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MSVU Selects New President

By Simon Kennedy

Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnson will be the next president of Mount Saint Vincent University, assuming her duties on July 1, 1991. The Board of Governors ratified the Presidential Search Committee's choice of Dr. Parr-Johnson, December 11, 1990.

Dr. Parr-Johnson brings to her new position extensive corporate and government experience. She is widely regarded as one of Canada's top economists, and has served as senior policy analyst and director of economic development analysis for the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion (DREE), chief of staff and senior policy advisor to the Minister of Employment and Immigration, senior analyst with Statistics Canada, and most recently, manager of corporate strategies for Shell Canada Ltd.

Dr. Parr-Johnson has been active in many community and professional associations, including Dellcrest Home, the John Howard Society, the Calgary Learning Centre, and the On-

tario Economic Council. She carned a Master's and doctorate degrees in economics from Yale University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesly College in Boston, a women's university.

Dr. Parr-Johnson was the unanimous choice of the university's Presidential Search Committee, which includes representatives of Faculty, Administration, Board of Governors, Senate, Alumnae, Student Union, and Sisters of Charity.

Dr. Parr-Johnson replaces outgoing president, Dr. Naomi Hersom.



Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnson

Dalhousie Hit By Rotating Strikes

By Jeff Harrington and Chris Lambic

HALIFAX (CUP) -- The staff association at Nova Scotia's largest university is flexing its muscles, one by one.

The 760-member Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA) began a series of rotating strikes Jan. 4, in an attempt to bring the administration back to the bargaining table. The two sides, split over wages and sick leave, haven't met since Dec. 5.

"While a full walkout would be most effective, the DSA (members) are not willing to do that to students at this time," said Bette Yetman, the DSA's executive director and chief negotiator.

Administration spokesperson Marilyn MacDonald said Dalhousie is always willing to negotiate, but feels it has made the best offer it can make.

More than 500 DSA members walked off the job for an hour-long pep rally Jan. 10, and

DSA president George Evans said the enthusiasm for strike action was "overwhelming."

"If management doesn't come back with a decent offer, we'll look at taking out some academic areas," he said.

Yetman agreed a lack of progress by next week might force the union to pull library and laboratory staff, seriously affecting students.

The DSA started out small, yanking 10 workers from the university's computer centre, where December's grades and financial reports were being processed. On Jan. 7, 65 staff left their posts in the administration building, leaving management and non-union staff holding the bag. Three days later, the vice-president of student services found himself in the registrar's office, servicing students.

"The registrar's office seems to coping well, but it's difficult to say how long they can hold out," said Ralph Cochrane, president of the Dalhousie's student council.

Students Opposed to a Strike (S.O.S.), an information service of the student union, has fielded dozens of calls in the past week from students worried about everything from crossing picket linesto missing registration.

"They're becoming more aware that 'secretaries' are more than just secretaries in the stereotypical sense," said Kevin Young of S.O.S.

The 80 per cent female union of clerical and support workers is striking for the first time in its 15-year existence. Yetman wouldn't put a figure on the DSA's hefty strike fund, but called a million-dollar rumour "too excessive" and said the DSA wasn't worried the cost of even a full-blown walkout.

But Yetman hopes it won't come to that, for the sake of both students and the strikers whose picket duty is alternately fraught with ice, wind and rain.

"Our sources tell us cracks are beginning to show."

Save A Life

By Glenn Bruce and Jason Billard

Christmas is a season for students to enjoy home-cooking, family traditions and a recess from their gruelling studies. It is a time when waistlines expand, gifts are received and a few students can even afford to give gifts. Though the Christmas season has come and gone, now students can afford to give the best gift of all-the gift of life.

On January 16, the Red Cross is holding a blood donor clinic in the Multi-Purpose Room of Rosaria Centre, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. lan Chaytor, a fourth year PR student at the Mount, is one of the co-ordinators of the event and he says a good turn-out is expected.

"Mount students always seem ready to support a worthy cause and what cause could be more worthy than this one? We are hoping that 200 or more people will take the time to give blood and share this precious gift. We're confident that students, staff and faculty will help us reach our goal."

Organizers of the event say that regular blood drives could be held on campus every three to four months, depending on the success of the clinic.

Corporate sponsors, including Dare Cookies, Mr. Donut, Maritime Beverages and our own Chef Rene have generously donated refreshments for blood donors. In addition, many students have also donated their time to assist the Red Cross staff at the clinic. However, Chaytor says the best donation of all has to come from you, the blood donor. He added the procedure is simple and painless, and for such a worthwhile effort everyone should spare the time, no matter how busy the schedule. "A few minutes of your time can mean a lifetime for someone else. Be a hero, save a

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The Centre is also offering a noncredit program in WordPerfect. Participants will be expected to have some knowledge of keyboarding. This class will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. from January 29 to March 12. For more information call 443-4450, ext. 243.

The Centre will be offering a non-credit program for adults on "Christian Discipleship: Morality." Topics to be explored will include: individual, family and community responsibility for social, economic and political conditions. The class will be held Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 January 31, to March 14. For more info. call 443-4450, ext. 243.

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The Speech and Drama Department will be producing a contemporary English play in late February or early March. There will be an open audition for all members of the Mount community on Thursday, January 17, 1991, from 1 - 4 p.m., Seton 345.

Anyone interested in acting, costume, design, etc. please feel free to attend.

For more information contact Prof. C. Colquhoun, Prof. Kate Rose or Patrick O'Neil on Seton 517.

TESL N.S. (Teaching English as a Second Language): Will meet on Wednesday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in the private dining room, Loyala Building, St. Mary's University. The topic will be "Favourite Book Night & Publishers Exhibits." For more information call 422-2207.

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The Citizen Advocacy Office is seeking volunteers to offer one-to-one support to adults with mental handicaps who are so-cially isolated. Orientation and support are provided. For more information contact Bill Grant at 422-7583.

NOVASCOTIA CANCERSO-

CIETY: "Living with Cancer," an information and support group program for cancer patients, their families and friends, meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Cancer Treatment Foundation, Dixon Building, University Avenue, Halifax.

YWCA: As part of its brown bag series, the Halifax YWCA is offering a discussion on consumer awareness. Rights of the consumer and business will be discussed. Pre-registration required. The session will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 1991, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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Student designs for the 1991 Mount Saint Vincent University Fashion Production sketch forms are available on the Home Economics Clothing and Textile Bulletin Board (2nd floor Evaristus) or at the Clothing Lab (3rd floor Evaristus). Sketches are due January 23, 1991. For more info. call Sharon Cameron 479-0574.

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NEWS

Labs in Dire Need of Equipment

By Amy Perritt

Science students at the Mount are taking steps to try to increase the amount of equipment for the laboratories. "With this petition, we hope to get more equipment into the labs or get what we do have fixed," said Dawn Thackeray, a second year mature student in general science.

"I think it is a matter of priorities. We need to make the administration realize our needs," said Thackeray, one of the two originators of the petition.

The petition started on December 5, 1990, and states that the science students need better and more equipment in order for their projects to meet deadlines. The students need encouragement. The fact they are working overtime, sharing the facilities and having experiments ruined

because of faulty equipment does not aid this.

Thackeray began the petition after having one of her assignments ruined because of the lack of equipment. The class had collected some specimens over three lab periods. The plants had to be dried in an oven but insufficient space made two students have to dry their specimens another time. "To get our project in on time, we had to leave the plants in the oven over the weekend and they burned," Thackeray said.

This occurrence took up more of Thackeray's time than was needed. "After the plants burned it was not only lab periods, it was my own time that I had to spend on finishing my experiment," Thackeray said.

Joyce Taylor, the other student responsible for the petition, has also experienced problems with the current equipment. Her class was synthesizing aspirin and taking temperatures at the different melting points. Because of inefficient equipment the students could not finish their experiment immediately. "We couldn't even finish a lab. We had to go away for an hour and a half, and then return after the machines had cooled off," Taylor said.

Sharing equipment during classes also inconveniences the students. "We are actually sitting doing a lab and we were having to share microscopes because we just did not have enough that were working," Thackeray said.

Although some of the Science teachers are not familiar with the petition, they do agree that there is a need for more equipment. "I was not told about the petition, but we could always

use new and improved equipment," said Earl Martin, the chairman of the Chemistry Department.

The problem that the Science Department faces is being acknowledged. "I am well aware that the science teachers need equipment for teaching," said Dean Stewart, responsible for managing the Science and Humanities Departments. "We are heavily dependent on government and tuition fees, however, and we have to do with that," Stewart said.

The departments are required to send recommendations of their needs to Stewart who then discusses with the budget committee how the money will be allocated throughout the university. The Science Department received equipment last year. "Last year we were able to com-

bine some underspent budgets and were able to put \$50,000 worth of equipment towards biology, chemistry, physics, math and computer science," Stewart said.

"The budget discussions for 1991-1992 are just about to begin and we will certainly take into consideration their needs," said Stewart.

The main problem is under funding. "Our big problem like all universities in Canada is understanding from the government," Stewart said. However, "there will be some new equipment for the science students, but there will not be enough and that goes without saying," Stewart said.

The next step now is a tentative meeting scheduled for Stewart, Thackeray and Taylor to discuss what exactly is going to be done for the students in the science program.

U.S. Military a RAW Deal

by Heidi Modro

VANCOUVER (CUP) -African American, Hispanic and
native soldiers will die in disproportionate numbers should war
break out in the Persian Gulf,
says a US student peace group.

Roots Against War (RAW) was formed at the University of California at Berkeley two months ago to discourage people of color from joining the military.

"Our group wants to make a link between the discrimination African Americans, Hispanics and natives suffer in the US and the fact that whenever there is a war they're always the first to be sent to the front and become casualties," said RAW spokesperson Eddie Cheung.

He said the groups have

traditionally been over-represented in the US military.

African Americans, who account for 12 per cent of the American population, represent about one quarter of the US's military personnel, Cheung said.

"The lower you go in the ranks the more likely it is that you'll find people of color," he said.

Members of RAW have been visiting California high schools and speaking on street corners to convince youth to resist becoming involved in a war in the Persian Gulf.

"The feeling on the street is that young people just don't want to get involved in this war," he said. "There's even a local rap artist who is making anti-war music." RAW is also advising reservists and members of the military who don't want to fight in a Gulf war on how to avoid com-

"We're referring them to other groups who can advise them on how to apply to become conscientious objectors," Cheung said.

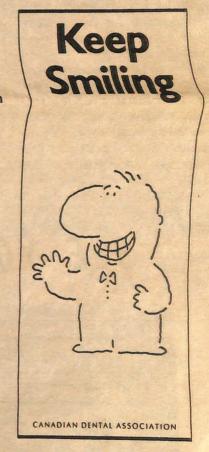
A member of the military applying for conscientious objector status can either be transferred to a non-combat posting or be discharged, said Karen Jewett, a counsellor for San Francisco's Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

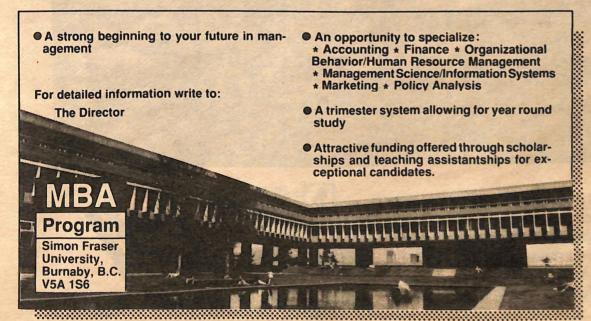
"We've been flooded with calls from military personnel and reservists ever since the threat of the Gulf war broke out this summer," she said. "It's impossible to say how many calls we've gotten from minorities, but it could be high because they're usually in combat roles and they're the first to be sent to war."

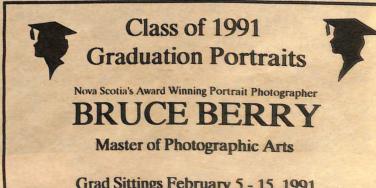
People of color have traditionally been overrepresented in the American military because it is very often the only way they can find to get out of the ghetto, said Laurence Martin, coordinator for the Vancouver Committee to Aid American War Objectors.

"Military recruiters go to poor areas and try to sucker people in with \$2,000 to \$3,000 cash advances," he said.

"Our group, which operates in different areas of the US, tries to give another side of the story."







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NEWS

Co-Op Enrollment Up

By Amanda Furlong

An unprecedented 48 first year public relations students applied for admissions to the coop summer '91 semester in November, the highest number of applicants the Department has seen in years.

"This is a much higher applications rate than other years," said Marie Riley, the public relations co-op faculty coordinator responsible for admitting people into the program. Sixteen students received co-op placements in the fall '90 term, but Riley hopes 30 students will be accepted in January.

However, the number of job placements cannot be predicted from term to term said Riley. Last year the Department had more job placements than applications. This year, with the economy in a recession, not every student will be guaranteed a job. "It's a balancing act between having a placement for every student, and a student for every placement," said Riley.

The Department relies on regular co-op job placements. "We have a core of employers that we draw on," said Riley. "We can depend on them for some time to come." Students can also find their own placements provided

they meet the co-op department's standards, and are approved by Riley.

The co-op education program gives students the option of alternating work and academic terms. The co-op student summer work term begins May 1991.

Public relations students will be notified of their acceptance in January and over the next few months will be busy attending orientation sessions, preparing resumes and attending job placement interviews.

To the Editor:

The story by Annette Chaisson about R.E.A.L. Women in your November 28, 1990, issue is misleading.

It was intimated that REAL Women's view of the family is unrealistic. Not true. They recognize that many families are not "ideal" for a number of reasons. However, since whole families tend to be the more viable and mutually supportive ones, they seek to counter anti-family trends in society.

REAL Women were accused of being against equal-pay legislation and day care. This, too, is misleading. They favour equal pay for equal work, but feel that a better way to gain equal pay for women is not to arbitrarily raise the pay rate of some occupations simply because they are largely staffed by women, but to help women prepare themselves for the better and higher paying jobs.

REAL Women are not opposed to day care, but rather to universal day care. They feel that parents should have the option to choose the child care provision which best suits them, and that all choices should be equally supported by government policy.

As for their position on violence against women: everyone opposes this. Why is a position paper necessary?

That this author should write such a slanted article on this subject is not surprising, considering that she once wrote a letter to another newspaper accusing REAL Women of issuing hate literature, and her own letter came closer to being hate literature than anything REAL Women have ever published.

Sincerely, Charmaine Wood



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NEWS

Universities Encouraged to Specialize

by Mike Adler

Undergraduate teaching will suffer in Canada until our universities stop imitating Harvard and Yale, says Stuart Smith.

The commissioner of the Inquiry on Canadian University Education said his report this fall will argue that universities should be encouraged to special-

"We're all in favor of diversity of role," he said in Ottawa last month after listening to over 200 witnesses in nine cities.

"What we're not in favor of is having the government tell people what they should do."

But Smith said university presidents are wrong if they think the report will only echo their pleas for increased funding.

"Sure they need more money. But the methods they have chosen for surviving this period of financial crisis are themselves open to serious question."

Witnesses told the commission that universities with graduate and research studies have chosen to protect these programs, letting the quality of undergraduate education fall drastically.

By reaching for status -- and

modelling themselves on famous American institutions -- these Canadian universities have failed to stress teaching, Smith said.

"I think I see far too many universities adopting the policies of tenure and promotion as though they were Yale. "Well, with great respect, they're not."

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is spending \$900,000 to pay for the commission and its office in Ottawa. The federal Secretary of State, responsible for cutting transfer payments to universities by \$900 million over five years,

Smith praised undergraduate institutions for "resisting the urge to become mini-Harvards," telling a group of students from Bishop's University they were "lucky" to be at a university that didn't short-change them on teach-

He appeared intrigued on Dec. 5 when Queen's University principal David Smith told the commission that government funding should be affected by "indicators" of what each university has to offer.

The principal said this could

include special programs, admission standards, and job placement for graduates.

"If I call for differential funding, there's going to be a howl," said Stuart Smith, who later added he would still consider the idea.

"I have a lot of difficulty with quality comparisons (between institutions)," he said.

Hearings ended Dec. 6 in Ottawa, after allowing two extra days for presentations. Portions of the commission's draft report might be circulated in April or May, said Philip Enros, an assistant to Stuart Smith.

Co-Op Society to Return

By Beth Haslam

Re-launching the Co-op Society could be very beneficial to co-opstudents at Mount Saint Vincent University, to bring students together and keep them well informed.

"There's a real need for the services it (the Society) provides," said Pam MacFadgen, the co-op representative for Student Union. "The Co-op Society gave students something to belong to and to make their views known.

"I think it's a shame that the Co-op Society ever fizzled out," MacFadgen said. It's difficult for co-op students to be involved in other societies because they are only at school part-time and there are no societies during the summer, when co-op students are attending university.

The dissolving of the Coop Society coincided with the decentralization of the Co-op Department. "No matter what program we're in, we all have the basic concerns," said MacFadgen, a P.R. co-opstudent. Previously, there was a central office with information for co-op students from all four programs, but now there are separate offices, spread over the campus.

"We are going into this (relaunching) with the intent that all four groups will be represented," said MacFadgen. Business administration, home-economics, public relations and tourism and hospitality management offer co-op programs.

The Co-op Society has the same role as other societies on campus, plus extra events due to the special nature of the Society. These include maintaining the housing files to help students find housing for four-month periods and a mail-out program to keep students on work terms aware of events at the Mount.

"What we'd like to do is start fresh," said MacFadgen. She would like to re-launch the Coop Society with an executive giving her feedback to report to the Student Union. MacFadgen is in the process of forming a committec and anyone interested can contact her through the Student Union. All students are welcome.

Protests at Western

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP) -- Student activists who protest outside Philippe Rushton's classroom may face expulsion.

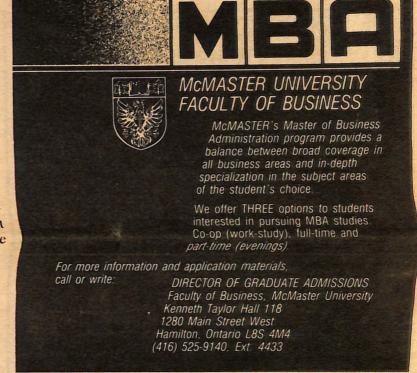
On Jan. 10, about 15 demonstrators rallied outside the controversial University of Western Ontario professor's classroom until Rushton cancelled the class because of the noise.

That afternoon, the administration issued a written warning to some of the protesters who could be identified, according to acting president Tom Collins. It stated that if they disrupted a class again they would be expelled and banned from campus.

"I hope that they heed the warning because it's time to become adults now, and not infringe on the rights of others," he said. "They were warned earlier by the president (of the university) and me that such behaviour was not tolerated."

Rushton is the author of a theory that states that Orientals are superior to whites, who are superior to blacks in areas such as intelligence and sexual restraint.

The Academic Coalition Against Racism, a campus student group, has been urging the university to fire Rushton since his theory became public in 1989.







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FEATURE

Religious Tradition Still Evident at the Mount

By Jonah Samson

We sit quietly in Mount Saint Vincent's our Lady of Wisdom Chapel. The room is dim; winter is drawing near and the last rays of sunlight struggle to keep the four square stained-glass windows lit up. Awoman strums on a guitar in front. A large wooden sculpture of a crucifixion hangs to the side. We stand and sing as the priest enters.

The 30 of us are participating in a Roman Catholic mass.

The Mount has a strong Catholic heritage, and religion has become part of the tradition which as added to the distinguishing character of this university.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy, a private girls school, was established in 1873 by the Sisters of Charity. Today, as a degree granting institution, the Mount still exists with the Sisters of Charity.

Venture to the top of the hill. A large cross is fixed on the vast stone building with the beautiful view of the Bedford Basin.

"We're very concerned that the attitudes and mentality of the students retain some of the Christian values that compelled the sisters to start the university in the first place," says Caroleen Browne, communications director for the Sisters, in the foyer of the Mother House.

The Sisters have not been the owners of the university for two years. "The formal relationship is gone now," she says smiling often. "Now there is an informal relationship of consideration, concern, care, and interest."

Despite the end of the formal relationship, some of the sisters are still active in the running of the university. The chancellor and five members of the Board of Governors are Sisters of Charity.

"I believe that the faith tradition embodied in the Sisters of Charity, who founded this university....is still present in some perhaps less tangible ways in the Mount today," says Sister Elizabeth Bellefontaine, professor of religious studies.

Sister Lorraine d'Entremont, the Mount's chaplain, works to provide ministry to the university as an institution and also as a community of people.

"At times, the chaplaincy is something that's a little bit marginal in the university,...their top priority, and rightly so is academics." Sister Lorraine adds with a touch of relief in her voice that the Mount's history helps to reduce this problem.

Sister Lorraine makes reference to the mission statement of the university and says that the Mount's Catholic tradition contains more than just rules and morals, it also surrounds education and curriculum.

She says that the tradition should create and orientation toward community service no matter what the degree of study.

Religious tradition and history is sometimes a deciding factor for students.

Tracey Parnell came from British Columbia to study at a university with a Catholic heritage and character."I was trying to develop spiritually as well as educationally," Parnell says, sitting down after helping the rest of the Mount's Catholic students committee wrap uptheir Christmas chili for students. "I think its given me more than another university that doesn't have that tradition."

She also believes that people are open to conversation on religion, because there is a basis that already exists.

Other religions might appear to be outlawed by this seemingly Catholic monarch, but Sister Lorraine assures everyone that the chapel is open to any denomination that wishes to use it or its purposes.

Meanwhile, Catholic masses continue almost every week.

This week's sermon is over now, so pick up your hymnals, it's time to sing.

The Eclectic Corner - How to Pick Up Men in a Snowstorm

By Betsy Kitchen

This wasn't planned. I was merely driving along (slowly) through Saturday night's blizzard, when I came across four young gents furiously attempting to push their car out of an icy slush pool, in the middle of the road. So I slowed to a halt (not too difficult at a swift 10 mph) and patiently waited for them to move.

When it was obvious they weren't having much success (and when I purely coincidentally happened to notice how cute this group of stranded men were) I rolled down my window and inquired as to whether a push with my car would help...

"Ah-we love a woman with a four-wheel drive!" grinned the first one, with a most attractive burst of exuberance. (Hmmm I think, I guess I don't mind my shoebox--shaped wagon-on-wheels after all.)

So--while we pushed, spun wheels and spurted up many a slushy flake, I imagined myself the saviour of this sorry (but cute) group. I can see it now...they would take me out for a drink to thank me for my good samaritanism--after much deliberation, I'd choose one in particular, we'd get married, live happily ever after and have a great "guess how we met story" to tell the grandchildren.

However,....(I hate howevers) my shoebox wagon warrior was just not up to the task and amid a sincere chorus of "but thanks for stopping anyway" my deflated fantasy, and I forged onward through the snow to my original destination of a pot-luck supper in Clayton Park, when all of sudden it seemed rather anti-climatic after my stint as Snow Saviour.

Soon I was back in reality, ploughing down Bayers Road, 20 minutes late for the party and uttering death threats to my faltering defrost mechanism. But ho! What's that I spy in a slush bank on the side of the road? A sorry sight of not four, but six stranded (male) travellers attempting to dig out their snow-bound Prelude with their bare hands. This was a job for (dum da da dum) SNOW SAVIOUR!

I hopped out with my shovel (which I tossed in the back seat after digging myself out of my driveway earlier--pure coincidence once again I assure you.) So they were freed from their flaky purgatory and were so over-flowing with gratitude that they offered me drinks (from a flask in the glove compartment), two dates and even cold hard cash for my troubles.(!)

Unfortunately, I realized that I really wanted car number one to offer me such rewards - but THAT'S NOT THE POINT! The point is that I have discovered a modern way to meet men while battling the Canadian elements!

Simply hop in your 4x 4 Jeep Cherokee (or reasonable facsimile--Miatas are out girls!) and add one large shovel, a good ice scraper, jumper cables and some heavy chains, (for the tires you perverts!) then grab a friend and comb the blizzardy roads protecting the stranded and saving the snowbound (or at least cute). In fact, leave your friend at home and increase the odds of shovelling out the snowman of your dreams.

Christian Love or Homophobia

by Wynne Hartviksen

TORONTO (CUP) -- A speaker who preached that homosexuality is a sin got a rough reception at a recent University of Toronto Christian fellowship meeting.

Members of Queer Nation, as well as other lesbian and gay organizations, attended a Nov. 8 speech by Pat Allen, director of New Beginnings Ministries.

Several gay and lesbian audience members challenged Allen's religious view of homosexuality.

"The fact is that this is homophobia being espoused in the guise of tolerance and Christian love," said Livia Resendes, a U of T student and Queer Nation member.

Allen said in her speech that she believes the practice of homosexuality is a sin.

"When I read the Bible, I read that it is a sin," said Allen.
"Sex is for heterosexual, monogamous, marital relations and anything out of that goes against

what God's will is."

Allen, who said she had been a lesbian, believes people are not born gay and can change their sexual orientation.

Andrew Davidson, chair of Gays and Lesbians at U of T, wrote a letter to the Christian fellowship in October, asking them to reconsider their plans to have Allen speak.

"The only effect such a lecture will have," wrote Davidson, "will be to lower self-esteem among the gay and lesbian members of the audience. It seems to me that you should be promoting inner peace rather than self-hatred within your organization."

Allen Braude, another Queer Nation member, said Allen's beliefs and the works of her ministry can only hurt the people she ministers to.

"She is taking people who are confused and legitimately so, and she is going to make them even more confused. We have to tell people that this is not the only way."

"Not enough is being done

just to let people know that this may be her answer but it is not the only answer," he added. "(The fellowship) wanted to talk about the issue of homosexuality in the church and they invited Pat Allen. (She's) the only person they allowed to come."

Ken Michell, vice-president of the fellowship, said the discussion was supposed to examine homophobia within its membership, but added that he feels homosexuality is a sin.

"The original purpose of her visit was to explore the attitudes of members in our group, in regards to homosexuality.

"We believe the Bible is God's authoritative word. The Bible is pretty clear that the practice of homosexuality is wrong."

But Resendes said she feels fellowship members are not dedicated to educating themselves about the issue.

"The fact that it's educational and they deliberately eradicated all other viewpoints shows that they're not really committed to education in the full sense of the word -- or even fairness."

Are you having problems? Do you need advice?

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FEATURE

Campus Ministry Here to Help the Students

By Michael H. Mitchell

It is late Sunday afternoon and Mount Saint Vincent University is all but deserted. The off-campus students are at home, and many who live on campus are visiting friends or relatives. A small group of 20 to 25 students gather for mass in the chapel at Evaristus Hall. "Let us build the City of God," sing out the small but enthusiastic group, and one wonders, where are the others, where are the many students who don't participate in Campus Ministry at the Mount?

"It is hard to set up weekend events and expect a good
turnout," says Colleen Donahue,
a first year PR student who lives
at Vincent Hall. "There just aren't
that many people around here
on weekends." It seems there are
almost two communities at the
Mount, one on campus and the
other off campus, which makes a
real difference. "I know that if I
lived off campus, I would not want
to come all the way back here for
a Sunday afternoon Mass," says
Donahue.

Drawing students back to campus for a weekend service is just one of the many concerns that face Campus Ministry says Mount Saint Vincent chaplain, Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont. Many students at the Mount come from the Metro area and have a church and community focus other than the Mount. "The location of the university in the city means that people tend not to make the Mount the center of their community life," says d'Entremont.

In the 10 years since Sr. Lorraine d'Entremont has been the chaplain, Campus Ministry has evolved to focus less on the person of the chaplain and more on the ministry of building a sense of religious community among the students on campus. "It is hard to develop an awareness in the university community as to what Campus Ministry is all about," acknowledges d'Entremont. "I understand that the value of Campus Ministry is that it shows a real interest on the part of the church in students and in higher education, and this is very important."

The small number of students presently involved in Campus Ministry indicates the difficulty of promoting an awareness of the benefits of Campus Ministry. First year student, Joy Barkhouse is typical of many students. "I really don't know anything about Campus Ministry," says Barkhouse. "There is a

very real perception out there that students and religion don't go together. How many students admit that they are religious or broadcast that they go to church? I think that this is a big part of the problem."

d'Entremont understands the complex relationship between religion and young people and adds, "Society has experienced much change, so has the church and university life." The Mount has a good number of students who come from small communities that have a tradition of community life centered around their church. d'Entremont says these students in particular look for some kind of church presence and community life on campus. It is primarily these students who gravitate toward Campus Ministry, while many others do not share in the community life that Campus Ministrypromotes.

Building a sense of Christian community is what Campus Ministry is all about says d'Entremont. "Campus Ministry is an inter-faith, church ministry to the university, both as an institution and as a community of people. Important components of this ministry are worship, support in personal and spiritual growth, Christian community development, broadening of social awareness, and pastoral care."

The 20 or so students in the chapel on Sunday afternoon do exhibit a degree of community and friendship, with people greeting one another by name and participating in various ministries traditionally reserved for males only. But where are the other students? When and how do they experience the life and growth in Christian community that the chaplain speaks of?

The Mount Catholic Students Association is a new student group that is helping students become ware of Campus Ministry. The group's secretary, second year PR student, Sherry Gillis, says the MCSA was formed to draw Catholic students together to build a supportive community and to help them develop a sense of identity.

"We are trying to create ways to establish an awareness of our presence on campus," says Gillis. "We want to tell the Catholic community that there are programs and resources that we can offer each other."

The mission statement of the university states: "It is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and an environment characterized by a Catholic tradition and a high degree of personalized education." Given this statement, Campus Ministry could easily be taken for granted in a university that has traditionally been identified as being Catholic. Donahue says, "the focus on the Catholic community is actually much less now that it was in the years gone by. A lot of people my age don't take religion as seriously as they used to, and so they don't get involved in Campus Ministry. It just doesn't concern a lot of young people." Donahue's observation raises an important questions for the university community.

The MSCA wants to change the apparent perception and help students see the benefits of participating in Campus Ministry activities.

Because many students find a religious service too intimidating, MCSA held a Christmas social and during this semester plans to offer various social events, lectures and video evenings that focus on matters that are important to students. Says Gillis, "Campus Ministry has important things to offer students, a community of support and friendship, a group to worship with and to do community service with, a group that can help students deal with real life issues."

One of the highlights of the year for Campus Ministry is the annual Caritas Day. Campus Ministry offers an opportunity for students to directly assist in some form of Christian social activity by visiting a social service centre in the city, such as Hope Cottage or Ad Sum House. Students help out in various ways such as serving meals or listening to the concerns that street people have.

Later in the afternoon, the students take time to reflect upon some of the unjust systems in society that allowsuch situations to exist. "We also examine how our Christian faith can help in these situations," says d'Entremont. The various agencies appreciate the interest of the university as students often return to volunteer on a regular basis.

d'Entremont would like to see more students become involved in the activities of Campus Ministry. One of her concerns is that the very formal setting of the chaplain's office in the area designated for student services at Rosaria, may discourage students from casually dropping in. "We do not have a lounge or informal gathering space where people can simply drop by for a chat and coffee and build a sense of community. Other than the Chapel, there is no indefinable Campus Ministry location. So we tend to get lost."

Other local universities do have a campus ministry house or a drop in centre where students can get to know one another, feel at home, and build a sense of community.

Despite the informal atmosphere, many students do come by, revealing the need for Campus Ministry. Students talk about a wide variety of issues, says d'Entremont, from relationship problems to concerns about confession, to coping with a dying parent or friend. She recounts how a few years ago, parents of a student were killed in a tragic car

accident. "I offered her needed help and support, but I was also able to support and encourage her friends who gathering around her as a community. It is important for me to affirm the supportive community that already exists here at the Mount."

The Chaplain and MSCA are aware few students participate in Campus Ministry and that the benefits of a strong Campus Ministry are widely unknown at the Mount. They plan to do more public relations and advertising. "Event though we have plans for a variety of activities," says Gillis, "there is also lots of room for people to come, joining in and participate. So spread the word, that is most important, because word of mouth is the best form of public relations.

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SPORTS

FIT TIPS: Fitting into your Resolutions

New years resolutions ... we've all made them, and of course, we've all managed to break them before. A very common resolution is "I am going to get myselfin good physical shape, lose that spare tire I've been carrying around." It falls so easily out of one's mouth, but making it a reality can be a very difficult task. So, what can you do to stay true to your resolutions?

First of all, you must examine your motives for becoming more fit, and then examine your expectations. A good number of people are aware of all the benefits of exercise such as weight control, reduced risk of heart disease, reduced stress, and improved self-esteem. But, it is often the attitude they bring to a fitness program that prevents them from sticking to it.

People begin an exercise program with expectations that it is a short-term proposition with quick, easy pay-offs. Well, that just isn't the way it is. Instead of short-term pay-offs, your goal should be lifetime fitness and healthy living. You must decide to make a lifetime commitment, not just a fleeting try at it here and there.

Once you make that decision, the next step is to choose an activity or activities—you enjoy. If you choose running as an activity, but don't really enjoy running, there's not much chance you will stick with that activity.

There are numerous fitness choices you can make ... aerobic classes, running, cross-country skiing, cycling, walking, weight-training etc..., so choose a fewthat you will enjoy and thus be more likely to continue to participate.

A very important ingredient in sticking to a program is patience. If you have not been physically active, it will take time to become comfortable with your work outs, and it will take time to see solid results. Don't expect

overnight weight-loss, or automatic muscle toning. These benefits of exercise take time. The first three weeks of a fitness program are the most difficult. Ease your way into it, and allow your body to adjust to its new active lifestyle.

Make the commitment to fitness, set realistic goals with realistic time frames, and most of all, make sure you have fun doing it!

ON THE SLOPES - It Finally Snowed

by Todd Bechard

Finally!! After waiting almost 2 months we finally got the big dump of snow we needed. Approximately 30 cm of snow fell over the weekend and surprise, surprise, it didn't rain.

The snow came just in time for the Ski Club's first trip of the year. The club will be travelling to Martock on Thursday, January 17. The bus will leave Seton at 1:30 p.m. and will return from

the hill at 10:00 p.m. The bus will return to Vinnie's for an apresski party. Tickets are \$21 for lift and transportation and \$30 for lift, transportation, rentals, and a lesson. Tickets can be obtained today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. or from Vinnie's.

On an international note, Canadian Rob Boyd finished 3rd in last week's Hanenkaum in Austria. The Hanenkaum, probably the most difficult course on the World Cup circuit, is where Brian Stemmle almost died 3 years ago in a spectacular crash. Stemmle, who is making one of the biggest comebacks in skiing, did not race the Hanenkaum but will be racing in next weekends World Cup race.

Ski conditions across the province are as follows (as of Monday, January 14, 8 p.m.):

Wentworth (455-9922) has 8 downhill and 2 cross country trails

open on machine groomed and natural powder. They are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Martock (1-798-3000) has excellent conditions on all trails including Upper Glades. They have a 1 foot man-made base with 30 cm of natural snow on top. Surface is machine groomed and all lifts are open. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Keppoch (1-863-2455) has excellent conditions on 8 of 10 trails. All lifts are in operation and hours

are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Smokey (1-285-2778) has 2 trails plus beginner hill open. They have 60-70 cm of snow and are hoping to open more trails in the near future. They are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Ben Eon (1-828-2222) has Upper and Lower Freeway, Fanny, and the beginner hill open. All lifts are in operation and they are also open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

See you on the slopes!

GIRLS BASKETBALL
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January 25 & 26
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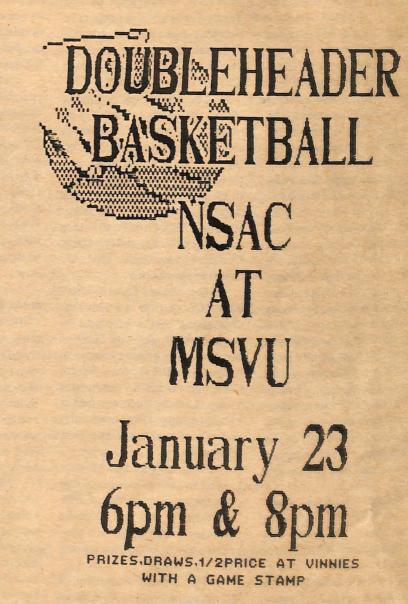
South Colchester High

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Kings County Academy

Strait Area Education Recreation Centre

Ste Anne du Ruisseau



SPORTS

Mount to Host High School Tourney

On January 25 & 26, MSVU Athletics will host the 9th Annual High School Girls Basketball Tournament in Rosaria Gym.

"This is one of the best AA High School Girls Tournaments in the province." says MSVU Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Tournament Coordinator Patsy Pyke.

"Each year we have hosted this tournament the play has been very exciting, particularly the final game. The teams look forward to coming back each year. It gives the teams an opportunity to play each other before the provincial playoffs and it gives the players an opportunity to experience a university setting."

Teams competing this year include New Glasgow, Digby, Kings County Academy, South Colchester, Sainte Anne du Ruisseau, Strait Area Education Recreation Centre, Hants West and Musquodoboit.

Play gets underway at 3 p.m. Friday, January 25 when New Glasgow meets Hants West. At 4:45 p.m. KCA plays South Colchester. Sainte Anne du Ruisseau takes on Strait Area Education Recreation Centre at 6:30 p.m. and Digby meets Musquodoboit at 8:15 p.m. Play

resumes at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 26 with the Consolation game being played at 4:00 p.m. and the Championship Game at 5:45 p.m.

Drop into Rosaria Gym on the weekend of the 25 & 26 and catch some of the best high school play in the province.y to experience a university setting."

MSVU Tops Kings

On Saturday, January 12, the Mount women's basketball team met the Kings team, at Kings, for their second meeting of the year.

Their last encounter had the Mount defeating Kings handily. This time the results were the same but the trip to the buzzer was a little different.

The Mount jumped to an early lead and were ahead at the half. The second half took a twist as the Kings team took over the lead. The mount team was successful in reclaiming this lead and finished the game with a 50-43 win.

"It was just one of those

games." said Assistant Coach Patsy Pyke

"When things were going well, they were going well...when they weren't they weren't. We ran into foul trouble early and there were some times when we stalled a bit, but overall it was not a bad game. We've had a number of injuries over the season already. It will be great when we have everyone healthy again."

The team's next game is January, 15 at NSAC and January, 17 at NSTC.

The first home game, a double header, will be played Wednesday, January 23 at 6 p.m., Rosaria Gym.

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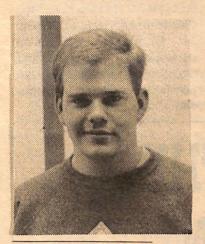
The bus will leave Seton at 1:30 p.m. and will return from Ski Martock at 10 p.m.

Prices: \$21 includes lift ticket and bus \$30 includes rentals, lift ticket, bus and lesson

Tickets are on sale beside the Corner Store, Rosaria Centre from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm on Wednesday, January 16

ENTERTAINMENT

Buffalo Tom -Birdbrain



By Ian Cowan

Buffalo Tom consists of three U of Mass grads who didn't know what to do after they graduated; Bill Janovitz, Tom Maginnis and Chris Colbourn. While all three are trained as guitarists, Colbourn has done wonders with his bass and Maginnis plays the drums like they were a guitar.

They are best described as a "Power Hybrid", with all of their influences coming from the 70's power guitar area, with Lynyrd Skynyrd as the number one influ-

A "Buffalo Tom Worship" leaflet irreverently begins with the following statement: "I want you for the next five minutes to

live as if it were your last five minutes alive. After all, someone in your city is going to die in the next five minutes. It might very well be you. Why not?" This statement is at the very center of everything that comes out of Buffalo Tom.

Birdbrain, the title track, evokes a feeling of disgust and disillusion at the world so complacent and accepting, (this isn't that far from my own everyday attitude anyways).

Fortune Teller has an animal fury that rocks you from start to finish. They push their instruments to the very limits of their endurance and them some. It is as if they all thought they were playing guitars. This track should not be listened to if you have a pacemaker. Janovitz turns up his guitar to max and blasts his melodies through 100 watt Marshall amps.

Buffalo Tom is not for Lawrence Welk fans, 4-H clubs or people with heart conditions. They would be appreciated by Chillipepper fans, people with psychotic mental disorders, or anyone with an ear for hard-edge music with an attitude.

edward SCISSORHANI

By Paula Kendrick

Story: A modern fairy tale about a young man named Edward (Johnny Depp)--the creation of an inventor who dies before completing him. Edward is left with two-foot long steel blades for hands. The shy Edward, living alone in the castle on the hill, is soon discovered by a chatty Avon Lady (Dianne Wiest) who brings him home with her to live.

The Bad Side: The script's a bit corny in places, and at times tends to move too fast. Too much ground is covered in too short a

The Good Side: This movie has originality. The sets and characters are all colourful and unique. The film also stars Winona Ryder gone blond, and Anthony Michael-Hall--100 pounds heavier. There's even an appearance by director Tim Burton's idol Vincent Price.

But of course, the best thing about this movie is Edward himself. Despite his chalk-white skin and scarred face, he's a real charmer (I'd date him). Depp makes Edward such a humorous, helpless little character that by the end of the film, even you'll want to take him home.

Bonfire of the Vanities

By Paula Kendrick

Story: Multi-million dollar bond trader Sherman McCoy (Tom Hanks) experiences a drastic change in his life when he and his mistress (Melanie Griffith) accidentally hit a young black man with their Mercedes. The whole city goes into an uproar--lawyers, politicians, reverends, and journalists--each with their own rea-

sons for wanting the innocent Sherman behind bars.

The Bad Side: Tom Hanks just doesn't work in this movie. Here, the usually funny Hanks is limited and just plain dull. (He'll regret this one in the morning.)

Melanie Griffith does nothing but show off her silicon implants. And this is her idea of a "challenging" role. (Spooky.)

Bruce Willis, who plays a fame-starved alcoholic, is annoy-

I'm not sure, but I think this movie was supposed to be funny. However, the only humorous thing about this film is that people are actually paying \$8.00 to see it (myself included).

The moral of this film's story is: "be decent." Too bad they didn't keep that in mind when they made this thing.

The Good Side: It's leaving soon.





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Gallery

A deep concern for the environment runs through the diverse work of 12 Canadian artists in "View on Nature, Views of Nature," an exhibition at the Mount Art Gallery.

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exhibit is organized by the London Regional Art and Historical Museums with the support of the Ontario Arts Council and London Life Insurance Company. Part of series entitled "Young Contemporaries" (initiated in 1987) the exhibition focuses on the work of artists across Canada under the age of 30.

Each artist uses different media--installations, painting, sculpture, video and photography--to pose questions, respond, interpret and depict our changing relationship with landscape and nature.

The 12 artists included in the exhibit are: Alison Sproule, Jennie White, Ben Wamsley, Mina Totino, Rebecca Belmore, Rhonda Abrams, Ruth Wamsley, Henry Tsang, Frieso Boning, Vikky Alexander, Martine Gaudet and Denis Lessard.

"View on Nature, Views of Nature" runs from January 11 until February 3. For more information, call the Mount Art Gallery at 443-4450, ext. 160. The Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

National Film Board -

Road to Glasnost Theme of NFB Screening

Metro moviegoers wanting satellites. "Before Glasnost" starts a behind-the-scene look at the at 8 p.m. and admission is free. changes that led up to the recent upheavals in eastern Europe need look no further than the National Film Board Cinema's new Friday night program.

On Friday, January 18, 1991, the NFB will present "Before Glasnot", a program of two films that focus on the social and intellectual context in which dramatic political changes took place in the Soviet Union and its former

The first film, "Solzhenitsyn's Children are Making a Lot of Noise in Paris," shows how French intellectuals in the 1970's became disenchanted with Marxism both in the eastern Bloc and the Third World. The increasingly independent line taken by the Eurocommunists in western Europe foreshadowed the radical changes that took place in castern and central Europe more

than ten years later.

The second film, "Russian Diary," is based on a diary kept by a film maker documenting a preglasnost visit of two Canadian peace activists to the USSR. Filmed months before Gorbachev came to power, it captures some of the tension and contradictions of a society on the threshold of change.

The NFB Cinema is located at 1571 Argyle Street. For more information, call 426-6000.

ENTERTAINMENT



Dear Alice:

I have a problem. Whenever I go out people stare at me and tell me, Smile! Why do you look so unhappy? I do smile! A whole bunch! Just not when I dont feel like it. Please tell me what to say to these people so theyll know that Im having a good time and wont bug me any more.

Sincerely, Smiling on the Inside.

Dear Smiling:

People who smile all the time cant be trusted! Can anybody really be happy all the time! I think not! Its nice to see some-body smiling, but when they do it all the time, you know they cant be sincere. Im glad you only smile when you feel like it. The next time somebody tells you to smile, kick them and see if they keep smiling. If they do, dont trust them.

Alice

Dear Alice

Now that the snow is finally here, Im soon going to be faced with my annual winter problem. Pretty soon, all my skibunny friends are going to start hassling me about going skiing again. I hate skiing! Every time I even think about a ski lift, my pulse quickens, my palms sweat, and I have trouble breathing. I know that once again, Im going to be dragged off to the slopes. Ive explained again and again that I hate skiing and that I have better things to do, but my friends just give each other this knowing look and tell me that this time theyll teach me how to ski. Right. Ive tried that one before. They wait ever so patiently for me to put on my boots and skis, gather up my poles and crawl to the lift line up. They tell me that Im doing fine, pat me on the back (which usually makes me fall), smile and than thats the last I see of them for the day.

Alice, would you put up with this? I dont want to go! What should I do?

Hibernating for the winter.

Dear Hibernating:

When the bus is getting ready to leave for the slopes, hide. Sounds easy, doesnt it.

Alice.

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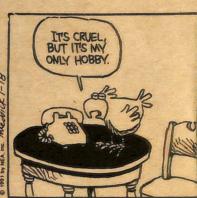


















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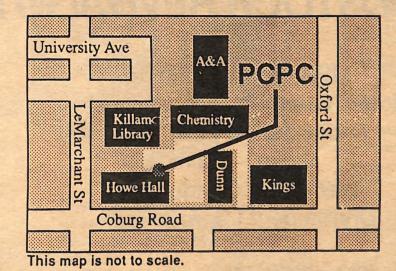
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