

Universities ordered to cut back . . . even more

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Nova Scotia's education minister paved the way for another low funding announcement for the province's post-secondary institutions last week by calling on universities and colleges to cut costs "to the bone."

Terry Donahoe said in an interview with one of Halifax's daily newspapers that a system

of "concentration of excellence" is one manner in which universities could co-operate and thus reduce costs. This system would see universities specializing in certain programmes and cutting other programmes offered by other institutions.

"Concentration of excellence" has been widely criticized by all elements of the academic community as it leads to a

narrowing of the courses an institution can offer, which in turn leads to a narrower education, especially in undergraduate programmes.

Donahoe agreed universities need broad course offerings in general programmes, but he worried that specialized programmes, such as engineering and teaching, are being needlessly duplicated at great cost.

The minister said he sees a

large amount of duplication in teacher training. He said the rising cost of teacher training, offered at seven of the province's 18 post-secondary institutions, is becoming a "real concern" to the provincial government. Donahoe promised that the cabinet would shortly be dealing with recommendations on the issue from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission

(MPHEC) in an attempt to "rationalize teacher training."

He said no decision on the level of funding to post-secondary institutions has yet been made, as the MPHEC's funding recommendations have also not yet been made. It is reported the province's funding of universities and colleges will rise about 12 per cent from the 1980 levels of about \$115 million.



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CUP launches ad organization

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Canada's co-operative of student newspapers has launched its own national advertising sales agency.

Over the Christmas break, delegates to the 43rd national

conference of Canadian University Press (CUP) in Val Morin, Quebec, voted unanimously to create CUP Media Services to sell national advertising for the member papers, of which *The Picaro* is one.

"It's an incredibly positive step for the Canadian student

press," said CUP President Micheal Balagus. "It ultimately means that papers will have a much more stable financial base in the future. This will allow them to adequately serve their student readership."

The decision to establish Media Services means an end to CUP's 10-year relationship with Youthstream Canada Inc., a Toronto-based, privately-owned agency which had acted as CUP's sales representatives since 1970.

The severing of relations with Youthstream was precipitated by a final breakdown last month in negotiations over a new contract between CUP, Youthstream and the member papers. The negotiations had been going on for more than three years.

CUP had been planning for many months to replace Youthstream with its own organization if no contract settlement was reached. Delegates in Val Morin debated and approved this plan.

Youthstream's activities in the campus advertising market, however, are not yet over. Cam Killoran, that organization's president, indicated at the CUP conference that Youthstream will attempt to bypass the new CUP agency and make individual agreements with student newspapers to do advertising. In fact, Youthstream has already contacted the Mount's Students' Council in an attempt to persuade them to sign with Youthstream.

However, *The Picaro*, which completely supported the creation of CUP Media Ser-

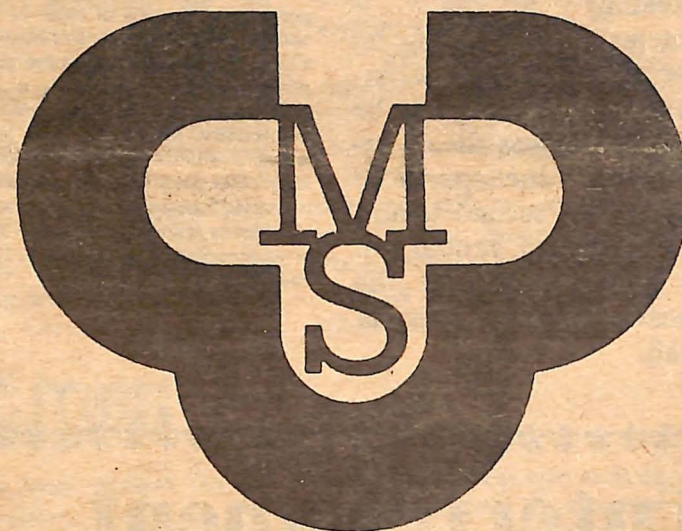
vices at the Christmas conference, is urging Council to join the new, student-owned organization.

Editor Francis Moran, who worked on the final preparation of the Media Services proposal in Val Morin, said the new organization is the best proposal he has ever seen for national advertising sales.

"For the whole CUP Collective, Media Services offers us the best arrangement, with our own control and, most importantly, with the profits coming back to the CUP membership," Moran said.

"More selfishly speaking, the proposal also offers *The Picaro* a much better deal than Youthstream has ever, or could ever offer us. We supported the proposal at the conference and we certainly hope Council will support it here," he said.

Moran added it is the first time in his dealings with CUP that the whole membership had been gathered so solidly behind a major proposal. "It makes me proud that *The Picaro* is a member of such a co-operative organization."



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Skating Anyone? Large snowfalls over the holidays combined with heavy rains Wednesday turned this much-travelled pathway into a bone-breaking and butt-bruising danger. One finds it hard to believe that a university which turns its roads white with salt couldn't find just a little to spread over this treacherous area. If anyone was hurt, sue them silly! (Moran photo)

Page Two and You

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NUTRITIONIST'S HOURS

The nutritionist with Student Services, Fran MacKnight, has office hours every Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Tuesday evenings, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Private individual nutrition counselling is available upon appointment during these hours. It's never too late to resume an old resolve to lose unwanted pounds!

WANTED TO BUY

Soc. 222—**Marriage and Family in a Changing Society**, by James Henslin.

Soc. 222—**Courtship, Marriage and the Family in Canada**, by G.N. Ramu.

Psych. 220—**Adulthood and Aging**, by Douglas C. Kimmel.

Call 454-7598 or 425-5790. Ask for Liz or Joanne.

FOR SALE

Soc. 221—**Production and Reproduction**. A Comparative Study of the Domestic Domain, by Jack Goody. -----\$5.00

Psych. 205—**Abnormal Behavior**, by John Altrocchi. -----\$15.00

Meeting

Interested in working on the Entertainment Committee? A meeting will be held to discuss the entertainment functions to be run for the second semester, on Friday, January 16 at 1 p.m. Meet at the Picaro Office, Rosaria Hall.

Entertainment events

Wednesday, January 14: **Assisi House party**, Hawaiian Style

Friday, January 16: **Dance featuring TOUCAN** Admission \$3.00

January 21-24 **WINTER CAR-NIVAL**: See Schedule in next week's paper.

Friday, January 30: **Dance Featuring TITAN**

Saturday, February 7: **LONG JOHN BALDREY** comes to the Mount for the entertainment extravaganza of the year. Tickets go on sale January 26. Stay posted to the Picaro for more details.

CO-PRESIDENTIAL HOURS

The Senior Class Co-Presidents have set up office hours in the new Student Council offices. They are from 11:00-12:00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone wishing to contact the Co-Presidents, Karen MacDonald and Marian MacDonald, may do so during those times, or call them at the office, 443-4224 and leave a message.

WORLD ENDS FRIDAY... AGAIN

It was one year ago today that Bronson House of Dalhousie University held an end of the world party to celebrate the world's demise at the hands of the USSR. At that time the USST (sic) was ready to invade Afganistan (sic) and a nuclear war seemed certain. The Bronson executive was, quite obviously, mistaken; however, the pending invasion of Poland (sic) and election of Ronald Reagan as U.S. president have sparked speculation all over again.

In a surprise move over the Christmas holidays Andrew Grose, President of Bronson House, has announced (sic) a second end of the world party for Friday, January 16, 1981. "I'm sure we're right this time", says Grose, "and I have it from a reliable source that a bomb will hit Halifax at midnight on the 16th!" In an effort to make the final party of Bronson, and the world, a success, the executive are encouraging all partygoers to arrive early in order to take advantage of a "happy half-hour" in which all drinks and admission are ½ price from 9 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

While all females are welcome, non-resident males will have to be signed in with the president before the night of the party to ensure their ability to get in. Sign-up information can be obtained by calling Andrew at 425-3909, or by dropping by 344 Bronson, Howe Hall, Dalhousie University.

ANTIOCH—MARCH 13-15—The Antioch weekend... is a weekend of prayer and sharing for young adults (18-25) in school or working, who feel there is something more to living each day than studying or working and paying bills. It gives men and women a chance to share, in a weekend together, their thoughts and points of view on topics that they may have thought about before but haven't had the opportunity to express themselves. Also, it gives individuals a chance to hear other people who, surprisingly enough, have similar thoughts and feelings toward these things.

It is basically a Roman Catholic based weekend, but includes individuals from other denominations.

It gives us the opportunity to look at the frequently asked questions, "Who am I?" "What good am I?" "Where do I fit in as a person in society?" and "What is my relationship to God?"

The weekend is not totally filled with thoughts and discussion. There are times for relaxation, fun and meeting all kinds of different people your own age. Time is provided, also, for prayer and liturgical celebrations. The people who organize these weekends are your own age who, along with a couple of adult resource people, have made former Antioch weekends and want to share with others some of the experiences and benefits they received from their own weekends together.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER—is a weekend designed to give couples planning marriage an opportunity for an intensive and honest look at their commitment to one another. Through the atmosphere of the weekend, a couple has the chance to discuss with each other their desires, ambitions, goals and attitudes about money, sex, children, family and their roles in the church and society. It is designed for engaged couples who desire to deepen, develop and enrich their lives together. Although the Encounter is Catholic in origin and orientation, it is open to all couples of any faith searching for enrichment in the quality of their lives together. The weekend may be seen as a complement to the Marriage Preparation Program.

Weekends to be held March 20-22, May 1-3, May 22-24, at Mount Saint Vincent Renewal Centre, \$80.00 per couple.

THE AESTHETIC CITIZEN KANE

Orson Welles' great film **Citizen Kane** will be shown at Mount Saint Vincent University, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, in Seton Academic Centre, Room 306.

This is the first film in a series of five to be shown in conjunction with an **Aesthetics of Film** course offered by the Mount's Fine Arts department. Admission to the film showings is open to the public for a charge of \$2.00 per person.

THE FORMULA FACTOR

The MSVU Student Council has endorsed the Nestle boycott as a result of the considerable interest shown by several groups on this campus concerning the issue of formula feeding. In response to this interest, the CUSO committee and the Student Christian Movement are sponsoring the film, **The Formula Factor**. The film deals with the serious threat that infant formulae pose to newborns and examines the aggressive advertising policies of multinational corporations who manufacture these formulae. Students and faculty who are interested in further information concerning the issue are invited to attend. **The Formula Factor** will be shown Wednesday, January 14 at 12:00, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Seton Auditorium C. Bonnie Anderson, a Home Economics lecturer who has worked in Sierra Leone, will answer questions.

A referendum will be held during the Student Union Spring Election in February concerning the proposed increase in Student Union Fees. Your strong support is needed to ensure that MSVU retains its Student Union. Without your support in voting yes for an increase in Student Union Fees in the referendum, the union will go bankrupt and MSVU students will have no union in 1981-82. **PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE YES.**

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 1981, 12:00 and 6:30 in Auditorium B. Topics to be discussed include Grad Weekend, T-shirts, Beer Steins, Rings, Long John Baldry, Scholarship, Flea Market Results.

SPRING VARIETY SHOW

All students and faculty are invited to participate in a Spring Variety Show, sponsored by the MSVU Choir. Come Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., 3rd floor Vincent, Cardinal Cushing Auditorium or contact James Farmer (Choir Director) at 429-9131. or Janet Dillman (Choir President) at 434-5520.

DID YOU FS OR DEF?

Students who received grades of either DEF (deferred) or FS (failure supplemental) and who did not receive an application to write a supplementary or deferred exam with their grade report, should report to the Registrar's Office in Rosaria Centre to complete an application form if they wish to write such an exam. Applications must be received in the Registrar's Office **no later than January 20, 1981.**

CHAPLAINCY—UPCOMING PROGRAMS

ROMANS 8—This is a seven week program of input, reflection and sharing, designed to help you explore your unique relationship with the Father, with Jesus and with the Church. It deals with such questions as the following: Who is God anyway? What difference does He make in my life? The program will be run at Mount Saint Vincent Renewal Centre, for seven consecutive weeks, on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. **beginning January 13**, and on Wednesdays, at 8:00 p.m. **beginning January 14.**

FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE

Ken Traynor, a CUSO field worker, has just returned from a fact-finding trip to Zimbabwe. He will be speaking on January 19, 7:30 p.m. at the International Education Centre at S.M.U. and on January 20, 7:30 p.m. at the McMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. All welcome.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Students and faculty interested in participating in a Women's Study group are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge, Seton 405. For further information please contact Judy Scrimger, Public Relations Department, extension 368 or Jennifer Watts, Student Christian Movement, extension 354 Thursday and Friday.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

"Learning About Me" is an 8-session group designed for people with little or no experience in personal growth group settings. This will be an opportunity to learn more about yourself and your relationship with others. The group will start on Wednesday, January 14 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and will run for 8 consecutive Wednesdays in Conference Room "B" in Rosaria Centre. Register at Student Services or telephone 443-4450. Local 358. 429-9131 to Rosaria Centre.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Students, alumnae and faculty are invited to nominate a full-time faculty member who has taught at least three academic years at MSVU. Nomination forms and criteria for the award are available at the offices of the Deans, the Academic Vice-President, Alumnae and Student Council.

SHARPEN UP YOUR STUDY SKILLS!

If your New Year's Resolutions included starting off on the "right track" this term, perhaps you could benefit from the Study Skills Program offered by the Counselling and Student Services department. The seven videotape sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 20 and will include such relevant topics as motivation, concentration and time scheduling. Call local 357 for further information or register at the Counselling Offices in Rosaria Centre.

RESIDENT ASSISTANT SEARCH BEGINS

With the start of the 1981 Resident Assistant search, interested students may be confused as to what responsibilities an RA actually has.

Basically, the RA is an employee of Student Services, and as such is required to enforce University policies and rules. But this is not the extent of the RA position. More importantly, the RA is an informed individual, placed in residence to provide both a counselling and resource function. The RA is an initiator, attempting various programs; old and new, relaying feedback to both the students and staff.

The RA is there to reduce frictions and to encourage student potential. Essentially the RA is your friend and is open to opinions and suggestions. It is these opinions and suggestions that enable the RA to utilize the knowledge that she has received through the ongoing training programs. Without relevant feedback, the RA is limited and thus, like other students, becomes discouraged. As a result, it is of utmost importance that the student and RA relationships be one of effective and enjoyable communication.

Aside from these characteristics, the RA must also maintain an academic average of 65. She is responsible for serving duty on a prearranged basis in her assigned hall(s). The RA must remain on duty until residences officially close for vacation and spring break. The RA must also attend all RA meetings, and be accessible to both the students and staff.

The RAs term is a time for growth. She may see her weaknesses become strengths or even see her perceived strengths as weaknesses to the RA role. Holding a Resident Assistant position is an experience well worth the time and effort that an interested student will put forth.

Resident Assistant applications are available at the Housing Office, Student Services, until January 28. For more information ask any RA.

JANUARY 14—INTERNATIONAL BOB DYLAN DAY

For centuries, people all over the world have celebrated International Bob Dylan Day on January 14, and this year the English Society is proud to sponsor the traditional festivities at Mount St. Vincent. At 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, a videotape of the movie **Hard Rain** will be shown in the English Corner on the 5th floor, Seton Academic Centre. All are welcome. In keeping with the English Society's reputation for generous hospitality, admission will be free and refreshments will be served. Come early, to get a good seat. Wear your Bob Dylan T-shirt and your Bob Dylan false nose, and talk in a pseudo-Bob Dylan voice all day—you won't WIN FABULOUS PRIZES, but you'll impress your friends.

News

Joudrey and McNair accused of "negativism"

Communications officers resign

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Internal dissension within Students' Council has led to the resignations of yet two more student employees of the Union.

Saying they are "unable to work comfortably in this student council office," Beth Brothers and Anita Lathigee resigned from their positions as communications officers for

the union.

Speaking at Friday's Council meeting, where the announcement of the resignations took most councillors by surprise, the two said they were

resigning because of bad feeling between them and some councillors.

"A lot of negativism came out of our work and we feel a lot of it was unfair," Brothers

told the meeting. "We didn't have the proper information (to carry out our jobs) yet we were under pressure to produce."

In an exchange with Union President Dachia Joudrey, Lathigee said "We feel we can't communicate properly with you (Joudrey) and (Academic Vice-President) Paul (McNair). We get too much negativism from you."

"It wasn't getting things late that bothered us," she said, "It was the negativism directed against us. It's pretty bad to get called up on the phone (by Joudrey) on a number of occasions and get reprimanded with pretty insinuating side comments."

Several councillors expressed both surprise and regret at the resignations.

"You're losing some really good people," Part-time Students Representative Shirley Baker said. "From what I'm hearing, they have legitimate complaints."

A motion to accept their resignations was finally moved by Paula Wedge, who said she did so "with deep regret."

Brothers and Lathigee said they will still be available to any campus groups needing Public Relations assistance, "but as students, not as employees of the Union."

PR students feel like guinea pigs

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Fourth year Public Relations students Thursday described themselves as feeling "cheated" and "ripped-off" by the Mount during their tenure in the programme.

Speaking at an open forum to evaluate this youngest programme at the university, the students said they had been guinea pigs in the Mount's experiment in Public Relations education.

The students named course after course in which they felt they had been given absolutely nothing or which were irrelevant to their degrees.

The complaints listed by the students included:

- the first year of the program. During the first year, the students were taught by Bill McLeod and all the students in the course agree he was entirely incompetent. More than half the students enrolled in the first year dropped out.

- the French requirements. Students questioned the university's stated goal of graduating PR students with a "working knowledge of French." Some students felt this was not a necessity for the work they intended to do while others, agreeing it was a necessity, claimed the courses taken at the Mount have not given them a working knowledge of French.

- the co-op programme. Fully instituted only this year, the co-op programme, which sees students alternate semesters between work and school, has come under attack by those graduating. They claim the university is actively seeking job placements for co-op students and thus cutting down on the jobs available to graduates.

- lack of practical courses or opportunities. Many of the students present said the programme included little practical training and what little there was came too late in the programme to be of any use in finding summer jobs.

- irrelevant courses. Several courses, including Linguistics, Public Speaking, Computer Literacy and English, were cited as being of little relevance to Public Relations and of little use to the students. The students complained practical

courses could have been included instead of these useless ones.

- wasted courses. There was also a long list of courses cited in which students felt they had simply not learned anything. The list began with first year courses and went all the way to the fourth year, the most recent addition to the list being last semester's Graphics course.

- off-campus courses. In the original promotion of the programme, it was stated Journalism and Graphic Design would be taught off-campus at Kings College and the College of Art and Design respectively. Students said they were upset this did not materialize.

Members of the Public Relations faculty and members of the university Administration who had been involved in the original design of the programme countered the students' complaints.

"We have all been involved

in an experiment (in Public Relations education) and we have been living with the fact that it was an experiment," said Jon White, a professor and the programme's coordinator.

One student responded to that saying "Well, I wish it had been billed as (as experiment) when it was being promoted in high schools." Wayne Ingalls, who was assistant academic dean at the time the programme was being planned and implemented, blamed the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) for much of the programme's failings.

He said the MPHEC turned down the Mount's proposal for a PR programme on the grounds it was too similar to a Journalism programme recently approved for King's College. Only a large amount of appealing from the Mount resulted in a turn-around in the decision.

Residents apathetic about men

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

Last year's protest against restrictive visiting rules in Mount residences has fizzled out this year despite the organizational efforts of a student council committee.

Interest in the committee, intended to further research and recommend visiting privileges for men in the womens' residences, was minimal. Each residence was to have representatives on the committee.

"Only Assisi and Vincent responded to my requests to have one rep from every residence," said Sandy Spencer, new students' representative on student council. "I guess there isn't the kind of interest there was last year."

The 1979-80 academic year was an active one for residents requesting visiting privileges. Their actions included an open forum, which was attended by about 600 students, and a petition signed by about 800. When the petition did not appear to get anywhere, about 200 residents blocked a hallway leading to a December Board meeting.

The Board refused to act further on behalf of the stu-

dents when directives came from the Corporation (Sisters of Charity) including a document stating their interpretation of the moral obligations of students' behavior. This statement on morals viewed male visitors to womens' residences as an unnecessary evil to the living conditions of the women in residence.

Other actions of resident students including making an appearance at a council meeting as a delegation of two dozen or more, and demanding

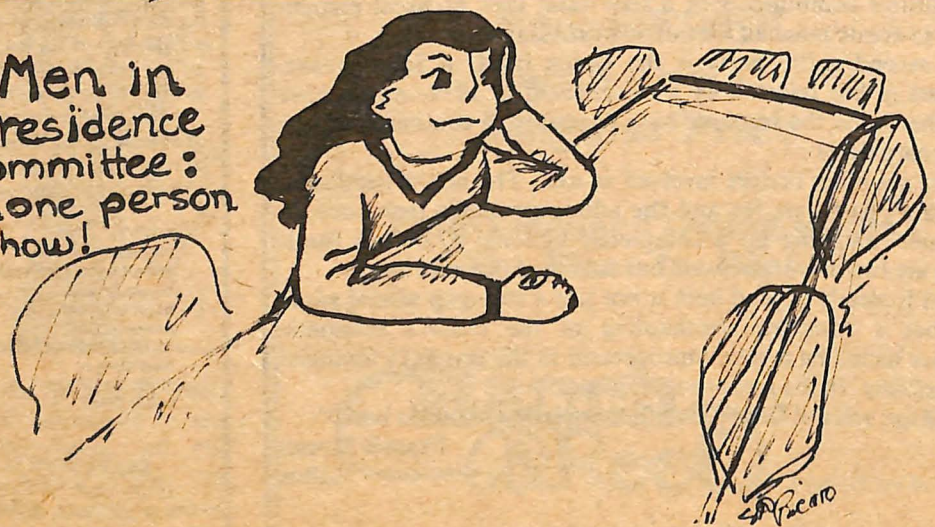
support from student council in their efforts.

These demands resulted in the establishment of a committee to study the question further and make a further report to the Board of Governors. The committee, established at a November council meeting, never got the representation it needed to get off the ground. Spencer, who was appointed to head up the committee said that the residence councils had adequate time to respond to

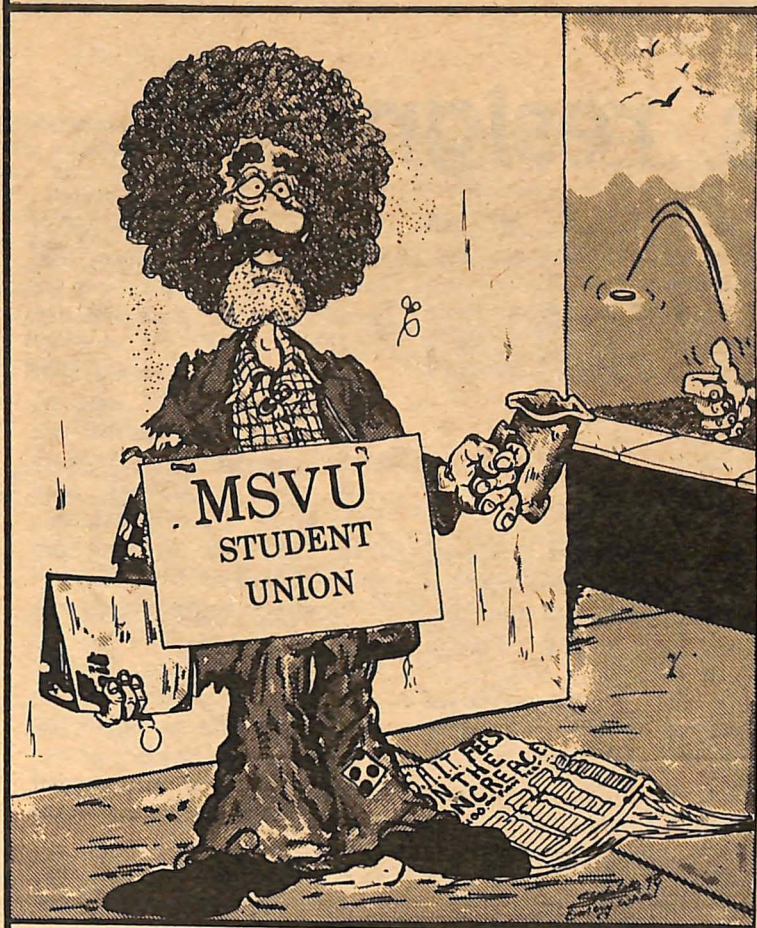
her requests for people to sit on the committee. "I even extended the deadline, and I still only got two replies," said Spencer.

As a result of the apparent lack of interest, the committee has been scrapped. Spencer said at last Friday's council meeting that she didn't recommend that any further work be done until residents demonstrate some interest in making a research committee work. "I'm not busting my butt for nothing," said Spencer.

Men in residence committee: a one person show!



Editorial



ROLL UP! ROLL UP....

Ye Gods! My face is breaking out just thinking about it. Our erstwhile Students' Council, with its unenviable task of balancing the Union's budget, has come up with an active, if not particularly innovative, means of reducing the current operating deficit of \$8,000 plus. With shades of Junior High School running rampant throughout the planning, our noble leaders urge us to step out into the brave new world and hustle chocolate-covered almonds on their behalf. For a mere buck and a quarter, the gullible consumer will get a half-full box of this delectable product, replete with a printed wrapper which, on top of thanking them profusely for their support of the destitute MSVU Student Union, also acts as a five dollar savings coupon on a pair of jeans from a local emporium. The brilliance of the concept is somewhat underwhelming. And its practicality perhaps even more so.

While treasurer Susan Brennan and her enthusiastic team of 'captains' are to lauded for their efforts in this endeavour, one is led to speculate about the futility of these efforts. As a veteran of too many high school bar campaigns and the now-much-wiser organizer of a similar sales campaign at the Mount (remember the candles?), the prospect of having piles of unsold merchandise laying around while projected profit figures become increasingly unrealistic is a very real one.

The second speculation one is led to consider is the necessity of such a programme in the first place. Two years ago, our union had a small but very real surplus; we were living within our means. Now our noble leaders panic at the prospect of substantial deficits. What happened?

Well, the blame can be laid at two doors. The first, and more incriminating blame must be laid at the door of past Student Councils, most notably the 1979/80 version. Substantial over-expenditures combined with a near-total lack of fiscal responsibility to create much of the current problem.

The second guilty party is the union itself. A fee increase, proposed in but rejected by a referendum in 1979, would have given the Union the resource base necessary to continue in these inflationary times.

There are other factors involved as well. The non-collection of the correct part-time fee and the administration's insistence on the Union coughing up a completely fictional \$7,000 in fundraising are two other strains on our stretched purse strings.

What is clearly needed here is not just a stop-gap sale of sweet stuff but a complete overhauling of the union's economic priorities including a vast improvement in the council's financial responsibility. In the meantime, however:

"Roll up, roll up! Get your deficit-depleting almonds here!"

Francis Moran
Editor

Letters

Letters for this column should be addressed "To The Picaro", and must be typed. Letters must also be signed though anonymity may be granted upon request. The staff of The Picaro reserve the right to reject or edit any article for length or if it defames or discriminates against any individual or group.

Thanks for the support—MUN.

Editor's Note: The following letter, personally addressed to the Editor, was received by The Picaro over the holidays.

Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Council of the Students' Union at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I take this opportunity to formally thank you for your support during the recent Prince Philip Parkway Vigil.

I can assure you that the entire student body at M.U.N. sincerely appreciated your concern. Each little thing really meant a lot, not only to me and the Union, but to each and every student at Memorial. Whether your contribution involved a letter, a telegram, a phone call, signing our petition, actually demonstrating, donating material goods, offering suggestions and advice, promoting the issue or whatever, it was very kind and thoughtful of you. Everything took a great deal of

hard work and effort, but it all paid off in the end.

The legitimacy of our demands, and the obvious benefit of them to both the students and the general public when implemented, seemed to be accepted by everyone. To say the least, we had a crisis on our hands. However, the decision to erect two overhead pedestrian "skywalks" and a set of traffic activated lights was clearly a moral responsibility of Government.

Once again, thanks a million for your help and support during the blockade. I am very grateful for it.

Finally, please convey my appreciation to your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Green
President
Council of the Students' Union
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Hey half-wit—smarten up.

To The Picaro,
Complaint:

Will the half wit who takes those crummy candid pictures please move away from the second floor of Seton. After all, that is the lazy way of doing an article for the paper.

Complaint:

This same person is using student funds to take pictures

of students doing various activities, how many have we seen in the paper, not too many. I think someone should get on his ass and get some results or get rid of him.

These are my complaints. The answers, well I hope to see them in print, or the notice of the job opening.
Name withheld by request

In response to "in memorium".

To The Picaro:

All right! I admit it, TWIT corner as it was known is dead. But that does not mean that TWIT corner is dead. As for the definition in the yearbook, TWIT corner is a place for anybody to meet, talk, argue, berate each other, and to find new friends. What a few narrow minded individuals believe and are trying to put over, is that TWIT corner is gone forever. This my good friend is not true. As with any good sports franchise a team organizes a group of players

together, and as a team or group these people grow and eventually become great. As time goes on and these people become older (graduation) and certain key people retire (graduation, RVJ), the team has to go through a rebuilding period (new people—first year students). In time these new people will eventually become great again and TWIT corner will probably rise to anything beyond your wildest dreams.

As for the peasant rabble and jocks. Well I don't know for sure, but in what previous

year did the member of the OLD TWIT corner participate on any sports' team? This is the first year to my knowledge that the hockey team has got past the initial stages, and with the awaiting of the opening of the new gymnasium, there is an increased awareness of physical fitness especially among the males of the NEW TWIT corner. As for the tiny minds that go into these jocks, do you know how much time

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The Picaro



News

Council hustles almonds

Chocolate bar campaign kicks off

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

A Chocolate Bar sales campaign, scheduled to kick off at a mass assembly on Thursday, January 15, is hoped to alleviate a Student Union operating deficit in the vicinity of \$8000. The deficit, incurred as a result of poor long range planning over the last year and a half, cannot be carried over to next year in a line of credit from the university administration.

The kick off for the campaign will be at noon on Thursday in auditoriums B & C. At the mass assembly Student Union president

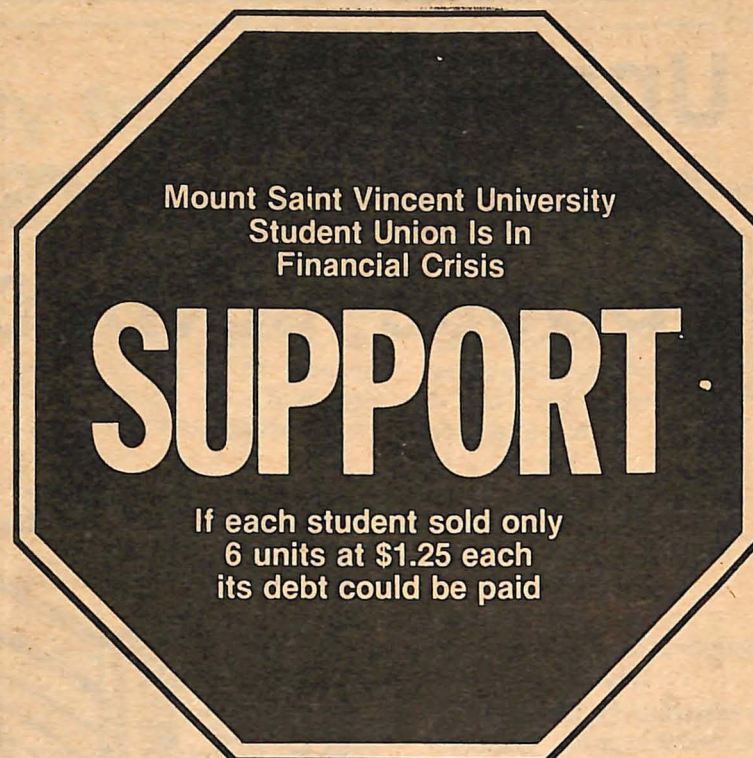
Dachia Joudrey and S.U. Treasurer Sue Brennan will make presentations.

The campaign itself is planned to run for eight days, with the possibility of running into a second week if sales are going well. As an incentive to sellers, prizes will be drawn for regularly during the campaign. Prizes include such things as fists full of change, Winter Carnival passes, complimentary tickets to Long John Baldrey on February 7, cash and dinners.

Also planned during the bar campaign is a benefit dance featuring the band TOUCAN.

The dance, to be held on Friday, January 16 from 9-1 in Rosaria Cafeteria (admission \$3.00), is also hoped to raise money for the fund drive.

Between the bar campaign and the dance, student council hope to all but eliminate the current deficit. If each student were to sell 6 bars at \$1.25 each, the campaign would be successful. If the campaign is not successful, there is the possibility of serious cutbacks in the Union budget. It could mean a serious threat to the existence of the *Picaro*, the Yearbook, the Student Store, a new pub, and so on ad



nauseum.

Sue Brennan and Nancy Burns (who are heading up the campaign) urge students to

participate in the fund raising drive for the future of the MSVU Student Union.

Podium

1980—International year of oppression

Editor's note: The author is a native Kenyan and a Business student at Mount Saint Vincent.

by Karanja Njoroge

The year 1980 was a traumatic year for many countries. Unfortunately some of the suffering the world has seen during the past year has been the result of short-sightedness and greed for power on the part of the world leaders. The bloodshed and suffering which people have been subjected to in such countries as El Salvador, Chad, Jamaica, Chile and South Africa just to mention a few, attests to the inability of

tellectuals and the founder of the Guyanese Workers' Alliance, in a bomb blast. The Guyanese authoritarian ruler would want the world to believe that Dr. Rodney killed himself

ments in Guatemala and El Salvador, little was said about the many more lives lost each day throughout the year in this troubled region. Deaths are caused by the insensitivity of

*Ignorance, poverty
and disease: these are
the root of all evil.*

when a bomb he was carrying went off in his car!

We heard about the arrest and trial and subsequent sentencing to death of 19 year old James Mange, a student radical fighting for change in the discriminative education system set up by the racist South African Government.

American-backed right wing regimes to the aspiration of the peoples they claim to represent.

The continued poverty of the vast majority of Third World nations is a monument to the incompetence of economic planners in those nations, and the indifference of their ruling

the arrogance of super powers as exemplified by Soviet aggression in Afghanistan's territorial and political sovereignty; the Americans' continued economic and military support to South Africa, even when the racist authorities are turning more to violence and brute force as a means of perpetuating their hold on power.

pointments and lost opportunities throughout the world. The momentum of human events being what it is, we can not expect a miracle in 1981. We are likely to get more of the same inhumanity of man towards fellow man. We, however would like to see more and more world leaders involved in the enormous task of eliminating the three basic

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lost opportunities
throughout the world.*

Indeed, when you come to think of it, 1980 has been an unmitigated series of disap-

enemies of man namely: Ignorance, Poverty and Disease.

These are the root of all evil.



politicians to resolve their differences or tolerate opposition in such a way as to benefit the very people they claim to represent.

The year saw the liquidation of Dr. Walter Rodney, perhaps one of Guyana's greatest in-

He is now awaiting execution in the hands of P.K. Botha's White minority government.

While it was mentioned in the American press whenever American lives were lost in the bloody atrocities being committed by the military govern-

elities to the plight of their people, and worse still to the criminal stinginess of the developed world while the multinationals continue their exploitation of these poor nations unabated.

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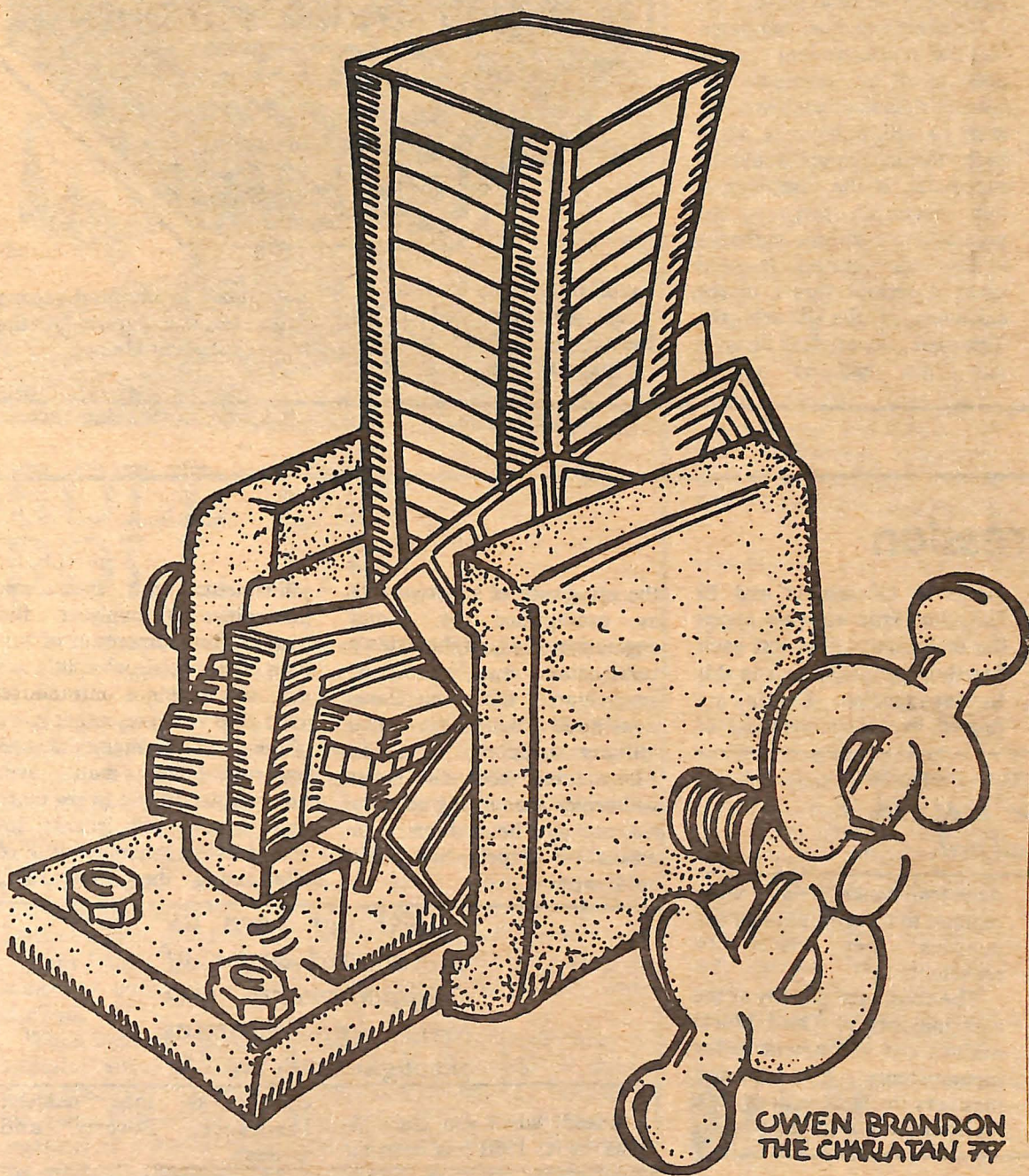
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University administrators oppose cutbacks



OWEN BRANDON
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New Students' representative resigns

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

Sandy Spencer, New Students' Representative on Student Council, resigned Friday. In a letter submitted to last Friday's Council meeting, Spencer asked councillors to accept her resignation on the grounds that her academic future at the Mount was threatened by over-involvement in the Student Union.

It took two calls from the chair to have a motion put on the floor to accept her resignation. On the second request, a motion was ventured to accept it, but only with the deepest regrets.



Academic pressures prove too much for Spencer and she finds herself flat on her ass (Moran photo)

It was suggested at the meeting that Spencer stay on in the position and only attend meetings, but she said she could not only attend meetings and still consider herself representative of her constituents, the new students.

"It would be better for them not to be represented than for me to attend meetings and do nothing else," said Spencer.

Spencer said at the meeting that her resignation did not affect her position as Co-Winter Carnival Chair. She still plans to fulfill her responsibilities in running Winter Carnival, scheduled to take place from January 21 to 24.

OTTAWA [CUP]—University administrators across the country are lining up to express fears that the federal government intends to cut off funding to post-secondary education in 1982.

Simon Fraser University President George Pederson said last month there were "rumblings at the federal government level" indicating they intended to drastically slash education funding.

Now Acadia University President Sinclair has added his voice to the growing concern, saying universities could face "serious financial troubles" if the government carried out a major cutback plan.

Fears that the federal government intends education funding cutbacks stem from Alan MacEachen's budget speech October 28. The Liberal Finance Minister said the government expects to make "significant savings" in the money now transferred to the provincial governments for health, social services and education.

Ten days after the budget speech, federal health minister

Monique Begin indicated her government would continue to support the medicare system, but "would drastically reduce and alter the university section."

Begin has stated the Established Programs Financing (EPF), which is the mechanism for transferring money from the federal government to the provinces, is unacceptable.

The Liberal Health Minister says EPF is not equitable because it has been transferring large amounts of money to the rich provinces.

The EPF arrangement is an agreement between the federal and provincial governments which expires in 1982.

Under the British North America Act, provinces have control over education. However, following the second world war, when universities began to expand quickly, the federal government began to help the provinces pay for new facilities.

Last year the federal government transferred almost \$789 million to the provinces for education. This year that figure is expected to rise to over \$1 billion.

Guyanese president awarded degree for humanitarianism

Dalhousie rewards human rights violator

HALIFAX [CUP]—Former Dalhousie University President Henry Hicks knew about human rights violations occurring in Guyana when he nominated that country's president for an honorary degree.

Yassin Sankar, a professor of business administration at Dalhousie, charged that Hicks told him at a cocktail party in 1978, "I know it all, but he (Guyana president Forbes Burnham) was my friend."

Sankar has called on the university to revoke Burnham's honorary degree, citing numerous political assassinations, human rights violations and the rigging of Guyanese elections, as making the Guyanese leader unworthy of holding a degree for "outstanding public service."

Hicks has longstanding relations with the Burnham regime, first as a financial advisor to the University of Guyana and later as a member of that university's board of governors.

Hicks could not be reached for comment. However, Gene Hicks, the ex-Dalhousie presi-

dent's wife, praised Burnham's efforts to invigorate Guyana's economy and played down charges of election rigging.

"I think if he was really rigging elections, he was doing it in a desperate attempt to save the country," Gene Hicks said.

Henry Hicks told the CBC earlier that Burnham received the award for promoting secondary education in Guyana.

Sankar dismissed this saying Hicks was rewarding friendship.

Meanwhile, Alisdair Sinclair, chairperson of the Dalhousie senate, said he was unable to predict how that body would react to Sankar's call for revocation of Burnham's degree. He said much would depend on whether the transgressions Burnham is said to have committed occurred after or before his degree was granted.

When it was pointed out that Burnham had been charged with rigging elections dating back to 1968, Sinclair said the senate may have had an overriding reason for bestowing Burnham with the award.

News

No such thing as equal opportunity for women

[ZNS]—If Pennsylvania is any indication, equal credit opportunity for women instituted five years ago under federal law may be a big myth.

The Hazelton Standard Speaker newspaper reports that although credit bureaus are

required by law to list a woman's name along with her husband's on joint accounts, that doesn't seem to be happening in Pennsylvania.

The newspaper says, in fact, that a survey it made of credit

bureaus and department store credit offices recently yielded no sign of awareness of the credit rights women have been guaranteed since 1975.

For example, the newspaper cites the case of one married

woman with 30 years of joint accounts and promptly paid bills who asked her local credit bureau what was listed under her name. The bureau said nothing was listed. It also revealed that of 12 accounts listed under her husband's name, only two even mentioned

her, even though they were joint accounts.

When a department store later issued the woman a credit card in her own name, she found that the only change in the store's original records was to add "and spouse" to her husband's name.

JOB SLOTS FOR WOMEN



Winnipeg students mourn courses

WINNIPEG [CUP]—University of Winnipeg students will be attending a funeral later this month in memory of the thirty courses to be cut from next year's university budget.

The funeral procession will follow a route from the University of Winnipeg to the steps of the Manitoba legislature where the marchers will leave thirty coffins representing the courses to be cut.

Last September the University of Winnipeg announced thirty courses will have to be trimmed from the curriculum in order to survive the fiscal restraint imposed by the provincial government.

The University of Winnipeg student association, organizers of the march, are optimistic about the demonstration.

"We are becoming very organized," said Tom Evans, Vice-President of the Student Association. "Students are starting to take a greater role in the politics of their education."

"We are also hoping that students from other universities in Manitoba will join us on our march since no university in the province has gone unaf-

ected by these university cutbacks," Evans said.

President of the University of Winnipeg, Harry Duckworth, said the thirty course cutback was necessary because of the funding restraints imposed by the province's Grants Commission.

"The Grants Commission has never taken into account that, as a smaller university, we find it much harder to pull in our belts without making large cutbacks," Duckworth said.

John Hutton of the Student Association said they are holding the provincial government responsible for the cutbacks. But he said the funeral demonstration will not only address the thirty course cutback. The effects of cutbacks over the past three years will also be emphasized.

"Tuition at this university has increased over 45 per cent over the last three years," Hutton said, "and we are facing the acquisition of fewer periodicals in the library, along with overcrowded classes and an increasing use of sessional instructors instead of full time faculty. These issues will also be addressed at the demonstration."

S.F.U. students living in filth

BURNABY (CUP)—Residence students at Simon Fraser University are living in filth while branches of the educational bureaucracy absolve themselves of responsibility.

An estimated \$1.3 million is needed to upgrade Louis Riel House to health and safety standards, but the university administration and the provincial government refuse to cover renovation costs.

Ross Powell, a student board of governors member, says he is disgusted with conditions at the residence and with the bureaucratic wrangling.

"As a member of the board, I feel like a slum landlord," he said.

"The whole provincial government line is 'we don't want to take responsibility for housing. They're saying go to the feds. But the feds aren't really that interested in the matter.'"

The province blames SFU

The province blames SFU for failing to create a renovation fund from rents in the past 10 years, Powell said.

The province is saying

"you guys made the mistake in the first place. Mistakes have been made by SFU in the past. The problems at Louis Riel were caused by poor management at SFU and SFU should bear the cost."

Powell says the only way the university could cover the costs would be by slashing that amount from instructors' salaries.

"Today's students weren't around when the problems

were created," Powell said. "Money is tighter today. So why should we have to suffer?"

A report was commissioned last spring when rent increases were proposed. SFU's administration decided rents could not be raised until repairs were done on all three SFU residences. They spent \$60,000 on the other two and left Louis Riel House alone.

Workers to be run like cars... with speedometers

[ZNS]—If you hate being supervised by a human, you probably won't like this much better.

A Scottish company called Pammac Corporation has invented an automated factory supervisor. When hooked up to workers, it monitors the rate at which the work is being done in much the same way a speedometer measures how fast a car is moving.

The device, known as "Pam", hooks workers up to sensors and sets targets for the

output a firm wants from its employees. The worker then reads a digital readout from the computer telling whether his or her production is up to snuff.

Said one U.S. employer who uses "Pam", the device "makes the work more like a game where they (employees) are trying to beat the target production level." "Pam" has not been tested to determine how much stress it produces in the employees it is monitoring.

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el salvador: on the brink of full-scale civil war

by JIM STANFORD
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The tiny Central American nation of El Salvador is teetering on the brink of full-scale civil war. Political killings are occurring at a rate of a dozen or so daily, and this in a country with a population of only 3 1/2 million to start with. Peasants and industrial workers strike and demonstrate regularly; there is an exodus of upper-class residents, investors and capital. There are ominous warnings of military intervention from neighboring Honduras or Guatemala, or even directly from the United States. The Legal Aid Society of the San Salvador diocese of the Catholic Church has estimated that there have been 6,000 political assassinations so far in 1980, with an additional 1,000 unaccounted-for disappearances.

Much like the rest of Central America, El Salvador has a poor and underdeveloped economy, dominated by American investment. Coffee, the primary agricultural product of the nation, is produced on large, privately-owned plantations, using the labor of the landless peasants who make up the bulk of the population. A tiny group of 14 rich families own most of the land, some say as much as 80% of producing agricultural land; as a result, much of the opposition to the current military junta comes from the countryside.

In the cities, however, the small industrial working class is also highly politicized, as evidenced by a recent wave of paralyzing general strikes. Not surprisingly, this sector of the population is the target for much of the political repression that is taking place. For example, in late August, when the union of electrical workers occupied power stations across El Salvador and cut off electricity for 23 hours as a protest against the government, over 100 of its leaders and rank-and-file members were arrested by the National Guard, and detained without charge or trial. Similarly, over 600 workers were rounded up during the general strike of August 13-15 of this

year, and many of them have yet to be released.

This unrest has been fermenting in El Salvador for years. Since 1931, when the last free elections were held, the country has been ruled by a succession of military governments, more recently by Carlos Romero, a heavy-handed, conservative dictator with close ties to the ex-President of Nicaragua, Anastasio Somoza. As political opposition increased, and the popular opposition forces became more unified, Romero was toppled, on October 15, 1979, in an American-backed, bloodless coup, and replaced with a five-man junta, comprised of two top military commanders and three Christian Democratic politicians. In an effort to ward off a left-oriented popular uprising, the junta launched a few moderate reforms. The military command structure remained largely unchanged, however, and pressure from other military leaders forced the transfer of most of the junta's power to Col. Jaime Gutierrez, the more conservative of the junta's two military members. Even the Christian Democrat members of the ruling body enjoy the support of only a minority of their party's organization.

Political opposition and violence continued unabated, and as a result the junta moved further and further to the right, abandoning many of its reforms. The situation reached a mini-climax this past summer, with the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the outspoken head of El Salvador's relatively progressive Catholic Church, who had been highly critical of the junta's political repression. Workers began a series of general strikes, and the countryside became the site of major battles between government and opposition armed forces (where previously violence was limited to isolated skirmishes). Things have cooled down somewhat since then, but the situation remains essentially unchanged.

There is much confusion outside of El Salvador



privately-owned Western media.

But Gomez alleged that most of the casualties are being incurred by the so-called 'leftist extremists', and that government and so-called 'rightist extremists' are escaping largely unscathed. For instance, a United Press International story, carried in the August 27, 1980 *Calgary Herald*, reported that, the previous day, 13 Salvadorans had been killed in political violence, including "the first two right-wing extremists ever reported killed in a clash with government troops"; at that point, nearly 5,000 people had been killed in political violence in El Salvador in 1980.

Gomez claimed that the broad coalition of opposition groups that he represents legitimately represents the sentiment of the majority of the Salvadoran people, and said that the FDR is considering the possibility of establishing a

President Romero's reign of terror.

Gomez said the situation with its violence has been building up for three decades, as the people of El Salvador revolted against the political repression and violence of a succession of American-backed

The 6,000 people killed in El Salvador so far this year is three times the total number killed altogether under the previous two military administrations.

military regimes. He claimed that the past history of El Salvador, indeed of all of Central America, including most recently Nicaragua, backs him up. Gomez went on to say that the greatest threat facing the Salvadoran people is not the destruction resulting from the inevitable revolution, as other nations have gone through similar upheavals and then managed to rebuild, but the possibility of overt American military intervention.

The United States is already involved in El Salvador with extensive military and political support for the junta, such as the recently approved \$5 million donation of military supplies, and the loan of the junta's military command of 200 American military advisors and experts in counter-insurgency. These Americans are accompanying the Salvadoran National Guard on their operations, both in the countryside and in the cities.

But Gomez fears that this intervention might soon increase. The junta has lost so much of its base of support, that he feels that both the junta and its American backers know it must soon fall. The FDR has isolated a number of different scenarios if this proves to be the case.

Gomez believes that the first tact will be another coup, backed by the U.S. and the military. This would declare present Christian Democrat junta member Napoleon Duarte as President, make a few other minor shuffles, and then try to pin the blame for the current repression on present Defense Minister Jose Garcia. The FDR thinks this will have little effect, as the Salvadoran people would realize that it wasn't a change at all.

After this, there could be more direct military intervention, according to Gomez. Currently stationed off the Pacific coast of El Salvador are

two American aircraft carriers, with 60 planes and a total of 3,000 Marines. Along with this is the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, stationed in Miami and the Panama Canal Zone, ready to defend American

political pressure to discourage any potential American intervention, or intervention by proxy, and pointed out the important role of that solidarity in the recent victory of the Nicaraguan

A tiny group of 14 families own up to 80% of producing agricultural land.

'strategic interests' in the region; the FDR has vocally denounced this force as a preparation for intervention.

Less directly, there are 37 U.S. advisors working in neighboring Honduras and more in Guatemala, purportedly training ex-Nicaraguan National Guardsmen and anti-Castro Cuban exiles for mercenary action in El Salvador. Interestingly, the removal of the advisors in Honduras was one of the demands of the Honduran high school students who recently occupied the Venezuelan Embassy in that country, the claim also being that the Americans were stationed there in preparation for intervention in El Salvador.

So Gomez stressed the necessity of international

people. Even if the U.S. does intervene, he said, the Salvadoran people know their strength, and will seize power sooner or later anyway.

When asked if the recent American election would have any effect on the situation, Gomez said that both Carter and Reagan represented similar class interests in the United States—big business—and that if the Americans felt they had to intervene to protect their interests, either candidate would have ordered it.

Gomez was pleased with the success of the FDR coalition in building unity among the popular opposition forces, and felt that this unity was the major reason behind this year's upsurge in the opposition political activity.

He made a special appeal for support from the university community on the U of C campus, pointing out that his own university, the only major post-secondary institution in El Salvador, had been completely shut down and occupied by the military as a result of opposition to the government from students and faculty.

The most common misconception of the situation within El Salvador is that of left- and right-wing extremists battling it out, with a moderate junta in the middle trying to preserve order.

as to exactly what the political situation is within that country. A first-hand perspective of the turmoil was given when Merardo Gomez, a former professor at the National University of San Salvador, recently spoke to an audience of about 150 at the University of Calgary.

Gomez is a representative of the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR), a coalition, twenty years in the making, that was formed early this year and consists of the four largest opposition groups within El Salvador. The FDR has its headquarters in exile in Mexico.

Speaking through a translator, Gomez pointed out that the most common conception in Canada of the situation within El Salvador is that of left-wing and right-wing extremists battling it out, with a moderate junta in the middle trying to preserve order. This image is fostered, he said, by the foreign policy statements of both the Salvadoran junta and the American and Canadian governments, and by the reports carried in the

provisional government-in-exile.

And he also asserted that it is not right-wing death squads, but in fact actual government troops and their associates that are doing all of this killing. Quoting statistics compiled by the San Salvador diocese of the Catholic Church, Gomez pointed out that 85% of all Salvadorans killed so far in 1980 were murdered by military forces in uniform, and that most of the killings were carried out by paramilitary forces, described by the Church as "military in plainclothes."

As an aside, Gomez said that the Church has an interest in collecting such statistics, for since Archbishop Romero's assassination, a number of other priests and church administrators in El Salvador have been killed or kidnapped.

On the basis of these facts, Gomez asserted that by no means is the present junta 'moderate': the 6,000 killed so far this year is a figure three times as large as the total number killed altogether under the previous two military administrations, including

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Eight days of mayhem at CUP's 43rd national conference

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

It was snowing lightly as our fetid-smelling school bus deposited us at the very rustic entrance of Camp Edphy, the summer and ski-camp which was to be our home for the next eight days. Fatigued from a too-long train ride and the two-hour bus trek from Montreal into the wilds of the Laurentians, we stumbled into the front hall and negotiated our way up a treacherously winding staircase.

"Boy," I thought to myself. "It sure will be fun watching tanked-up Cuppies trying to come up here New Year's Eve."

The relief at finally getting here and the pleasure of seeing

all kinds of old faces again was soon worn thin by the revelation that eight of us adult human beings were expected to share a room just slightly larger than your average telephone booth. The occasion was the 43rd national conference of Canadian University Press; The Picaro's delegates had just arrived, and the fun was just beginning.

We moved into our room (in single file only) and started to unpack. If you've ever tried to get a large opera soprano into the back seat of a foreign compact car, you share our experience in trying to fit all our personal belongings into the one pretzel-thin closet provided.

Complaining about the room was obviously useless. Not only would it be contrary to the spirit of co-operativeness and joie de vivre which typify these conferences, it would also be useless as all the rooms were this small.

Our revelations continued. The drinking fountains, built as they were with the juvenile sectors of the population in mind, barely cleared one's mid-drift. The beds were somewhat better. They were actually comfortable, if you were shorter than five foot six and enjoyed sleeping on unforgiving springs covered with a mattress that would have made the manger look like a five-star hotel.

One thing that could be said in favour of the rooms, however, is that you did have a choice of temperature. You could open the window and do very credible penguin imitations or close them and dream of Swedish saunas.

It didn't really matter what the rooms were like anyway as we only spent an average of about three hours a night in them and by the time we managed to crawl between our sleeping bags, we could have slept on railway tracks.

Our first experiences with the camp's dining hall confirmed our worst fears; all the cooks must have trained in ROTC boot camps. No matter here either; after the first few 20-hour days, one's capacity to distinguish what one is eating becomes substantially deadened.

The set-up was not without its advantages. Unlike the expensive hotels cuppies were used to conferencing in, Camp

Edphy had very few stringent rules. And the management did little more than bleat feebly as we flagrantly disregarded what few rules they did have.

As well, we were less than 10 minutes walk from a grocery store. And, as anyone who comes from that progressive province can attest, they sell cold beer in Quebec grocery

stores. Needless to say, the path thereto was a very well-beaten one before the week was very old.

The camp offered other amenities not often found at hotels either. A very well heated swimming pool did much to assuage the pain and tension of the day, while tennis (indoor) and skiing (outdoor)



Clutching migrained heads and gazing vacantly into the void, delegates debate plenary proposals with eager exuberance



Looking at these two happy characters, it's hard to believe the young lad on the left, CUP President Mike Balagus, spends most waking hours scuttling the other character's (Youthstream Press, Cam Killoran) company!

were available to any hardy souls left with any energy at the end of a day.

It is our immodest, but entirely objective, opinion that The Picaro's delegates—Reg Curren, Sue Drapeau and Francis Moran—acquitted themselves rather well. Sue was elected to the Members' Board, a body devoted to overseeing

the evil doings of Youthstream Canada Inc., and she spent her time divided between doing prune imitations in the pool and attending 4 a.m. meetings of the Board.

Francis was elected to the National Advertising Commission of the conference and was charged, along with seven other commissioners, with the final

preparation of the new advertising proposal (see story). He divided his time rather well between commission meetings, eating, more meetings, sleeping and then some more meetings.

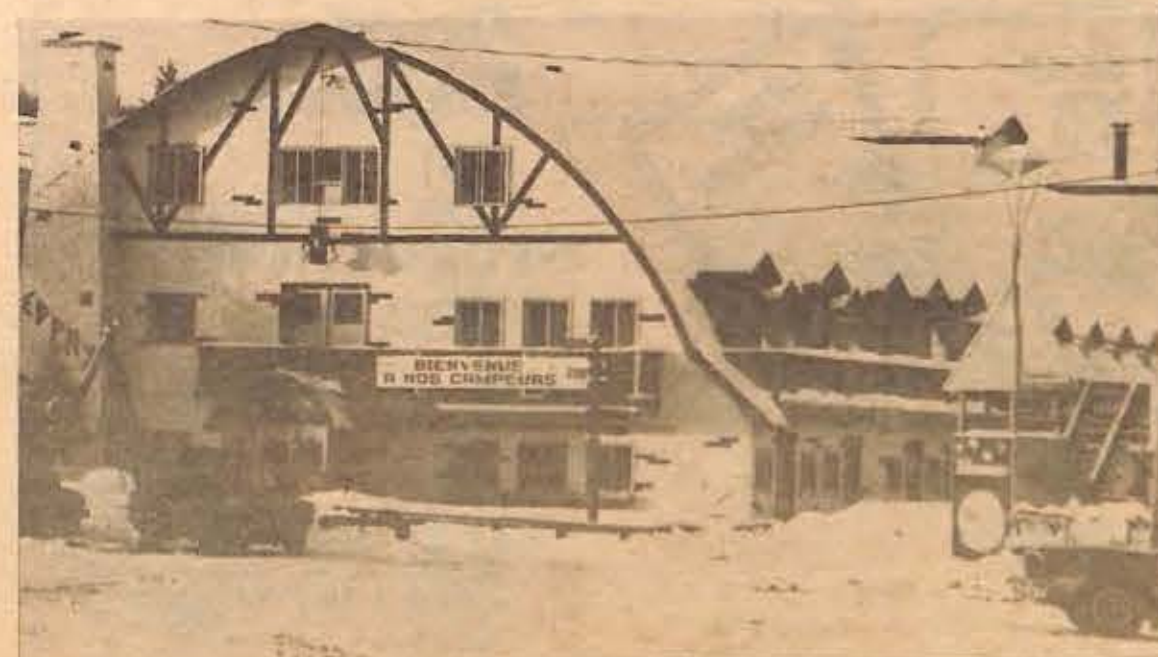
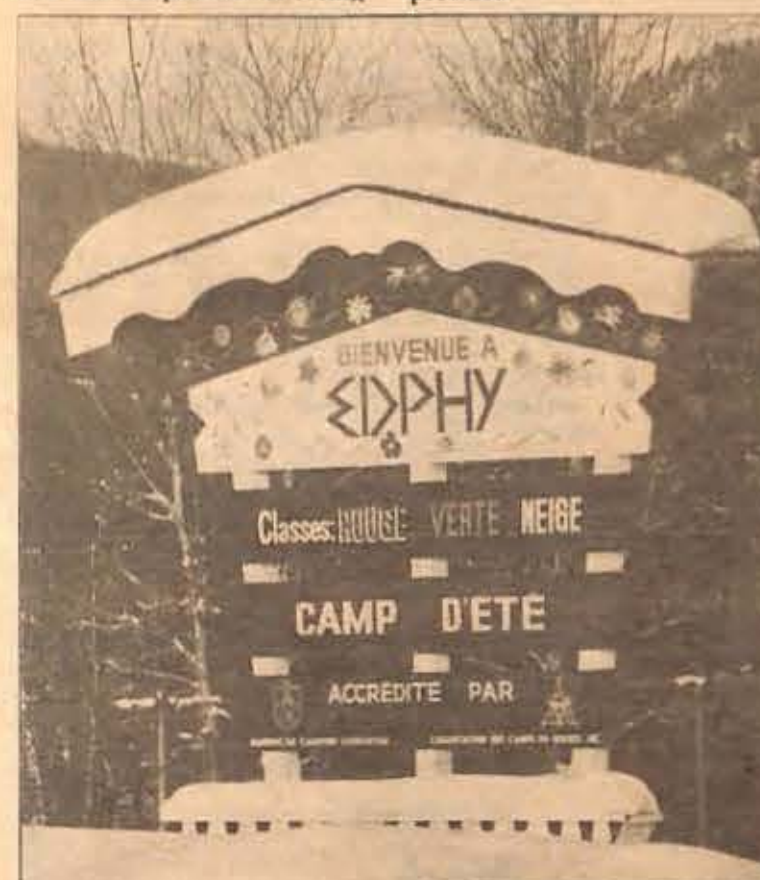
Reg, meanwhile, was the Picaro's contribution to the several workshops and seminars which a conference includes. Since these sessions tend to keep half-sane hours, Reg was also our chief partier and sleeper, sometimes getting a whole five or six hours worth a night.

Our stay at Camp Edphy was the most stressful, health-damaging and body-destroying eight days any of us had ever experienced. It was God awful. We can't wait until the 44th National Conference is hosted in Halifax next year to do it all over again.



Showing signs of terminal disease called "conference burn-out", President Balagus gazes sternly across plenary floor

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.



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Pub committee examines student needs

by Joanne Bower
Staff Reporter

Since the formation of the Pub Committee at a Student

Council open forum held before Christmas, this committee has circulated a Questionnaire in order to assess the need for a



Dedicated pub goers from all around the university anxiously await the opening of a student pub. (Moran photo)

Pub on campus.

While there is an obvious need for a pub, despite the comment of one student who felt that the money could better be spent on improving library facilities, this questionnaire allowed students to express the type of atmosphere, decor, food service and drinks that they felt the Pub should include.

Sue Drapeau, a member of the Pub Committee, said, "the questionnaire showed an overwhelming desire of the students for some type of pub on campus." This response was backed by such comments on the questionnaire as, "Get it fast," "We definitely need a pub of any kind", and "Hurry with your plans."

Just as the responses to the need for a pub varied, so too did the suggestions for the types of services that this pub should include. Many students expressed a desire to have draft as well as beer and hard liquor served. However, to serve draft, according to Drapeau, "requires that we obtain a Private Club license that will stipulate a policy of only admitting members and guests. This

shouldn't pose too big a problem as this is the current policy employed at all Mount functions." The obtainment of such a license is currently being examined by the Pub Committee and the executive assistant to the president, Michael Merrigan, who has been issued with a copy of the questionnaire and the committee's findings for his approval and recommendations.

Other services being examined by the committee include the feasibility of installing facilities to serve hot food to pub goers. Cost appears to be a critical factor here. However, Drapeau felt assured that some type of food service would be available, probably in the form of snacks.

As for the decor of the pub, it appears that the committee is prepared to meet the general needs of the students questioned with little or no problem. "Money has been set aside for this purpose and all we have to do is assess the type of decor most students want, whose responses varied from rustic and romantic to one of a fisherman style atmosphere,

and submit the plans to an architect who will complete the work," said Drapeau.

However, because of the site of the pub, which is slated to be in the Rosaria lounge, students cannot expect the opening until September 1981. This room is currently being used as a storage area for furniture for the new building. Renovations cannot begin until the room is cleared, at which time it is hoped that the Wednesday night beer bashes will recommence. Renovations are planned to begin in April.

The committee plans to use the months ahead to iron out such policies as labor costs, the desire of students for, and the cost of, longer hours, real glasses and a whole host of questions. These must be examined and answered so that by September 1981 students on campus will be provided with a gathering place they deserve and will feel most comfortable in.

"TWIT" CONT.

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people who finally got to the provincial level in their chosen sport have to put in to get to that level, and the amount of knowledge that goes with this practice.

As for a forum of backgammon players and high school minded university students whose lack of a sense of humor is matched only by their humorous lack of sense. This is simply not true. These people (basically first year students) are young and a few of them have not been exposed to the subtleties of "comedy?" at a higher level than what they have been exposed to. These people do have a sense of humor, but their sense of humor may not be what you think a sense of humor is. As for the backgammon players, these people may just find it more relaxing to play a game of backgammon, instead of sitting around listening to the OLD TWITS saying that TWIT corner stinks this year. I also notice that at least fifty percent of the backgammon players are OLD TWITS.

If as you say, that in order to be a real TWIT, one has to put up with the ego-destroying abuse of one RVJ. Then why doesn't one of the OLD TWITS carry on in his place. Or are all of the OLD TWITS followers and not leaders.

Yes, we do remember you TWIT corner as something you OLD TWITS remember and something us so called non real TWITS can take and build on in the future. So yes OLD TWIT corner RIP and leave us alone to build something new.

A few concerned TWITS.
(Names withheld by request).

At the Gallery



David Buchan
Killing Time
Colour photograph, 1979

ART CLASSES

Junior Art Classes will begin at the Mount Art Gallery on Saturday, January 31 and run for 8 consecutive sessions until March 21. This class is for ages 9-14. The class will explore a variety of media. Linda Legas, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design will be the instructor. Call 443-4450 for further details.

ART CLASSES

Senior Art Classes will begin at the Mount Art Gallery on Tuesday, January 27 and run for 8 consecutive sessions, until March 17. Felicity Redgrave, artist, critic and teacher will be the instructor. The class will investigate drawing media, including watercolour. Call 443-4450 for further details.

WAYS OF SEEING

January 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. the Mount's Weekend film program will show John Berger's *Ways of Seeing*, Part 2. This film is a continuation in a series which looks at the social and political climate in which artists work. Call 443-4450 for further details.

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January 14 at 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. the Mount's Wednesday Lunch Hour film program will show John Berger's *Ways of Seeing*, Part 2. This film is a continuation in a series which looks at the social and political climate in which artists work. Call 443-4450 for further details.

MODERN FASHIONS READING

At the Mount Art Gallery, David Buchan, a Toronto wardrobe artist, will give a reading with slides on Thursday, January 15 at 3 p.m. and a performance on Friday, January 16 at 8:15 p.m. in Auditorium D. These

special activities are in conjunction with his exhibit *Modern Fashions* which is on at the Mount Gallery until January 18. Admission for both performances is free. Call 443-4450 for further details.

Lectures and Performances

Monday, 12 January, 12:15 pm

Tuesday, 13 January, 8:15 pm

Dialect d'Acadie

This presentation by Dr. George Patterson, MSVU, linguist, looks at examples of Acadian language to see some of the ways in which Acadian is unique and also how it shares many features with other French dialects.

Thursday, 15 January, 3 pm

Slides and readings by David Buchan

Friday, 16 January, 8:15 pm

Performance by David Buchan

Exhibitions

28 December-18 January

Downstairs

Couleurs d'Acadie

Photographs of Acadia's multi-coloured houses

Courtesy the Restigouche Gallery, Campbellton, N.B.

Modern Fashions

Photography by David Buchan, Toronto

Courtesy the Glenbow Museum, Alberta

Upstairs

Recent Landscapes

Drawings by Anne Kipling, British Columbia

Courtesy the Art Gallery of Victoria.

22 January-1 February

Downstairs

Seventh Annual University Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show

Upstairs

The students, staff, faculty and alumnae, MSVU

Opening

Thursday, 22 January, 12:15 pm by Dachia Joudrey, President, Student Council

Campus Comment



Angela Murray [first year, B.P.R.]

1. It really depends on what type of course it is. I know that in my business class it is mainly reading the book and you do not have to go to the lectures. University is supposed to be the time when you think on your own, but when you come here you get a book and you have to memorize everything in it.

2. I would sell chocolate bars if they explained why they need money and what happened to the money they had.

Mary Turnbull [Education]

1. Yes we definitely are encouraged to think for ourselves. It is definitely encouraged in Education because of the fact that teachers must constantly evaluate curriculum and develop critical thinking in students.

2. I did not know anything about it.

Mike MacLean [first year, B.B.A.]

1. I would say that you are made to think for yourself, but for some of the exams and midterms if you did not answer as the professor wanted it, you were wrong.

2. If I get a cut of the profits!



Ronald MacDonald [second and a half years, B.A.]

1. I don't think anymore. It is too dangerous!

2. Do you like ground glass in your sandwiches?



Brian Denison [fourth year, B.A.]

1. For an institution which prides itself on its low student / faculty ratio and on the quality of its programs, I find that in a lot of courses students are neither encouraged to think for themselves nor to actively question the material.

2. No.



Kim Hodgson [second year, B.B.A.]

1. Yes I am actively encouraged to think for myself. You are given options to choose from instead of only one point of view.

2. You have got to be crazy to sell chocolate bars!



Meet the Mercury Lynx GL Winners in the Long Distance Sweepstakes.

Sylvie Venable
Collège de Joliette



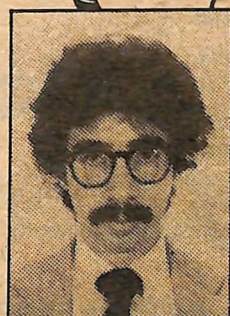
France Boisvert
C.E.G.E.P.
Sorel - Tracy



Congratulations to these three students on having won a brand new Mercury Lynx GL. We hope they have many years of enjoyable driving.

And thanks to the thousands of other students who participated.

Jeff Levitt
University of Toronto



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Mount choir planning spring show

by Pat Goyeche
Staff Reporter

The Mount Saint Vincent University Choir is in full swing with bright ideas for the new term. Jim Farmer (Choir direc-

tor) is working hard to solicit fresh, new members to join the choir. The Choir is heading off a campaign to generate energy for their new Project, a Spring Variety Show. Farmer wishes

to include various musical theatre excerpts in this show. The idea being to arouse the student talent at the Mount, and to bring it to stage.

Jim Farmer is a graduate of the University of Illinois, studying Voice and Choir. He now teaches at Dartmouth High School and heads the Dalhousie Tupper Chorale as well as the Mount Choir.

The choir thus far has had two major showings. On December 5, 1980 they sang for the Board of Directors and on December 8, 1980 they headed the Christmas Ecumenical service in the Evaristus Chapel.

In the past, the Choir was directed by its founder, Sister Margaret Young. Over the years, the Choir has been a successful venture. This year, we hope, will prove to be no exception. Students are urged to join now in this new term to secure everyone's hopes and aspirations. To join, no experience is required, only the desire to sing. If you are interested,

you are urged to show up at the Tuesday evening meetings held at 6:30 p.m. on 3rd floor Vincent Hall in the Cardinal

Cushing Room or contact either James Farmer at 429-9131, or Janet Dillman (Choir President) at 434-5520.

Sports - Sports

Look at all the snow!! There will be a very important planning ski trip meeting on Wednesday, January 14 at 12:30, Second Floor Assisi. Anyone who is interested in going must attend.

JAZZ CLASS—New session starts Thursday, January 13 at Vincent Gym, from 7-8 p.m. 10 lessons for \$10.00.

The following activities have all resumed, and will be held at Vincent Gym until further notice:

- Recreational Badminton, Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Intramural Volleyball, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays and Thursdays 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Exercise Classes— 4:00-5:00 Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Drop In For Fitness, Monday, Wednesday 12:00-2:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S INTERCOLLEGIATE SCHEDULE
VOLLEYBALL—January 17 M.S.V.U. attends tournament at King's.

Winter carnival planning complete

by Pat Goyeche
Staff Reporter

Wint'ra fun '81 starts January 21 and continues for 81 hours with different events. This year's Carnival looks inviting. It includes plenty of events and, of course, our mascot "Charlie Horse". Starting Wednesday the 14th on 2nd

floor Seton, carnival buttons, Beer Mugs, sweatshirts and advanced tickets will be sold. There will also be a complete programme of events given out to everyone. Advertising for this programme was solicited by J. Bakin. It will include some history of past carnivals

and all of the upcoming happenings from January 21 through the 24th.

A few of the events will be 1000 free tickets given out for The Palace and free entrance to Dina's Lounge with M.S.V.U. student I.D.

Thursday evening we will be entertained by "McGinty" and a Gong Show and Disco are planned for Friday evening. Saturday is the last day and its theme will be London, England and the Beatles. The Saturday afternoon movie will be "Let It Be", continuing with English-style fish and chips for dinner. The 81 Hours of our Carnival end at 9:00 p.m. that night, but the "Beginning of the End" starts when "Spice" entertains the ecstatic fans.

In explanation

This short piece is in connection with the advertisement on behalf of the Royal Bank of Canada, running alongside. The Picaro supports a national advertising boycott against the "Big Five" financial institutions in Canada, of which the Royal Bank is one. The reason for this boycott is to protest the banks' continued practice of extending loans to countries whose governments are demonstrably racist or repressive, including South Africa and Chile. We will not accept generic national advertising on behalf of these institutions.

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

The advertising copy carried in this issue was the result.

After a discussion of the staff, it was decided to carry the Royal Bank advertising along with this explanatory message. By carrying the ad-

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The Staff of The Picaro



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WEDNESDAY	10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
FRIDAY	10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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