



The Picaro

WHAT HAVE
YOU
DONE
FOR THE MOUNT
TODAY?

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Art Gallery Opens



OFFICIAL ART GALLERY OPENING: Left to right -- Mr. V. Oland, representing the Board of Governors; Mr. J.P. Morriset, guest speaker; Sister Margaret Malloy, representing Sister Catherine Wallace; Mr. Weinstein, whose work is currently on exhibit in the gallery; and Mrs. Margaret Crompton, director of the gallery.

The Art Gallery of Seton Academic Centre was officially opened on the evening of Tuesday, December 7, 1971.

Mr. Jean Paul Morriset gave the introductory talk, the main point of which was the growing importance of Halifax in the art scene of Canada.

The opening exhibition was by the Canadian artist Alan Weinstein whose main body of work appeared to be the study of the human form in suspended positions. He illustrated particular interest, in one section of work, in the child's figure. His collection showed use of many media: oil, chalk, acrylic, pen, pencil, engraving, and intaglio.

As the Art Gallery's first showing, it was well attended and demonstrated the interest of people in the Halifax area to meet the artist on his terms; that is, through his work.

We owe much of the success for the opening to the Director of the Art Gallery, Mrs. Margaret Crompton.

Goyer SS Exposed by Leftists

Halifax (CUP) - Solicitor General Jean Pierre Goyer's Security Services Department was hard at work in Halifax recently when one of its agents was found out.

Dave MacKinnon, a well-known figure in Halifax left-wing circles, was recently exposed as a conscious paid S.S. agent. He was a member of the New Morning collective, one of the organizations Goyer said his department would investigate.

MacKinnon started working for the Security and Intelligence Branch of the RCMP in June, 1971. At that time, the central staff of New Morning in Halifax, the leadership of the Partisan Party

in Vancouver, and Red Morning in Toronto knew of his activity.

He was supposed to be operating as a double agent giving only general information about the left to the S.S. and collecting information about the Security Force for future use by the left.

But because of his practice, New Morning came to the conclusion that MacKinnon was either a conscious police agent or is so "screwed up" that he must be treated as an agent.

One example they cited is The Eastern Front which MacKinnon apparently instigated. The small group recently threw a molotov cock-

tail into the storeroom of the information bookstore in Halifax. New Morning denounced the act and the group as adventuristic.

MacKinnon was accused of being adventuristic and a provocateur. The latter accusation fits in well with a police agent's actions. He was also exposed because his stories of his activities and the information he had did not click with other information New Morning received.

During his five months as a double agent, MacKinnon reportedly earned about \$5,000 for the information he supplied. When the S.S. was formally

set up in August, his salary jumped considerably.

As a result of his actions, a New Morning Press Release urged that "the left in Canada not deal with MacKinnon as he cannot be trusted."

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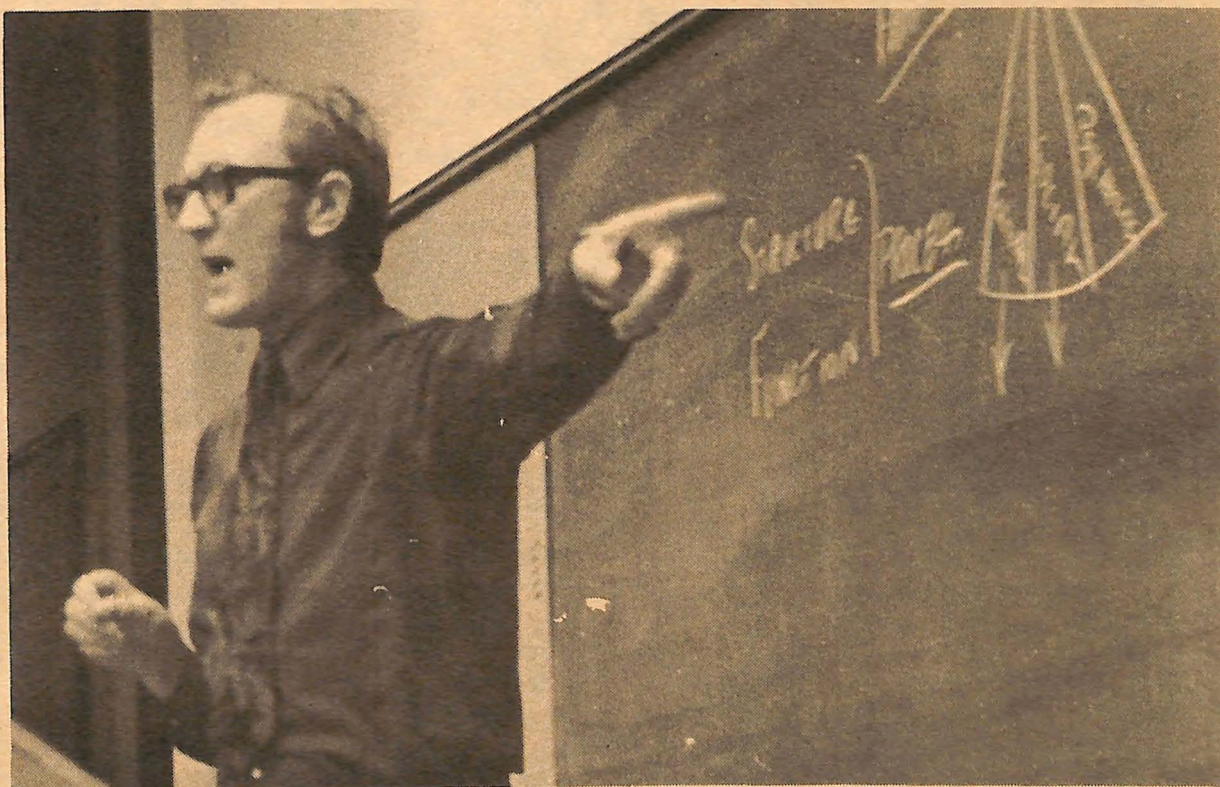
Did you know:

-that women are among the lowest paid employees because they often do not receive equal pay for equal work and because they tend to enter and remain in low status and low income jobs.

-contrary to the myth that women own three quarters of the country's wealth and dominate consumer spending, women receive approximately 20% of reported earned and investment income in Canada, while decisions on consumer spending are about equally divided between husband and wife.



- that in 1967, female graduates made up about a third of Canadian graduates in arts, pure science and commerce; more than half the graduates in education, library science and social work. Yet many fields of earning still remain male preserves with only token female representation; less than 5% in law and theology, 12% in medicine and 6% in dentistry. Percentages of female participation drastically drop as educational levels increase in all fields.



-that only one of the recommendations on taxation from the report on the Status of Women is presently being considered in the new taxation legislation and that one only partially as recommended.

-that a man cannot be guilty of the crime of rape against his wife, but that when a wife leaves her husband and deprives him of exclusive sexual rights, he does not have to support her and she loses her dower rights.

In The Aftermath

U.S. EMBASSY RELEASE

OTTAWA, NOV. 23, 1971 -- There has been no detectable release of radioactivity to the marine or surface environment as a result of the underground nuclear test held Nov. 6 on Amchitka Island, according to the summary report on Cannikin effects issued on Nov. 19 by the Atomic Energy Commission. Effects observed thus far on species of living things on and near Amchitka indicate that no permanent harm will result from the test to any population of mammals, birds, fish or other marine or plant life, the report said. The following is the full text of the AEC's findings:

SUMMARY REPORT ON CANNIKIN EFFECTS

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The Atomic Energy Commission's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, which was responsible for weapon design and was in charge of the scientific aspects of the test, reported that all classified data and that preliminary examination of the records indicated that the desired information was obtained. The data recorded on film and tape will require detailed analysis. Work has begun toward drilling into the radioactive melt in the detonation area to obtain samples of the melt for radiochemical analysis at the laboratory at Livermore, California. If the work proceeds on schedule, the drilling process is expected to be completed by Spring, 1972. The analyses of the melt are required to evaluate fully the performance of the Spartan Warhead which was tested.

RADIOACTIVITY

There has been no detectable release of radioactivity to the marine or surface environment as a result of Cannikin. Measurements will continue for a number of years.

SEISMICITY

No large earthquake was triggered by the detonation, although hundreds of aftershocks much smaller in recorded magnitude than the shock wave from the explosion were registered in the vicinity until collapse to the surface of the cavity created by the detonation. This occurred about 38 hours after the test. These small aftershocks were no longer observable after cavity collapse. A preliminary survey of the surface subsidence indicates it has a maximum depth of about 60 feet, with a radius of approximately 2,600 feet.

When surface collapse occurred, seismic instruments at Palmer, Alaska, recorded the resulting earth disturbance as having a Richter Magnitude (surface wave) of about 5.0.

Ground motion resulting directly from the detonation was felt strongly on Amchitka, distinctly at Adak, nearly 200 miles away, and less distinctly at Shemya, somewhat farther away. There is no record of perception at greater distance than these two U.S. Military installations.

SEA WAVES

Natural ocean wave activity was high in the Amchitka region when Cannikin was fired because of very strong winds the previous day. No Tsunami, or large ocean wave produced by ocean floor movement, was observed or recorded.

SURFACE EFFECTS

The tundra surface in the ground zero area was considerably cracked and otherwise disturbed, as had been expected. Two ponds in the area were drained and three others partially drained. Cliff and turf falls along the Bering Sea for a two-mile stretch near ground zero were greater than had been predicted, and preliminary indications are that the beach and ocean floor in the near vicinity of the Cannikin site has been lifted permanently by several feet.

Cliff and turf falls along the Pacific Ocean side of the island appeared to be approximately as predicted.

The dike of a pond holding drilling mud, about 4.7 miles from ground zero, developed cracks from Cannikin ground motion, and an estimated 5,000 cubic yards of drilling mud flowed into a small creek that empties into the Pacific Ocean, with the inflow being at a point about one and a half miles from the ocean. On the basis of other experience it must be assumed that organisms in the affected portion of the creek were destroyed, and that life will return to that part of the stream within a few years.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

LIVING THINGS

Since Cannikin, numerous surveys have been made, and are continuing, in an attempt to record its effects on and near the island. No effects at greater distance have been observed.

At this time, observed effects on species of living things on and near Amchitka indicate that no permanent harm will result from the test to any population of mammals, birds, fish, other marine life, or plant life. To date, searches of the sea shores of Amchitka have located 14 dead sea otters, and all these bodies were recovered. Two additional injured sea otters were observed from helicopters, but the bodies were not recovered. Another two

abandoned small otter pups were seen and not recovered. It is assumed that all these died, making a total of 18, of which 16 were on the Pacific side and two on the Bering side. It is not believed likely that more explosion-injured otters will be found.

Of the 14 recovered sea otter bodies, 12 underwent autopsies. Deaths of seven appeared to be from overpressure in water, two died due to rock falls, and three apparently were fatally injured by vertical acceleration (upthrust of the ground).

Four dead seals were found in the sweeps, and all were autopsied. All apparently died from overpressure. A survey Nov. 18 of Seal Beach on the Pacific side of the island showed a normal number of seals (about 75) on the beach.

Hundreds of dead fish were found on beaches, most of them Greenling which live around the kelp beds fringing Amchitka. A scuba survey of ocean bottom areas near ground zero on both the Pacific and Bering sides of the island indicated no significant difference in numbers of sea urchins from before the test. Sea urchins are believed to be a significant portion of the diet of sea otters.

Autopsies of 16 dead birds found on the island indicated that all but one died from the effects of the explosion, seven from overpressure and eight from vertical acceleration. No eagles or Peregrine falcons were among the dead birds.

Three or four Bald Eagle nesting sites along the Bering coast apparently were lost in cliff falls, and two on the Pacific coast. One Eagle nesting site on each coast appears unstable and subject to weather damage. Eagles often change nesting sites, and it is not believed that the losses will affect the population. No Peregrine Falcon nesting sites used in 1971 were lost, but one used in 1969 and 1970 was believed gone.

Hundreds of dead freshwater fish were found on the borders of small lakes near Cannikin ground zero, most were Sticklebacks, a small trash fish, and a great many of them were in patterns indicating their kill came from gale winds the day before Cannikin. Some Dolly Varden Char, a game fish, also were found dead.

Aerial counts have indicated a lessened number of otters in the Bering sea near the Cannikin site as compared with before the test. The water there is muddied for some distance out because of siltation from turf falls into the water. On the Pacific Ocean side of Amchitka and along other parts of the Bering coast it appeared that normal numbers of otters were observed.

POINT OF YOU!

To the Ghost of the Picaro -- one student's point of view.

Freedom of the press? First of all, I would ask you to look up that definition. I already have hence in my estimation this so-called ghost is of very low calibre.

I would suggest that the author(s) take a course that is offered here at the Mount called "Writing and Editing". I am sure it would be most beneficial.

One thing you possess is freedom in your choice of words, although they leave much to be desired. If I were you, I would look at myself before I accused anyone else of giving the Mount a bad name. Surely when readers of the PICARO

see the word (suckholers), they do not come to the conclusion that the paper is trying to promote "intellectual and spiritual powers."

Another word you used very freely was "majority" (ashes to ashes, the final pledge to you Student Council, from the voices of the majority") I would really like to see your statistics on how you arrived at a "majority" that feel that way!! Are you sure you did not misuse the word and mean minority -- like you and your friends for instance!

As for the Mount bus being parked in front of beverage rooms, why even the "majority" of students know the story on that, but yet our well-informed (?) newspaper could not get the facts straight. I am only

a part-time student here and I feel I know more of the truth about the statements you made than you do, or at least, care to admit.

Yes, we should be allowed to express our views, but I was not aware that "ghosts" suddenly acquired the power of speech and writing. Science (or Seance) is truly moving rapidly isn't it!

You really make me laugh, though, I was very angry when I first read your article, but upon a second reading I laughed, because it was so ridiculous. You didn't even have the backbone to sign your name(s) to the paper. But I guess ghosts, just as fish, have no backbone.

Sincerely,
Shelley Laurence.

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[staff] Once again this year, the Mount played host to the children of Halifax during the Annual Children's Day Christmas Festival. Dr. David Monaghan saw the arrival of too many kids [more than 1300!]



The day included some plays performed by children from elementary and junior high schools in the area, the Mount Glee Club [which was renamed the 'Gold Diggers' by one small boy], a Christmas Carol 'sing-in' and of course, St. Nick.

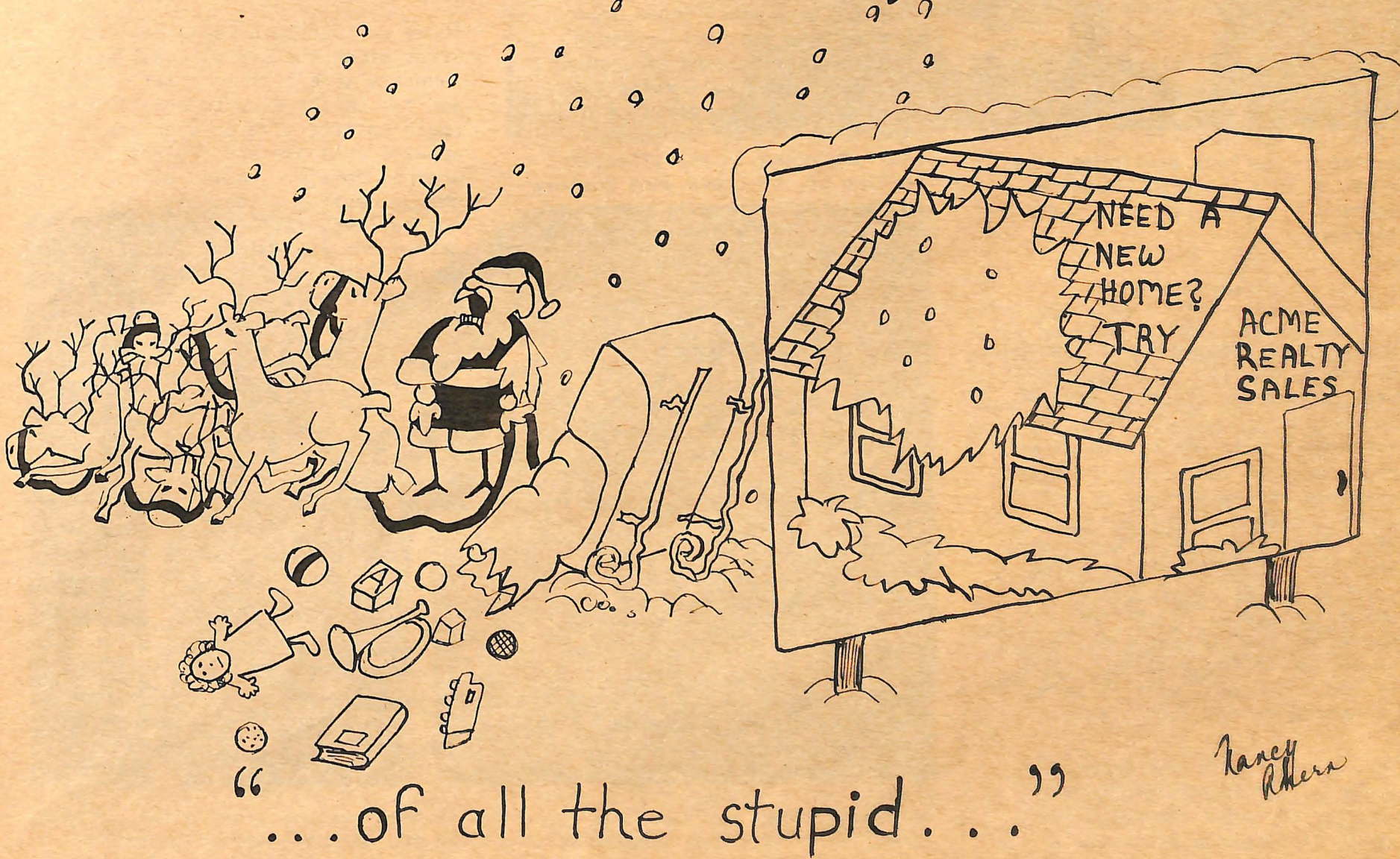
Dr. Monaghan and his co-workers Sister Geraldine Anthony and Dr. Olga Broomfield, stated that the Cultural Affairs Committee had only expected 1000 children



Dr. David Monaghan
Sister Geraldine Anthony

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YOUR COLORING BOOK



"...of all the stupid..."

Karey
Peters

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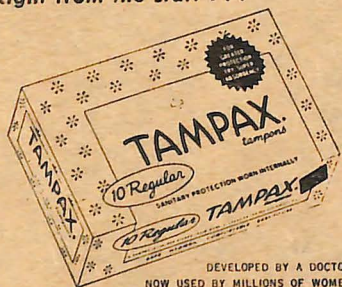
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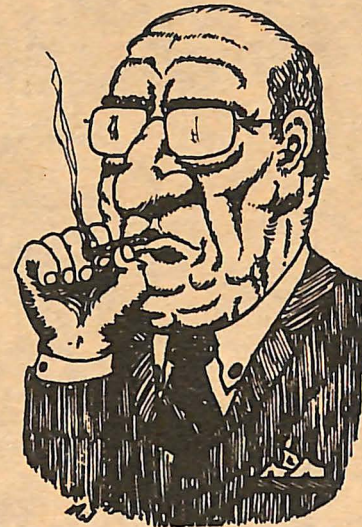
MOANS and GROANS GROWLS

The new deal: is it any better than the old approach? We are well into the exams for this semester and we are well on our way to being smothered!

The new concept of abolishing the two week exam period and letting the profs have the liberty of giving an exam(s) any time during the final weeks of the semester is backfiring -- at least from the students' viewpoint.

It is questionable what some profs are trying to prove, if anything. Students are now faced with the regular work of the mundane class, plus the exams, plus term papers. In many classes, if a student tries to equalize the work load by missing a class to catch up on notes or to research a paper, or yes, even to take a needed rest, they are penalized 5% of their term mark (and more) for each class they miss! If one must threaten one's students with the marks they may lose, it would appear one is not sure of one's class approach. (Fear of boredom takes a back seat when an arrogant prof wishes to increase class attention and participation(?).) No one can stand the strain and still say they are pleased with this new system.

Profs who have taken the time to talk to other faculty members about this work load understand the problem. Many have decided to restrict their assignments because



of others who cannot see it. Why should some profs have to give up parts of their courses so that others may have the satisfaction of having ten term papers, two exams and countless long assignments, not to mention perfect attendance at each class when the year is completed?

Each prof should ask his classes whether the work he is giving is too heavy to cope with while considering that there are other profs..If the answer is yes, then do something definite about it! Every student should demand that his prof ask this question. (If he doesn't he may be running away from the fact.) Answer him honestly, remembering he has a job to do, but tell him!

Finally a question: why abolish exam week when we still have exams? Why not abolish the whole works???

Once more at the festive time of year our shrinking world's population has the chance to give each other a gift that will never be catalogued ... a third world war.

Our eyes this Christmas are focused on India and Pakistan. This past week was accented by Pakistani Day, a day for community information. I wish the rest of the World could have stopped at the Mount to relax and straighten out their thoughts, quietly with each other during this day.

I am appealing to you for just a

moment this Christmas, to move your unfocused and possibly blurred eyes away from the hot areas of war and strife. I ask you to think for a moment, say a prayer or lift your glass toward the United Nations.

This organization is near bankruptcy yet representatives are not pounding at our doors for contributions.

For a change this Christmas Season give a thought to the United Nations, you will be giving a thought towards world peace and good will. Cheers.

To our readers:

Thank-you very much for your varied responses in FEEDBACK. Your opinions and suggestions are helpful and always welcomed. Briefly, the results are as follows:

--many people enjoyed the first issue and, as we do, look forward to constant change and improvement

--the IRA article was

very well received

--from your votes and our discussions the paper continues as the PICARO, with an ever changing cover theme.

--comments were too varied for generalizations.

We hope you will continue to help us by "FEEDING BACK"

It helps us help you.

THE PICARO

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*I'm a
yankee
doodle
dandy...*



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SPORTS

by Judy Flynn

Mount Saint Vincent swept into the athletic scene this year by placing first in the City's Women's Volleyball League. The competition was at times stiff but Mount Power triumphed. Then it was on to the Inter-Collegiate Tournament at King's where we placed second. The standing and teams entered were as follows: Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent, St. F. X., Mount Allison, Saint Thomas, King's. Congratulations to the girls!

Basketball tryouts started here in November and will still be open after Christmas for any girls interested in playing. The team will play in the City League all winter and in the Inter-Collegiate Tournament at Dalhousie in February. One game has been played in the City League with the Mount losing by 7 points to a strong women's team.

Badminton is becoming one of the university's main sports. We will enter a team in a local tournament and then the Nova Scotia Tournament. Practices are held Monday and Thursday evenings at 5:30. Anyone who would

like to play should contact Dr. M. Blamar.

Free golf instructions are given every Tuesday night in Everistus Gym. The pro is Mr. George Robinson and instruction will continue to be available to students after Christmas.

There will be curling every Sunday starting in the new year. Interested parties should contact Mrs. Rice or sign up on the posters.

Ski fans are encouraged to join the Dal-Mount Ski Club. This is a Great way to save on trips and also meet people.

Swimming is every Wednesday evening at the Infirmary Pool and the Skating schedule at Dal. is as follows:
Tues. and Thurs. -- 8:30 to 10:30 P. M.
Saturday -- 3:30 to 5:30

Now, last but not least, is our newest baby, the pool table. It is located in the Common Lounge and it's 25¢ a game. Beware of the sharks but be sure to give it a try!



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CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST & FOUND

REWARD! Two rings lost evening of Dec. 8. Contact Picaro Office or Student Union Office.

I am missing Arthur [my blue French Poodle] that you took by mistake from the 12th floor Assisi Christmas display.

I know you also like him, but he means more to me than to YOU!

Please send him back.
Virginia Lagos

ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS MASS
to be held in Evar.
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V. Yes you are loved and won't you come away with me. You know where... K.

Quebec: Qu'est que c'est?

by H.E. Miller

Bergeron asks a question which needs answering, as Canadians we need to have an answer: "Quebec is spoiling the image Canada has of itself. Quebec is disturbing the comfort of a peaceful country going about its business. Quebec is undermining the very foundations of a well adjusted modern state. How awful can a province get?"

Is Quebec doing the above or are Canadians doing it to themselves? Leandre Bergeron does not answer his question, but leaves it for us to answer with his book.

THE HISTORY OF QUEBEC is a book Canadians should read; not just because it's the history of Quebec but because it may help us to UNDERSTAND the problems of Quebec and of Canada.

The book is divided into three sections: The French regime, which deals with the French exploration to the time of the Conquest; the English regime, from the Conquest till the aftermath of World War I; and the American regime, from the aftermath of World War I to 1970.

Bergeron develops the three sections quite fully. He gives the definition to words that he feels need to be clarified because of connotations, such as "censitaires", "Canayen", "Metropolitians", "Negro King", and others. He also distinguishes between the discoverers and explorers -- the white man could not have discovered North America since the red man was in America first. The book is most interesting and moves swiftly from one period to another.

The book has a few faults however. Bergeron places irrelevant facts with others he wants to emphasize: the white man carried out genocide on the Indians, so he uses references to Hitler and the Jews, the Americans and the Vietnamese. What have the facts of Hitler and the Americans' genocide practices have to do with the early Canadian exploration period?

The main and greatest fault of his book is that it is ambiguous, giving no source references, so I would not recommend the book as a reference source.

Bergeron's negligence in not citing his sources of information makes his book invalid as a history text, but it is good reading for Canadians to understand their problem.

Bestsellers in Halifax this week

FICTION

- 1—Wheels, Arthur Hailey
- 2—Bear Island, Alistair MacLean
- 3—Nemesis, Agatha Christie
- 4—Message From Malaga, Helen MacInnes
- 5—Winds of War, Herman Wouk
- 6—Summer of the Red Wolf, Morris West
- 7—St. Urbain's Horseman, Mordecai Richler
- 8—The Revolution Script, Brian Moore
- 9—The Trudeau Papers, Ian Adams
- 10—Day of the Jackal, Frederick Forsyth

NON-FICTION

- 1—The Last Spike, Pierre Berton
- 2—Halifax Warden of the North, Thomas Raddall
- 3—The National Dream, Pierre Berton
- 4—Shrug, Trudeau in Power, Walter Stewart
- 5—Unmuzzled Max, Max Ferguson
- 6—The Ra Expeditions, Thor Heyerdahl
- 7—Model Ships and Boats, Guy R. Williams
- 8—Heritage, Scott Symons
- 9—Jennie, Vol II, Ralph G. Martin
- 10—Sway of the Grand Saloon, John Malcolm Brinnin

PAPERBACK

FICTION:

- 1—By The Pricking of My Thumbs, Agatha Christie
- 2—A Flock of Ships, Brian Callison
- 3—Face-Off, Scott Young, George Robinson
- 4—Caravan to Vaccares, Alistair MacLean
- 5—Child From The Sea, Elizabeth Goudge

NON-FICTION:

- 1—The Sensuous Man, M
- 2—Inside The Third Reich, Albert Speer
- 3—The Sensuous Couple, Robert Chartham
- 4—Pasture Spruce, Sarah Fraser
- 5—Future Shock, Alvin Toffler

Diary of an Insomniac

by L

Oh, how I pity the sweet young thing that I was then! Innocence personified, trying to hide terror under the bravado of a few choice curses. The first month or two continued in the same vein. I shan't bore the reader with excerpts since there was nothing but sheep-like acceptance of the status quo followed by angry sputterings to an inanimate and unresponsive diary. The next super colossal undertaking for the 'me' that was, had to do with my very first set of university exams.

Saturday night, 10:30.

I am terribly tired tonight. I have been studying steadily since four o'clock this afternoon and I had to miss dinner and everything else that was going on here. I don't know

which bothers me the most, my psych. exam or my soc. ... on top of which I have a history term paper, an English term paper and three orals in both Spanish and French. It's not reasonable that the profs here should expect us to do all this extra work including our regular readings and labs and thinking!

But I really can't say that I get the distinct impression that any more is expected or demanded of us than that we consider each individual prof's course as the only one we are taking. I find it very hard to do anything original tonight. I think I'll quit and go to bed.

Sunday afternoon, 3:45

I'm going to take a break in between readings for my soc. and psych. to

write down a few thoughts and comments. One of the girls on my floor was just visiting me and we were discussing the problem that exists here between the faculty, administration, and students. I realize that I have been remiss in not trying to do something but as I explained to Maureen I never was one to take the initiative and speak out. We feel that now is the time we started to grow up a bit and demand a say in the manner in which we are going to be educated. I don't know what, if anything, can be done but we are going to try. I think I'll continue with JUSTICE WITHOUT TRIAL.

Monday night, 7:30

Today I wrote a few exams which I fully expect to flunk. The only reason I am facing this diary

with such equanimity is the fact that I am swimming in wine. Yes, that's right, the little prude is drinking! Anyone would with what I have gone through and what I have yet to face. It makes me feel good to know that I am breaking rules left right and centre. For one thing, I have 'booze' in my room.

For another, I'm under age anyway. I better watch out and not sing too loudly.

Tuesday night, 9:08

I am surprised that my writing was so legible and coherent last night. I had the most thunderous headache this morning..... I felt like a herd of elephants had danced the light fantastic through my mouth.

(to be continued)

STUDENT UNION

Genuine Interest

by Jeanne Doucette

Genuine interest is waiting nine minutes to start a meeting because genuine interest at this university is so prevalent that open student meetings are crammed with genuinely interested students.

Genuine interest is definitely found here because everyone reads signs and takes part in student affairs.

Genuine interest is presenting both sides of an argument, but if only one side shows up then all

genuinely interested students can form conclusions guaranteed to aid in the continuation of the genuine interest found at MSVU.

Genuine interest is having the guts to admit either a mistake or the possibility of a mistake being made.

Genuine interest is presenting a gripe when the opportunity is given one to do so instead of waiting for the finish of a meeting to grinch.

Genuine interest is



asking your own questions and finding your own answers instead of sitting on your derrieres waiting for those

people who are unapathetic and not listless to hand out the answers.

Genuine interest is

created when an article such as this is read and any disagreements with same are verbalized and something is done.

On it being Christmas again

by Daniel Munier

I wonder if that is really the question? The birth or even birthday of Jesus! Be it that or not, does not amount to much after all; it will pass, things will probably be as they always are, time will go on.

It's maybe a question of seeing and discovering Christmas; seeing as a sense of awareness, belief. A question of awakening to something about my time and space, about myself and others. The old Prophet proclaims: "Look, your God is coming..." He also adds: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy."

Christmas is a reminder that I am not alone and that the whispers of my heart are not the final word about my world and myself. There is more to hear and see, a new song. It is there; it lives; it challenges my solitude and my half-solutions; it bares my smugness and

questions my every act. It tells me there is more.....

"For there is a child born for us, a son given to us..." And in this child my world and myself acquire an unthinkable proximity to God and this reveals a great deal; it tells me not only that I can wish, fight, hope, strive for more, but that I, in fact already have more than what I see and experience every day. It also tells me that I cannot settle for less.

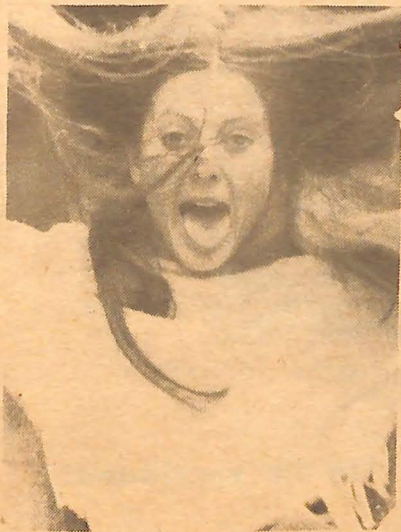
Christmas is God's belief in us, in life. It is, in Jesus, a proclamation of what I am called to be. No complex rhetorics, no abstract dissertation, no verbal exhortation but a simple, quiet coming of God into our history. Yet his living out of our daily experience uncovered the truth of our situation and inserted deeply in our tradition a possibility, more, a power of being that is sufficient to keep us going for a good while. Jesus came; things weren't apparently different yet new life was shared new hopes born. Jesus still comes in a world where blindness, sad-

ness, muteness proliferate. If we celebrate his life, his presence among us, it should speak to these conditions of ours. Christmas becomes a responsive joy of men willing to see, to understand and to relate to their world and fellow men in a new way, a hopeful way that challenges our death-routines with power of love as the only decisive force of change. Yes, it is Christmas again and a good thing at that; we all need a sort of rebirth of love, of life..... maybe this is what it's all about.

Appointment

Miss Margaret E. During, a well-known member of the student body, has been appointed to the AUCC Student Affairs Committee.

The decision to make the appointment was reached while she was at a conference in Ottawa during the month of October.



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TO ALL, AT CHRISTMAS TIME,
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FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.....



BIRTHS

Born to St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary(nee daughter of St. Anne), at Beth-

lehem in Nazareth, on December 25 I A D,a son, Jesus. A brother for all mankind.

DOESN'T ANYONE REMEMBER !

P.S.

Happy Birthday, Jesus Christ.

- Desiderata -

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere, life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about Love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy!

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