

## Mount Added To Phone Home Program

By Louanne Campbell

Picture it. A dimly light L-shaped showroom, full of phones and chairs placed in front of them. But the chairs are not empty and although the room seems to have an aura of relaxation, excited students from all over the world wish Christmas greetings in all languages to their far distant families.

After slogging through Christmas exams most students look forward to a nice and relaxing Christmas with their fami-

lies. But unfortunately for international students, a round-trip ticket home is often too costly, so many have to stay in Canada for the holiday, far away from home and family.

Nandry Mothibe, a native of Lesotho, in the southern part of Africa, has not seen her family in two years. "I miss seeing my family at Christmas time. I miss the family gatherings." Mothibe, one of 11 children, is doing her MA in Home Economics Education here at the Mount. "My phone bill on average is about

\$100 a month, then add tax to that--it gets expensive. I write as well, but it takes two to three weeks to arrive home and by then it is old news."

Northern Telecom is coming to the rescue. A phone-home program first implemented in Newfoundland in 1988, is now entering its second Christmas here in the metro area. Offered last Christmas to 110 international students at TUNS, the phone-home program, which allows students a five-minute free phone call home, is now expanding to

include international students from St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent universities.

"When I saw it (phone-home programs) in the Picaro, I was so excited. I immediately went to the International Student Services to inquire about it," said Mothibe.

Mothibe won't be alone. Between St. Mary's and the Mount, close to 120 international students from 50 countries will take part in the program. Mothibe added that the students will remain together after their calls to ex-

tend appreciation to Northern Telecom for this Christmas gift.

The phone-home program will take place this year on December 20th at Northern Telecom's Atlantic Presentation Centre, at its offices in Founder's Square, Halifax. Three phone sessions will be arranged to accommodate various time differences throughout the world.

According to Len Moxon, director of public affairs for Northern Telecom's Atlantic Regions, they normally use the

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

### Summer:

Work in the Canadian Rockies this summer at the Bayshore Inn, Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta. Various positions available. Please drop in to the local Canada Employment Centre on campus for applications. They are accepted up until May 1, 1991.

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The Department of Environment Canada is looking for Historic Park Interpreters for Fortress Louisbourg, Cape Breton. Duties include interpreting the history and culture of the park as well as conducting tours and performing visitor services. For further info contact the Canada Employment Centre on campus, Rosaria Rm. 110.

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### MSVU:

Professional Office Administration Society: Is having a Christmas party in Vinnie's on Thursday, December 6, 1990. all students are welcome. Admission \$2 for non-member \$1 for members. Festivities will begin at 8 p.m. Also, they are holding another general meeting on December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Don MacNeil Room, Rosaria Centre. P.O.A.S. will be raffling off a Christmas sock the week of December 3rd. Watch for a table in Seton (Mon. and Tues.) and Rosaria (Wed. and Thurs.). Happy Holidays everybody!

The Seton Cantata Choir is holding a concert for the Christmas Season, Saturday, December 8 at 8 p.m. at Saint Mary's Basilica, Spring Garden Road, Halifax. Tickets are \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. The tickets are available at the Art Gallery and the Centre for Continuing Education at MSVU; from choir members or at the door.

The Athletics and Recreation Office is offering adult recreational badminton every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate on a drop-in basis for \$3, or you can take out a seasonal

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MSVU: Registration continues for an aerobic walking class offered by Athletics and Recreation. The classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The classes include warm-up, aerobic walk section, floorwork and cooldown. Free babysitting service is provided. For more information call 443-4450 ext. 420.

Alan Ruffman will be giving a talk on Grim Vision: Arthur Lismer and the Halifax Explosion, on Thursday, December 6, at 8 p.m. in the Art Gallery. For further call the Art Gallery at 443-4450.

The Athletics and Recreation Office is offering half price fitness classes starting October 29. Included is no-bounce aerobics, multi-level and high energy aerobics, walking, and strength and tone classes.

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The Athletics and Recreation Office is offering aerobic shaper and body sculpture classes. The aerobic is multi-level aerobics class held at 10:15 a.m. The body sculpture is an all over body strength and tone class held at 11:00 a.m. For more information call: 443-4450 ext. 420.

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# NEWS

## Mount Student Looking For The Magic Shoe

By Michelle Michalak

Most of us do not spend \$250 a month on footwear. And we certainly do not need two pairs of sneakers a week.

Well, a graduating Mount Saint Vincent student does. And she is searching for the 'magic shoe'.

Ann Marie McKinnon has cerebral palsy. Her method of walking causes her to drag her feet so that the toes of her sneakers quickly wear out. In fact, she has to purchase two new pairs of sneakers a week. For the last twelve years, McKinnon has spent a small fortune on multiple amounts of sneakers.

McKinnon's efforts to secure government help proved fruitless. The Department of Community Services claims her requirement for sneakers is un-

necessary.

"Because I'm disabled, Community Services are supposed to pay, but the sneakers don't fit the guidelines," McKinnon says with a hint of exasperation. Her mother has paid for the sneakers out of her own pocket.

So, for obvious financial reasons, and matters of convenience, McKinnon began her search for the magic shoe. She was not looking for a long term solution, or a shoe which would last for years, but simply one which would hold up for a few more weeks or months. She knew from experience that the perfect orthopedic shoe did not exist.

And with her upcoming graduation from the public relations program, any support from Community Services would end

once she lost her student status. Spurred on by this deadline, her search began last April.

She wrote letters to Dow Chemical, Michelin, M.I.T., Dupont and the Mobay Corporation, whose parent company is in Germany. She sent samples of scuffed-up sneakers and video tapes of her walking style.

The response was tremendous. Other companies heard of her search and contacted her. Most are working on a durable compound which would be placed on the toes of her shoes. They send her prototypes, she tries them out, and the talks about the results. As a result, McKinnon usually maintains liaison through the telephone. After classes or work, she greets a stack of phone messages.

These days, if McKinnon is not returning phone calls from senior engineers, she is returning media calls. She has become quite a celebrity. The 24-year-old, Glace Bay, Cape Breton native has recently been interviewed by CBC radio Information Morning's, Joan Melanson and members of television news teams on prime-time ATV and CBC.

Although she was not nervous at the time of the interviews, McKinnon said that she was surprised by the amount of publicity she received. "After the TV interviews were aired, I went to the mall and a lot of people recognised me. Some stared and whispered and some even offered suggestions."

Undoubtedly, strangers

realize her persistent search reflects her go get'em outlook on life. Here on campus, McKinnon's optimistic attitude is contagious. "Ann Marie is an inspiration," said Kim McGinn, a friend and residence mate of McKinnon. "Just knowing her, you feel you can make it. She's a great example of what you can do if you set your mind to it."

McKinnon, who already holds an Arts degree from the University of Cape Breton, will be finishing her two-and-a-half-years at the Mount in December.

Yet, her search for the magic shoe will continue until she is satisfied with a company's prototype.

"If they can put a man on the moon, they can find the magic shoe," McKinnon says.

## GST and Books

By Cathy Kieran

Book Store Manager, Jean McKay believes the GST on books will only last a year and will be lifted in time for the next election. In the meantime, she is doing everything she can to save students from paying GST on textbooks.

In an October 1, 1990, memorandum, McKay asked faculty to get textbook requirements in early, to get books on the shelves before the GST takes effect. The response was positive, McKay said, "We will probably have 98 per cent of the books in stock by Christmas."

Students who want to avoid GST will have to buy books before the Christmas holidays. McKay says the last day to buy books is tentatively set for December 19, but a closure date will be confirmed in December. Al-

though the university is open until December 21st, McKay expects the book store will be closed December 20th and 21st in order to take inventory.

For students planning to buy textbooks in January, the seven per cent tax will be added onto the cost of the books, "Each student averages about \$40 to \$50 per course," said McKay. "A student who spends \$250 on books can expect to pay an additional \$17.50 after January 1, 1991."

Books have always been exempt from federal sales tax. The Canadian Booksellers Association have been lobbying against the government to exempt books from the Goods and Services Tax when it replaces the Federal Sales Tax. McKay said, "The government has more response from the book issue than any other issue they have ever dealt with."

## Looking For Work

By Cathy Kieran

Recent economic downturns will ultimately have an impact on summer employment for students in the upcoming year. Sue Grace, manager of the Canada Employment Centre on campus, says students can prepare now by registering at the campus employment centre in Rosaria Centre, Room 111.

"If you start early enough, you can pinpoint areas that offer you a challenge and give yourself enough time to get applications working for you," said Grace. "It is a numbers game, the more applications you have out there, the better your chances of finding employment."

Students beginning their job search in May often find jobs, but Grace maintains that the reward is proportionate to the effort.

"Mount students have always done well," said Grace. "Particularly in the area of sum-

mer employment, we probably had better gains than the other two universities."

This is largely due to programs such as public relations, tourism & hospitality, office administration and child studies. Employers looking for students in these specific programs call the employment office at MSVU because that office can tap into the source direct.

Although the MSVU campus employment office does well in finding summer employment for students, they are not as successful as Dalhousie or St. Mary's for finding full-time employment

for students. Grace attributes this to the fact that MSVU does not offer a lot of post-graduate programs.

Student employment could well slide as business is really slow. "I was talking to friends of mine in business and my husband is in business," said Grace. "Things are slow...that may reflect our summer of '91."

The campus employment office is constantly marketing students from the university programs. They send out letters to employers advertising graduating students and students looking for summer jobs.

## \$3000 For Christmas Daddies

By Ancel Langille

With a count of one-two-three, about 20 Mount Saint Vincent University students plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Point Pleasant park in support of the 1990 Christmas Daddies.

The Polar Bear swim generated about \$1500 for the fundraising campaign. Other events

that contributed to the Daddies included bake sales, raffles, and a party at the Pub. These other events raised another \$1500, making the total contribution from the University Community about \$3,000.

This would not have been possible without the help of so many people. A special thanks to Tracy Tuttle, organizer of the Polar Bear Swim; Debby Gladstone in Alumnae Services; all

the societies (especially the Psychology Society, \$530) and the residence councils.

After endless negotiations in the Pub on Sunday, the Mount Community was successful in bidding on and winning the Air Riders Plaque (\$1500) and Scrooge's glasses (\$1500).

(eds. note - Congrats to Ancel Langille and Tracey Tuttle for an awesome job on the whole deal!)

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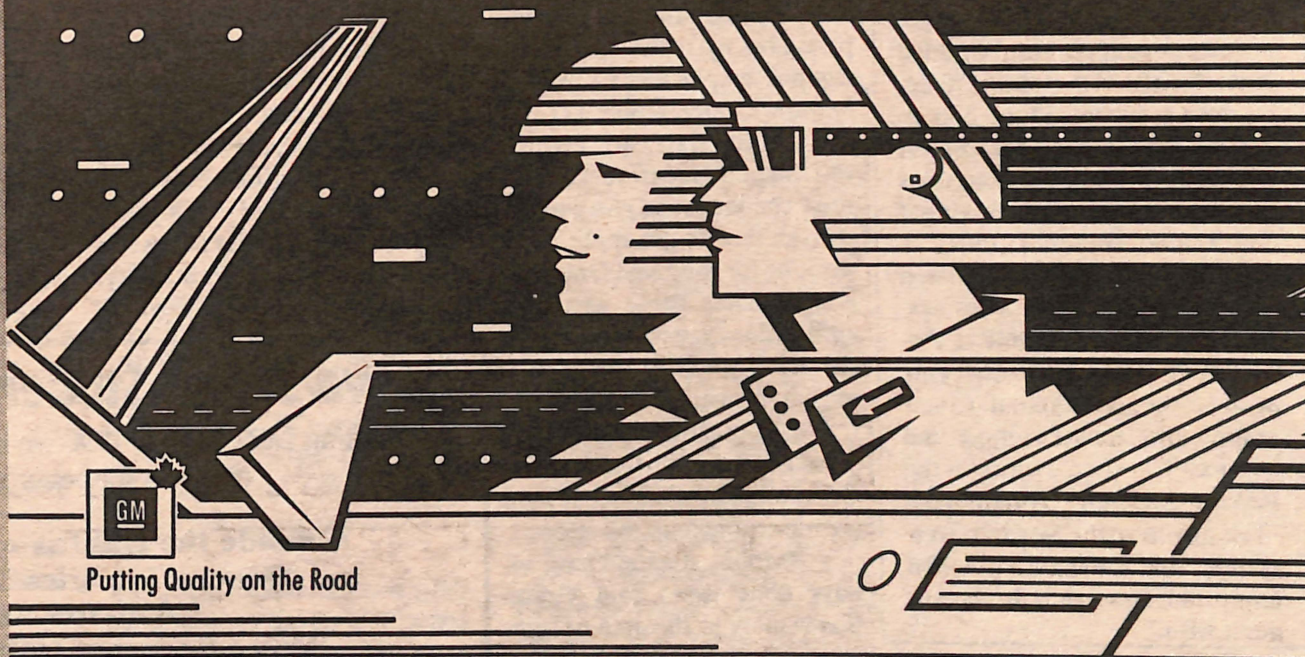
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## NEWS

## Raising Awareness

By Picaro Staff

The AIDS memorial quilt, in memory of thousands of AIDS victims, was on display at Gorsebrook School this past weekend. It opened the hearts and eyes of many Haligonians by the beautifully and thoughtfully created composition of quilt squares.

"It's mind boggling--simply mind boggling," said Connie Eaton, a volunteer of the Names Foundation of Canada. "The number of people who have died from this deathly disease is mind boggling."

The quilt depicts the global scope of the AIDS epidemic and encourages global awareness at a community level.

"We encourage education to prevent the spreading of the disease," said Paul McNair, executive director of the Metro

Commission on AIDS and National Chairman of the Names Project.

This project also raises funds exclusively for local groups whose purpose is to provide services for people with AIDS and their families.

The quilt has been on a coast-to-coast tour collecting and displaying panels in hopes of reaching communities that have not yet had the opportunity to experience the quilt. The quilt is striving to ease the pain of those grieving over loved ones, promoting compassion and effective responses to the AIDS epidemic and providing a forum in which Canadians can be better educated about AIDS related issues.

"We hope it will make Canadians open up their eyes and see what the AIDS virus has done and will continue to do," said McNair.

## New Microbay Popular

By Rob Hawgood

The 16 new microcomputers installed in the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre over the summer to increase student access to computers, seem to be getting plenty of use according to Wayne Stickney, manager of User Services at the Mount.

The computers are in an area called the "Micro Bay" on the second level of the library. The ACER AT microcomputers

provide WordPerfect 5.0 and Lotus Version 2.2 on hard disk.

Students are using the Micro Bay terminals for various reasons. Linda Joyce, a second-year public relations student, uses both the Micro Bay and Seton's Micro Lab. The library computers, where she rents a carrel, are more convenient though. "PR students are major users" of the computers, she said. WordPerfect 5.0 "is a little difficult to pick up on, but once I get a handle on it, it will be really useful."

Bay users collect their print-

outs downstairs in EMF 110. Help with general questions is available at the computer information desk on the first floor of EMF from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Since the computers are in the library, they are available to students for more hours than those in the lab.

Library supervisor Terrance Paris said the library "just provides a space for the computers." The librarians direct puzzled students to User Services for help.

The computers are on the Novell network.

## Helping To Eliminate Illiteracy

By Toby Little

How would you like to wake up in the morning feeling ill and then not be able to read the instructions on your bottle of medication; then glance through the paper only to see strange hieroglyphics which don't mean anything to you; and next you miss the bus because you can't read the bus schedule?

This is what life is like for five million adult Canadians who are illiterate, according to the Southam Literacy survey conducted in May and June of 1989.

Dr. Paul Nesbitt of the Creative Research group, which supervised the survey said, "We measure how well people read, write and handle numbers using examples from daily life."

Surprisingly 8 per cent of university graduates are illiterate. "There really does seem to be a small number who get passed through university," Nesbitt said. "There's a different skill need to write a cheque--as asked on our test--and getting a passing grade from a professor."

"The stereotype of the illiterate down-and-outers just doesn't hold," said literacy expert and author, Richard Darville. "They are good workers, loving parents, helpful friends and neighbours."

Lisa McGowan, a former volunteer in a literacy program, points out "Many people who are illiterate are very intelligent people."

Seventeen per cent of adult Nova Scotians (age 15 and over) do not have a grade nine education. And although percentages show that illiterate people tend to be poorer and unemployed, only 10 per cent of all illiterates would ever consider taking remedial classes.

The City of Halifax has 27 literacy programs with different projects geared for specified groups, such as youth aged 18 - 25.

But Merdith Hutchings a co-ordinator of the North Branch Library Adult Upgrading program points out, "It's never too late to learn."

She said those who volunteer to tutor others in literacy "do it out of love, not for money," and said those who volunteer find it very rewarding. "I've always seen literacy as a social thing," said Kilby McKay another co-ordinator for the North Branch Library Adult Upgrading Program.

A \$100 gold Canadian coin was released this summer to commemorate the International United Nations Year of Literacy - 1990.

## Gary Brennan Certified Management Accountant

## ON PLAYING TO WIN IN BUSINESS.

As Comptroller of Northern Operations for Esso Resources, Gary Brennan plays a key role on the division's senior management team. In addition to helping formulate and manage the long-term business plan for this vital operation, Gary has a leadership role in the areas of business practices, financial management, and information integrity. In such a rapidly changing business arena, it's a role that demands both strong management skills and a singular personal commitment.

"Sports and personal fitness have always been an important part of my life. In competitive sports, you learn to appreciate the merits of other people's unique strengths. Working together towards a common goal, you can win in the most satisfying way possible - as a team. It's an outlook that applies to business too."

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"I have to say that my CMA training is largely responsible for preparing me to do what I do today. As far as the new Accreditation Process is concerned, I believe it can only improve the future CMA's potential to excel in today's competitive business world."

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# GENDER RELATIONS

## Are Men Concerned With Gender Relations?

By Michael Haynes

What the events of December 6, 1989, in Montreal should have told every intelligent, reflective man, if he had had any lingering doubts beforehand, is males must start taking the gender relations issue seriously. Marc Lepine murdered 14 women. In fact, he went out of his way to express his personal fear of weakness and powerlessness by targeting women specifically as his victims. Of all the methods available to him to re-affirm his masculinity, he chose violence against women. Surely no more compelling example could have been provided to support the argument

that men must begin taking responsibility for their role in the struggle to end oppressive patterns of behaviour.

Consequently, one might reasonably have expected to have seen a great deal of activity among concerned men to begin the process of change. For there are many possible avenues for men to work among other men. In the year that has passed since the massacre, there have been ample opportunity for us to demonstrate that we are genuinely determined to address sexism and the issues surrounding it.

With a few exceptions, our response to the shooting has been limited to the reflexive expressions of horror and repugnance that appeared immediately after

the event.

The prevailing opinion among men, who, if we even consider the issue at all, believe that gender relations is a women's concern. By and large men consider feminism and the issues it explores to be something that does not particularly concern us. Except, however, that we may have had to adopt to some changes in our lives as a result of the women's movement, and that lip-service acceptance of so-called feminist ideals is useful as a lubricant to social interactions.

One of the few men writing about gender issues in Canada today, Michael Kaufman of York University, argues that the oppression of a patriarchal society, the structures of domination and

control that are diffused throughout social, economic, political, and ideological activities, generate, and are nurtured by a triad of violence: men's violence against other men, violence against oneself, and men's violence against women. He contends that they reinforce each other, and that none can be successfully confronted without simultaneously challenging the other two.

Unquestionably, it is essential for women to have their own forum free from male presence. Many women, the victims of the sanctioned violence of physical and mental abuse from their father, lovers, or other males, must be in a safe environment in order to start their healing and growth process. Surely they are not the

ones who need to be told that there is a problem. It is us, the men: the batterers, the rapists, the abusers, who need to understand why we operate in patterned, phobic, oppressive, and surprisingly aggressive behaviours.

Each day that we fail to act upon the lesson of last December in Montreal, gives further credibility to the contention that we are happy with the way things are, content with a system that is oppressive in its fundamental structures and institutions. Further, our indifference to this tragedy suggests that we are willing to see it repeated again and again, because we are obviously unconcerned about changing the conditions which permit such violence to occur.

## Violent Attitudes

By Julie Galla

A recent study has found the individuals who are most likely to think the Montreal massacre was not a reflection of society's violence against women are male, engineering students, are less supportive of gun control but didn't differ from the average university student in their attitude towards women.

"These people are not just society's goons, they didn't differ in their attitudes towards feminism, didn't differ as a whole in their attitudes towards women," said Dr. David Furrow, a study researcher. "The study shows that it is not just red-neck men on one side of the debate and feminists on the other."

Pat Baker, assistant professor of Women Studies and sociology/anthropology agrees with this. "A person could believe in women's equality and still see this man as an aberration."

Baker said that engineering students are more likely to believe that the incident was not a reflection of society's violence towards women because of their environment.

"Engineering is the kind of profession that is male dominated. It has created a kind of macho, cultural environment that promotes traditional, sexist views."

The study, conducted by three Mount Saint Vincent psychology professors that found age and sex are the two best predictors of this viewpoint. Both the older and the female study participants were more likely to think that the massacre was a predictable consequence of social factors in society.

Furrow, said "Women have the strongest, most intense views because the more you are affected by something, the stronger views you are going to have."

The study found those who hold this viewpoint feel societal factors such as violence in the

media, violence towards women and gun accessibility played a role in the murders.

"Not every individual man is going to act like Marc Lepine," said Baker. "His actions occurred within a social context, one in which women were devalued, women are oppressed and women are second class citizens."

Furrow agreed with this. "You would have to have your eyes closed if you didn't think it had something to do with violence against women."

However, Baker does not agree that stricter gun legislation is necessarily the solution to this problem.

"Gun control laws are much more a symptom than the source of the problem," said Baker. "It doesn't get rid of the social attitudes that would prompt someone like Marc Lepine to pick up a gun."

The study, conducted last April by Dr. David Furrow, Dr. Rudy Kafer and Dr. Barbara Hodkin surveyed 350 university students from Mount Saint Vincent, Dalhousie and TUNS. Results found that 56 per cent of those surveyed agreed that the massacre was a result of societal prejudice and violence against women. The study's results were very close to those of an earlier national poll.

Furrow was somewhat surprised by the results. "I expected that one or the other of these issues would be predominant."

The Montreal massacre took place last December 6, when Marc Lepine murdered 14 women, engineering students at the University of Montreal while yelling anti-feminist statements.

## Growing Increase of Date Rape

By Beth Haslam

Many girls dream of the day they can begin dating, but this dream may become a horrifying nightmare to some as a result of the growing increase in incidence of date rape.

"I really believe that the main structural cause of date rape is that there is an acceptance of violence against women in society" said Anne Bulley, the health nurse at MSVU. She feels that date rape is more of a social problem and it is an individual problem.

In a study conducted at the University of Manitoba in 1983, 60 per cent of the 356 male students surveyed indicated that they were willing to sexually assault or aggress against women, given the assurance that they would in no way be punished. This supports societal theories that men think it is socially and culturally acceptable for them to assault and abuse women.

"I also think there are some messages in society about sex," said Bulley. The mythology that guys take sex while girls give it is one of these messages.

"I think it is a problem in

our society that men are raised to believe they can dominate and overpower women," said Jodi Carr, a first year student at the Mount. Ninety per cent of sexual assault victims are women and their assailants are men.

Communication problems between men and women may also be a main reason why date rape and violence against women occur. "Talking is the key to a good relationship," said Alex Keir, a counsellor at the Pictou County Women's Centre. Women should be clear about their intentions and learn to be assertive in expressing themselves.

Self-esteem is also necessary for open and honest communications. Keir said that by trusting their feelings and setting limits, women can begin to determine what they want from a sexual relationship and take precautions to prevent violence and assault from occurring.

Date rape has become a main issue and a prime concern across North America, especially on university campuses. Eighty per cent of all rapes reported are date rapes, however, the statistics may even be higher than that because date rape is also one of the most under-reported crimes.



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# STUDENT UNION REPORT

Council Report to Mount Students:

Every year that a new president, executive and student council get elected, we all race in with wonderful, grand ideas to change the world. Well, not to sound pessimistic, but from my experience it generally takes about a month for the reality to set in that creating "positive social change" is not as easy as you had once thought!

Given this fact, I think that the 1990/91 Student Council has been one of the best yet - of course that's biased, but let's be serious about this claim. What have we been up to?? Most of our planning for the year took place in the summer months.

Based on the Fall '89 referendum results with 85 per cent of students in favour, I signed a contract, on behalf of Mount students to contribute \$250,000 to the Mount over the next seven years. Within that contract it states that the Student Union is the only body authorized to designate those funds. We agreed that 60 per cent of that money will go towards buying more library books while the remaining 40 per cent will purchase new computer equipment. I think as students

we can all agree that those are two areas that will directly benefit us and make our lives a little easier.

The next thing I did was to go into a Finance Committee and fight the proposed tuition increase. With the support of many and the resources of SUNS and CFS, we ended up with a 7.5 per cent increase. I don't know if I'd call this a success but I do know that as a student myself, I'd rather pay the increase on the latter. Also, we now have a student representative on the Budget Committee where proposed tuition fees are actually set.

We began to think about these increases and wondered what we could possibly do to help in easing the financial burden placed on students. As a result Council passed a motion to annually allocate funds for four \$500.00 scholarships and five \$200.00 bursaries. (For those wondering what happened to the scholarships this year, we were too late for deadlines therefore, for this year only, we will be giving all of the money towards bursaries.)

This year we tried to offer an Orientation Week not just aimed at the traditional students;

for the first time ever, we had a "family fun day" - and what a success! Now, maybe you don't classify 35 to 40 children a success, but to me, there were 35 student parents that found out that the Student Union didn't only exist to throw parties and plan social events.

I think by this point we all know that the Student Union does more than that anyhow. Due to lobbying on child care, the University Administration committed to the Student Union, that we will always be guaranteed a spot for the Parent Care Lounge which I might add is for all students regardless of age, ft/pt status, sex, and financial position.

The University also guaranteed us that they will continue their commitment to the overall child care issue. Those are achievements.

What about alcohol awareness? Sam Boehner and I campaigned that we should do something about it. Well, first of all, the Mount joined BACCHUS - a national organization promoting responsible drinking on university campuses. Next, we ran a week-long campaign to raise awareness on drug and alcohol related issues and featured nationally

known cartoonist and journalist, Ben Wicks. Finally, we have written into our Pub Management Agreement, an ongoing commitment to alcohol awareness that is also incorporated into the Executive Vice President's job description. That's progress.

Well what about this mission statement saying we're dedicated to the higher education of women? This year is the first year ever to see a Student Union Women's Committee - and about time!! This was my own personal commitment to ensure that we didn't just talk about issues, that we did something. "Women's Week of Reflection" was the beginning of "that something". An entire week focusing on issues affecting women with a visit from Lorraine Segato. A service dedicated to those 14 women killed last December 6th in Montreal is the next of "that something". International Women's Week (yes, week, not day!) will be the next part of "that something". And, hopefully next year you will see 14 new trees on campus, in memory of our sisters killed in Montreal, as the result of a fund raising campaign by the Women's Committee. Now that's something.

Our work continues ... we have student representatives on virtually every committee within the University Senate and Board of Governors. Internally, we are still continuing with the ongoing things such as the health plan, the yearbook, entertainment, charity fund raising, and the list goes on.

Externally, the Mount continues to be an active member in the Students' Union of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Federation of Students (where, I might add, your own SU prez represents Nova Scotia on the CFS National Executive.)

I don't want you to think that I'm writing this to blow my own horn or the horn of Council and I know that I'm even probably forgetting some things. But, quite honestly, you should be asking me these things and the Picaro should be reporting to you just what Council is up to. You have a right to know; you elect us, you give us your fees and its you that we represent - so, start asking!

Good Luck on your exams and have a wonderful break!

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President

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presentation centre for demonstrations and training purposes. But at this time of year Northern Telecom decides that it should be used for totally different purposes.

"We decided to open it up to all those international students at St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent universities who have no family here and are unable to return home for the holiday. Even those whose religion means they do not celebrate Christmas can still feel lonely."

Judith Sheirs from the Public Relations Department here at the Mount is Northern Telecom's contact for the phone-home program. Sheirs seems just as excited at the students are and it shows. "We feel really privileged that Northern Telecom has included our international students in their program. I will be sure to be at Founder's Square at 6 a.m. December 20th. This is a real gift from the heart."

Barbara Broome, assistant to Len Moxon, waits in anticipation as well. Broome saw first hand the emotional event last Christmas and said she was touched by the students' overwhelming appreciation. "My father thanks you, my mother thanks you," said Chang Chen, an international student from TUNS, who took part in the phone-home program last year. "I won't forget the name of this company."

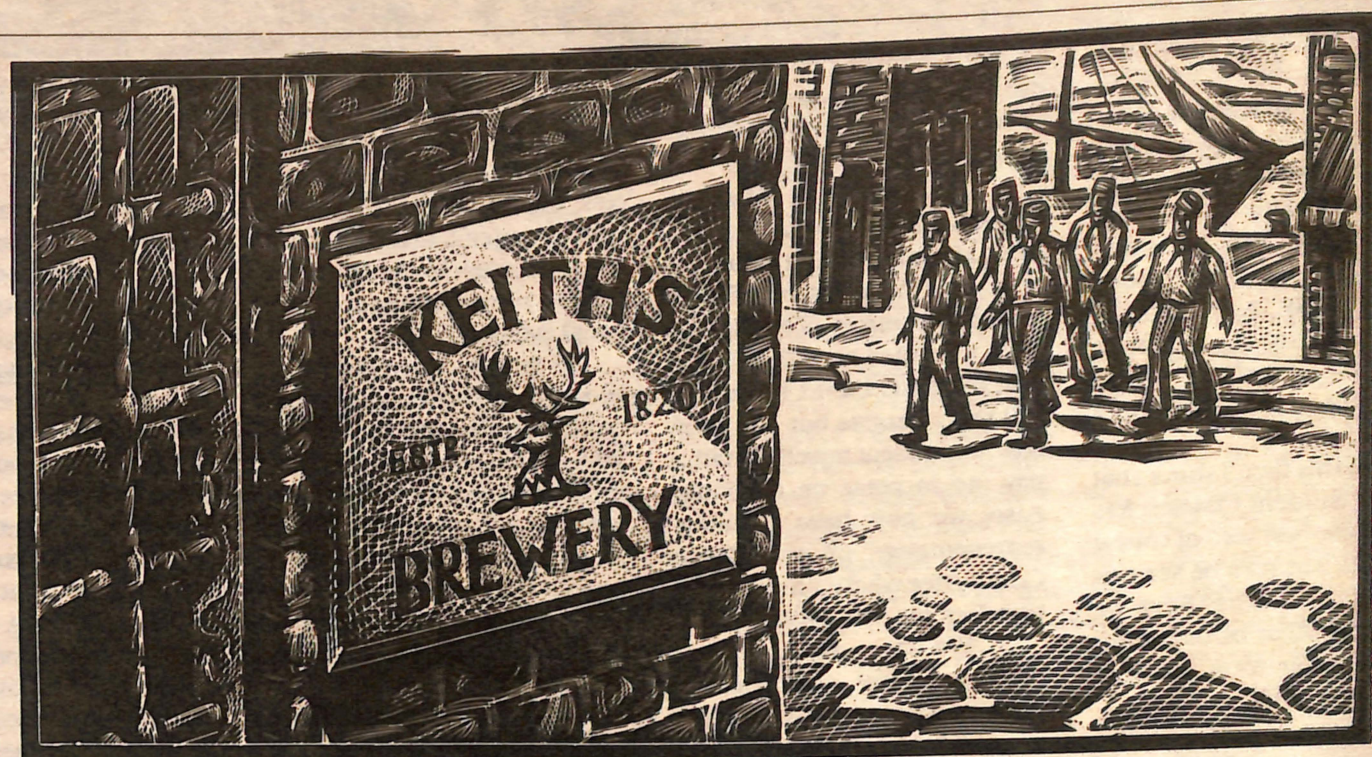
Because Mothibe has not yet gone through the phone-home experience, she found it difficult to express how she feels. "But believe me when I say it's an incredible opportunity that Northern Telecom is giving us. I appreciate it so much." It is not surprising when Broome said they feel like Santa Claus.

Next year Northern Telecom hopes to give Dalhousie University's international students the same extension of good will. With over 300 international students at Dalhousie, Broome thinks that the program might have to be extended over two days. "But it will be double the fun."

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Finally there came a day when Alexander knew that he had found what he wanted. He settled on several acres on Water Street, a site that afforded his new business plenty of room to grow.

The brewery was built with walls of local quarystone and cut granite. Under the cobblestone courtyards, cool vaults provided

temporary storage for his fine ale.

It was an impressive structure that soon became the central topic of discussion at the nearby waterfront taverns. Indeed, word of Alexander's efforts quickly spread throughout the port and even aboard the ships that came and went.

For in his new brewery Alexander was instructing his employees to work slowly and carefully, taking the time to get things right. The merits of this philosophy were confirmed by the taste of his India Pale Ale.

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# SPORTS

## Fundraising Vital For MSVU Teams

By Elaine Collins

The Mount Saint Vincent University intercollegiate teams have set a \$10,000 fundraising goal to cover the travelling expenses of national competition.

"Our budget does not cover the costs of national travel. If a team wants to go the nationals, it must raise its own money," said June Lumsden, director of Athletics and Recreation.

The men's basketball team has already travelled outside of the province. The team members competed in Montreal from October 26 - 28. The women's

volleyball team is planning a trip to Quebec after Christmas. Whether or not the badminton team will travel depends on how it ranks at the provincial level.

All the teams must get involved in at least five fundraising activities, Lumsden said. She explained that all money raised will go into a common fund and all the teams will draw from it as needed.

"I feel guilty sometimes for putting this extra pressure on student athletes," said Lumsden. "We try to come up with activities that use the least possible

time, but still raise a lot of money." The department of Athletics and Recreation is striving to reach its goal of \$10,000.00.

The MSVU administration supplies enough funds to cover the costs of competing in the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletics Association. But even this budget is very tight, Lumsden said.

"Athletes get \$4 per meal. You can't even eat at McDonald's for \$4," she said.

Administration gives financial priority to academics, said Sylvia Cherry, director of Financial Services.

"The Mount does not have a physical education program. Here athletics is recreational. We give them what we can afford to give them," said Cherry. She explained that the University's general lack of funds means extra-curricular activities are hit the hardest.

Cherry also said that it has only been since the recent rise in the calibre of play at the Mount that teams have even wanted to compete at a national level.

Most of the student athletes sympathize with the Administration's funding dilemma.

"It's only fair that we should have to do some fundraising," said Justine Turpin, a third-year veteran of the women's volleyball team. "After all, we are the ones who really benefit from the experience (of national competition). We should not expect all students to subsidize our activities."

The fundraising activities that the teams have organized so far are: the annual Fun Run, Sun Sweep tickets, Bingo, showing of the Warren Miller ski film, athletic pub nights at Vinnie's and the sale of sweatshirts, chocolate bars and calendars.

## Mount Defeats Tommies In Fredericton

On Saturday, the Mount women's and men's basketball teams travelled to Fredericton to take on the teams from St Thomas University, the newest addition to the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletic Association.

The first game of the evening set the tone for the weekend as the MSVU Women defeated the St Thomas Tommies 43-38.

The game was again a low scoring game for the Mount who led 24-15 at the half.

"Our shooting percentage was very low at 25 per cent," said Assistant Coach Patsy Pyke. "St. Thomas has a small team but they do like to play. We have to take more shots and concentrate more on the shots we do take."

The game was one of lots of fouls called and a lot of time spent at the foul line.

Scorers for the Mount included Alex Taylor 13, Jocelyn MacLean 10, Andrea Drake 7, Wanda Skinner 5, Heather Nicholson 4, Judy Blackwood 2 and Danielle Weatherbe 2.

The men's team then took the floor to defeat the St. Thomas men with a score of 81-68. The score might have been closer as the teams appeared to be more even. St Thomas fought back until the buzzer but were unable to overcome the stronger MSVU team.

Scorers for the Mount were Mark Forward 21, Anthony McNeil 16, Wayne Keddy 16,

Andrew McNeil 12, Dyrick McDermott 8, Derek Johnston 6 and Ray Adekeyode 2.

The following day the teams went to the court again with the women's team defeating the St. Thomas women by a score of 60-50.

"We were able to increase our shooting percentage this game by shooting 43 per cent," said Assistant Coach Patsy Pyke. "We were really having a tough time and not shooting as well as we can. It means we have to concentrate more on the ball going into the hoop and we have to take more high percentage shots."

The next game featuring the men's teams was a very low scoring game considering what our men's team usually scores. The

final outcome of the game: MSVU 63 STU 39. The Mount defense was able to keep STU off the

scoreboard but we were unable to get a lot of our high percentage shots away.

## Split at NSAC

The women's and men's basketball teams travelled to Truro last week to take on the NSTC Hawks.

In the women's game the team took off in the first half playing the kind of basketball they are capable of playing. The team took control of the boards and were successful in capitalizing on shots and led by 16 points at the half. Unfortunately the Truro team was not satisfied to sit back and let the Mount team take the game home. They came out in the second half with a much better game and led at the final buzzer 57-50.

The men's team was much

more successful in their bid and took the game away from the Hawks 92-84.

The team fell behind in the first half but two quick baskets from Garnet Wright brought them right back into the swing of things. In the second half Wayne Keddy's 3 pointers pulled the team ahead. With 36 seconds left in the half, the Mount led 85-81. The team was able to convert a number of foul shots to finish the game at 92-84.

Top scorers for the Mount were Dyrick McDermott 16, Anthony McNeil 15, Mark Forward 14, Andrew McNeil 13.

## Exercise For Brain Power

We all know that Christmas exams are fast approaching, and paper deadlines are quickly creeping up on us. With these pressures and deadlines building up, our bodies react with an increased stress level. This increased stress level results from overloading of left-side brain use.

The left side of the brain is largely used for language, thought, and problem solving; all things you are doing a lot of at this time of year. This use can lead to a heightened stress level. When we are under stress, our muscles tighten, adrenalin flows, and our immune system which fights disease and our endorphins, which promote relaxation, shut-down. This is not a healthy mind/body environment with which to cope with exam-time stress.

On the other hand, the right side of our brain reduces the physiology of stress. Muscles relax, adrenalin flow is lessened, the immune system returns more fully to fighting potential disease, and the chemical endorphins circu-

late making us feel relaxed, and stress free.

So, what am I getting at here? Well, I am trying to lead you into a process that uses the right side of your brain... EXERCISE! Exercise by its very nature is a right brain activity. It involves visual-spatial movement in the environment around us, and induces the right-side brain physiological effects mentioned above... muscle relaxation, adrenalin flow is lessened, endorphins increase, thus increasing relaxation and decreasing stress. This activity is exactly what you need during the next couple of weeks. Keeping physically active will help reduce your stress level, thus improving your ability to cope with the many tasks that lie ahead of you during exam time.

So, although you think you might not be able to squeeze that 45-60 minutes into your schedule to exercise, it's crucial, now more than ever to keep up your physical activity. So keep mov-

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Eclectic Corner - 12 Days of Christmas

By Betsy Kitchen

The twelve days of Christmas lie between Christmas Day and Epiphany, January 6, when the three magi offered the first Christmas presents--gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This old English cumulative carol is the only folk carol I know of which celebrates, in the form of a list, that sometimes fascinating aspect of the season, gift receiving(!). Feel free to sing along....

On the first day of Christmas my true love (whoever that is) gave to me....**A cartridge for my W.P.**

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Two purple gloves** and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Three french men**, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me.... **Four exams deferred**, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Five gold-den Rings (with fingers)!** Four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Six porshes parking**, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Seven geeks a-gawking**, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Eight students studying**, seven geeks a-gawking, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Nine kids a-cramming**, eight students studying, seven geeks a-gawking, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Ten frosh a-failing**, nine kids a-cramming, eight students studying, seven geeks a-gawking, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Eleven drunks a-drinking**, ten frosh a-failing, nine kids a-cramming, eight students studying, seven geeks a-gawking, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.

On the twelfth blasted day of Christmas my true love gave to me....**Twelve profs a-preaching**, eleven drunks a-drinking, ten frosh a-failing, nine kids a-cramming, eight students studying, seven geeks a-gawking, six porshes parking, five gold-den rings, four exams deferred, three french men, two purple gloves and a cartridge for my W.P.!

(Not a bad haul, huh?!)

HAVE A VERY ECLECTIC CHRISTMAS!

## ASK ALICE

Dear Alice:

I have a problem you've probably hear lots of times: I have a crush on a guy but I'm too shy to do anything about it. He seems really nice (and has a gorgeous smile) but I don't even know his name because I'm too shy to speak to him. Sometimes he looks like he might want to talk to me but I am too shy to try to start a conversation. I've been worshipping this gorgeous Campus Policeman from afar for a month and half, and to make it worse, I see him everywhere--in the library, in the link, at games in Rosaria--and I'm too shy to speak! I can't even say "Hi!" What should I do? Please don't advise me to be brave, I'm really shy! Help me Alice!

Too Shy.

Dear Too Shy:

If your crush looks like he wants to speak you, then you know that you've caught his attention. So far, so good! The next step is to make some sort of contact. You don't have to initiate any major

conversation. Just start off by saying "hi!" to him. If this is even too stressful, then just wave at him when you see him next. You don't have to be brave to move your hand. After you've established contact, take it from there. May he's just waiting for you to make the first move.

Dear Alice:

Not to air my dirty laundry, but what started out as a mild misunderstanding has turned into a full-blown, one-sided battle.

I would prefer this person to remain nameless so we'll refer to him/her as the "Wall".

When school began, I met a very special person to whom I could tell anything. "Wall" was always there for me and always had a smile to clear my dreary moods. "Wall" never did anything that a friend wouldn't do and never once made their feelings clear to me. One day, I got a note from "Wall" and everything was revealed. The feeling is not mutual in an intimate aspect but "Wall's" friendship means more to me that I can say.

We talked and cleared everything up but now "Wall" has decided that it would be best not to see each other, ever!

I told "Wall" that no matter what he/she decides, I'll always be their friend.

It does no good to talk to "Wall" because I've tried three times. Each time, I thought everything was sorted out but apparently, it wasn't.

Everytime I see "Wall", I wish he/she would say "hi" or smile, or even grunt! ANYTHING!

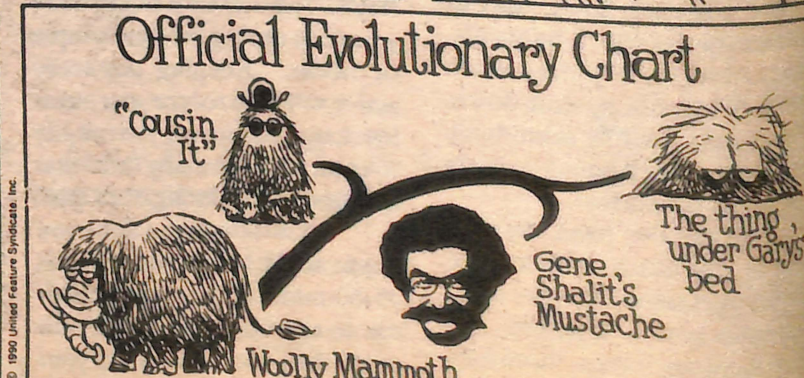
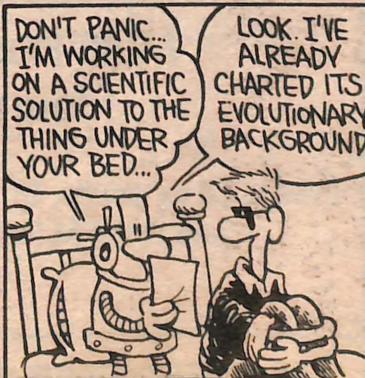
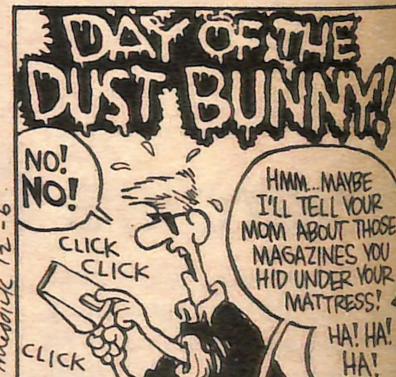
I can understand how "Wall" feels and I've tried, to no avail, to tell him/her that these feelings will change.

The only other problem I have with this situation is that all my friends are being dragged into it. When they pass "Wall" in the hall, they get dirty looks, smart remarks, or no response at all. I've done everything I can, I really need some unbiased advice. Signed, Pink Floyd.

Dear Pink Floyd:

This friend sounds like someone special, not just another brick in the wall. Try to remain sensitive and realize how "Wall" must be feeling right about now. Not only does he/she think that he/she has been rejected, but by one of his/her best friends. The only thing that will heal this is time. You've done your part by telling "Wall" that you'll always be a friend. That's the main point. Hopefully "Wall" will see how valuable your friendship is and realize that he/she will still want to be a part of it.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Running Amok



By Ian Cowan

This weekend I decided to see National Velvet at the Crazy Horse. Don't ask me why a band like National Velvet is playing a country bar, but if Gino Vanelli (BARF!!) can do it they sure can.

National Velvet is: Maria Del Mar, lead and backing vocals; Mark Storm, bass; Tim Welch, all guitars and backing vocals; Mark Crossley, all guitars, tympani and backing vocals; and Garry Flint, drums and percussion.

I first saw National Velvet in London, Ontario. That show was excellent. They have an amazing stage presence. Any of the subsequent shows including the one at the Horse have not let me down.

They never fail to deliver their nastily violent sound. With of course, their unforgetting attitude. The song "The First One" is the best of N.V. /there's always the first one/to cast the first stone to ask/how long has your dirty laundry been/out there to dry?/ there's always the first one/who's always the last one to realize/we don't bide by them/who's always the last one to realize/we don't buy it/we don't by it first one/.

The show at the Horse was wicked, with lots of clean guitar work and Maria's vocals. (I have yet to see any woman who exudes such a mix of evil and sensuality. Maria Del Mar makes Madonna look like a frumpy old housewife in curlers.)

They also did a wicked job of their hit, "Sex Gorilla". Such a blatantly sexual song would never make it past the censors if they'd see Maria Del Mar perform it. / Let me show you to my feast, hairy/as a beast, but it tastes as fine as sasperilla./

As always an excellent performance, and if you missed it, HA Ha Ha suckers! However, if they do return to Halifax/Dartmouth, you really should check them out and not wimp out.

## Movies On The Way

By Paula Kendrick

Santa Claus is not the only one coming to town this Christmas. Here's a list of films hitting the theatres this December:

**The Rookie:** Clint Eastwood directs this film about mismatched cops paired up to investigate a car theft. Eastwood stars along with Charlie Sheen (the rookie). This movie's preview makes it look worthwhile (but then again, Air America's preview made that movie look good too....).

**The Godfather III:** "Premiere" magazine says of this film "Ten nominations, minimum." What do you suppose that means?

**Edward Scissorhands:** Edward (Johnny Depp) is a creation whose creator dies before completing him--leaving Edward with hands that resemble hedge clippers. This film is directed by Tim Burton (Batman and Beetlejuice) and also stars Winona Ryder (wearing a strawberry blonde wig) and Diane Wiest as the Avon lady who takes Edward into her home.

**The Russia House:** A romantic thriller starring Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer, based on spy-master John LeCarre's novel. Connery plays a British publisher and Pfeiffer plays a Russian book editor. Although the preview makes this film look like a yawner, keep in mind that Connery never strikes out.

**Hamlet:** Now here's something that should be interesting. Mel Gibson plays Shakespeare's Hamlet, with Glenn Close playing his mother (!?).

**Kindergarten Cop:** In this comedy directed by Ivan Reitman, Arnie Schwarzenegger plays a tough cop gone under cover as a kindergarten teacher. This I've got to see.

**Almost an Angel:** Professional car thief Paul Hogan (*Crocodile Dundee*) gets knocked on the head, wakes up, and believes he's an angel. Sounds weird. This comedy was written by Hogan and wife, (and *Dundee* co-star) Linda Kozlowski plays his sidekick.

**Havana:** Robert Redford and Lena Olin star in this film whose advertisement reads: "A gambler who trusted no one. A woman who risked everything. And a passion that brought them together in the most dangerous city in the world." It cost \$30 million to make this movie. For that price, let's hope it's not as corny as it sounds.

**Mermaids:** A single mother moves from town to town as each new romantic relationship she encounters fails. Cher plays the mother and Winona Ryder and Christina Ricci play her daughters. It's a comedy/drama. I'm looking forward to seeing Cher on the big screen again, especially wearing a 60's bouffant.

## Music: Whether You Like it or Not

## Martin Stephenson and the Daintees

By Ian Cowan

Newcastle, England, recorded the whole album in Los Angeles. All of the guitars, bass and drums were recorded in one day.

Despite coming from England, Stephenson has produced a folksy, busker-like sound with a handful of New Orleans' Jazz thrown in for spice.

"Left Us to Burn" is the only political song on the album. It is a scathing condemnation of the Thatcher government for the closing of the Hendon shipyards.

"Big Northern Lights" is a kind, happy song sung by a per-

son who knows contentment to a person adrift. /Brighter than the New York lights/kinder than the neon lights yes/warmer than the London lights yes/Northern Lights are humble lights my friends./ A fitting description of a beautiful light.

"All of his records are full of the joys of life," writes Sounds magazine. "But heartache and frustration are also part of the broth. Optimism mixed with humanity is a trait that runs through all of Stephenson's albums, he seems to go out of his

way to uplift the listener."

Indeed, that is what he does. It is almost a cure for ill feelings. One can't help but feel better after listening to this tape. The final song on the tape is the title track, "Salutation Road". It is an upbeat jazzy tune straight out of New Orleans. Despite being the last track, it leaves you with a feeling of welcome. Of having returned home.

I can't say enough in praise of this tape. You must go out and, if not get a copy, at least try a listen.

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## HOW CAN YOU GIVE YOURSELF AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK?

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