



# The Picaro

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## Is MSVU ready for the '84 olympics?

by Chris Williams

Could we compete with the Russian or American Olympic gold medalists?

Maybe not, but we sure knew how to have fun at the "Olympic Extravaganza" last weekend. The play-offs were held in the Rosaria Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon and ran from 2:00 until 5:00.

The students, mostly Frosh, were divided into seven groups and were appointed either a prof or student service member as their team coach.

Throughout the afternoon the seven teams battled in a

variety of unique events including relay races, frisby throwing, "basketbells", a three-legged race and a special event where each team member had to run with a tennis ball between their knees, then roll the ball under their team mates to the front of the line. Sound kinky? It was.

Finally, there was a mystery event. How do you plan our strategy now coach?—with an open mind, team! And that's what it took to win the mystery event which was... to invent a team yell. The winner would

get thirty points which meant everyone had a chance to win. The teams had only 15 minutes to create and rehearse their yell.

The time was up. The teams were ready and Dr. Fulton had arrived to join the panel of fudges. Some yells were powerful, some were even a bit funky, but team seven had the combination of both, won the mystery event, and came first in the overall extravaganza. Some small prizes were awarded to the top three teams, then all shook hands to com-

plete the days exhausting efforts.

Pat Demont, head of the Mounts Recreation Dept. and Helen Folker, head of the Athletic Dept. had planned the Olympics. "There was a good turn-out, but I would have

liked to have seen more," said Pat Demont. "Lots were out of shape, lots were in good shape, but all had a good time?"

Rumor had it that team 5 put the weight they lost Sunday back on with the certificates they won from MacDonalds.

## Yearbook files missing

The loss of files containing negatives, contact sheets and advertisements for the 1981 Janus Yearbook may mean an indefinite delay in the production of the book.

Yearbook Co-Editor Debbie McNair noticed the loss several weeks ago. "It has kind of put the whole book on hold" McNair said.

She had left the files, two black binders and a brown envelope containing the advertising, on her desk in the

yearbook office. When she returned the next day they were gone.

"We've looked everywhere for them. If you can solve it, I'll give you a reward" said McNair.

When asked what she was going to do, McNair said "I don't know. I think I'll just sit down and cry."

She said some of the photos could be replaced, but the book can't go to print without the ads.

## Hats off to the frosh!

by Chris Williams

"I've never seen any frosh with this much spirit before, they must be the rowdiest ever!"

That was the comment from almost all returning M.S.V.U. students who attended the "Hat and Tie Party" last Thursday night.

The event, which sold out at 9:20 p.m., was the first real blast of the year and was a great opportunity for the Frosh to acquaint themselves with other newcomers and to experience the new "Rosaria Student Pub".

Almost everyone wore a hat and tie costume. There were baseball hats, cowboy hats,

hats with wings, hats with horns, British Guard hats, ties of all species, and even a "Toucan Sam" (Froot Loop Bird) hat.

The frosh were shaking wildly on the dance floor to the new wave sounds of the Pub's stereo system operated by our own Rick Jesso.

Student Council President, Karen Stone, seemed very pleased with the party and had these words. "The turn out by the frosh was very good, I just hope that all our events will be this successful". Karen also said that the R.As deserve a great deal of credit for organizing the "Hat and Tie Party".

## Plans won't go "Up in Smoke"

Plans for a successful year of entertainment events will not go "Up in Smoke" if Orientation events are to be a measure of the attendance at functions this year.

Friday's movie "Up in Smoke" and Saturday's "Coffee House" were not only well attended but spirited and active events.

On Friday night most people left at the end of the movie to

attend an orientation bash at Saint Mary's. A few die-hards did remain until closing time.

Saturday night really told the tale of the spirit of the '81 Frosh. The nearly 100 people attending didn't hesitate to join in on rousing choruses of everything from the most rowdy to the most mellow songs. The Resident Assistants even sang a few verses of their own telling the Frosh how much they were loved.



## Good MSVU turnout at SMU bash

by Chris Williams

About 75 Mount ladies hopped a bus for town last Friday night to attend the "Big Bash" at Saint Mary's University, while other Mount guys and gals found other means of transportation to the event they had been officially invited to.

The lengthy and unorganized line at the gym entrance wasn't much of a greeting, but once inside, students were pleasantly stung by some very live, electric sound waves.

The crowd was quite large and by 10:00 p.m. there was standing room only. Had the dance floor been occupied, there would have been a lot

more breathing space, but for some reason the crowd was a bit stiff. The bar was dry shortly after midnight and the now "well lubricated" student bodies finally began to dance.

Two bands performed for the "Big Bash", the first being a local new wave band called "Lightning." The five piece band, including a female lead vocalist and a female keyboard player, did mostly original material that unfortunately scared off most of their audience. The tunes were catchy, the keyboards were very haunting and the bass player could very well have been Floyd's (of Muppet Fame) twin brother.

The second band was a high energy rock band called Razor Boy, which is, incidentally, playing at the grand opening ceremony of our new pub on Sept. 26. This five piece group began rocking the bar circuit in Saint John a few months ago. Be sure you see Razor Boy at the Mount before they're off to Quebec and Ontario next month.

After absorbing a few million decibels of sound, and a few beer, several "Mounties" went off to smaller SMU parties, others came back to sleep off a very SMU-ish evening. Many thanks go to the students of SMU for the invitation to their "Big Bash." Thanks, thanks, thanks, etc.



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Mount Saint Vincent University is offering a season's pass, which will allow you to sit in on regular classes and meet professors and students. You can attend one, or all, of a series of lectures at Seton Academic Centre including such fascinating topics as Your Love I.Q.; The English Sonnet; The Politics of Language Rights; Fire—Friend or Foe; The Development of the Alphabet; and many others.

Information about the season's pass lecture series can be obtained by calling The Centre for Continuing Education, 443-4450, extension 243. The first lecture will take place on September 16.

### Did you see an M.S.A.?

Would all students who were contacted by a Mount Student Assistant by letter please call the Housing Office at local 355 and leave your name and phone number. Thank You.

### Mount counselling service available

"Counselling" carries a number of different associations and varies in interpretation. Some may think of a stereotyped high school guidance counsellor who helps students choose their subjects, while others imagine a psychoanalyst asking patients to lie on a couch and free associate.

People are often unsure of the role of a university counselling service and fail to utilize it because of stereotypes they have formed in the past. Basically, the university counselling service strives to enrich a student's academic experience by promoting a sense of well-being and helping students to develop the skills they need to cope successfully in a university environment.

The Mount, like most major universities in Canada, employs qualified professional counsellors who provide direct service to students with a wide

range of concerns. Counselling needs may include poor study skills, low study motivation, indecision as to program of study or career, debilitating anxiety or depression, relationship problems, and difficulty coping with stress.

Counselling usually takes place on an individual basis, however, a number of specialized skill-building programs are offered on a group format. Group sessions enable the counsellor to assist larger numbers of students with mutual concerns and also provide constructive feedback to the participants.

Some of the programs scheduled for the fall term include Study Skills, "Lock-jaws"—a public speaking group, and "No Sweat" (Test Anxiety)—for planning stage will deal with career planning, assertive training and personal growth. The Canada Employment Centre CHOICES terminal will be on campus September 21-25 for those who wish to talk to the computer about career possibilities.

All of the above topics can also be covered during individual counselling sessions, and the counsellors are always ready to respond to other areas of student concern. One does not have to wait until a serious problem arises before consulting a counsellor. Often an "everyday" situation may seem like a large stumbling block but may be clarified quite readily by discussing alternatives with a counsellor. Students who are functioning relatively well often seek improvement in certain areas.

The Counselling Service is located in the Student Services department on the ground floor of Rosaria Centre. Details of upcoming programs are available and students are welcome to drop in and browse through our career information materials.

See you soon!



# Editorial

What's a nice girl like me doing in a place like this? . . . I sometimes wonder.

I could say that I'm coordinating the efforts of courageous and ambitious student journalists in the offices of one of the fastest growing and dynamic student newspapers in the entire world.

Or, I could say that I'm desperately trying to produce something that resembles a newspaper every week without going totally insane, bonkers, wacko, off the wall, or whatever term of reference you care to employ.

Either way, what I'm trying to say is that although we've gotten off to a less than perfect start, the Picaro is alive and well, thank-you very much. When I say less than perfect its because we've managed to produce our second issue with a complete staff of three or less.

Which brings me to a very good point; the first official Picaro staff meeting will take place this Tuesday evening and naturally it will be standing room only; a packed house.

Which brings me to another very good point; anyone with even the slightest bit of interest in working on this campus newspaper had better take my advice: get there early and grab the best seats. You may not get another chance.

Which brings me to my third very good point; you don't have to be a literary genius to work for the Picaro. An ability to read and write could be an advantage, but is not totally necessary. In fact, you could be in the habit of conversing with trees and still have what it takes to be a Picaro staff member.

It's simple.

All it takes is a little dedication, some communication, and an ability to enjoy the sheer excitement of working together to produce something that reflects the true spirit of the campus community.

If what I've seen during the past week is any indication of a community spirit, it's going to be a terrific year. A new pub, packed entertainment events, and a student council in high gear willing to make it all work for you. And from the look of things, the new students have enough enthusiasm for all of us.

See you on Tuesdays.

Barb Woodroffe  
Editor

## Opinion

### Off to a good start

by Sue Drapeau  
Staff Reporter

If the first week is any indication of what kind of year this will be for the Mount, I think things got off to an excellent start.

The first thing that impressed a lot of people when they arrived on campus this year was a newly renovated lounge area, which has been in the works for many months now. Response to the renovations to the Rosaria Lounge has been nothing but good, from students, faculty and staff alike.

The second thing which, in general, elicited good responses was the fluidity with which registration ran. For most, registration was probably about the shortest wait it has ever been. There were many compliments on how well organized the set up was. One thing that helped make

registration run smoother was keeping everything in the same building, and having the gym in the new Rosaria Centre allowed the main registration to happen all in one room.

The third, and probably the most impressive thing about this past week had to be the spirit of the '81 Frosh. I have not seen a Freshman class this spirited since my arrival at the Mount in 1976. From the general enthusiasm, and attendance at orientation I have great hopes not only for continued interest and attendance at the pub and Student Union dances, but I have even greater hopes for the involvement of the freshmen in all areas of activity including Student Union involvement.

So, Frosh, don't let me down now. Help me prove that we do have a good year in store. Start the year off right and get involved.

### Staff meeting

The first official Picaro staff meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the coffee shop, Rosaria Centre.

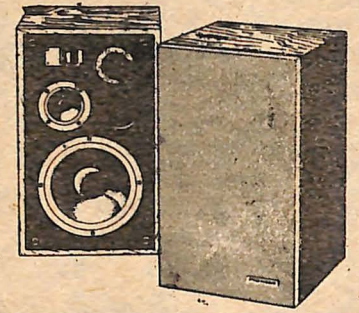
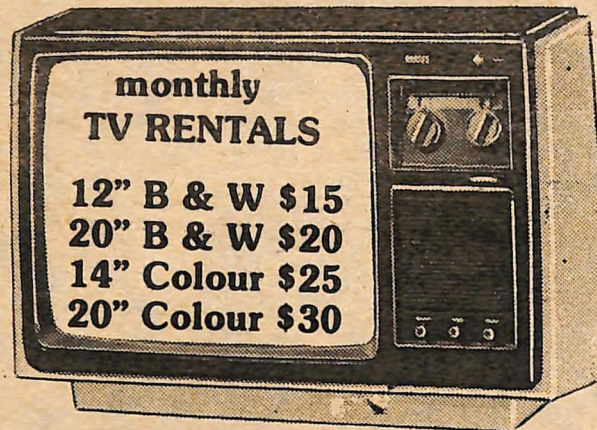
All staff members and any interested persons are urged to attend.

Regular staff meetings will be held, same time, same place every week.

## Argyle TV's 23rd Anniversary Sale

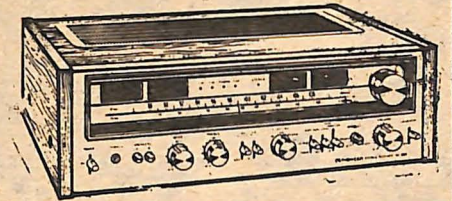
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## Homecoming planned for next weekend

Mount Saint Vincent University Alumnae will have the chance to get together and talk old times this year as plans for a Homecoming have been finalized.

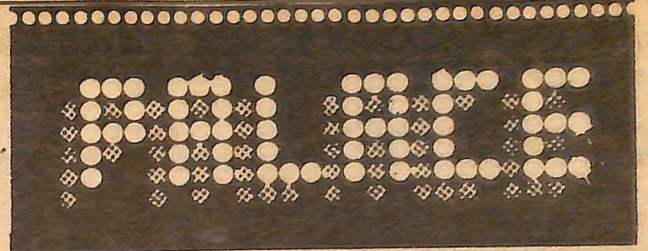
Homecoming will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26 and will specially honor those who graduated or last attended the Mount in years ending in one and six (for instance, 1931 or 1976). Other alumnae are also included, in fact anyone who

attended the academy, the college or the university is being invited.

Friday evening, September 25 is being kept free for class reunions. A full day of activities has been planned for Saturday, September 26, including registration at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Gallery, a display of class photos, a lecture on nutrition, a fashion show, campus tours, tea with the Sisters and a banquet with

Dorothy Green Wills, B.Sc.S.S.'56, M.A. (McGill) '66, M.Ed. (Concordia) '78, Montreal, as guest speaker. Her topic will be "Canadian Black Culture".

As the recent mail strike has delayed publicity on the Homecoming, those wishing to attend are being asked to notify the Alumnae Office at Mount Saint Vincent University as soon as possible (443-4450).



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## CHOICES coming to campus

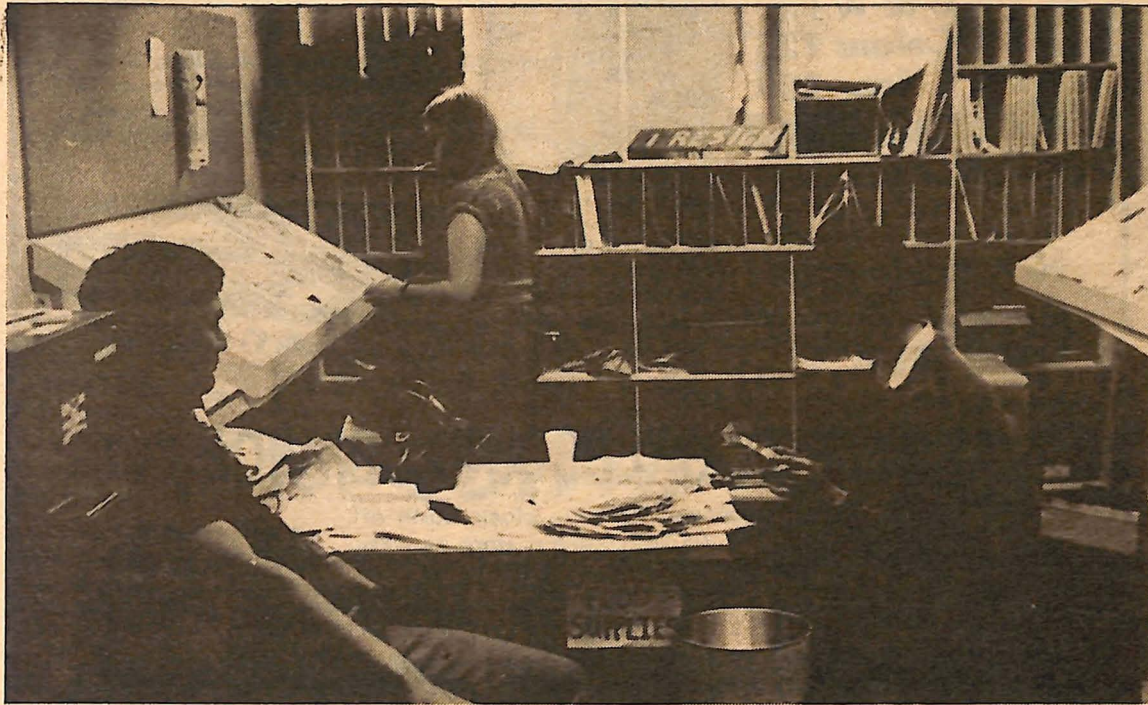
The CHOICES computer terminal will be on campus again this year from Monday, September 21 to Friday, September 25. The terminal will be located in the Student Services department in Rosaria Centre.

CHOICES is a computerized career program which helps you to explore your abilities, interests and needs. This information is combined with up-to-date labour market statistics and the result is a comprehensive information package which will help you with decisions about possible careers. CHOICES is particularly relevant for students in programs which do not emphasize specific professional training, such as the Bachelor of Arts.

Students wishing to participate will have to sign up in advance. Because the actual

time on the terminal is forty-five minutes, space is limited, so you must register by September 17 at the latest. Contact the Counselling Service at Local 357, or Bruna Caracristi at Local 156 so that an appointment may be booked. You will meet with a counsellor in advance to fill in a CHOICES travel guide to identify your likes, dislikes and capabilities. A counsellor will also meet with you individually to discuss how the information provided by the computer relates to you personally.

CHOICES can help you explore career alternatives, but it won't make decisions for you. It can help you determine what you want in your work and suggest occupations that seem to meet your needs. Perhaps most important, it will start you thinking about possibilities that have never crossed your mind.



The Picaro is most definitely in need of help when all it can scrape up to lay out an issue are two old staffers and a security guard. If you feel that sympathetic urge, or even if you don't, there's a staff meeting every Tuesday night in the coffee shop, Rosaria Centre at 7pm.



**Name  
that  
Pub!**

The student pub at MSVU opens this week but it needs a name before the Grand Opening ceremony on September 26.

If you have a name in mind, that is tasteful, in keeping with the university theme or colors, or just something catchy: submit your entry before September 17 at 4 p.m. to the Student Council Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position (i.e. student, staff, etc.)

"I think a great name for the MSVU student pub would be:"

Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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Everyone is welcome to enter as often as they wish on separate entry forms.

## Pub Hours

For first semester the regular hours of the pub will be:

Wednesdays 4 p.m. - midnight

Thursdays 4 p.m. - midnight

Fridays 3 p.m. - midnight

Saturdays 3 p.m. - midnight

Any changes in pub hours will be posted in advance.