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International representative a Canadian?

by Yoke Yee Wong

Student council discovered that recently elected international student representative Margarita Yang was not an international student a few days after the Oct. 21-22 elections.

Council's executive vice-president Melissa Sparks says the mix-up came to council's attention after council president Susan Smith had been speaking to International Student Association president Elizabeth Rogo.

Council's constitution states that the international representative, a two-year-old position, must be a "non-Canadian". "I presumed she was an international student," said Sparks.

When Yang came to council offices with the 25 signatures necessary to run in an election, Sparks gave her a nomination list to sign and a sheet outlining the international rep's responsibilities. The sheet given to Yang stated, "An international student representative shall be a non-Canadian student, act as a liaison between the Union and the international students, ... and express concerns of international students to council."

Yang said she was approached by a council representative,

whom she declined to identify, to run for the position. She had her doubts of whether a Canadian was eligible for the position, but didn't pursue the matter any further. She felt the council representative would know the constitution better.

Yang, a member of the MSVU Business Society and Chinese Club, harbours no hard feelings. She said, "I think the misunderstanding came from both sides."

Sparks, of the student union, expressed her regrets about the situation and hopes that this matter will be clarified soon.

Sparks said, "It is a pity that she never came to me when she had doubts. The situation would not have gotten this far." She hopes that in the future, students applying for the position will check with the person in charge for clarification.

Sparks is glad Yang does not hold any grudges against the Student Union and believes that she would have been an excellent representative.

Sparks also wants to stem rumours that a Canadian held the position of international student rep. last year. She said, "Gina Bean was last year's rep. and she definitely comes from the Carib-

bean. I hope that this will once and for all clear any rumours about this error."

The president of the International Students' Association, Elizabeth Rogo said: "We do not have anything against Canadian students, but previous ISA executives have fought hard with the Student Union to get representation on council. They finally

gave in, but specifically requested that an international student run for the position."

Rogo stressed that international students need representation on council to air their needs and troubles. She feels international students are not well represented, and only an international student can understand and fight for what they need.

She also felt substituting the word "international" to "visa" student will help stem future misunderstandings of this sort. She said, "If I was a Canadian student, I would not know where to begin with international students' concerns, as I will not be able to represent a Canadian student right now." Rogo is a second-year student from Africa.



Screaming Trees and Basic English livened up students at the Double-Decker last Thursday night.

photo by Kevin Fraser

SUNS to vote on deputy chair replacement

by Shona Ross

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) will hold an emergency telephone vote this week to replace deputy chairperson Mike Corkum who resigned Oct. 17.

Each of the seven member schools will be telephoned and allowed a "yes" or "no" vote. These schools include Universi-

ty of King's College, The College of Art and Design, Dalhousie University, Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, Saint Francis Xavier University, Acadia University and the Mount. The Mount's 1986-87 membership to SUNS was \$3,300 based on \$1.50 per student.

SUNS opened nominations for the new deputy chairperson during the SUNS weekend confer-

ence at the Mount, Oct. 17-19. Nominations closed on Oct. 27.

The only nomination presented was for Paul Kimball, an Acadia University student. "Kimball has accepted the nomination," says Sue Drapeau, SUNS executive officer.

"Any student from a member school is eligible to run for the deputy chair or any executive position," said Drapeau. It is a one-year commitment from April through to April of the following year.

The deputy chairperson is a volunteer who devotes between six to 10 hours a week. He or she is expected to be an active voice on the SUNS executive, attend different meetings, represent the chairperson when necessary and chair one or two committees.

Corkum, a Mount fourth-year business student, said that time constraints forced him to resign. "A combination of unantici-

pated events resulted in my resignation," said Corkum.

When he accepted the position in April of 1986, Corkum hadn't expected to take the seven-credit course load he's taking this year. After failing to complete two summer full-credit courses, Corkum was forced to retake the courses to graduate in the spring of 1987. Corkum didn't receive a student loan this fall and also had to take a part-time job as well. "At SUNS, most students on the executive are self-sufficient and have time available to do their job," he said.

Corkum felt he was suitable for the position because it concerned student aid. "I am a mature student and can relate to the plea for student aid since I've been a victim and a beneficiary of the system," he said.

During his summer with SUNS, Corkum started a successful student loan and grant

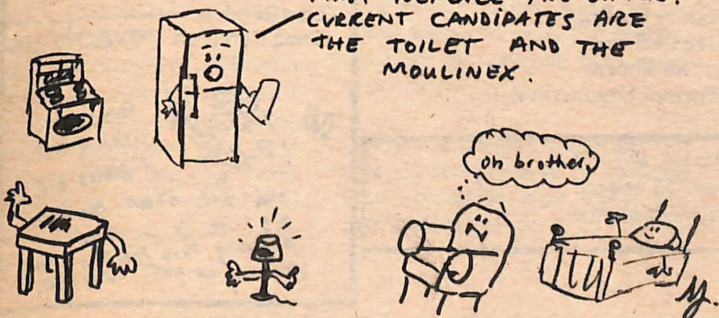
campaign. He designed student financial aid pamphlets, created a student aid public broadcasting message and developed a student aid information telephone line.

Corkum was the only executive member on SUNS from the Mount. "Last year several members of the student council encouraged me to take the position. I saw it as a good avenue to represent the Mount," he said. Corkum is also the Mount's business society representative on student council. He sits on the finance committee, external affairs committee, and the applications committee.

SUNS started Nov. 1978, after the Atlantic Federation of students folded due to financial problems. SUNS represent all Nova Scotia students by presenting student views and opinions to the media and the government. "We basically try to make student life easier," said Drapeau.

SUNS FURNITURE MEETING

AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE MUST REPLACE THE CHAIR. CURRENT CANDIDATES ARE THE TOILET AND THE MOULINEX.



Sermon on the Mount

Another Hallowe'en Mardi Gras has come and gone.

This one was even more successful than the last, with approximately 35,000 participating.

Being a Mardi "gras-er" myself, it was easy to see that many of the people participating had put a great deal of thought into their costumes—or lack thereof.

People actually lined the downtown streets to witness this festive event.

However, next year a few changes are going to have to be made if the crowds continue to grow.

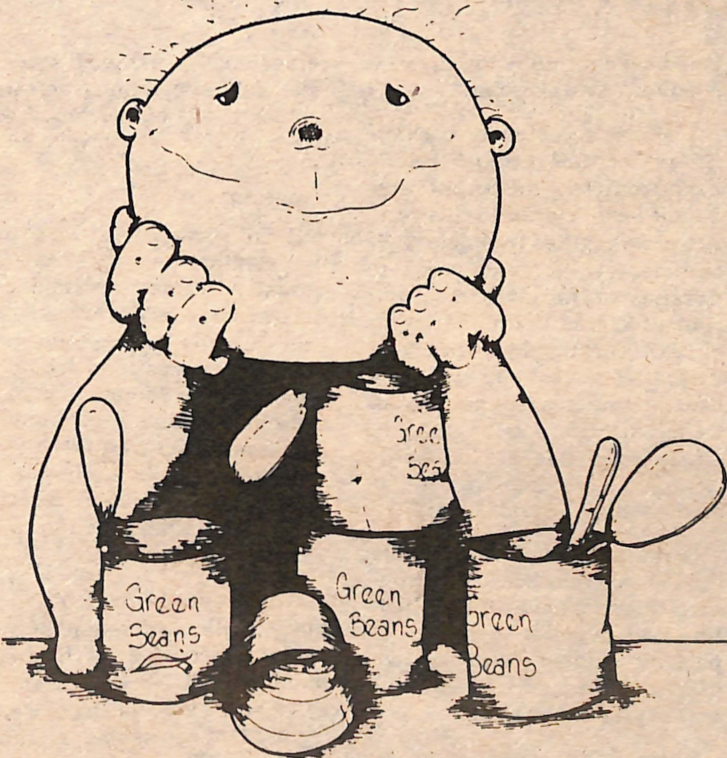
For one thing, there were no "Johnny-on-the-spots". People were having "difficulties" dealing with this (that's about as nicely as I can put it). I'm certain that the half-hour line-ups to get into bars were simply to use the washroom facilities.

Also, broken beer bottles were littered everywhere on downtown streets.

Mardi gras is fun, but next year let's hope the city supplies "Johnny-on-the-spots", beer tents to serve beverages from plastic cups, and more garbage cans.

Shelley Murphy
Editor

IF YOUR FRIEND WENT OUT AND ATE
A SIX PACK OF GREEN BEANS EVERY NIGHT
WOULD YOU TALK TO HIM OR HER
ABOUT IT?



Letters to the editor Samaritan in a yellow van

Dear Editor:

Early Saturday morning, while still enjoying the Mardi gras festivities, I found myself in a situation that resembled the parable of the good Samaritan found in the tenth chapter of Luke.

It was nearly 3 a.m. and temperatures were near freezing. The group of seven of which I was a part agreed that it was time to head home. We decided to take one more walk down Argyle Street and then head to the Palace to catch a cab.

For half an hour we tried every possible means of hailing a cab, but were unsuccessful. At one point, we saw a "Pope" look-alike standing in the middle of the road with his arms outstretched, begging any passing vehicle to stop and deliver his icy body to another, warmer location.

My party then reasoned that the Lord Nelson Hotel would allow us to use one of their direct cab lines, so we walked in a huddled crowd toward it. However, when we arrived police and hotel security were barring any non-registered persons from entering.

Again, our gang took to flagging down empty cabs. "Why don't they stop," shrieked a nearby ghost who was rapidly changing into an iceberg. It was readily apparent that many of the 35 thousand masqueraders had not come prepared for the cold, or the cab drivers' ignorance.

The odd cab did stop, and the nearest group gratefully dove into the heated coach. Most

thought other drivers wouldn't stop because possible fares were unidentifiable, or maybe the cabbies had calls to answer.

So there we were, standing in front of an unforgiving host of police and hotel security, watching each others flesh change from spray-painted fluorescent pink to an all-too-real pale blue.

Then, from heaven (or some warmer place like Florida), came our good Samaritan in a heated yellow construction van. To our surprise, he stopped and offered us a ride without asking how far we were going, or mentioning anything about money.

Throwing aside our childhood instinct to avoid riding with strangers, we took strength in our numbers and climbed in. The driver had a kind voice, and laughed when we pointed him toward Clayton Park. "That's like home turf now," he said. "I've been out there once already tonight."

The ride home was enjoyable, the van was toasty, and we all chuckled when he told us about the "surfer" he found frozen to a parked car on Barrington Street. The "surfer" wore nothing but a pair of shorts and a mesh shirt. The good Samaritan had picked him up and driven him to Herring Cove. He then returned downtown for another load, which luckily enough was us.

I would like to thank our savior in that yellow van. I know those who were with me will agree when I say the good Samaritan is alive and kicking, not only in the book of Luke, but on the streets of Halifax.

Jeff Mann

Eat your words

Dear Editor,

We attended the formal dinner and dance sponsored by the Child Study Society and agree indeed that it was a class act. "As Time Goes By" we're sure that many will have fond memories of the evening.

We would like to extend special thanks to Carolyn Anne Wien, whose musical talent set the mood for the evening. Also we were pleased to see Mr. Stan Parsons, a member of the child study faculty, his wife and their guests in attendance. An extra, extra special thanks to Chef Rene who went above and beyond the call of duty to make the evening a success. Thanks, Chef!

In response to Mr. Moffat's ar-

ticle in **The Picaro**, we received many compliments on a dinner to which, he gave, in our opinion an unfair review.

If we may be so bold, and bold we've decided to be, we regret that the said reporter's roast beef was as he states "thinly sliced." However, we received no other complaints regarding this. We wish also to inform you, Mr. Moffat, that the potato served with dinner was a roasted potato not a baked one. Need we say more as to your culinary tastes?

Nancy Jardine
Dee McLean
Johna Thorne
(Formal Organizers)

Editor's note: The Picaro will not be published until Nov. 13 instead of the 12th, due to Remembrance Day.

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Art's smiling face replaces the old Pic Man this week as he is in Vinnie's playing Polo position and racking up no. 1. Sorry RBO!

Mount to send delegate to COPUS conference

by Marina Geronazzo

For the first time, the Mount Student Union will send a delegate to a Canadian Organization of Part-time University Students (COPUS) conference.

"This is part of council's attempt to better serve the needs of non-traditional students," explained council president Susan Smith. "In years past, council has not actively participated in COPUS. However, since approximately half of the Mount Student Union members are part-time students, we feel it is very

important for council to become more involved in part-time students' political representation. Smith will be the council delegate at the Annual Atlantic Conference of COPUS on Nov. 7 to 9 in Charlottetown, PEI.

The Mount Association for Non-Traditional Students (MANUS) also plans to send their secretary Sonia Merman to the COPUS conference. They had hoped to send two delegates but couldn't because of "funding problems" said president Mary Kay McKinnon.

"We always come back with

new ideas to build on," said McKinnon. "I find it very helpful to interact with students working for the same goals. COPUS conferences allow part-time university students in Atlantic Canada and across the country to interact."

"MANUS has been involved in COPUS for a number of years and council is now only beginning to examine its own role in politically representing part-time Mount students," explained Smith. "I'm looking forward to the conference and hope to keep close contact with the

MANUS representatives to learn about the issues raised at past COPUS conferences. Council is here to represent part-time as well as full-time students and close co-operation between myself and the MANUS delegates can only benefit Mount students."

A topic to be covered at the conference is, "Views on Part-Time University Students". A plenary session, to be chaired by COPUS president Olive Bryanton, will discuss "Where are We Going?". A national conference will also be held in the spring in

Hamilton, Ontario at McMaster University.

Upon her return, Smith will make a presentation to student council, recommending whether or not council should actively participate in COPUS.

Other student organizations, of which the Student Union is a member, are the Canadian Federation of Students and the Student's Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS). SUNS has established a student aid task force and requested the Mount's Student Union to make a submission regarding student aid for part-time students.

Versa pumpkins go under the knife

by Craig Cameron

Out of 35 pumpkins handed over, only eight appeared on display for the third annual Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by Versa Services last Wednesday.

Cheryl Tutty, cafeteria staff worker and contest organizer, attributed the low level of participation to the busy time of year. "Many students just couldn't find the time to work on the pumpkins," said Tutty.

"Response was better the previous two years," said Tutty. "There were at least 12 entries last year and a lot more work was put into them."

Despite this, even the Great Pumpkin would have found it a challenge to judge these state of the art jack-o-lanterns.

After scrutinizing the contestants, judges Ann Eade of University Services, Barbra Crocker of Financial Aid and Marina Geronazzo of The Picaro finally chose the winner, a clown modelled after Nova Scotia's Premier John Buchanan. The creators of this contemporary piece were 20 Mount students from Birch four.

The runner-up was an amiable-looking personality with an October crown of leaves submitted by room 413 Assisi Hall.

Third prize went to the fourth floor of Vincent Hall. Their carved pumpkin resembled the infamous chef Rene. (I am sure I saw him do a double take when he examined it.)

First prize winners receive a complete gourmet dinner. Second prize winners receive cheese and crackers, while third place winners will receive hot chocolate and cookies, compliments of chef Rene and Versa Services.

Other entries included a wicked witch carved by fifth floor Assisi residents and a life-size Bert of Sesame Street fame (complete with stuffed body). The cult favorite was a punk pumpkin, with a Mohawk haircut submitted by Lourdes residents.

The contest was open to all societies and residence groups and/or floors.

Pumpkins were set out on Fri., Oct. 24 and available for students to pick up until the morning of the contest.



Students from Birch four were the winners of this year's Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by Versa Services last Wednesday.
photo by Kevin Fraser

Women's Conference gets impressive speakers

by Shona Ross

A major women's conference, including a public forum and a workshop will be held Nov. 13 and 14 at MSVU.

The Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women (CCLOW, Nova Scotia branch) and the Centre for Continuing Education are co-sponsoring the event.

The conference begins with a public forum, "Taking Action, Setting our own Goals" in Seton Academic Centre, on Thurs., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. Sylvia Gold, president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will speak at the forum.

A panel discussion will in-

clude Francine Cosman, former-president of Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women; Martha MacDonald, associate professor of economics, St. Mary's University; and Kathy Moggridge, Women's Program, Nova Scotia region, Secretary of State.

A CCLOW workshop will be held in the Rosaria multi-purpose room on Fri., Nov. 14. Topics include: "Overcoming Barriers to Women's Learning," "Making Government Training Programs Work for Women" and "Young Women Speak Out: Strategies for the Future"

"This is an excellent opportunity for young women to understand and get involved in

women's issues," said Mairi Macdonald, director of the Mount's Centre for Continuing Education.

Registration fees, which include lunch and workshop materials, is \$20 for employed non-members and \$5.00 for unemployed non-members if paid before Oct. 30. After this, the price will increase to \$30 and \$15 respectively.

The CCLOW is a national, non-profit organization. It is involved in women's education and training and employment issues. The Nova Scotian network is concerned with increasing women's access to information, education and training in Nova Scotia.

MSA Introduction



photo by Kevin Fraser

Karen Hoovey

Karen became involved with the Mount Student Assistants for two reasons. First, the job came highly recommended and second, she wanted the chance to meet and help the first-year students.

Karen Hoovey is a second-year home economics student majoring in clothing and textiles. Saint John, New Brunswick is Karen's home town and she graduated from St. Vincent's High School.

She is a first-year MSA and is involved in residence council and is co-chair of the food committee.

"MSAs are a lot of fun and they gave me the chance to become involved with the student life here on campus. It's a great experience."

With the completion of her degree, Karen plans to go into the retail business and open her own clothing store.

Marillac, the house the French built

by Megan MacLennan

Most students think of university residence as just another place to eat and sleep, but MSVU's Marillac might change their minds.

The large gray house, established as part of the university's campus seven years ago, is strictly a French language residence. Entrance requirements include a 200-level French course and a commitment to maintain the house environment.

Although the 14 girls come from various parts of Canada and have different personalities, "everyone gets along great," said residence assistant Natalie Williams. She feels this is because they are all at similar French levels and want to maintain their fluency.

Speaking English is a faux pas. The house regulations state that "a student who persists in speaking English will first be corrected by the other members of the residence." It goes on to say that she will then be warned by the residence assistant, put on probation, and as a last measure, asked to leave the residence.

Williams does not think the problem will occur this year, because of each girl's dedication to the French language. She said that last year, because of differ-

ent levels, the members found it difficult to speak only French.

"The enthusiasm for the French is unbelievable," said Williams. "Everyone is willing to help everyone else." Another resident, Noella McGrath, added, "If you forget a word, someone else always tells you." This year the standard entrance requirements were somewhat

higher, resulting in a unified level of French. "The entire house is great this year," Williams said.

Since everyone works toward the same goal of a high French level, and the girls are willing to help each other with the language, close bonds have developed. "There's a lot of family

feeling," said Williams. First-year resident Marina Geronazzo agreed—"When you live with people every day, a lot of friendships are formed," she said.

By virtually immersing themselves in the language, the girls are successful in maintaining their fluency—something they take very seriously. "You'd be surprised—you lose (the French)

very quickly, but because we all want the same thing, people respect each other; it's on a mature level here," said McGrath.

Guests are also encouraged to speak the language when in public areas of the residence. "A lot of people are able to speak more French than they think," the regulations state.

However, there is more to Marillac than just speaking French. Members have "the opportunity to live in a totally French environment," according to the regulations. This means watching French television, listening to French music, and cooking an occasional French meal, such as crêpes.

Williams finds that French television is often better than English programming. Although it is not mandatory for the girls to watch or listen to French broadcasting, they usually do tune in to these stations.

Marillac residents must also be members of the French club. All club meetings are held in the house, and a number of "cafés de françaises" are held throughout the year.

Marillac is an alternative residence that is committed to offering a unique opportunity in French life. According to resident Valerie Colpitts, it's "a place where you have to sing in French in the shower."



The French residence Marillac.

photo by Michele Maillet

CKDU offers listeners an alternative

by Terri Cormier

The next time you scan the radio frequencies looking for something a little different, you should stop at 97.5 and check out CKDU-FM.

CKDU is owned and operated by Dalhousie University and, in February 1985, was granted an FM license by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). It was a closed-circuit, on-campus station for more than a decade.

CKDU is unique because it covers topics of interest from new angles and gives air-time to issues that are not given priority by other AM and FM stations.

"We try to be an alternate source of information within the community," says Charles Blair, CKDU station manager. This is very important if CKDU is to accomplish its objectives, he said.

CKDU accomplishes this goal by working directly with groups or organizations that normally do not have media access. News and public affairs director Ken Burke said, "We keep in touch with these people and work with them instead of applying the media to them." For example, on one program, The Latin

Quarter, Latin American news issues are discussed before they become hard news.

CKDU airs a variety of programs including a regular schedule of music shows, in-depth specials on bands and information and news broadcasts. It is the only local station that broadcasts the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) news.

"Our programming is determined by the CRTC and we must meet all minimum requirements in regard to our content. We do try to give the community what they want to hear," said Mark McLeod, program director of the station. "You have to maintain a balance between general interest and specials," he said.

The station operates with a staff of nine full-time paid employees and approximately 100 volunteers. Most of these are Dalhousie students and a few are from Mount Saint Vincent.

There are also many volunteers from outside the university community. "We are always looking for new people, but one major problem is that 90 per cent of the volunteers want to be DJ's," said Blair. "If you really want to do a music program, it's a good idea to begin in other

areas such as production or public affairs." Andrew Jones, production manager said, "We can always use people in production, but what we're really looking for is new ideas."

Stress causes physical problems

by Mary Manolagos

Susan's headache persisted in math class.

Perhaps if she hadn't had a difficult time falling asleep last night, she wouldn't have to deal with a headache just when the teacher was explaining something important.

Amidst all the pressures and deadlines of attending university, Susan didn't have time to think about what was causing her physical problems.

"A lot of physical problems have a stress component," says nurse Diane Tinkham from MSVU health services.

Stress can create headaches, insomnia, stomach aches, and the problem is usually persistent.

"You can't separate body and mind. If something is affecting your emotions, it will somehow show in your body," she says.

Several workshops will be held at CKDU for anyone interested in production work and other areas. The first workshop was held on Sun., Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. and the next will be held

Students experiencing stress who have been to health services at the Mount usually complain that stress comes from problems with their families, relationships, studies, or simply from not knowing what to do with their life.

To deal with stress it is important that people understand themselves and their limitations.

Tinkham says that students should begin by asking themselves what is causing the stress in their life. Once they understand where the stress is coming from they should find methods to learn to cope with it.

"Stress is a normal component of life except that everyone relates differently to it," explains Tinkham. "One's attitude toward stress plays an important role in learning how to cope with it. Some people take it easy while others see problems as insurmountable and use destructive methods to cope."

the following Sunday. The station is located on the fourth floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building. For more information, call Ken Burke or Andrew Jones at CKDU, 424-2487.

When destructive methods such as alcohol and drugs or procrastination and avoidance are used to deal with problems, they usually worsen the situation by adding more stress in the long-run.

A change in one's lifestyle does a lot to help deal with stress. It is necessary to practice moderation in exercise, diet and sleep for a healthier life.

"Even just taking a break and concentrating on relaxing can be helpful," says Tinkham. "Some people just push too much without thinking of balancing their lifestyle with relaxation."

Counsellors and health services at the Mount offer individual counselling and group sessions during the year on a variety of topics dealing with stress.

Although students may not immediately benefit from counselling, they will learn how to cope with problems and how to change negative attitudes.

Third world faces put with third world problems

by Melinda Wittstock

OTTAWA (CUP)—In a country where fleeting and faceless images of starvation, war and poverty on the nightly TV news comprise most people's knowledge of the Third World, it seems that one of the most radical things a group of people can do these days is put a name and face beside each statistic.

For the second consecutive year, the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour is bringing Canadians face to face with young people from the Third World and other trouble spots to bear witness to the hardships of growing up amidst war, discrimination, violence and repression.

Eighty young people from over 40 countries are sharing their personal experiences directly with over 90 Canadian communities and close to 200 high schools and colleges in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia during the three-week tour

that began Oct. 24.

"The Tour brings together people who would otherwise not ever see or speak to each other," says Glenn Hilke, executive director of the tour. "War and poverty are no longer quick flashes on the TV screen; they have a face, a name, a voice and a history."

Peter Martinez, a teenaged Tour participant from Nicaragua, says he's "just another Nicaraguan guy. I've been in combat five times and I still have the privilege of being alive. My father was killed by the Contras; they filled his body full of bullets."

On his way to Managua from his small rural village to catch his flight to Canada, Martinez's bus was attacked by Contras. "They opened fire on a bus filled with innocent civilians. Three were killed; many others were wounded. To come to Canada, I nearly lost my life," said Martinez.

Since the Sandinistas came to power in July, 1979, illiteracy has gone from 52 per cent to 12 per cent. But because of what Martinez calls "a dirty and unjust war waged by mercenaries funded by America," more than 13,000 Nicaraguans have been killed in the last six years. More than 142,000 have been left homeless and more than 6,500 have been orphaned, he says.

Martinez says, "Nicaraguans want peace not war. We're struggling on the side of life so future generations can have the fruit of our sacrifice."

Nineteen-year-old Jun Aguinaldo from the Philippines says he began "fighting for justice" in 1981. "I realized that education is a right not a privilege and I began to organize students to ask for better facilities. We were met with tear gas, bombs, water cannons and truncheons," says Aguinaldo. "The ascendancy of the new government brought us

hope, but some of the past evil elements still threaten peace."

In June, Aguinaldo and his friends organized a demonstration to call on the government to improve the quality of education. "We were again met with tear gas, bombs, water cannons and night sticks."

Aguinaldo says he's worried fascists may again come to power in the Philippines. But, he's quick to add that, "students, women, peasants, workers and professionals are all struggling for justice to attain peace."

"We must remember that peace is not just the absence of war. When the roots of conflict are eliminated—when we have a just social system—there will be no violence, no war," Aguinaldo said.

"We're sharing our testimonies with you not for you to feel sorry for us but for you to know

what you can do to help uplift the lives of Filipino people and the people of the world," he said.

Jacques Hébert, Liberal senator and IYPJT enthusiast, said Canadians were not as aware as they should be of "the real misery in the world. Maybe we should close Canada down for a year and send Canadians to the Third World. We would work, share ideas, culture—we'd come back very different people indeed. Canada would be a very different country and it would probably then fulfill a large role as a nation of peace," said Hébert at a press conference for the Tour on Parliament Hill last week.

"But that's too farfetched, too costly," said Hébert. "We can, however, do the next best thing—bring young people to young people, and adults also. Only through personal contact can we really learn to cooperate with each other."

Condoms on campus: yes or no?

MONTREAL (CUP)—An entrepreneur's dream of installing condom vending machines in CEGEP washrooms may never come true, if opposition to the plan continues to mount.

Jocelyn Morin, a former X-ray technician, has been approaching colleges throughout Quebec and is reported to have an exclusive contract with an American condom manufacturer, National Sanitary Lab.

Education minister Claude Ryan said the plan is absurd and should be abandoned. "As I understand it, there are places where these things can be procured by people who want them—there are pharmacies," he said. "I'm not too familiar with this, but I can't see these

things being installed in colleges. It would be too ridiculous."

Itidal Sadek, director of Dawson College's Selby campus, doubts condoms will be available there. "We don't sell anything in dispensers, not even sanitary napkins."

"It's basically a fear of vandalism and although condoms would be good for educational purposes, they're not needed for emergencies. I just haven't heard any convincing arguments."

Tom Nowers, head of student services at Marianopolis College, says the potential for vandalism is too great. "The minute you put money into a machine,

you've got a problem," he said. "I can understand both sides of the argument, though, of having birth control versus the implied tacit approval of sexual activity."

John Abbott College official Irena Fish agrees. "If you have them available, you could be seen to be promoting sexual promiscuity, but on the other hand, you're also promoting health," she said. "The idea will have difficulty passing here because of parental and community reaction."

But Mary Farrell, a Dawson College health services worker, has no problems with condoms on campus. "Even the department of health is promoting the

use of condoms. It should be up to the students. If they want them, they should be available."

Trois Rivières College director Alain Lallier said Morin approached him about the plan, and said he found merit to stopping transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

"We haven't installed any machines yet, but we have set up a committee to study the idea," said Lallier. "The condom vending machine would have to be one aspect of a total educational campaign to make students more aware of their responsibilities."

There were more than 40,000 teenage pregnancies in Canada last year.



Art's Pond

WHAT'S PINK AND RED AND GOES 100 MILES AN HOUR?



A HUMAN IN A BLENDER!



OH SURE, DON'T LAUGH. WHEN IT WAS A FROG IN A BLENDER YOU THOUGHT IT WAS HILARIOUS!



by Steve Jennex

Mount supports Canada

by Liseanne Gillham
and Donna Lafave

It's the oldest trophy still contested in the world of sports today. Canada's quest to obtain it has resulted in a national effort. Canada II—Canada's Challenge for the America's cup, represents all proud Canadians in the waters off the shores of Fremantle, Australia.

MSVU's Student Union is contributing to this national effort. A motion was passed at the Oct. 19 student council meeting to wholeheartedly support the efforts of Canada II.

"I introduced the motion because I felt that the Mount was a medium through which I could encourage people to take pride in what they're doing in Australia," said Jeff Whitman, board of

governors representative on council.

In an attempt to acquire national student support, council's external vice-president, Garfield Hiscock and CFS representative Peter Murtagh will introduce the same motion to the Canadian Federation of Students at a conference this week in Ottawa.

Before any national support could be generated there had to be a merger between the True North and Canada II syndicates. What True North was to the east coast, Canada II was to the west. Both 12 meter yachts wanted to

represent Canada. However, each syndicate had run out of money and no funds could be found to bail either of them out. Canada would be represented by either one boat, or it would not be represented at all. A merger was the only answer. One syndicate would now represent Canada, sending the fastest boat to the challenge for the America's Cup.

"Corporations across the country would join together for one united Canadian effort. They didn't like the idea of a divided Canadian effort in an east-west confrontation," said Ed Morgan, former-chairman of the True North Syndicate, now a member of the board of directors and executive council for Canada II.

All money put into Canada II and True North would now be combined. "Both of the original challenges would donate their boats, gear and debts, and the new challenge would take over the whole show," said Mike Gillham, vice-commodore of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS) in Halifax.

RNSYS was the official club of record and sponsor of True North. The Secret Cove Yacht Club in Vancouver was the club of record for Canada II. "Before the showdown between Canada II and True North, in which Canada II proved to be the faster boat, the west coast challenge was prepared to have the RNSYS, the oldest yacht squad-

ron in North America, and one of the oldest in the world, be the club of record for Canada's challenge, no matter which boat had won," said Gillham.

Now there was one syndicate and one boat but this merge alone could not resolve all financial difficulties. Paul Phelan, an avid sailor and proud Canadian decided to support the challenge because he didn't want to see Canada embarrassed by having to pull out due to lack of funds.

"Phelan is quite a Canadian. He is prepared to put something back into Canada that he has earned and taken out of it. He put up \$10 million that he took right out of his own bank account, to see that this thing would work," said Morgan. "He felt that we have an excellent chance to do well, and we have a real chance to be in a world showcase; we'll be on a world stage in the America's Cup. Mr. Phelan felt that Canada should be there."

There are thousands of financial supporters, but all other corporate funding would not have been sufficient to carry the challenge through. Mr. Phelan came through in the crunch. "The program may have been able to continue but it would have been on a shoestring budget," said Morgan. Instead, the money is now



Terry Nielson, helmsman for Canada II.

a II in Australia

there to buy necessary materials, such as sails which cost millions of dollars for a venture like this, and allow Canada II to perform at full capacity.

"It's also very important that the crew and the support staff, which total about 40 people, are comfortable while in Australia. They're 12,000 miles away from home. Being away from their families, friends and jobs, we

have to make sure that they're taken care of, and that's quite costly," said Morgan.

The reason the expenses of transporting, housing and maintaining the staff and equipment are so high is because the series of trial races lasts five to six months. There are 13 syndicates in the three-round robin trial series. The first series, which was just completed is only

worth one point per win. "It's sort of like spring training in baseball. It's getting everyone tuned up, getting them used to the excitement and used to racing in Australian waters," said Morgan.

In the second series, which starts Nov. 2 and should carry through until the 19th unless the weather causes delays, each win will be worth five points. The third series, which should start the first week in December, will be worth 12 points per win. Therefore, winning one race in the third series is worth as much as winning all October races.

The four boats that have accumulated the most points in the trial series, will then race in the semi-finals in a best of seven series. The two finalists will race in the challenger series and the winner will receive the Louis Vuitton Trophy. This winner races against the top Australian boat in the quest for the America's Cup. These races will start around the end of January and run until the first week of February.

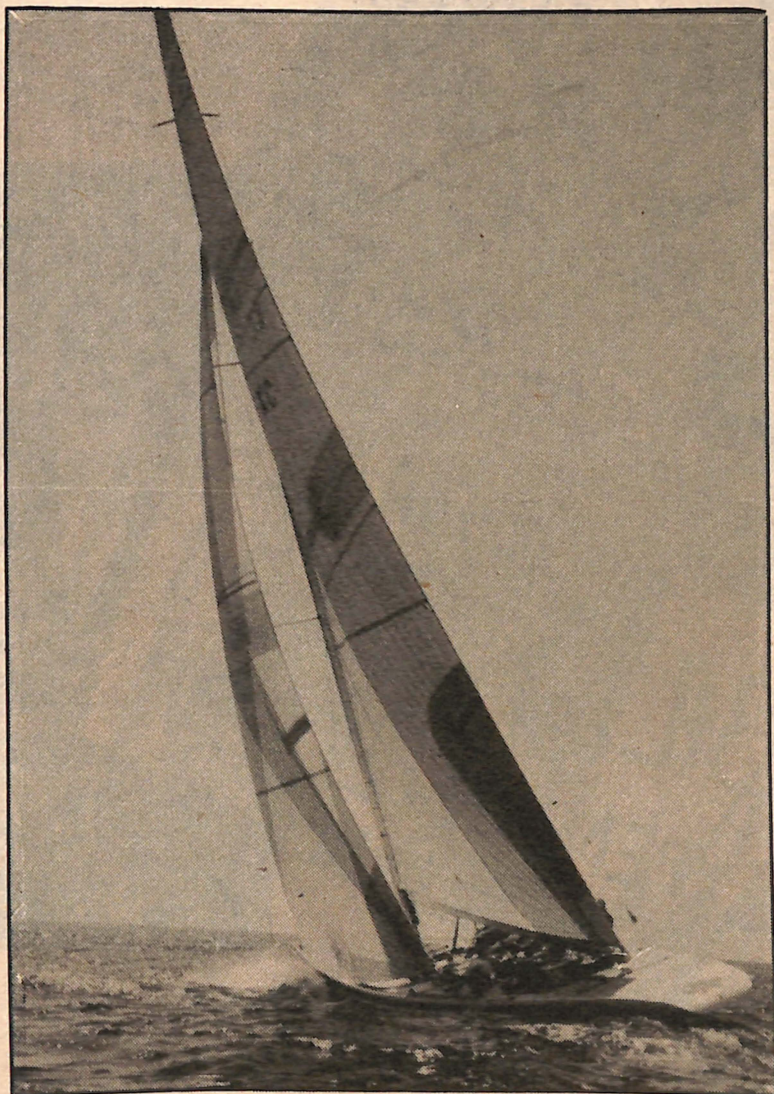
After the first round, Canada II has won six and lost six out of the 12 races they have been in. "It's not as bad as it looks, actually, it's sort of average. It's batting 500, which isn't too bad in most leagues, but in this league we would have liked to have had 10 wins, and basically we could have," said Morgan. "In the very first race, against the overall favorite America II, we were well over a minute ahead, which is quite a time lapse between boats in this type of race, when the main sail ripped to a tune of over 12 feet. We still only lost the race by a short distance. In another race, the top of the spinnaker blew out just as we were

passing another boat. In the rest of the lost races the crew simply made errors in tactics and strategy," said Morgan.

Foul-ups and all, Canada II is showing the world the best in Canadian technology, development, manpower and management. "So there are four major ingredients involved aside from the dollars, and we can show the rest of the world that we've got them. We have the capability to build these machines and we have some of the best sailors in the world to sail them," said Morgan.

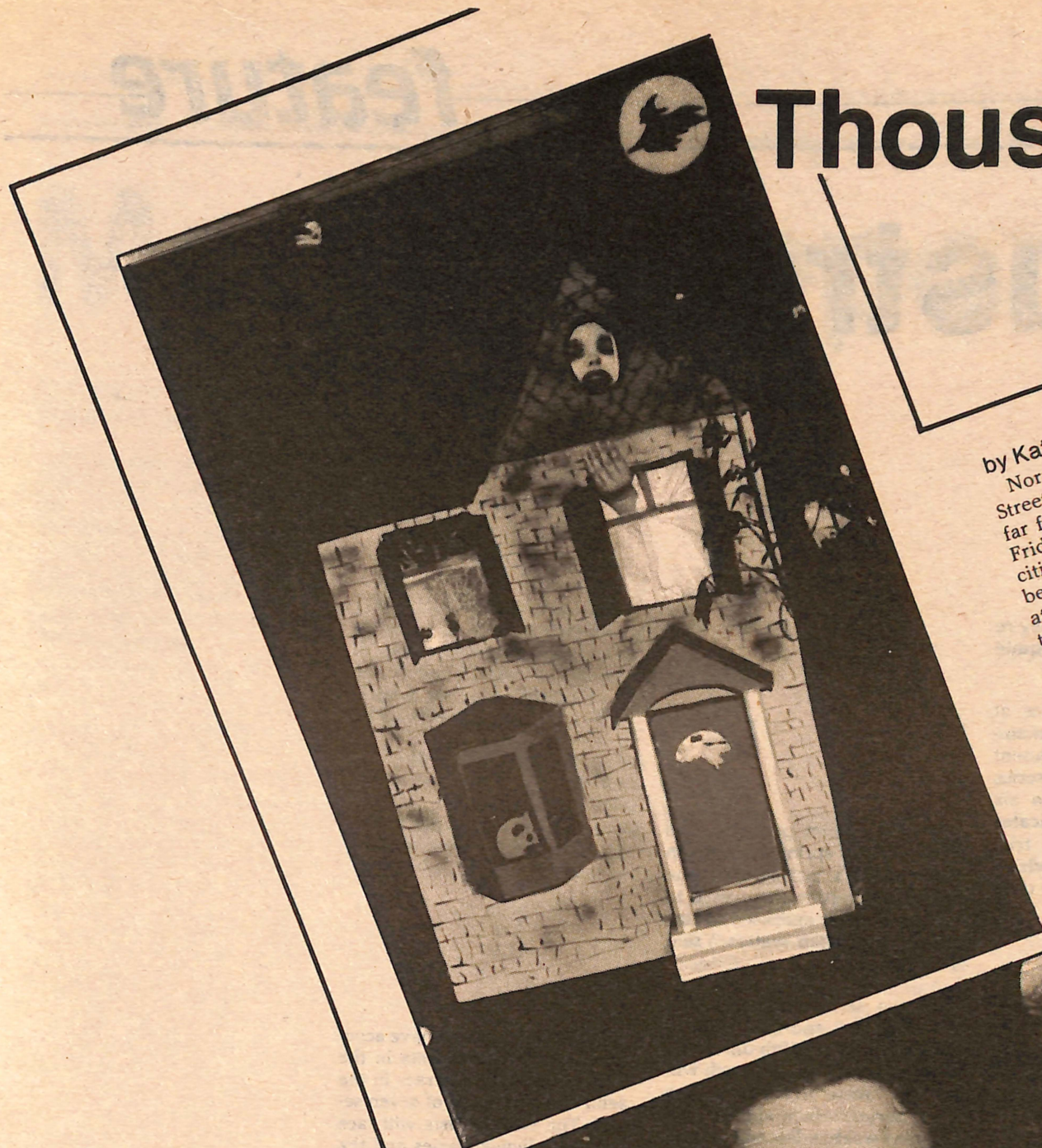
"I can't help them win it and I can't really financially support them, but I can let them know that I'm helping to promote awareness and enthusiasm about the Canadian challenge. As an interested sailor I felt that this was the most meaningful contribution that I could make. I'm optimistic that Canada II has a good chance of winning, otherwise I wouldn't have bothered to introduce the motion," said Whitman.

For 132 years the cup remained in the trophy room of the New York Yacht Club, until it was lost to Australia in the 1983 racing series. No country had ever done it before. Who's to say that the cup will remain in the "Land Down Under"?



The Canada II. Photos compliments of CCAC.

Thousands enjoy H



by Katrina Aburrow

Normally a walk down Argyle Street on a Friday night can be far from leisurely. However, last Friday night was even more exciting than usual. It was exciting because of the Mardi Gras which attracted close to 35,000 people to the street party found in the heart of Halifax.

There were a few who came unadorned just to look at the crazy but colorful costumes roaming around in the bar district. Some costumes can best be described as one of a kind, then there were twosomes, threesomes, group efforts, and some that came in overabundance.

There was only one heart patient who left his organ open for view. Those with weak stomachs, though, at least they couldn't see the I.V. bag pumping fluid in. It wasn't for some one under the age of twelve unless they liked Halloween I, II, and III. Another one that stood, or sat out, in the crowd was a ghost complete with its own house. The cardboard crepe home was sitting just in front of the World Trade and Convention Centre with a mob milling around it.

One costume that deserves mention would be the hunchback of the garbage can. The costume itself didn't take that much work or imagination, but anything that ugly watching over me was bound to get attention.

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After all this fun there was
bound to be some garbage like
beer cans. But some of these
may not have been empty, de-
pending on how many of the La-
batts, Olands, and Moosehead
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fore has a brew seemed larger
than life, and that's with no ad-
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A couple of costumes just
could not be missed. Among
these were a caveman and cave-
woman who fought on the side-
walk with their clubs. Neither of
them ended up in the hospital
because they seemed to like
kissing in order to end the
squabble. I don't know if I'd
want someone with a ring
through their nose, but the fur
did look warm. Another pair
looked almost edible, but that's
because I usually cut my pears
in half. I wouldn't want one pear
half to run into an apple because
they say that opposites attract.
I ran into two dragons, but
they weren't together. I wonder
why not? Obviously there were
no cupids around, but that's
probably an idea for next year. A
word of caution though, don't
come as a left and right sneaker
because that's another one that
has already been done.



photo by Kevin Fraser



CSIS can get under your skin

by Paul Paquet

Is James Bond alive and well in Halifax?

Not according to Jerry Cumming, chief of public and media relations for Canada's infamous Security Intelligence Service.

"The James Bond image is totally contrary to what we do and how we operate. We are involved in counter-intelligence and counter-terrorism. We provide information to government and police who act on it," said Cumming.

Although CSIS (usually pronounced as see-sis) has begun to fade from public limelight, many civil libertarians still worry about its apparent carte blanche regarding internal security.

"The checks and balances just aren't there," notes Dan Whiteside of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. "The review process consists of four or five people who deal with complaints. Nor is the process public."

The review committee referred to by Whiteside is a group of five privy councillors who examine the agency's record. This committee is not given access to cabinet documents and thus are unable to determine the intent behind any special "investigation" that CSIS may be given. There is also an inspector-general appointed to overview CSIS activity and policy.

Although security experts have argued that more open or rigorous review processes would jeopardize classified information, it is doubtful that the limited structure now in place will ensure that CSIS stays within its already broad legal parameters. Even as C-157, the bill creating CSIS, was being passed, the federal government was deciding not to prosecute over 200 RCMP officers involved in illegal activities during the 1960s and 1970s.

The right to break the law was in fact one of the reasons CSIS was created. Then Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan used the bill as an attempt to "put aside criticism about the legality or propriety of such incidental activity."

This incidental activity includes the opening of mail, wiretapping, bugging, and the right to search private premises. As Cumming puts it, CSIS has the "authority to apply to a federal court judge, with approval of the solicitor-general, for a warrant to intercept communications"

Technology has given spy agencies like CSIS unparalleled opportunities to snoop on the

populace. In addition to bugs and wiretaps, which are becoming increasingly minute and hard to detect, devices exist that can decode the sounds made by voices on window panes, or by typewriter keys

CSIS operatives can also collect huge amounts of data about anyone from information we all leave laying around. We freely give personal information to universities, employers, banks, insurance agencies, creditors, hos-

pitals, and innumerable government agencies and departments. Often the only key required to access this information is a Social Insurance number.

CSIS is able to collect this information from offices all over the country. Although Cumming refused to divulge the information, *The Picaro* has located CSIS offices in at least a dozen Canadian cities, including Nanaimo, British Columbia, and London, Ontario.

Cumming also declined to describe exactly what it is that your local CSIS agents do all day long. Whiteside speculates that CSIS occupies most of its time collecting files and fingerprints. A CSIS agent is probably browsing through this week's issue of *The Picaro*.

Canadian security agencies also have a history of infiltrating local organizations, usually to collect information or spread dissension through rumors and

phony letters. Whiteside also charges that Canadian security services have encouraged criminality and violence, citing one instance in Montreal where an operative infiltrated a labor union and eventually provoked a violent incident involving gunplay.

The typical CSIS employee is usually a far cry from the spy on TV or film. CSIS looks for people with Arts degrees, usually those who have majored in sociology or political science. By definition, secret agents prefer to stay invisible and away from the public eye. Even female officers tend to be non-descript. The maternal confidant is of equal value to the seductive "femme-fatale".

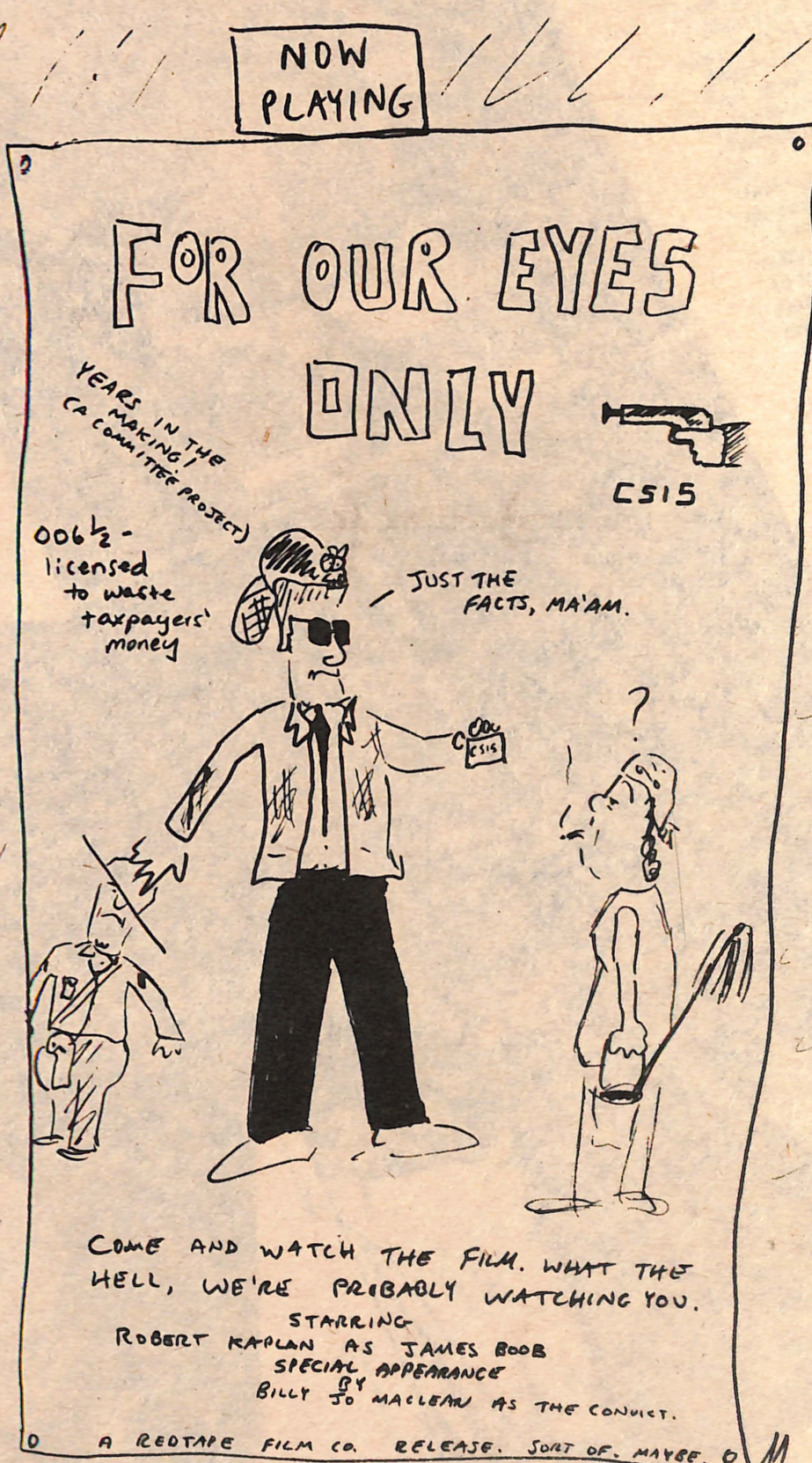
By and large, CSIS agents are bureaucrats who collect information. They specialize in "activities which may be suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada". This includes espionage, sabotage, clandestine activities that are "foreign-influenced", political violence, and other unlawful acts intended to overthrow or destroy the Canadian government. Lawful advocacy, protest, or dissent are excluded from the official CSIS mandate, unless it is carried out in conjunction with one of the above concerns.

It's worth noting that successionist groups, including the Labrador Innu, are theoretically under the CSIS mandate, since there is no constitutional way to separate from Canada. There has also been questions about whether international organizations such as unions are considered to be "foreign-influenced".

The Picaro contacted various peace and anti-apartheid groups to determine if any suspected CSIS activity. Although such groups are frequently the targets of surveillance in other countries, none of the people we contacted reported anything unusual. However, most were unaware of the existence of CSIS.

It would seem that CSIS poses its greatest threat not in its potential to invade our privacy, but in its ability to generate paranoia. Whiteside advises, "Security services are limited by available resources and intelligence. Technology can gather information faster than human beings can process it." Whiteside cites paranoia as being both the hallmark and major weakness of security services, and advises the average citizen not to fall prey to it as well.

Nonetheless, in CSIS the powers-that-we have beget are extremely powerful. We should very carefully monitor its movement.



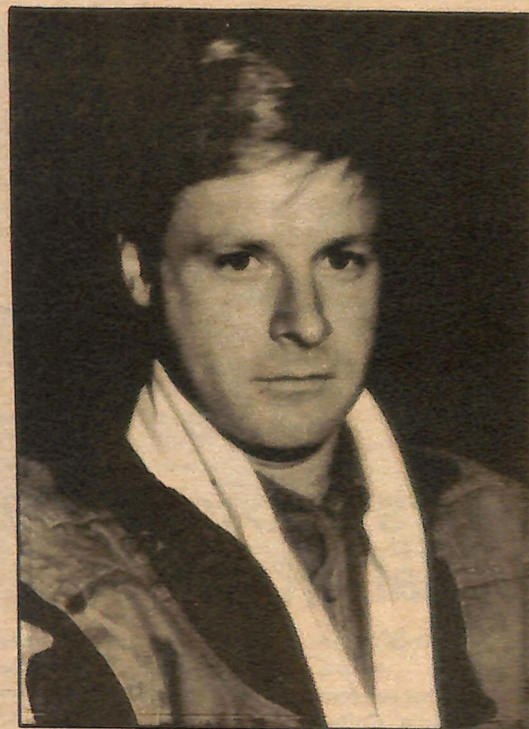
Vox Populi



Darlene Hashem, fourth-year BPR—"Q—Are there adequate banking services at the Mount? If not, what could be done to improve them? **A—**They should have more tellers on and should be open more hours, meaning every day of the week."

Question: If you were doing Vox Populi, what question would you ask, and how would you answer it?

by Kevin Fraser
and Liseanne Gillham



Craig Cameron, third-year BPR—"Q—Do you think there should be more alternative music, such as The Water Boys or The Replacements, in the Pub? **A—**I definitely think there should be more alternative music to widen our thinking and cultural horizons."



Denise MacDonald, second-year BCS—"Q—Do you think the corner store should be open longer on Saturdays and Sundays. **A—**Yes, it should be open longer because the selected hours are sometimes an inconvenience to those living in residence."



Ricky Collins, third-year BSC—"Q—Do you think that there is too much feminism at the Mount? **A—**Yes, the primary aim of the Mount is the betterment of women. However, this objective results in the discrimination of men."



Jennifer Jessom, first-year BTHM—"Q—Are you aware of the career opportunities for those enrolled in the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management program? **A—**I know that one possibility is that we will end up in managerial positions at classy hotels; not the popular belief that we will be qualified to work in a tourist bureau."

Cherry leads cross-country team to championship

by Robert Oyler

The low-profile sport of cross-country running quickly became a high-profile sport at MSVU when the women's cross-country team won its second consecutive provincial championship on Oct. 25 in Truro.

The five-member contingent from the Mount competed against two other schools from the NSCC. They included the Nova Scotia Agriculture College,

and the hosts for the championships, the Nova Scotia Teachers College.

The cross-country season consisted of three races this fall. The initial race was hosted by the Coast Guard College in Sydney, while the second race was held right here at the Mount.

All three races of the season were won by Ann Cherry, a third-year Mount medical secretary student. This was Cherry's second straight individual pro-

vincial title. Other team members included; Melanie Vancrossen (3rd), Margaret Kenney (4th), Patti Strople (5th) and Carol Tickner, who did not compete at the championships. Cherry completed the 4.3 mile course in 27 minutes and 58 seconds.

Team coach Peggy Boudreau was very pleased with the win. "We finished with eight points and our nearest competition was the Agricultural College with 20

points." Points are accumulated by tallying up the place of finish of the top-three runners on each team.

Boudreau said, "Our success is generating some interest in the sport but we still don't have a men's team. The problem lies in advertising the sport." This year only two men expressed an interest in cross-country at the Mount.

Cross-country running in-

volves both mental alertness and physical fitness. The races are run on all types of terrain. You must always be aware of objects in your path. Contrary to running on a track, a cross-country race includes many hills.

Athletic Cherry utilizes the stamina of cross-country racing to its full extent, as she plays on the Mystics soccer and basketball teams as well. Her training allows her to be in top form at the beginning of the season.

Women's soccer team captures provincial crown

by Heather Selwyn-Smith

MSVU women's soccer team won the Nova Scotia College Conference championships Nov. 1-2 in Sydney.

They defeated King's College 5-1 in the semi-finals and shut-out Teacher's College 3-0 in the final game.

The Mystics' victory, under the guidance of coach Kevin Marks, assistant coach Peggy Boudreau, and trainer Chris

Moore, was not a surprise since they were undefeated during the regular season, tying twice with University College of Cape Breton.

The upset of the weekend came Saturday when the Teacher's College beat UCCB 2-1. UCCB also finished without a loss in the regular season and were expected to be in the finals. (UCCB did forfeit one match against T.C.)

The Mystics, who faced the

wind in the first half of both matches, played aggressively, beating their opponents to the ball on throw-ins and goal kicks.

Four Mount players were named to the All-Conference Team. They were June Saunders, Caroline Rogers, Kathy Naugler, and Susan Murphy.

This is the sixth year of NSCC soccer. UCCB has claimed the championship title for the past three years and TC won it the two years previous.

Fitness flop at Motherhouse

by Ian Chaytor

The fitness programs are there but the participation isn't. "We are offering a wide-range of programs but students are not taking advantage of them," says Pat DeMont, co-ordinator of athletics and recreation.

The athletics/recreation department has been offering an Evening Energizer fitness class every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Vincent Hall. This class is far from being filled and DeMont can't figure out why.

The athletics/recreation office decided to provide a fitness class

for students at the Motherhouse so that they wouldn't have to leave the building, especially during poor weather. With 170 residence students living at Vincent Hall it seemed to be a sure success.

Each class has between 10 and 20 people which DeMont feels is poor, considering previous expectations and the number of students living at Vincent Hall. "People ask for more activities and fitness programs but then they don't take part," she said.

After the fitness class is over Thursday night, the gym is open for the students' use. Members of the A/R department hope that

students will get together and start an intramurals program or some other activity. Joanne Burns-Therriault, A/R office, ext. 420, is willing to assist Vincent students organize events.

Ongoing events

Men's Basketball Game: MSVU vs. TUNS—Sun., Nov. 9, 1986—1:00 p.m. in Rosaria Gym. Come watch the season opener!

Remembrance Day—Gym will be closed, Tues., Nov. 11, 1986.

A Party In The Pub: Thurs., Nov. 13, 1986—8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Wet/Dry—\$2 admission. Shuffleboard and Dart Tournaments, dancing to Kevin Fraser. All proceeds go to the Games Room Club toward purchase of new equipment.

Low Organized Games Day: Mon., Nov. 17, 4:30-5:30. Any team of four may enter. Register at equipment control center next to the gym. Includes activities such as: relay races, obstacle course, and surprise events. Trophy for the winning team, and points count toward the Residence Challenge.

winning team at the Annual Intramural Reception. An added bonus for residence teams is that points will be awarded towards your Residence Challenge Cup score.

Don't wait until it is too late. Get your team together and register yourself at the equipment control room next to the gym.

For more information drop by the A/R office, Room 223, Rosaria or phone 443-4450 ext. 420.

Annual low organized games day upcoming

It is time to get your team together and challenge your most rival opponent. The fourth Annual Low Organized Game Day will take place on Mon., Nov. 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Rosaria Gym.

The activities planned are low-key and fun. They include such things as relay races, an obstacle course and some surprise events.

Any team of four may enter. A trophy will be awarded to the

Picaro player of the week —Kathy Naugler

by Jeff Mann

Kathy Naugler, a fourth-year child study student, has been chosen the Picaro Player of the Week, for outstanding play in the women's soccer championships that were held last weekend in Sydney.

For the last four years, Naugler has starred in the Mystics mid-field, and has always been a dominant force on the team. She has been a conference all-star for each of the last three years, and a Mystics co-captain for the last two years.

Assistant coach Peggy Boudreau says Naugler's unselfishness on the field makes her an

important part of the team. "Her willingness to pass the ball and ability to set up goals is what makes her such a great player," says Boudreau.

The Mystics won the provincial soccer championship, defeating King's 5-1 in the semi-finals, and Teachers College 3-0 in the finals. Naugler's experience and ability to stay calm under pressure were the keys to the Mystics victory.

Naugler, who has also played nationally for the Lunenburg Lasers, is a part of the Mystics' women's basketball team. She works part-time in the A/R equipment room.



Kathy Naugler, Picaro player of the week.

photo by Kevin Fraser

Vonnegut: open for discussion at Dal

by Lisa Bugden

Well-known author Kurt Vonnegut said, everything was open to discussion and he proved this point by discussing politics, religion, news coverage and liberty during his first Canadian engagement at Dalhousie University SUB on Oct. 29.

Vonnegut, who attributes his political views to his grade seven civics class, spoke to a crowd of 800 on "How to Get a Job Like Mine."

According to Vonnegut, Ronald Reagan has acted in too many cowboy movies and seems to think that the only way to solve the nation's problems is with a showdown at the OK corral. "Gunfights are a lower grade of athletic event," he said. Vonnegut added that western movies, which he describes as negative socializing forces, motivate the president and his staff.

To Vonnegut, not even religion is taboo. A confirmed atheist, he talked about the Pope and the role of religion in today's society. "Atheism has served the country better than the very religious Mafia," said Vonnegut.

"Unlike those people who have to buy their faith on TV minis-

tries, I have faith... faith in the perfectability of a government created by human beings."

Vonnegut, also a devout pacifist, was reflective as he discussed the condition of world peace. "Nazi Germany was the most terrible state that ever existed," charged Vonnegut. "The earth was so terribly physically and psychologically damaged, I don't know if it will ever recover. We must remember that there will be no more just wars."

Vonnegut spoke of his own war experiences. "I loved the war... got quite a kick out of it, but Dresden was a bit much. Nothing was accomplished by the destruction of Dresden," he said. "No one gained anything, except me."

Slaughterhouse Five, Vonnegut's novel based on the raid on Dresden, propelled him to star status in the literary world. "Gun salesmen and munitions manufacturers are 'merchants of death' and should be scorned."

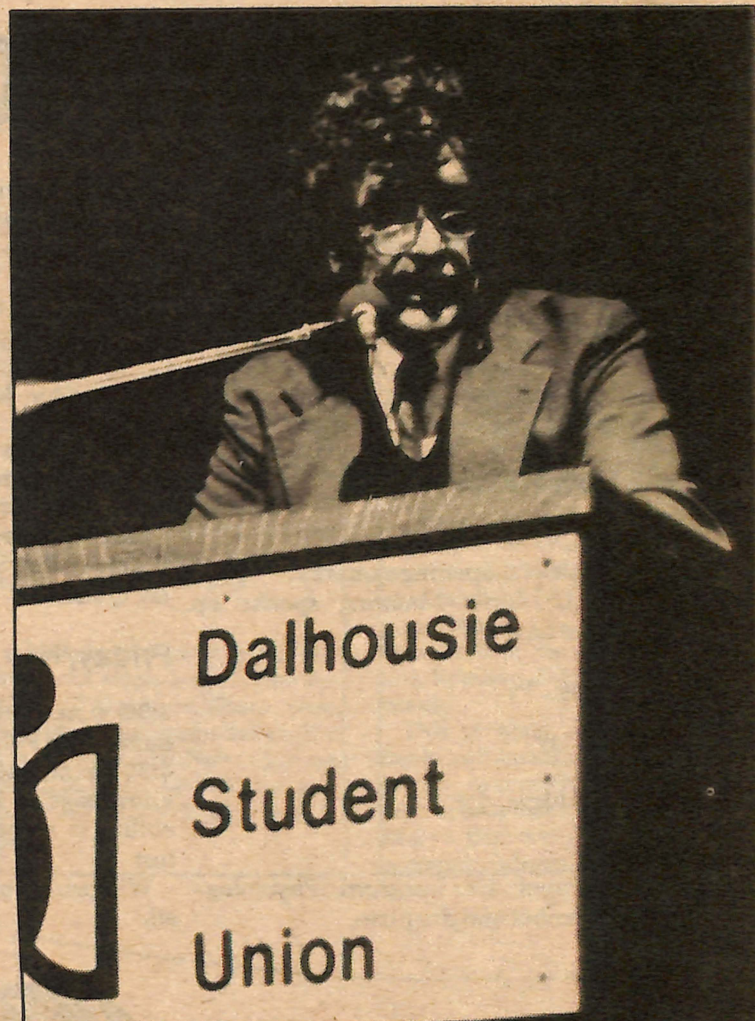
The boob tube is another of Vonnegut's pet peeves. "TV is a dictator and I can't imagine how we are ever going to overthrow it," he said. Vonnegut's two-week theory about television news coverage met with applause. Vonnegut said newscast-

ers are simply actors made to look trustworthy. "Pollution? I didn't hear anything about it on the news, so it must be cleared up, heterosexual AIDS... was also only a two-week problem."

The movie industry was not immune to Vonnegut's special brand of verbal acid either. He believes movies, like TV are negative socializing forces. "Rambo; imagine a nation aligning itself with such a character. Did you know Sly Stallone spent the Vietnam War teaching phys. ed. to girls in a finishing school in Switzerland," he said.

With uncharacteristic patriotism Vonnegut spoke of the advances of liberty and social acceptance in his life-time. "Boston and Philadelphia were not the cradle of liberty... liberty has yet to be born," he said. "Liberty was only conceived in 1776. Its gestation period has been 200 years and it's only in the eighth month of development. I envy those who will witness its birth."

Vonnegut's suggestion to aspiring writers is to become passionate about something and then write about it. "Add passion to talent and you have the final ingredient of a good writer," said Vonnegut.



Kurt Vonnegut talks to a crowd at Dalhousie Student Union Building last Wednesday evening.
photo by Michele Maillet



'The Color of Money' bound to go broke

by Robert Caume

The film *The Color of Money* has to be the biggest insult to the careers of both Tom Cruise and Paul Newman. What's more, I am kicking myself for actually paying five dollars to see this piece of trash.

The story is dull beyond the point of belief with only five minutes of film footage worth viewing.

Paul Newman as Eddie plays an out-of-date pool player who discovers Vincent (Tom Cruise)—probably the pool industry's "best". Cruise is not at all convincing. Flashing those pearly whites for two hours just doesn't cut it in a movie that's supposed to have a serious theme.

Newman is not capable of coming across as a hustler. I think he would have done a much better job playing a lawyer from juvenile services trying to rescue Vincent from such a seedy profession.

The only character that gave a decent performance was Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as Carmen. Her smart mouth and good looks emitted a certain toughness and charm at the same time.

Overall, this movie is not worth the celluloid on which it is printed. Besides that, I was a little perturbed that the Paramount Theatre went to such great lengths to give the place the effect of a pool hall. Musty and stale.

Hot Stuff—Singles and Albums

The following are the top 10 albums and singles in Halifax this week. Figures in brackets indicate last week's position. Information supplied by Halifax's Mail-Star.

Albums

- 1 (1) Fore—Huey Lewis and the News
- 2 (2) True Blue—Madonna
- 3 (5) Top Gun Soundtrack—Various Artists
- 4 (4) Fields of Fire—Corey Hart
- 5 (—) Third Stage—Boston
- 6 (6) Dancing on the Ceiling—Lionel Richie
- 7 (3) Break Every Rule—Tina Turner
- 8 (8) True Colors—Cyndi Lauper
- 9 (—) Graceland—Paul Simon
- 10 (10) Revenge—Eurythmics

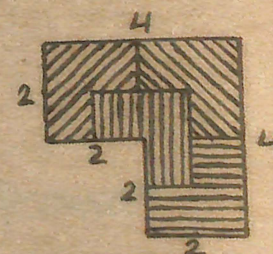


Singles

- 1 (1) Take My Breath Away—Berlin
- 2 (2) Rumors—The Timex Social Club
- 3 (3) Spirit in the Sky—Doctor and the Medics
- 4 (4) Walk This Way—RUN DMC
- 5 (7) True Colors—Cyndi Lauper
- 6 (6) Stuck With You—Huey Lewis and the News
- 7 (5) Venus—Bananarama
- 8 (8) I Am By Your Side—Corey Hart
- 9 (9) Typical Male—Tina Turner
- 10 (—) The Lady in Red—Chris De Burgh

Puzzle of the Week

Solution to last week's puzzle:



by Philippa Klein

Alcohol Awareness Week Nov. 10-14

Nov. 1-7

Receiving entries for the slogan contest at the Student Council office

Friday, Nov. 7

12 p.m.—judging for best slogan

2:30 p.m. Pub—announcement of slogan winner

Monday, Nov. 10

11 a.m. Pub—

Dr. Hersom, official opening remarks

3 p.m.—Aud. D, Chris Manning speaks on "Alcohol and the Law"

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day

Wednesday, Nov. 12

6:00 p.m. Pub—

Information Panel: Dr. Lucarotti, Physiological aspects of alcohol and drug use.

Representatives from: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous.

Discuss the emotional and psychological aspects.

Watch for the Breathalyzer and Health Kit computer program outside the Pub all night.

Thursday, Nov. 13

LUNCH in the Pub

Breathalyzer and Health Kit outside

4 p.m. Pub—Shuffleboard Tournament, 50¢ to enter, prizes to be won

7 p.m. Coffee Shop—Movie: "The Agony of Jim-my Quinlin"

Friday, Nov. 14

3:30 p.m. Pub—Breathalyzer and Health Kit outside the Pub.

4:30-5 p.m. Pub—Beer Trivial Pursuit: test your knowledge of important alcohol facts and your ability to recognize local beers in a blind taste test.

Win prizes for the best four-person team overall.

Message in a bottle

This column is dedicated to students who would like to submit poetry, short stories etcetera. Please submit your work typed (double-spaced) on the Friday, the week preceding publication.

by Bill Eisenhauer

It was a brisk Saturday morning. Ten-foot surf and winds of 100 km/h had battered the South Shore for a solid 24 hours. The sky was now clear and the sea had calmed from the previous night's raging storm. I set out, as I did after every fierce storm, from my Crescent Beach cottage to comb Cape LaHave Island for relics washed ashore by the storm. It was a 20-minute journey in my six-horsepower boat to Bantam Bay Beach, which was on the southern tip of the island. On this beach, which faced the open sea, I felt confident about finding a few things to add to the collection of clothing, driftwood, various fish carcasses, bottles, coins, rope, nets, and lobster traps that I had gathered from previous beachcombing expeditions. I was not mistaken, but I was taken aback by what I found.

On the east side of the beach, twinkling in the sunlight, I found what I had previously only read about or heard being sung about—a message in a bottle.

Uncorking the bottle, I removed a scroll, written in what appeared to be Spanish. Not being able to read it, I put the scroll back into the bottle and made a hasty retreat to Crescent Beach.

My priest in Bridgewater could read Spanish so I took the scroll to him. He had served as a missionary in the slums of Managua in the 70s and often used Spanish words in his sermons. Father Mulcahy told me that it was a poem entitled "Tale of a Wise Man" and that it was dated Cadiz, February 1, 1967. He translated the poem and it is printed here for you to read.

Tale of a Wise Man

*I am not truly certain
if the time is upon us,
but I must speak now
for there is a beast that plagues me.*

*Out you must go,
from my mind
into the open.
Away from my heart
because I fear you so.
You are evil most times,
but I love you cruel thing.*

*Do you remember that famous speech:
"Do not allow anything to come between you
and your thoughts. Your mind must remain clear."
But you seem so near.
I chant silly songs
to try and end the fear.
But you stay hauntingly close.*

*Walking, talking, sleeping, dreaming,
Peacefully?
Not so, I'm afraid.*

I say! There is a beast that holds me!

*It is in dreams.
Look before you wake!
It plagues me in this dream
and calls me to come near.
But I know it wants to devour me.*

*There is a beast in my soul;
I am unable to elude it.
There is a beast in my soul;
I love it so.*

If any of you have a message in a bottle, I ask you to come forward with it. There is now a place in this newspaper for your bottles to wash ashore.



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Education Society

William Hare will be at MSVU on Fri., Nov. 7, 1986 at 10 a.m. He will speak in Auditorium "C". Everyone is welcome to attend. Education students are encouraged to bring questions to discuss. Mr. Hare will speak for approximately 30 minutes. After his talk there will be a discussion session. Coffee and tea will be available.

Caribbean society meeting

A Caribbean Society general meeting will be held on Nov. 7, 1986 in the Don McNeil Room (401), Rosaria Centre at 4:15 p.m. A film will be presented on tourism and a debate will follow. Refreshments!!! All are welcome!!

Architecture display

A retrospective of the work of Swiss architect Alfred Roth will be on display at the TUNS School of Architecture, opening 8 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 6, 1986. The exhibition continues until Nov. 26 (9-5 daily, except weekends).

Roth was editor of the Swiss arts and architecture magazine "Werk"; he has been a guest lecturer at many universities, including Harvard and George Washington; and he is the author of several books about architecture.

MANUS meetings

The Mount Association of Non-traditional University Students (MANUS) will hold two special meetings for part-time and mature (over 25-years old) students, so they can air their problems and ideas.

The meetings will be held Thurs., Nov. 6 at noon and 5:30 p.m. in room 442 in the Seton building.

The meetings are in addition to MANUS's regular Thursday meetings held on the last Thursday of each month, and will be devoted purely to obtaining input from mature and part-time students.

Among MANUS's current projects are plans for a Christmas party, raising funds for a bursary, and contributing to a committee studying the needs of mature students.

"Elijah" comes to the Cohn

Internationally-known Maureen Forrester will be one of the guest soloists in the Nova Scotia Choral Federation's presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah".

The performance will take place 3 p.m. Sun., Nov. 9, 1986 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

Casual work opportunity

Salespeople are needed Nov. 11-14 any time between 9-3 p.m. Wages will be on a commission basis. Contact Penny Henneberry at 443-4450 ext. 123 or drop into the council office, fourth floor Rosaria before Nov. 10.

Sacred Heart hosts fundraiser

Sat., Nov. 15, 1-4 p.m.—Christmas Tea and Sale—Sacred Heart School of Halifax, 5820 Spring Garden Road. Everyone is welcome!

The event features: baked goods, candy, handcrafts, books, white elephant table, bingo, raffle, games, Christmas items, and a Tea and Fashion Show.

Continuing Education lecture

Continuing Education: Is It For Me? Find out how easy it can be to take university courses for credit or non-credit with MSVU continuing education director, Dr. Mairi Macdonald, at the Mainland South Branch of the Halifax Library, located in the Captain William Spry Community Centre on Kidston Road. Free childcare provided, all are welcome. That's on Thurs., Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The work of Nova Scotian author George Elliot Clarke will be featured at the Library's Book Discussion series, "In Search of Atlantic Culture." The author will be present to discuss his work. That's at the Main Library on Spring Garden Road, Fri., Nov. 7 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

A Nova Scotia Farewell is the theme of a closing celebration for the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour, with young people from South Africa, El Salvador, Uganda, Japan, Guatemala, Sri Lanka, the Marshall Islands and Bangladesh, along with local entertainers Ed McCurdy, Trish Lerner and the Cultural Awareness Youth Group of Nova Scotia. That's at the North Branch of the Halifax City Library, located at 2285 Gottingen Street, on Friday evening, Nov. 7 from 7:30 on.

POAS costume party a dud

The Professional Office Administration Society held a wet/dry Hallowe'en party on Thurs., Oct. 23, in Vinnies Pub. The party was, to put it bluntly, a complete and utter failure.

Mix-ups with room bookings, campus police, admission, and disc-jockey were upsetting enough, but the worst part of the evening was the fact that the POAS, which has 76 members, could only draw three members, other than the society's executive, to this well-publicized event.

The executive were visibly and verbally upset. They are wondering now whether or not they should go through the trouble of organizing events for the society members, when the members don't seem to want to participate in anything.

Although the turnout was much less than ideal for the Hallowe'en party, the members who did show up had some fun. Door prizes, a 5 lb. bag of apples and a Playboy magazine, were won by Shaun O'Leary and Karen Moore, respectively. The Best Costume prize, a Chippen- dales Calendar, went to Tanya Davison, who came disguised as a giant cheese and tomato sandwich. Jim Hines was the judge.

An added surprise came at 8 p.m., when a delicious pizza arrived, compliments of Chef Rene.

Although student support for POAS is lacking, fund-raising is going well. The POAS's second bake sale was held Wed., Oct. 22. It went really well, raising \$109 for future events. The POAS hold at least one bake sale per month.

The Penny Parade for the Cancer Society was also successful. Office administration students were asked to put pennies in the jar which corresponded to the program they were in (ie. legal, medical, or executive). The response was terrific. \$190 was raised, with the medical program students donating the most pennies.

So, the only problem the POAS has is the lack of people attending its events. The POAS executive works hard to organize fun activities for the members and it's sad to see all of their hard work go to waste.

85-86 Yearbooks arrive

The 1985-86 yearbooks have arrived. Graduates can pick up their yearbooks at the student council office, fourth floor Rosaria, during regular office hours.

Attention!

Singing Lessons—beginners to advance. Bel Canto Method. Call 455-3850.

Handcrafts for sale

The Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers will hold their fifth Annual Sale and Fashion Show from Nov. 13 to Nov. 15 in the Georgian Lounge of the Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park St., Halifax, Nova Scotia. A wide-range of high-quality hand-crafted clothing, accessories and household articles made by members will be for sale.

Clothing and accessories will be in the fashion show that begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 13. Admission is one dollar. The hours of sale are: Nov. 13, noon to 9 p.m.; Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dance benefit upcoming

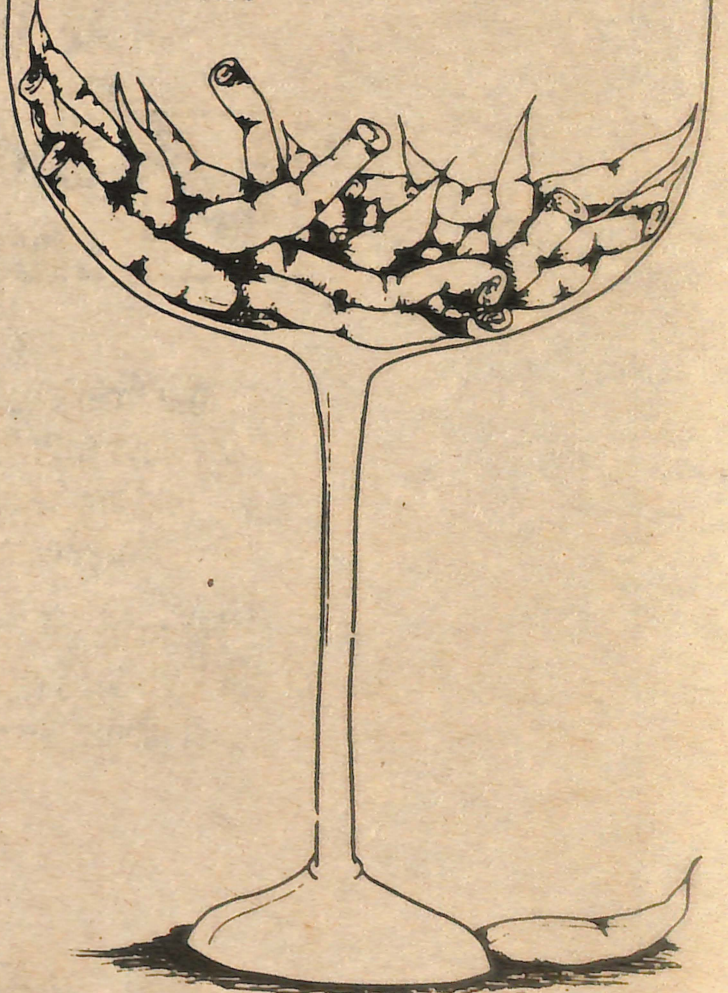
Nova Dance Theatre Association presents a benefit evening for Dance In Canada Association featuring Jest In Time, Jeanne Robinson, Leica Hardy and the senior students from the Halifax Dance Association, Vox Violins, Danielle Heikala, Steve Tittle, the Oxford Consort, Gwen Noah, Pat Richards' Renaissance Dancers and the Amethyst Highland Dance Troupe, on Sat., Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Nova Dance Studio, 1672 Barrington Street.

UFO lecture at SMU

"Flying Saucers are Real" is the title of an illustrated lecture to be presented by nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman at 8 p.m., Wed., Nov. 19, 1986, in Theatre B of the Burke Education Building, Saint Mary's University.

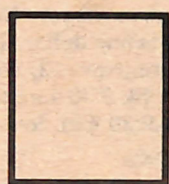
This program is open to students and members of the university communities and is being sponsored by the Saint Mary's University Students' Association. Admission is free.

You could talk to your friend about his/her Green Bean problem, but can you talk about a drinking problem?



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