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Accessibility At Mount

by Janet Allen

Mary Jardine, a fourth-year social science student with muscular dystrophy, said the two-year-old E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre is the most poorly designed and least accessible building she has ever encountered.

"It's extremely difficult for handicapped people to get around on this campus," said Jardine. "It's inadequate."

"The library is the most glaring example, especially because it's a brand new building."

"I'm quite aware of the landscaping limitations--but if the Mount is committed to making buildings accessible to the handicapped, these issues could be overcome with good problem-solving initiatives," said Jardine.

Specifically, Jardine noted the lack of a suitable handicapped entrance into the library. Students in wheelchairs, or with other disabilities, must enter through the main entrance of the Seton Academic Centre (SAC).

The only cut out in the curb in front of the two adjoining buildings is to the left of the SACs main entrance. Aramp provides access, so handicapped students are expected to take the elevator to the second floor and use the above-ground link to enter the library.

Also, Jardine said the lack of handrails on some stair exits out of the SAC makes it very difficult for her to get around. In fact, last year Jardine was forced to drop a class offered in the Seton Annex because it was too difficult for her to get there.

Handicapped parking is another issue of concern for Jardine. "Ideally, parking should be as close to the main doors as possible." At present, the designated parking is situated between the library and the SAC. Thus, handicapped students who drive cannot avoid passing through traffic to enter either the library or the SAC.

"Since the library opened, the accessibility of disabled people has been deliberately ignored," said Jardine. "I have never, in my past two years at the Mount, seen this problem publicly discussed or addressed.

"In the meantime," Jardine said, "the equality of disabled people--and their integration in society--is compromised."

Although accessibility was compromised during construction of the library, it was a budgetary decision and not because the university did not take the handicapped into account, said Paul Reyno, director of the physical plant.

The library, which is de-

signed to eventually have five floors, was intended to have a fully accessible entrance for the disabled.

However, when construction of the first three floors began, a lack of funds forced the plans to change. The number of floors to be built in the first phase was reduced to two, and access for the handicapped was rerouted.

"We have compromised the accessibility into the building," said Reyno, "but once you're in it's a great place to get around."

With a limited budget, it is a matter of balance, Reyno said. "We are attempting to change things, but we don't have the funds right now. If I could get the funds now, I would make improvements immediately."

Reyno said at present, he is making moves to improve accessibility on campus. Before the winter, he hopes to repair the front ramp entrance to the SAC and add needed railings along certain stairways.

Reyno's next major project will be to pave the parking lot behind the library and install a ramp to provide a more accessible entrance for the disabled. However, again it is a question of funds. Reyno said he will make the renovations as soon as money becomes available.

"You have to keep in mind

that when you go from practically nothing to something-it takes time. It is a step by step process," said Reyno. In fact, over the last five years, the Mount's accessibility has improved considerably, Reyno said.

The Atlantic Centre of the Support for the Disabled said in their July report the Mount had taken positive steps to improve accessibility. Overall, they found the campus to be fairly accessible with a few minor difficulties.

"We recognize a genuine need for improvement," said Reyno. "We still have a long way to catch up. Unfortunately, we do have budgetary limitations."

LOANS INADEQUATE

by Amy Perritt

While the cost of living continues to rise and the government keeps its financial services in the 1984 bracket more and more people will not be returning to university.

"The government is living in a bubble world if they think that people can live on 1984 cost allowances," said Karen Casey, president of Student Union.

Altogether, the maximum amount a student can receive through a bursary and student loan is approximately \$5,660. With expenses such as books, transportation, food and residence fees this is not enough to live.

"If you get the maximum amount it's not enough to come to university for one year," said Barbara Crocker, the financial aid officer. "The whole system has to be looked at. It is completely out of wack."

In the meantime, people struggle to receive proper education for a prosperous future. However, this year more than any

other, people are not coming back.

"I tried really hard to find a way to return to school but I just can't afford it," said 26-year-old Heather MacDonald, a former Mount student who is now living in Ottawa. "The financial services help but certainly aren't enough to live in this day and age."

Worrying others are the students juggling two part-time jobs in order to stay in school. "I'm afraid sometimes students work themselves so hard that not only do their grades go but so does their health," said Crocker.

Two days before school was to start Crocker received a call from a student informing her that she would not be coming back. She had tried everything but just could not come up with the funds to put there through this year. "I didn't get calls like this last year, "Crocker said.

Loans are granted to people who fulfil the requirements set by the government. Not just anybody can obtain one. "I applied for a loan but didn't receive

one because my father has his own business. However, whether he is making money didn't really seem to matter," said Deanna Harmes, a second year BA student. "Luckily my parents are helping me through school, but

just by the skin of their teeth."

In addition, a three percent tax has now been placed on loans. The government charges students a three percent "administrative" fee on the money they are loaned.

This new three percent tax is to make up for the numerous students who never paid their debts after graduating. "It is possible that students leave university with a degree, but also a debt up to \$20,000," Crocker said.

At present, 60 percent of Mount students are being financially assisted, but until changes are made the problem is predicted to get worse. "All the results are lack of commitment by the federal and provincial governments and the three percent fee is just another nail in the coffin." said Casey.

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WEN-DO?!

by Janet Allen

Who, what, where, why, WEN-DO?

WEN-DO is a women's self defence course designed by the Women's Self Defence Corporation. It teaches smaller, weaker women how to use circular movements to have more force against larger attackers. WEN-DO is safe (you will not be hit or thrown), non-competitive and designed for women of all ages and physical abilities.

The Mount's Athletic Department is offering a six-week course beginning October 10. Classes, which are two and a half hours in length, will be scheduled once a week on Thursday nights.

Students who are curious to see what WEN-DO is all about first, are invited to a demonstration-workshop in the Rosaria Gym, Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m.

"It's an excellent program for women because it's focused on women," said Joanne Burns-Theriault, Recreation Officer. "I've always wanted to offer a course suited for the needs at the Mount."

Burns-Theriault said the WEN-DO self defence course is a full-scope program. Besides teaching women the physical and verbal techniques necessary to escape an attacker, it also stresses avoidance and awareness.

"A lot of the course em-

phasizes good safety practices for everyday life," said Nancy Campbell, the WEN-DO instructor who will be teaching the Mount's course. Campbell, who has been teaching self defence for 10 years, said sexual and emotional abuse in relationships will also be addressed.

Campbell said a woman's mental framework is as important as the physical techniques she teaches. "To defend themselves, women must think in terms of getting mad at someone who wants to hurt them."

The course teaches women physical techniques such as how to make and use a fist, how to kick effectively and how to locate the vulnerable places on an attacker's body. Releases from chokes and holds and defence agonies weapons are also topics covered. The WEN-DO verbal techniques concentrate on how to distract, startle or calm an attacker.

Studies have shown if a woman resists, gets angry and reacts right away she can normally escape her attacker, said Campbell.

"Women should react early and trust their own feelings in an uncomfortable situation. We really stress listening to your own voices. Women have the right to say no and to protect themselves," Campbell said.

"My past students have found the course very worthwhile. It gets them thinking about safety and also gives them good physical techniques they can use. It makes them feel safer and gives them a comforting feeling and I like to hear that."

WEN-DO is a nationally proven course which has been taught to over 10,000 women in Canada since the 1970s.

Anyone interested in taking the course, which has a maximum enrolment of 20 students, can contact the Athletics Department

Versa Coffee Club

by Heather Robinson

Beginning Monday 30 of September the Sacateria will be opening a new coffee club. Mugs brought from home will receive a discount. Gourmet coffee will be 95 cents and regular flavoured coffee 70 cents. Since most mugs brought from home are 8 or more ounces, customers are actually getting a large coffee for the price of a small.

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AWARENESS WEEK

by Sandra Bochner

Guess what?It's Alcohol Awareness Week. I know what you're thinking - another effort to stop all the fun on campus. But that's not it at all. Colleges and Universities all over the country are joining together to encourage good decision-making about alcohol and to combat alcohol misuse through education. It is a lesson we can take with us long after this week is

The Student Union and "CHOICE" have put together a few events that will hopefully catch

your eye. Educational displays will be featured all week in Seton Academic Centre. CHOICE will be subsidizing mocktails at Vinnie's and you will all be excited to hear that Mike Woods is back again this year for another fun filled evening at Vinnie's on Friday, September 27. Mike Woods has been the spokesperson for the DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE campaign that BAC-CHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students) has promoted for the last few years. If you have ever heard him perform, you know that he will be worth taking in.

OP/ED

To the Editors:

As a student leaving high school, I had many ideas of what university would be like, and believe me, when I say that this institution needs serious changes, I speak for many students who next year will be former Mount Saint Vincent University students.

The year is 1991, not 1891. I feel as if I have stepped back into time. As society advances so to must the prehistoric practices of this university.

My first observation when I arrived at the Mount in early September was of utter appalment to see how males were discriminated against. Why are males not given the same privileges as their fellow female classmates? Males are restricted to classrooms, the pub, and gym. They are permitted from having any outer class interaction with females. The fact that no male residences exist at M.S.V.U. only inhibits males from attending.

After hearing about the previous attack on campus I wonder, wouldn't an environment with both sexes watching out for one another discourage stalkers who prey upon women? Is not a campus with all female residences an easy target?

Secondly, I wonder as a nineteen year old, why is it that the Government of Nova Scotia allows me, as an adult, to consume alcohol, yet my right is taken away when I chose to live in this residence. As I left my home being treated as an adult, I now feel as though I am receding into childhood again.

I know that for any institution to run smoothly we need rules and regulations. However, sometimes rules are too oppressive. I understand the need for quiet hours, but doesn't twentytwo hours of silence seem rather morbid? Shouldn't paying residence occupants have the right to carry on normal levels of everyday activities without having mother-figures hushing and interrupting? Finally, my last point is why are we forced to stand in line to usepay phones where it is impossible to carry on a private conversation? If a student is willing to pay for the service and be responsible for all phone bills, why deprive us of this simple right?

I visited other universities in the same city recently. I felt as though I was worlds apart rather than minutes. I feel the Mount seems to be isolated from the real and "changing world."

In closing I would like to say Mount Saint Vincent University should update its ways, or change its motto to "ISOLA-TION, DESPERATION, and ALIENATION."

Thank you.

A 90's woman trapped in a 20's society.

To the Editors:

In response to the letter from the concerned student in last weeks issue about whether or not there is a need for student council, I believe there is. Without the Student Union, "we" would be paying through the nose, more so than we already do, for just about everything on this campus. This year alone they, the Student Union, kept the tuition fee increase to a minimum. Otherwise, it would probably have been about 20%, instead of 10% They offer a second-hand book sale, corner store, bursaries and scholarships, they give you this newspaper, offer students a health plan to those that need it, the Student handbook, and the list goes on. Believe it or not, they do fight for us

on many other issues that some students obviously will not take the time or initiative to find out about.

Perhaps this concerned student should get his facts straight and know first of all that "our" president does not have pink dice in her car and secondly, that the Student Union is very involved in trying to get the bus back, and are doing everything in their power except carry each one of us on their backs, which is a little unrealistic. They also cannot do it without your support.

If you have ever been involved with a student council, you would know that in a school

the size of the Mount there is certainly very little enumeration for the work done. The hours that are put in by the majority of people on council far exceed most jobs in the workplace.

I personally gave up the Student Union on an executive level because the job was very demanding and my marks and sanity were suffering. I now work with one or two pet projects and would suggest to anyone who thinks the Student Union does nothing for them to get involved and see for themselves.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Boehner

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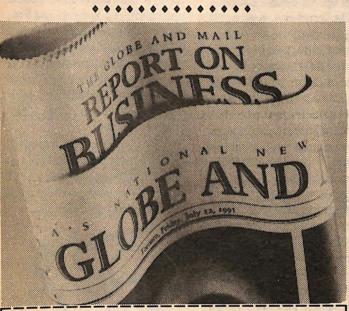
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Anti-Rape **Product Slammed**

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When Dye Witness is sprayed on an attacker's face, it foams up causing temporary blindness and leaves a green stain that lasts up to seven days.

Belinda Shelton, a member of the Vancouver Rape Relief collective, said the trend of anti-rape gimmicks including whistles, sprays and alarms capitalizes on women's fear.

"Since the Montreal massacre every Tom, Dick and Harry has been coming up with these devices, taking advantage of women's victimization without helping the women," she said.

But Dye Witness distributor Bob Monaghan said the device is being marketed to help women not frighten them.

"I don't think the man who

invented it did it to scare women," he said.

"Dye Witness won't guarantee that you're safe. What we hope is that this product will stop (a rape) from ever happening. "

Members of the University of British Columbia women's centre said they doubt the effectiveness of the product. They cited Vancouver police statistics which indicate that in 85 per cent of reported cases the woman knows the man who raped her.

"(Dye Witness) perpetuates the myth of a stranger coming out of the bushes," said centre member Meezan Eglen.

The problem is not identifying the attacker, she said.

"The woman still has to prove she was raped," she said. "And only one in ten report rapes.

In the light of the recent Supreme Court decision which altered the federal "rape shield" law, fewer women are going to be inclined to use the legal system, Eglen said.

Neither Vancouver Rape Relief nor the women's centre endorse so-called anti-rape devices -- they recommend self-defence courses.

Members of the Women's Centre are concerned self-defence products may be a way of

profiting from women's fear of

Women's Centre member Sarah Demb said rather than making men responsible for raping women, marketing these devices puts the onus on women to defend themselves from rapists.

"If I'm raped, they'll ask, why didn't you have a bottle of mace or whatever?" she said.

"They're trying to scare women into spending money -trying to sell the idea that you're safe. The fact is women can't prevent rape. If a man wants rape you he can get a gun and rape you."



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FEATURE

A CALL FOR PEACE

by Brenda Hebb

Once upon a time the Aboriginal people of Nova Scotia came across a beautiful snake which was very hungry and very sick. The Native people nursed it back to health. They fed it frogs and rabbits, but it continued to grow and required more food. Soon the natives were hunting moose to feed it. The snake grew so big, it circled the village. It wasn't so beautiful any more, but it was still hungry.

This is the way Aboriginal people describe their Aboriginal ancestors and the Europeans, who immigrated to Nova Scotia in the 15th century. The Europeans arrived in the new world hungry, sick and unprepared for the way of life they faced in this sometimes harsh environment. The ancestors of the Aboriginal people welcomed them with open arms, teaching them the survival techniques much needed in the challenging climate of Nova Scotia. They expected nothing in return. While they were prepared to share the land, they couldn't begin to know the long term repercussions of opening their ways to another culture.

"We, the Aboriginal people of Nova Scotia, adapted the religion of our oppressors," says Noel Knockwood, the Spiritual Leader of the Grand Council of the Micmac Nation. Knockwood and other Aboriginal people believe that embracing this new way of life was a tragic step for their people, which cost them their identity and their dignity.

It also cost many of them their way of lives as they were stricken with diseases that were unknown to them prior to the European immigration and struck down in wars that were not their own. The rights to their land were slowly taken from them. Ironically, says Knockwood, years later, the Aboriginal people were given back specific areas of land, the reserves, to call their own. Daniel Paul, executive director of the Confederacy of the Mainland Micmacs, remembers how he felt living on the reserve. At the age of 14 he ran away from home. He was ashamed. Paul recalls a black woman he had worked with who gave him the encouragement to return to his native land and educate himself about his culture. He remembers her words. She said, "Boy, you're sure down on yourself. You think those people are better than you but in actual fact in most instances you are the better one. "Today Paul feels proud of his Micmac heri-

But there is one part of Paul's heritage that is a thorn in his side. It is the Treaty of 1725 a treaty of peace and friendship between the Aboriginal people and the British. This treaty did not live up to the hopes it generated. Further steps had to be taken to protect the Aboriginal people. "I can only surmise in my mind that Chief Sachem Jean Baptiste Cope saw the future as a disaster and looked at the treaty as a chance for the survival of the Aboriginal people," says Paul.

On November 22nd, 1752, a revisal of the treaty of 1725 was put into effect. One important aspect of the treaty is section six. It states that in order for the Aboriginal people and the Provincial Government to maintain good relationships they must adhere to certain measures. It also stipulates that:

The said Indians promise once, every Year, upon the said first of October, to come by themselves or their Delegates and Receive the said Presents and Renew their Friendship and Submissions.

When Nova Scotia joined Confederation in 1867, the Affairs of Indian people were transferred to the Federal Government of Canada. Paul contests that in order to make the first of October meaningful, there would have to be a meeting between the Provincial, Federal and the Aboriginal governments. "There would have to be an agreement to make treaty day, a day of reconciliation, but as for now the day is meaningless because the governments are still saying no. These are no grounds to rebuild the Micmac community. Until that happens, it is really hard to be celebrating on an empty day. " says Paul.

However, in 1986, a proclamation was made by the Grand Chief of the Micmac people, Donald Marshall, that officially

invited all Micmac people to recognize October 1 as Treaty Day. This proclamation was formed as a result of the court case of James Matthew Simon where the Nova Scotia Supreme Court acknowledged the existence of the Treaty of 1752. In 1980, the R.C.M.P. charged Micmac James Matthew Simon, with violation of the Lands and Forests Act. Simon's case was taken to the Supreme Court Appeal Division. On November 21, 1985 the court enforced the Treaty of 1752 and Simon was acquitted.

Since 1985, the commemorations of Treaty Day have taken place. "For the last three years we have been calling it Treaty Day but the governments have not showed up," said Knockwood.

On October 1, a group of Aboriginal leaders, dressed in traditional garb, join in front of the monument located at the Grand Parade to commence the Treaty Day activities. The Aboriginal leaders discuss issues such as Aboriginal rights, land disputes, self-government and self-determination. "It has been singular the representatives of the government have not taken part in the commemorations," says Paul.

As Harold Cardinal said in his book, The Rebirth of Canada's Indians, a modern version of the treaty would have to put the relationship between the Native people and the Europeans, regarding land issues, back into perspective. Cardinal says the treaty must also recognize

religious rights and freedoms of the Aboriginal people.

"The treaty is the government's tool and the government hasn't lived up to what they wrote in the treaty. "says Allan Knockwood, a teacher at the Micmac Native Friendship Centre.

Treaty Day could provide an opportunity for the government and the Aboriginal people to join together to discuss their differences. The history of the treaty and land claims are issues that have been long ignored. Treaties recognized our aboriginal rights, our traditional form of Government and our traditional territory," Chief Leonard Tomah told the European Parliament on January 16, 1991. "Even though the courts have upheld our rights, the Federal and Provincial Governments have not made major policy changes in their respective jurisdictions to talk to us in a meaningful way," Tomah is quoted in the Micmac Malisect Nations News, Vol. 2, No. 2, February 1991.

So, when the Aboriginal Leaders meet at the Halifax Parade Grounds on October 1, 1991 they will be waiting to hear from the provincial government.



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ELECTIONS

Anne Clark

Tourism and Hospitality Representative

Hi! My name is Anne Clark and I am running for the position of Tourism and Hospitality Representative. I graduated from CEC in Truro two years ago and participated in students' council all three years there. Last year, I participated as a residence representative at Acadia.

If elected, I will act as a liaison between students, faculty, and the Student Union. I will take the job seriously and carry it about with dedication.

I'm looking forward to representing my fellow students and anticipate a great year.

Jenny Currie

Office Administration Representative

Hi, my name is Jenny Curie and I'm a third year student in the **Executive Office Administration** program.

I'm running for the position of Office Administration Representative for the Student Union. I'm running to assist the Office Adminstration students and faculty in bringing their concerns to Student Union.

Susie Detcheverry

Public Relations Representative

Hi! I'm Susie Detcheverry and I'm a 4th year Public Relations student and I'm running for the position of P.R. Representative on MSVU student council.

I will be responsible for bringing the concerns of the P.R. Society and P.R. students to the council as well a I will keep you informed about what's happening with the student council and the university.

If elected, I look forward to representing you on council. So join your P.R. Society today and let's work together to make this a fun and rewarding year at the Mount!

Mary Ellen Cleveland

Child Study Representative

Hi there. My name is Mary Ellen Cleveland and I'm a 4th year Child Study student. Here at the Mount I keep busy involving myself in many aspects of the university - the Alcohol Awareness Committee (C.H.O.I.C.E.), Peer Education programs within the residences, Athletics and Recreation, fundraising for various causes, and I've been a Resident Assistant for four years, as

I feel I will make an effective Child Study Representative on Student Council because I believe this area of education is very important and deserves equal status and recognition. Together with the Child Study Society, I plan to make this the most successful year ever for everyone involved in the Child Study pro-

Greg Frampton

Full Time Senate Representative

The position of Senate Representative consists of two functions, along with being an active member of the student's council, the senate representative participates at meetings of the university senate which consists of representatives from the administration, faculty, and students to discuss academic and university policy.

If elected, I will represent the student body to the best of my ability at both council and senate meetings.

In addition to entertaining student concerns and suggestions at a personal level, I am planning to gage the opinions of the student body by means of random sample questionnaires on certain relevant issues, such as the discontinuation of the Dal-Mount

bus services, tuition discounts for student union members, adequacy of on-campus security, and other situation that may evolve.

I feel that this process will create more interest and input from the student body, as well, having such information available will be helpful in decision making at both senate and council levels so that the wishes of students maybe addressed.

Also, I will be creating a petition against the placement of the GST on school books and student loans with a goal of having every member of the faculty and the student body's signature.

If elected, I will bring your concerns and suggestions to the forefront of council and senate meeting.

Please vote to be heard on election day.

Shauna MacNeil

Off- Campus Representative

I'm Shauna MacNeil, running for Off-campus Representative for the Student Union. I feel it is very important to keep a liaison between off-campus students and the Student Union. If elected. I will strive to keep communication open and work with other council members on issues such as the Dal-Mount bus.

I hope I have your support. I guarantee that you will be well represented. I have experience in communication and of holding other previous council positions. I look forward to representing you if I'm elected.

Karen Dean

Business Representative

Hi! My name is Karen Dean and I hope to become the all new MSVU Business Representative. I come from a small village not too far away from her called Middle Musquodoboit (try spelling that one!) and I am in my first year here, obviously in Business.

I was involved in Student's Council in all of my six years of high school, being treasurer in my last year, so I have decided to continue my involvement here at MSVU. I plan to work hard to satisfy the wants and needs of the Business community and I think I will do a good job representing them in the Student Union.

Jodie Boone

Residence Representative

I'm from St. George, New Brunswick and am in my first year at the Mount. Before coming here, I attended Teacher's College and graduated from the Child Development Services program in May.

While at Teacher's College, I was Residence Representative for my residence on Student Institute. I'm running for Residence Representative here and hope to be the voice for the five residences on Student Union. Anyone who knows me knows that I shouldn't have any problem with that!

Cindy Wambolt Full Time

Senate Representative

Hi, my name is Cindy Wambolt. This is my first year here and I am in the Bachelor of Child Studies program. I graduated from Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro in 1990. I am running for the position of Full Time Senate Representative on the Student Union.

I am running for this position as I feel that it is important that the academic issues of the students are addressed and represented by a qualified individual of the student body. I am capable to handle this position due to the fact that I have been a member of my high school student council. Please give me the chance to show you that I am worthy of this position.

ELECTIONS

October 1 & 2, 1991
Polls are located:

Rosaria, 3rd Floor
Seton, 1st Floor

Please show your support and come out and vote!

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STUFF

BLAH! BLAH! BLAH!

y Mike Isenor

This week's column conerns a rather personal crisis which ny wife and I went through over ne summer. In August, my wife ad a miscarriage. Now, on the osmic scale of things, this was ot an earth shattering catastrohe. In fact, miscarriages happen lot more often than you would hink (approximately 20% of all regnancies end this way). So why pring this up for all you terrific vicaro readers to know? Well, 'm getting to that, but first a ittle background.

On August 15, my wife and went to the Grace Maternity Hospital for a routine ultra sound. Lynne was 14 weeks pregnant and our little family of four was about o increase by one. This was my econd time around for that first inxious glimpse of life within the vomb. I remember seeing Emma on the ultra-sound screen and hinking that it was the most ncredible thing in the world (and ilso thanking God that there was only one!!) As I waited outside he examining room, the usual 5 minutes stretched into 25 and hen into 30 - panic set in and I began to worry about all those iorrible things expectant parents efuse to think about. My fears vere confirmed by the look on Lynne's face as they brought me nto the room. The doctors were very gentle: difficulty finding the etus, no heart beat, fetal development arrested at nine and a ialf weeks ... did we understand vhat this meant, would we like hem to call our doctor for us? What began in that room, was Five Days of Hell.

I don't remember driving lown the street to our family loctor, but we arrived there just he same. Our family doctor (who hall remain nameless, like all he other doctors) was ready for is and she attempted to mainain her composure, but Dr.J is ar too compassionate for her own good and we all shared a luick tear together. We left her office with the knowledge that he would handle things. Late hat afternoon, we received a call rom Dr. J that we had an apointment to see a gynaecologist he next day at the Well Women's linic in the Grace. At the Well Vomen's Clinic, a doctor examned Lynne and informed us that

D&C would be necessary to emove the "remains of the preg-

nancy". This was unfortunate, but very straightforward - almost. Due to the lack of surgery time available, an operating room could not be booked until August 30 - two weeks away!! But this doctor had a colleague who had a cancellation for next Wednesday, that meant we would only have to wait five days. Five days or 120 hours or 7200 minutes, nevertheless we would have to wait!!

This, my dear readers, is my point. A woman is informed that the fetus (no, not a fetus - a baby!) growing within her womb has died, but because the woman is in perfect physical health, she must continue her daily life knowing that she is carrying a dead

child inside her. My wife is a very strong person and I truly admire her ability to roll with the punches, but this just amazed me. What is wrong with our hospital system, that it would make a woman go through something as traumatic like this - a miscarriage is badenough, but to tell a woman who is carrying a dead child that she is not a priority . . . !? Upon questioning the doctor on the lengthy wait, we were informed that over the summer the hospitals shut down 40 percent of their operating facilities to allow for summer vacations. As a result, all surgery was booked on a level of priority basis - unless my wife began bleeding and experienced menstruallike cramps, there was not a thing they could do for her. Yes, physically, Lynne was fine - her health was in no apparent danger. But what about her mental and emotional well being? This seemed rather unimportant to the gynaecologist who shook his head and said how sad it was that it had to be this way, but there was nothing he could do!! And there was nothing he could do, even when Lynne exhibited the symptoms of cramping and bleeding late Saturday night and I rushed her to the Infirmary where they would supposedly perform an emergency D&C at 1:00 a.m. Yet, once again we were sent home after waiting three and a half hours in the

Emergency room: the resident gynaecologist informed us that it would be much easier for the surgeon if we waited. Wait. Wait. Wait. A 15 minute procedure that requires the patient to be hospitalized for about two hours, was stretched out to five days!! And I would like to know why! Does our male dominated government and administrative bodies hold such little esteem and respect for the female psyche that they would allow this to happen on a continuing basis?? I pray to God that this is not the case!!

Psychology Society

by Gwen Jollimore

The first meeting of the year for the M.S.V.U. Psychology Society was held on September 19, 1991. The large turnout was welcomed by this year's Executive President, Sara Walker (445-3398), Vice President, Margaret Cowan (443-3485), and Treasurer - Sheri Malay (860-1023). An election will be held in the near future for the position of Secretary, so all of you who may welcome an opportunity to hone up on your note-taking skills and take an active role in your Society, here's your chance. Interested parties should contact a member of the executive.

Psychology Society pins are on order and this year we are ordering Psychology Society sweat-shirts. Stay warm, look chic, and support the Society all for a mere ten to fifteen dollalrs. What a deal! If you're interested in getting in on this deal, let someone on the executive know so that enough shirts will be ordered.

There was a discussion of last year's events which included such things as a Psycho-Challeng, speakers on topics ranging from volunteer opportunities to Provincial licensing regulations, a meet, the Faculty session, and a night on the town. This year we hope to do all this and much more. Your ideas for events are always welcome and can be passed on to the executive, dropped into the suggestion box located in the Psychology Lab, Seton 318 or contributed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 1991, at noon. Watch for the yellow notices for the specific location. Meetings are planned for twice a month, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays to allow for more flexibility in personal schedules. We look forward

to seeing an even larger turn out on Oct. 2. And REMEMBER the Psychology Society has no membership requirement, you don't have to be a psychology major or minor, all that is necessary is an interest and desire to attend.

So see you on October 2.

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SPORTS

Soccer Victory

On Wed Sept 18 the Mount Saint Vincent University Women's Soccer team started their competitive season by successfully taking on the University of Kings College.

The last time these two teams met was in the final game of the 1990 NSCAA Championships. At that time the Kings team defeated the Mount to become NSCAA Champions.

This time around the results were a little different.

Midway through the second half Jennifer Ayotte managed to get past the defense, take on the goalkeeper one on one, and put the ball in the net to win the game 1-0.

" We started out slowly but that's to be expected as it was our first game of the year. " said Coach Patsy Pyke.

" I think I was a little concerned initially because the ball seemed to be in our defensive end a long time. But then we got into the swing of things and actually had a number of good runs. We have some things to work on but at this point we can only get better."

"There is an awful lot of talent on our team this year with nine of eleven starters returning and four talented rookies joining

Carolyn Townsend is one of these rookies although not literally a "rookie". Carolyn played with the University of Prince Edward Island last year. She will be a big asset to the half back line.

Pam Austin from Dartmouth gives us a lot of depth on the forward line and speed on the half back line.

Karen Pottie from Halifax, our rookie in nets, adds a great deal of intensity and experience as keeper.

Shauna MacNeil another
Dartmouth player rounds out this
talented rookie squad.

The next league game for the team is Thurs Sept 28 in Truro.

Leafs Topple Nords 5-1

By Scott Christensen

The Quebec Nordiques hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Metro Centre Thursday night in an exhibition match which saw the Leafs out-gun and out-play the Nordiques, 5-1. Toronto set the pace of the game just twenty-four seconds into the initial period with a shot off the crossbar behind Quebec goaltender, Ron Tugnutt. Quebec's free-wheeling style of play was fast and exciting, but never really amounted to any good scoring chances.

The Leafs came onto the ice with more discipline and their patience paid off, especially with the play-making ability of NHL veteran, Mike Foligno. He assisted on Rob Cimetta's second goal of the night and his perseverance around the Quebec goalmouth resulted in many exciting changes for Toronto.

Cimetta, a former Boston Bruin, assisted McClelland to open the scoring at 14:25 of the

Wed Sept 18

first period. Tom Fergus beat Tugnutt low on the shorthanded side for the only goal of the second period and defenseman Bob Rouse added a shorthanded goal to begin the third. Quebec's only goal came from Joe Sakic, the team's leading scorer last year with 48 goals. He was the only bright spot for the Nords who went 0-5 on the power play and only managed 24 shots on goal. Cimetta closed out the scoring with two goals 29 seconds apart late in the third period and put away any hopes of a Quebec comeback.

The crowd, which filled just under 8000 seats, were behind Toronto from the very beginning. Two spectators brought a roar from many of the die-hard Leaf fans as they paraded the stands with an inscribed bedsheet in hand: Go Leafs - Remember '67. The Dream Never Dies.

This refers to the last time Toronto was the best time in hockey, winning the Stanley Cup in 1967 under the legendary coaching of Punch Imlach.

Although the game was noticeably an exhibition match, it gave a chance for Metro and area fans to see a NHL game without having to travel to Boston or Montreal to take in 60 minutes of hockey. It was disappointing not to see Mats Sundin, Quebec's second highest scorer last year, and Leaf favourites, Wendel Clark, Vincent Damphousse and Gary Leeman.

The absence of Damphousse fuelled trade speculation and this was confirmed Friday as the 23 year old left winger was involved in a multi-player deal which will see Grant Fuhr and Glenn Anderson in Toronto jerseys this season. This new infusion of experience on the Leaf roster will hopefully bring a winning season to Toronto and their many anticipatory fans throughout the country.ein, Quebec's second highest scorer last year, and Leaf favourite, Wendel Clark, Vincent Damphousse and Gary

Mount Defeats Acadia 1-0

On Sun Sept 22 the Mount soccer team travelled to Wolfville to play an exhibition game against the Acadia developmental team.

The Acadia Womens Soccer team won the CIAU National Title last year and understandably have a number of new players interested in trying out for their team this year.

The developmental team is made up of some of those players who did not make the cut for the 1991 season but who are interested in playing and keeping up their skills over the year for a chance of playing next year.

This is a good team for us to play in an exhibition series. says Mount Coach Patsy Pyke. They, like us, are just getting into their season and have a lot of new talent. Again much like our game against Kings, there are a number of things we have to work on but overall I was pleased with our performance. The field conditions were anything but perfect so I think that affected our play to some degree.

Audrey Norman scored the winning goal on a shot which was deflected into the corner of the net. Audrey played nets for the Mount last year and is proving herself very competent at midfield.ich was deflected into the corner of the net. Audrey played nets for the Mount last year and is proving herself very competent at midfield.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25 Intramural Coed Indoor Soccer 3-4 pm Rosaria Gym MSVU Badminton Tryouts 7-9 pm Rosaria Gym MSVU Men's Basketball Tryouts 7-9 pm Rosaria Gym Pub Night at Vinnie's 50/50 Soccer Draw at 11:15 pm

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8-10 pm Rosaria Centre

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L'Affaire Lindros Continues.

By Scott Christensen

The scene was set Thursday night as Halifax and area fans began to fill the Metro Centre to watch a pre-season game between the host Quebec Nordiques and the Toronto Maple Leafs. They came to see the exciting on-ice abilities of such Quebec stars as Joe Sakic. And they also came to talk about the controversial office activities of another "Nordique" - Eric Lindros.

The Nordiques chose Lindros first over-all last June in the NHL's entry draft. The muchheralded teenager has been in the hockey spotlight since May because of his continuing refusal to play in Quebec city. The sixfoot, five-inch, 224 lb. London, Ontario native has been hyped as the "next one" (in comparison to Wayne Gretzky's nickname "The Great One") because of his similarity to Gretzky's and Mario Lemieux's scoring touch and sheer presence on the ice. Lindros' number 88 aptly applies to this parallel, sandwiched between Pittsburgh's #66; and the Great One's #99.

Lindros has been compared to Lemieux for other reasons as well. During the 1984 entry draft, Lemieux refused to do his new

Penguin when he was selected by Pittsburgh first over-all. He soon found himself signed to a multimillion dollar contact and last year's Stanley Cup finals to make himself as financially successful as possible from the best marketable franchise in the NHL.

Eric Lindros has every right to better himself as he sees fit. But the NHL's entry draft is one way weaker teams can try to better themselves, albeit not the only way to make a club competitive. The Nordiques, knowing that Lindros did not want to play in Quebec before the June draft, smartly chose him and now hold his rights. They will hopefully not be held ransom by Lindros and may exchange his NHL contract for enough talent to seriously improve Quebec's cellar dwelling in the overall standings.

The French/English question is just another excuse fuelled by the political mood of the country. The French are close to their hockey and Quebec Nordique fans are offended that they could lose a franchise player. But Lindros has stated that he would play in Montreal because of the sheer marketability and popularity of Les Habs and their proven

Critics have also stated that

Lindros hasn't even laced up his skates yet for a NHL game and must therefore prove his worth beyond junior and world junior play. The Canada Cup disproved these accusations. Although not living up to scoring expectations, Lindros skated stride for stride with the world's best and certainly showed his physical presence through menacing body checks (colliding with a player during a pre-Canada Cup scrimmage, he sustained a mild concussion). It would surely be a devastating blow to the NHL if Lindros were to return to junior hockey or a less-likely signing in Europe. He should be playing in the NHL and free to ink whatever contract he sees as the most advantageous to his career. But he should not be able to undermine or harm the draft system and its underlying objectives.

Eric Lindros may seem like the neighbourhood brat who took hishockey net home when his mother called him for supper, with the other children on the street left offended and hurt by his selfishness. He is a product of the hype and sensationalism which the hockey world and media alike have shone upon him. Remember - as he carries his stick and net home - he does own it and will use it as he sees fit.

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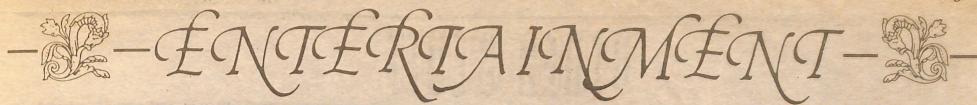
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Horoscope

Aries

(March 21 to April 19)

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Taurus

(April 20 to May 20)

Bull!! Your lucky number is the standard deviation of this data set 6, 44, 81, 14, 97

Gemini

(May 21 to June 20)

Lumberjacks turn you on a great deal this week. Try to discover new and perverted uses for chain saws. At the point of ecstasy, don't forget to yell Scorpio "Timmmmbeeeeerrrrrr!!!

Cancer

(June 21 to July 22)

Motorcycles bother you ... in a good way. Hop on the back of a Harley (with a cute stinky biker) and come back the next morning stinky, sticky,

(July 23 to August 22)

You'll be dead within the week. You have no lucky number.

Virgo

(August 23 to September 23)

Horoscopes cause cancer. Be afraid, be very

Libra

(September 23 to October 22)

The Vernal Equinox has affected your ability to do that sexual thing you do so well with marshmallows. Until the stars realign, try using S.O.S. pads.

(October 23 to November 21)

Two close friends of yours are into weird stuff like fire hydrant kissing. Be afraid. Be very

Sagittarius

(November 22 to December 21)

Your phone will ring and the person on the other end will claim to be Elvis. He says he has been living in a commune on Robie Street with Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix. He will say the music is great and that you should visit sometime. Go and look for Marilyn Monroe while you are there.

Capricorn

(December 22 to January 19)

Your horoscope highlights going to Rosa's, getting drunk, puking in the Grand Parade and not getting a real life until 1996.

Aquarius

(January 20 to February 18)

You may already be the winner of 10 million dollars.

Pisces

(February 19 to March 20)

Money is not a problem for you since your recent hobby of bookbag theft in the library has picked up. but perhaps you don't really have a need for the toothbrush you found in the bathroom in Seton. Your lucky number is 6,144,000.

Martha T. MacGillicuddy spotted Elvis at the Capital Foods Store on Coburg Road on Sunday, September 15, 1991. She says at first she didn't recognize the King, but his blue suede shoes gave him away. "He's still just as sexy as ever," says MacGillicuddy, "I almost swooned."

MacGillicuddy watched from behind the frozen foods as the King purchased Doritos (Bob's favourite snack), frozen peas, and an Insta Pik. She says he then left the store and rode his mountain bike in the general direction of Howe Hall.

If you have seen the King, please write to "Elvis Watch", c/o the Picaro, so that we may keep you informed on his whereabouts. With the continued love and devotion of his fans, perhaps Elvis will finally return to us and reign forever from his blue suede throne.

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Help: Has anyone seen my running nose? It has fallen and I can't pick it out.

To the Chocolate Bunny:
It's good to have you back and bouncing at the Mount. We luv you! (Owe up on our bet!)
The Venetian Cream Puff alias Cat Killer.

To my sexy cowboy stud: Keep on wearing those tight jeans and thrilling my body with that voice.

Love your creditor.

To the 90's woman trapped in the 20's society:

If you want a response from I.C. you'll have to send a reason and a family photo with a pet. Otherwise get a life!

Wanted one well-grown, sexy potatoe with nice eyes for one fresh spud!

Contact Spud through person-

Lost: One over-abundant closet of faggy pastel coloured wool cardigans. If found contact Mr. Rogers in his neighbourhood.

To the cute guy selling Orientation packs in Assisi lobby on the Monday, September 2nd! I'll be glowing for you at the pub tonight!

Mocktail winners from Orientation Week - we need your recipes! Contact Tracy at the Student Union.

Please submit all personals to Rosaria, room 403.

"What's That Supposed to Mean?" Corner of Creativity

First Year

by Flyncuc

One week in school with not one old friend;
Only 2 letters I get for the 16 I send.
Getting sort of down just doing my work;
Wondering "Why am I here?"

feeling like a jerk.
Phoned home to say
hello to all!
Now I am so glad
it was time to call.
Ma, Pa, and Sis talked
on the phone,

Said they missed me and my craziness home! One hundred six things I wanted to say . . . Forgot half, but could've gabbed all day. I miss my 2 puppies much more than a tad! I feel sort of happy and feel sort of sad... Want to go home Glad to be here They say this confusion is part of first year.

DEATH

by Angela Grainger

Perhaps, this is the last thing on a dying man's mind.

i never thought, until my dying day.

"i was pushed, pushed i tell you. i didn't jump... my God, i did jump, didn't i? i didn't want to, but, i couldn't control myself. please ... i don't want to die. not like this. i just got so... caught up... i couldn't stop. i wanted to go further. they promised i could fly. they promised i wouldn't fall.

they lied. "

"I hear a ringing in my ears. and i see a bright light. God is calling me. God forgives me. i jumped by myself, with my own mind. I could have said no. i was so very stupid. i thought i was smart enough to handle it, i thought i knew myself. I was so stupid. God is pulling me. my mother taught me... 'now i lay me down to sleep, i pray the Lord my soul to keep. if i should die ... 'o God, my life and death is a drug statistic ... '... before i wake, i pray the Lord my soul to take. 'o please, i didn't want to die. '

