of social life on campus was to "Move up to Dick Turpin's".

Do you understand how the student government works?
No- 71%
Yes- 27%
So-So- 1%
I didn't know there was one- 1%

Well, as you can see, the .
figures speak for themselves. As one student put it, "Yes, I do understand how the Student Government works, but only because of a personal involvement with this and last years' councils. There is a definate problem of communication between Student Council members, and the general student body. A more liberal approach to such things as the newspaper, etc,... would increase student awareness of what's going on."

As the staff looked over the surveys, we came to the conclusion that one thing we don't lack here at the Mount is a sense of humour.

The main point brought across from the survey is that the university does not have any spirit or participation in activities. The only solution for this would be that the students actually get INVOLVED!!!!

ENTERTAINMENT



T H A 12/3/76 N K S Ø ▲ ⑤ Hang in there.

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Student Council Budget

Estimated Revenues:

Student Union Fees	\$58140
Picaro Advertising Revenue	500
Entertainment Loan	2000
Drama Loan	1500
Total Revenue	

\$62140

Estimated Expenditures:

Honouraria (1)	\$ 5535
Student Council Manager	6000
Rent Expense	3240
Telephone Expense	700
Office Supplies Expense	700
Payroll Taxes Expense (2)	232
Transportation Expense	240
Con ferences Expense	800
Campaign Fees	100
Council Parties Expense	300
Legal Fees	1000
Membership Fees (3)	150
Bank Charges Expense	50
Dalhousie Student Union Fees (4)	14097
Awards Expense	200
Bonding Expense	100
Audit Expense	250
Orientation Expenses	1000
Athletics	3000
Yearbook	2000
Communication Fund	200
Societies Expense (5)	18145
Executive Fund	500
Student Council Miscellaneous Expenses (6)	2000
Total Expenses	\$605 39
Excess of Revenue over Expenditues	\$ 1601

HONOURARIA

Position	Period	Wages per	Amount
		Month	
President	Oct-June	\$210	\$1890
Executive V. P.	Oct-April	50	350
Academic V. P.	Sept-April	50	400
External	July-April	50	
理和分析等等的影響	(Sept-\$210)		660
Internal V.P.	Aug-April	50	450
Treasurer	Sept-April	50	400
Secretary	Nov-April	20	120
Entertainment	No v-March	50	250
Picaro	No v-March	50	250
Yearbook	Nov-April	37.50	225
Photopool	Sept-March		140
Store	Sept-April	50	400
(2) PAYROLL TAXES	EXPENSE		\$55 35
C.P.P. \$1.80	per week	\$,9	3.60
	.66 per week	and the same of th	1.92
(3) MEMBERSHIP FEE		\$2.2	1.72
(3) HENDEROTTI			
Atlantic Federation	of Students	\$150.0	0

(4) DALHOUSIE STUDENT UNION FEES

\$ 3247.25 Owing from 1975/76 1976/77 (approx. 1400 students x 7.75 fees \$10850.00 \$14097.25 TOTAL



SOCIETIES EXPENSE

Arts Business Chinese Choir Drama (1500 loan, 500 grant) Econimics Education Entertainment (4000 grant, 2000 loan)	\$ 500 875 150 775 2000 150 700 6000
Future Secretaries Association Home Economics Nursing Photopool Picaro Residence Science	450 1200 - 305 1200 3000 600 240

(6) STUDENT COUNCIL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

-includes funds to be allocated to Senior Class of 1976-77 and to Continuing Education Department.

Budget for for fiscal period July 1, 1976 to June 31, 1977

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Herod's Play



Squeals of laughter sounded through the small auditorium as members of the cast of "Herod's Play", a comedy presented at the wount, lead a mad chase scene through the auditorium.

The play, under the direction of P.B. O'Neill, was put on by the Mount prama Society on the afternoons of November 27 and 28. The play was set in the medieval period with a touch of 20th century flavor. It was well-attended on both days, and all who attended agreed that the play was a success.

The cast included Nadine Smith as Gaberelle, Mary Pyche as Mare, Grey Hodges as Josoff, Carol Ann Patton as the Angell, Marci Melvin as Herod, and Susan Saunders as Calchos.

The supporting actors and actresses were Edith Silver, Victor Maddalena, Gerry Pennington, Carol Ann Smith, Elizabeth Lyons, Lee Cantwell, Colleen O'Malley, Heather MacAulay, Janet Salter, Mary Kelly, Treens Specht, Joanne Grace, Joanne Edwards and Donna MacKenzie.

Music was supplied by the
Mount Saint Vincent University
Choir, under the direction of
Sister Margaret Young. Accompaniment was provided by the MUSICA
ANTIQUA ENSEMBLE, under the
direction of David Wilson.

Lighting was done by Bruce Swain and Gerry Regan.







Religious Survey

1. Do you have a definite concept of God?	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
2. Do you think that we can communicate with God and he with us? 3. Do you believe the Bible to be the word of	63.9 6 9. 2	19.5	16.6
4. Do you believe there is a life offer deallo	44.8	28.4	26.8
of right and wrong? 6. Do you feel that you know the nurpose of life?	56.0 38.5	14.5	29.5 21.0
7. Can you answer the questions, "Where did I come from? Why am I here? and Where am I going after this life?	39.8 31.0	31.3	28.9 26.0
3. Are the "organized" religions effectively carrying on Christ's work.9. Do you believe Jesus Christ is Literally the	16.3	46.4	37.3
10. Do you feel there is one religion or philosophy	51.8	21.1	57.1
that can offer the solutions to all the world's problems?	13.4	74.6	12.0

This survey was conducted at colleges and universities throughout the Maritimes by a group of young missionaries from other parts of Canada and the U,S. The purpose of the survey is to determine basic convictions and feelings of the collegeage students toward Christianity and religion in general, especially in this area of the country. These are the results from the survey done at MSVU. There were 400 copies of the survey distributed, 50% were Returned.

Christmas Library hours

The Library will be open two days only during the Christmas Week.

Wednesday, Dec 29th, 1-5pm Thursday Dec 30th 1-5pm The library will close at noon on Dec 24th, and open again on the 29th & 30th, then closed until the morning of January 3rd, 19/7.

GAYLINE

Counselling and information for Male and Female Homosexuals. 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday. 429-6969 Strictly Confidential.



Sneaker Fads

"Incredible"you say? "Impossible" I must convince I thought so too. However, unlikely as it is, the Mt. has been hit by a fad. A degenerate manifestation of this fact can be seen in Debi Stimson. This little girt, whom we all knew and loved so well, is now a depraved, sinful creature. She is now tying her old sneakers onto her feet-not in the approved normal manner-but backwards. Yes folks, this most shameless woman can be seen in

any dark corner of the campus, crooning to her sneakers as she twists them out of all recognizable shape. And this horror is not stopping with her. Miss or Ms. Stimson, not content to relegate only herself to the low, fiery pits of hell, is busily indoctrinating others in this strange, dirty practice. We will decline at this time to mention the names of these other poor un fortunates. They are young and do not fully understand the implications of this filthy act. But Ms. Stimson is definitely not an asset to this campus! Any person who would willingly lower themselves to the point of taking others into their own private hell, is definitely not someone who should be invited to parties.

When questioned for comment. Ms. Stimson replied: "What are you doing?" Ms. Stimson's sneakers declined

Entertainment Con't

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Halifax has been ed as the location for the first Canadian office of BuX OFFICE AITRACTIONS, INC. a progressive and dynamic entertainment booking agency.

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Movies

comment.

Downsview - Sackville

Ph. 865-1661

1. Death Weekend

2. Flash and the Firecat.

3. Carwash

Paramount - 1577 Barrington

Ph. 423-6054

1. Burnt Offerings

2. From noon to 3 (Circ.

Scotia Square Cinema - Scotia

Square.

Ph. 429-3432

1. Marathon Man

Oxford Theatre - Quinpool Rd.

Ph. 423-7488

1. Two Minute Warning

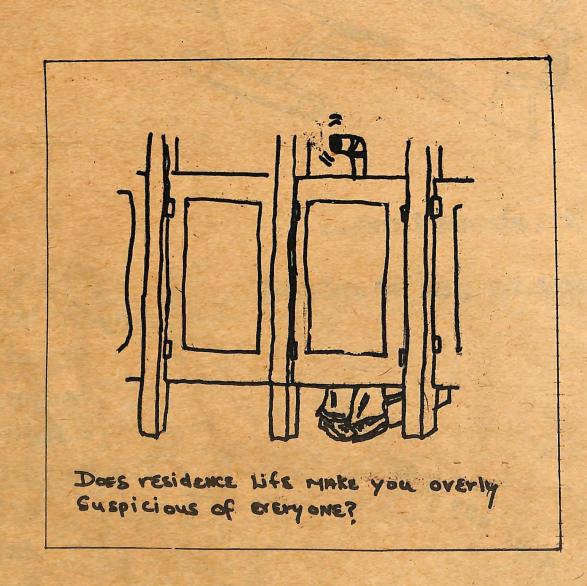


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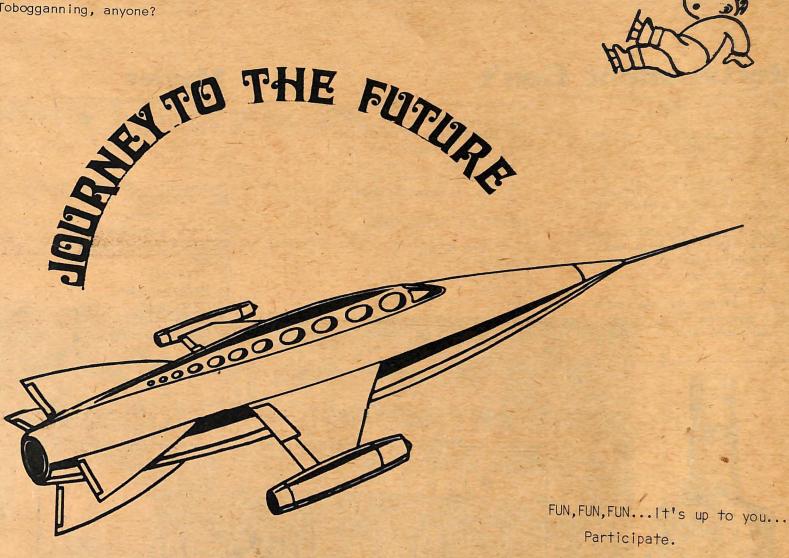


WINTER CARNIVAL 1977 FEB.2,3,4,5,6.

Skating, anyone?

Tobogganning, anyone?





It's about time... time to get involved

Got any suggestions

Anyone interested in... ticket sales indoor events outdoor events Come to the meeting... 6:30 p.m. Jan.4,1977 **Evaristus lounge**



Sports Beat



The gym is free during many of the day time hours. If you want to use it you can sign out the keys for the equipment room at the reception desk in Vincent Hall. Please treat the equipment as if it were your own and let it be usable by the next student.

The office of the Athletics/ Recreation Director, Margaret Ellis, will be open from 9:30 - 3:15 each day during the first week of classes.

ALL STUDENTS, FULL TIME OR PART-TIME, MALE AND FEMALE ARE WELCOME IN ALL PROGRAMS EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFIED.

Subject to minimum enrollment of 10 and maximum of 30 women.

BADMINTON

Our coach, Bill Shakespeare will be in the gym from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting January 5th for those who want to improve their game. All are welcome! The gym is also reserved for badminton on Monday and Friday, 6:00 - 7:00.

VOLLEYBALL

Intramural volleyball will take place on Monday's at 7:30 p.m starting in January providing sufficient interest is shown. Only one Varsity player will be allowed on each team. Please submit names of individuals and teams during first week of classes.





BOWLING

There will be a FREE bowling party at the Halifax Bowling Centre tentatively on January 5th at 4:30 - 6:30. Bowling, shoes and light refreshments will be supplied. Interest shown at this party will indicate need for a programme Sign up by Tuesday, January 4th at 3:00 p.m.

MODERN DANCE

Annette Gee will teach a class at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting January 11th. subject to there being sufficient enrollment.

All are welcome. Sign up. ...
during first week of classes.

*YOGA

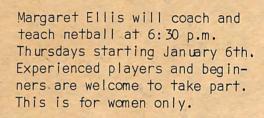
Yoga will be offered at 7:30
Thursdays and 12:30 Fridays
starting January 13th.
Cost - \$10.00 students
\$20.00 non students
Register during first week
of classes.

Effective Self Defence for Women

Paul Do wette will teach a four week course consisting of 2periods of three hours per week. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-10:00 in Room SAC 306.

Cost - \$25.00 for students \$35.00 non students Register during first week of classes.





BASKETBALL

The team will continue playing in the Metro Ladies Basket-ball League with games scheduled for Tuesday evenings.

The Mount is hosting the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association Women's 'B"
Basketball Tournament on February 11th and 12th, 1977.
Volunteers for scorers and timekeepers and general help will be welcome.

Intramural basketball games will take place on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. providing sufficient interest is shown. Varsity players will not be eligiable for this. Please submit names of individuals and/or teams during first week of classes. FITNESS

Margaret Ellis will teach a fitness class at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays in the gym for all who know they need it! This will start on Januaryllth.
Also "noon" hour sessions will be held in Seton 1:00 Wednesdaya and 12:00 p.m. Thursdays in Seton Room 306.



MERRY



CHRISTMAS



PICARO STAFF~

HAPPY



VEW !