

# ELECTION INVOLVEMENT '77

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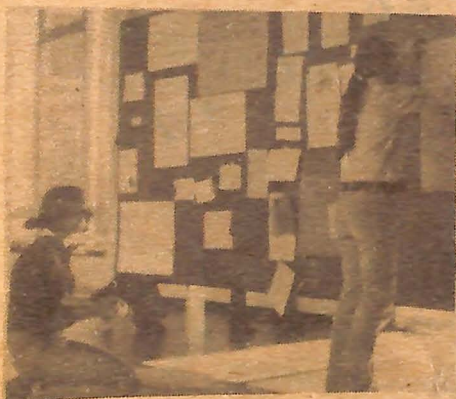


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## Get Involved In Election '77



# W A N T E D



## CANIDATES FOR OFFICE

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE V.P.

INTERNAL V.P.

EXTERNAL V.P.

Home Ec Rep

Business Rep

ACADEMIC V.P.

Arts Rep

ARTS REP.

Science Rep

### WHEN

NOMINATIONS OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY, 31

### WHERE

GET YOUR NOMINATION PAPER FROM THE ELECTION COMMITTEE OR STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE

### WHY

WE NEED DEDICATED, INTERESTED PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK



# JOB DESCRIPTIONS

## PRESIDENT

- chief officer of Student Council
- liason between the Student Union and Administration of university.
- ex officio member of University's Board of Governors and the Senate.
- responsible for assisting the Treasurer in drawing up the budget.
- has signing power over the Union's finances along with the Treasurer.

## ACADEMIC VP

- responsible for matters concerning academic aspects of Student Council.
- ex officio member of Senate and Academic Affairs Committee.
- involved in course evaluations on campus
- Union's representative at conferences concerning academic affairs.

## EXTERNAL VP

- liason officer between Student Union and Student Unions of other universities.
- required to attend Dal Council meetings by the Dal-Mount agreement.
- active representative between Union and community organizations.

## FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

ARTS REP, BUSINESS REP, HOME EC. REP;  
SCIENCE REP, NURSING,

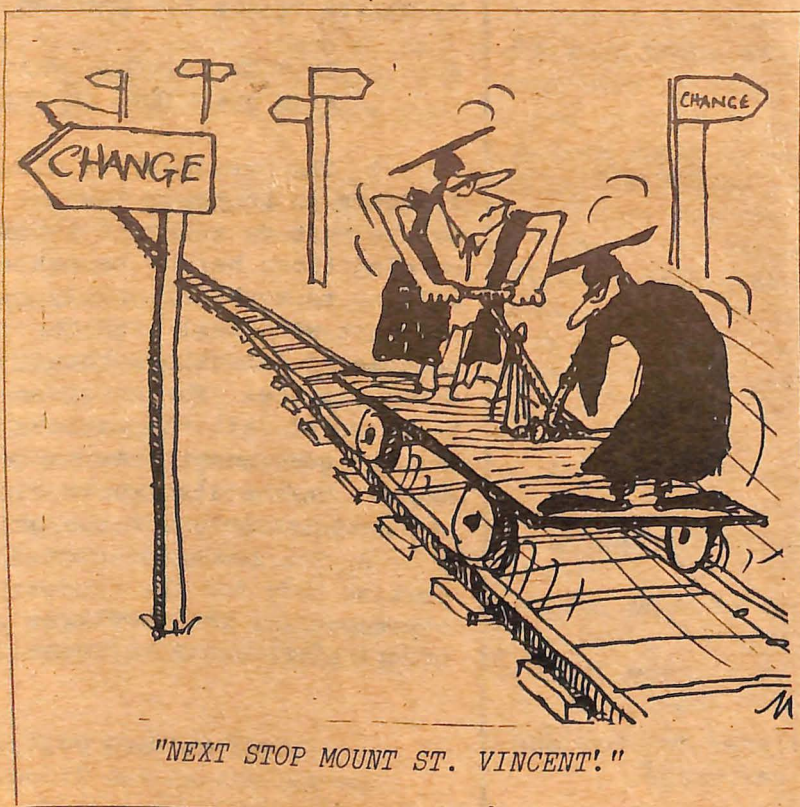
- These representatives serve as liasons between their faculty's society and the council.

## EXECUTIVE VP

- assists the president
- acts for the President in the President's absence.
- serves as office manager of the Union and is responsible for maintenance of all non-financial books and records.

## INTERNAL VP

- liason between Council and clubs, societies and organizations under jurisdiction of Student Union.
- works with External VP to bring off campus news to the students.



## PRESIDENTS OF THE PAST

66	Linda Berstrom
67	Pat Gelhaus
68	Marilyn Hutchinson
69	Mary Martin
70	Geri Gaskin
71	Margaret During
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76	Jacquie Banyard



# PRESIDENTIAL SHOP TALK

Jacquie Banyard:-  
gives the inside  
story.



In 1974 Anne Derrick became president of the Student Council. She served two terms in that position. She was succeeded by Jacquie Banyard.

Both these people have agreed to contribute to our Election Involvement '77 publication. We felt it was important to include information from those people who have actually served in the presidential office. Who would be a better source of information.

A. S. Derrick, from La Havre, N. S., spent three years here at the Mount studying Psychology. Anne is currently taking her honors in Psych at Dalhousie. Next year she plans to attend law school.

1. Q\_ WHAT EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TOOK THE POSITION?

A\_ I was very involved in high school students' council and this whetted my appetite for involvement in student government at the university. The two years that I was at the Mount before I ran for President, I worked extensively with the newspaper, helped with dances and was co-manager of the Student store. I did not have an official position on Council.

2. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THE JOB WAS REWARDING IN ITSELF?

A\_ I found the job both desperately frustrating and deeply satisfying. Despite all the frustrations, heartaches and disappointments, I felt that I was doing my utmost to provide leadership for the students and take a forceful stand on student issues. I think that the single most rewarding aspect of working in the union is the esprit de corps and camaraderie that can be found amongst one's fellows. When you are struggling against great odds (student apathy, administrative red-tape), you develop a great sense of unity with those who are struggling with you.

3. Q\_ WHAT WERE YOUR REASONS FOR RUNNING FOR THE POSITION?



Anne Derrick:- former president reflects on the past.

A\_ I did not run for president my first term because I was convinced I could do the job, I ran because there was no one else to do it. I felt that I has the interest for the students at heart and the dedication to do the job well, and that I could learn those things about which I knew very little. By the time my second term came up, I believed that I could continue to make an important contribution to the Student Union, and I wanted to provide the continuity that I felt would unify the council and its issues.

4. Q\_ IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT?

A\_ The President, at all times, represents the students at the Mount. She/he must provide a sense of authority and leadership within the council, and must confront the administration and government on issues that concern students and for which they should have a voice. She/he must have a working knowledge of the various aspects of the union, the constitution, the financial records, the history of the Union, and the act of incorporation. She/he should also have experience in such areas as the newspaper, student store, and entertainment so that she/he understands how they operate. She/he must maintain a sense of purpose and

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Jacquie Banyard arrived at the Mount in September 1973. She enrolled in the Home Economics department and will graduate this year with a major in Education, Clothing and Textiles. Jacquie was born in London, Ontario and spent seven years in Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Her future plans are to teach, preferably in the far west or Northern Territories.

1. Q\_ WHAT EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TOOK YOUR POSITION?

A\_ Prior to becoming president of the students' council, I was active in various student activities, although I never directly participated in council affairs. I was a member of the field hockey team during my second year, last year I was Resident Assistant and this past summer I was on the Orientation Committee. During junior and senior high school I participated in many clubs and was on several committees related to council.

2. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THE JOB OF PRESIDENT IS REWARDING IN ITSELF?

A\_ The position of President is very rewarding. It helps you grow and mature as an individual. It teaches you how to handle the disappointments and to rejoice with the accomplishments of the council. You develop and expand in leadership and you learn how to work with others.

3. Q\_ WHAT WERE YOUR REASONS FOR RUNNING FOR THE POSITION?

A\_ I ran for this position as I felt there needed to be more communication and working between students and their council. My lack of experience in council affairs did not hinder my recognizing this problem, it only served to strengthen my desire to see the problem tackled.

4. Q\_ IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT?

A\_ The President is elected by the students to be their leader. Therefore he/she must be aware of the issues concerning those he/she represents and be willing to work diligently on these. He/she must work well with the council and be able to delegate authority to the other members. The President must also be aware of all the various aspects of student government (newspaper, entertainment). He/she also works closely with the administration of the university.

A\_ The students' council is the working body for the student union. They represent all the faculties and various groups of students to council. It is

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ambition within the students' council, and must attempt to mobilize the student body. She/he must make every attempt to improve conditions for students, in such areas as Student Aid, the union's infrastructure, communication entertainment, and must carry out her many responsibilities as a member of university committees, chair of Council, etc. She/he must remember that at all times she/he must represent the students, to external bodies, eg. the Administration, and she/he must do so with dignity and courage. She/he must also realize that she/he provides an example to the students and must give them an example of hard work, strength, dignity, and assertiveness.

5. Q\_ WHAT ARE THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL?

A\_ The students' council should, obviously, represent the students. It should provide a forum for the airing of Student opinion, and act as a corporate body to make decisions in the best interests of the students. From time to time it should assess its capacity for handling student concerns, and limit itself to the consideration of those concerns. It will render itself ineffective if it spreads itself too thinly.

6. Q\_ DO YOU THINK THAT THE AVERAGE STUDENT UNDERSTANDS WHAT HIS OR HER STUDENT COUNCIL CAN DO FOR THEM?

A\_ I don't think that it is a question of students understanding what Council can do for them. I think it is more that they don't care. Unlike the 60's, students have become very insular and self-centered. They don't realize or don't care, that they are the Students' Council, and their consolidation and support on student issues would provide impetus and spirit to the Council. Without their support, a Student Council has very little leverage with any group who oppose students' needs and goals. Students are principally concerned with themselves and do not see the importance of themselves being unified as a group. They also do not seem to realize the necessity and value of self-sacrifice; however, this is an attitude that prevades society, people in general do not live in a cooperative unit.

7. Q\_ WHAT CAN THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL DO FOR THE AVERAGE STUDENT?

A\_ This question is redundant. What the Students' Council can do for the student is represent him/her, carry out its' functions in supporting student issues. Students must realize that they are a weak and fragmented group and that only through active participation and a show of strength can they drive home their interests.

8. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THAT THE MSVU STUDENTS' COUNCIL HAS ACHIEVED ANY OF THESE GOALS?

A\_ Obviously I feel as though my Students' Council was on the way to

achieving its goals or I probably would not have run for a second term. I think that we attempted too much and lacked the student support to carry out what we initiated. The men in residence issue failed because students refused to support it. Those of us who worked long hard hours in the Union did so, not because we were amused by lack of sleep and hard work, but because we wanted students to have a voice at the Mount. Most students did not seem to share our concern. People do not realize that the year before I became President, the Students' Council began the year with a \$6000 deficit. The Students' Council of 1973-74 brought the union out of debt. Free of financial worry, we made extensive inroads into the infrastructure of the Union, the constitution, policies, and entertainment. We arranged for good able security at entertainment events, we hired a Union Manager to provide continuity and expertise to those who would follow us. We took up issues with the administration over student rights and student needs. To be quite fair, I know that much of what we began did not get finished by our successors. There are probably many reasons for this. Primarily I would say that a lack of experience and a lack of real dedication has not continued the student Union in the direction in which it was going. Our greatest obstacles that prevented us from effectively changing those things at the Mount that we were against, were student apathy and administrative attitudes. There were too few of us trying to change too much. We effected many good things while we were in power, however, as is always the way with government, the new guard rarely carries on from when the old guard left off.

9. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THAT A PERSON CAN BE BOTH PRESIDENT AND FULL TIME STUDENT?

A\_ No, I think that to do justice to the position of President, a student cannot be full-time. Both years that I was President, I took two summer courses (I had to be on campus anyway as Pres.,) and took three courses during the year. Even with my reduced course load, I found it hard to be academic. The Mount suffers enormously from apathy, perhaps 2% of the entire full-time students population are involved in the Union; as a result, the President is responsible for much more than her/his share of the work. The Union is also in the embryonic stages and there are many aspects of it that do not run smoothly day-to-day, another reason why it is such a full time job for the President. It is no exaggeration to say that I worked an average of 60 hours a week on student union related things, some weeks it was as much as 90 or more hours. Not everyone can arrange their schedules to be President, but there are many other student council and union positions that can be managed very well with a full course load.

important that they work closely with the students they represent, so that their concerns are known and acted upon. The council investigates and becomes involved in many areas of student concerns outside those expressed by the individual student. It is the responsibility of the representatives to inform their group of these issues.

6. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THE AVERAGE STUDENT UNDERSTANDS WHAT HIS/HER STUDENT COUNCIL CAN DO FOR THEM?

A\_ The average student, in my opinion, doesn't know what the student council can do for them. I feel that council should have a better means of informing the students what they are doing for them. After all, council is elected to represent the student, therefore we are responsible to them.

7. Q\_ WHAT CAN THE STUDENT COUNCIL DO FOR THE AVERAGE STUDENT?

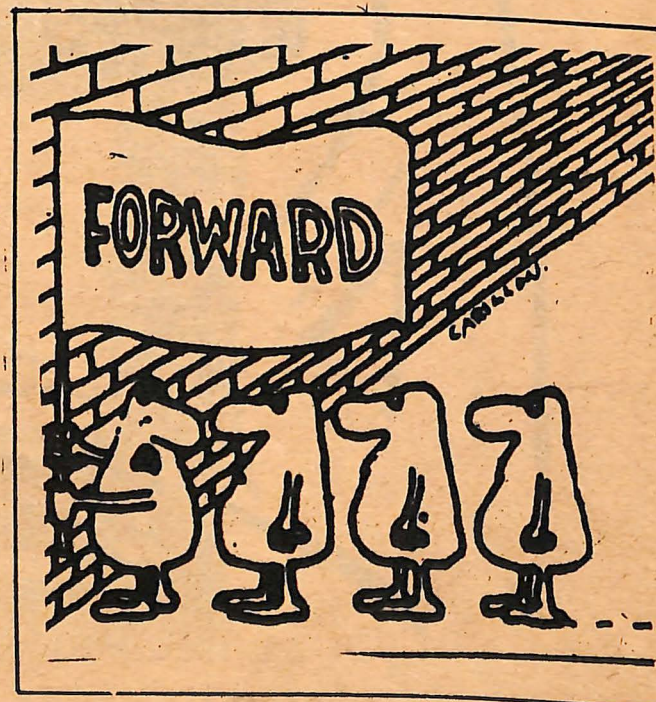
A\_ The student council is a unified body of students working for the union. They are concerned with issues affecting the well being of the students. They actively participate in such areas as investigating financial cutbacks, tuition increases, student aid. They also represents the students on committees of the university.

8. Q\_ DO YOU FEEL THEM SVU STUDENTS' COUNCIL HAS ACHIEVED ANY OF THESE GOALS?

A\_ Council has not fully achieved its goals but has worked hard towards them. This year many students have become involved in council affairs and I feel this is a giant step in the right direction.

9. Q\_ DO YOU THINK A PERSON CAN BE A PRESIDENT AND A FULL TIME STUDENT?

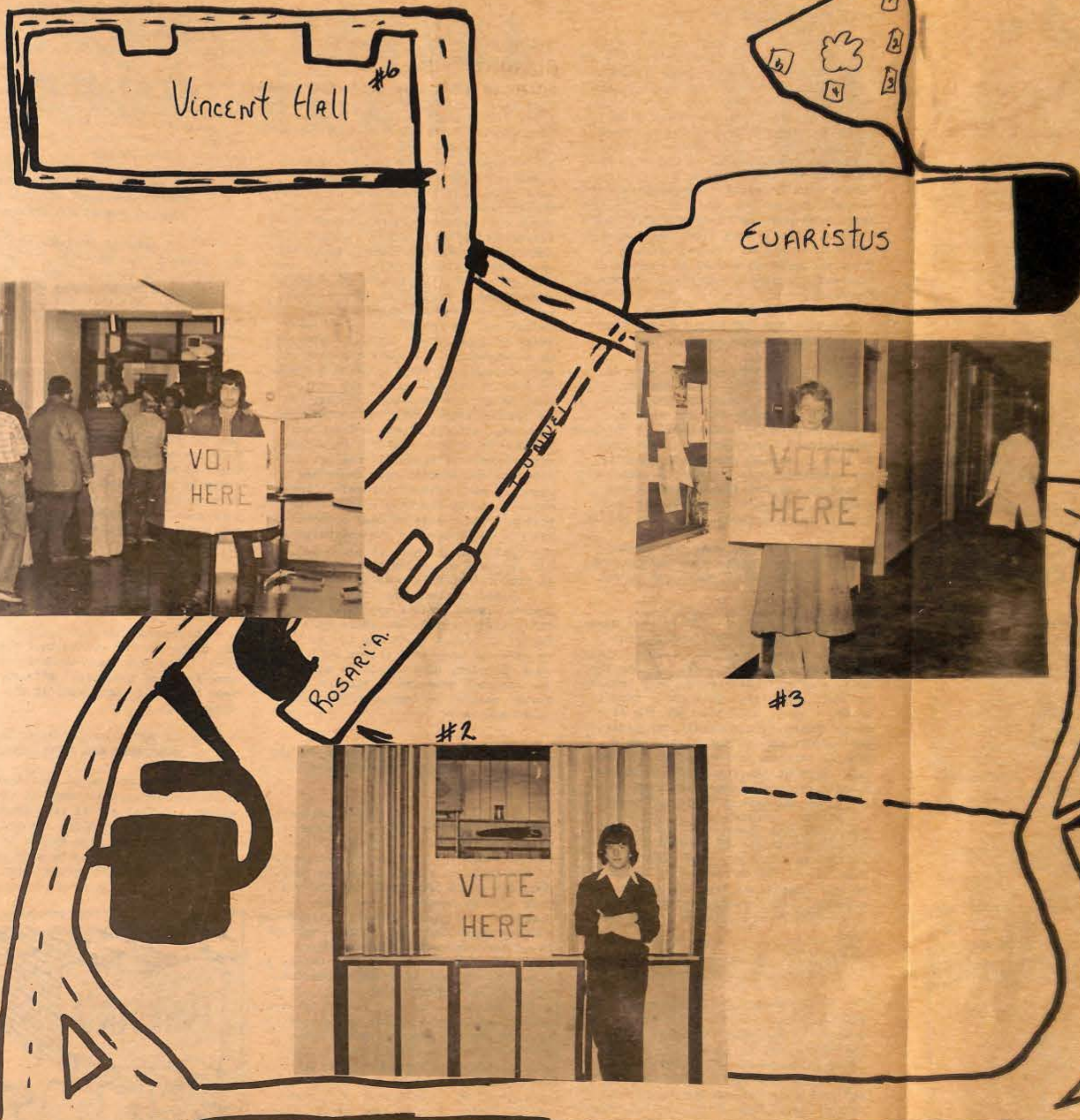
A\_ The position of President is one that requires a great deal of time and energy. I feel a full time student would have difficulty handling studies and council. It's a job best suited to a part time student who likes to work hard with and for his/her fellow students.





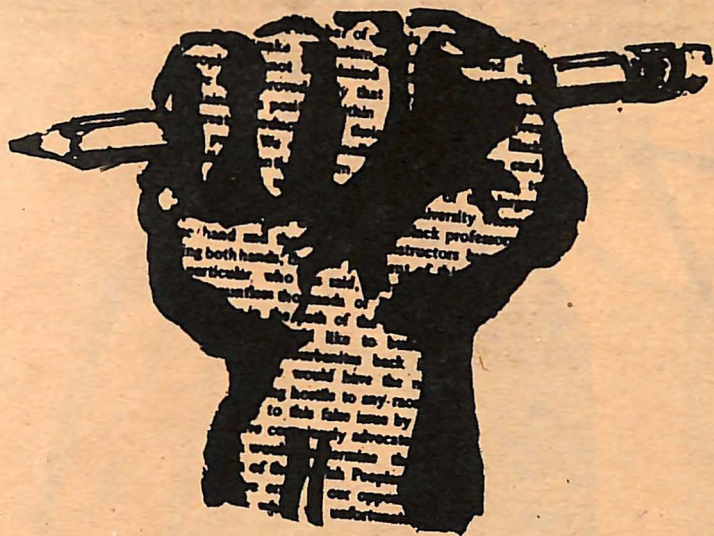
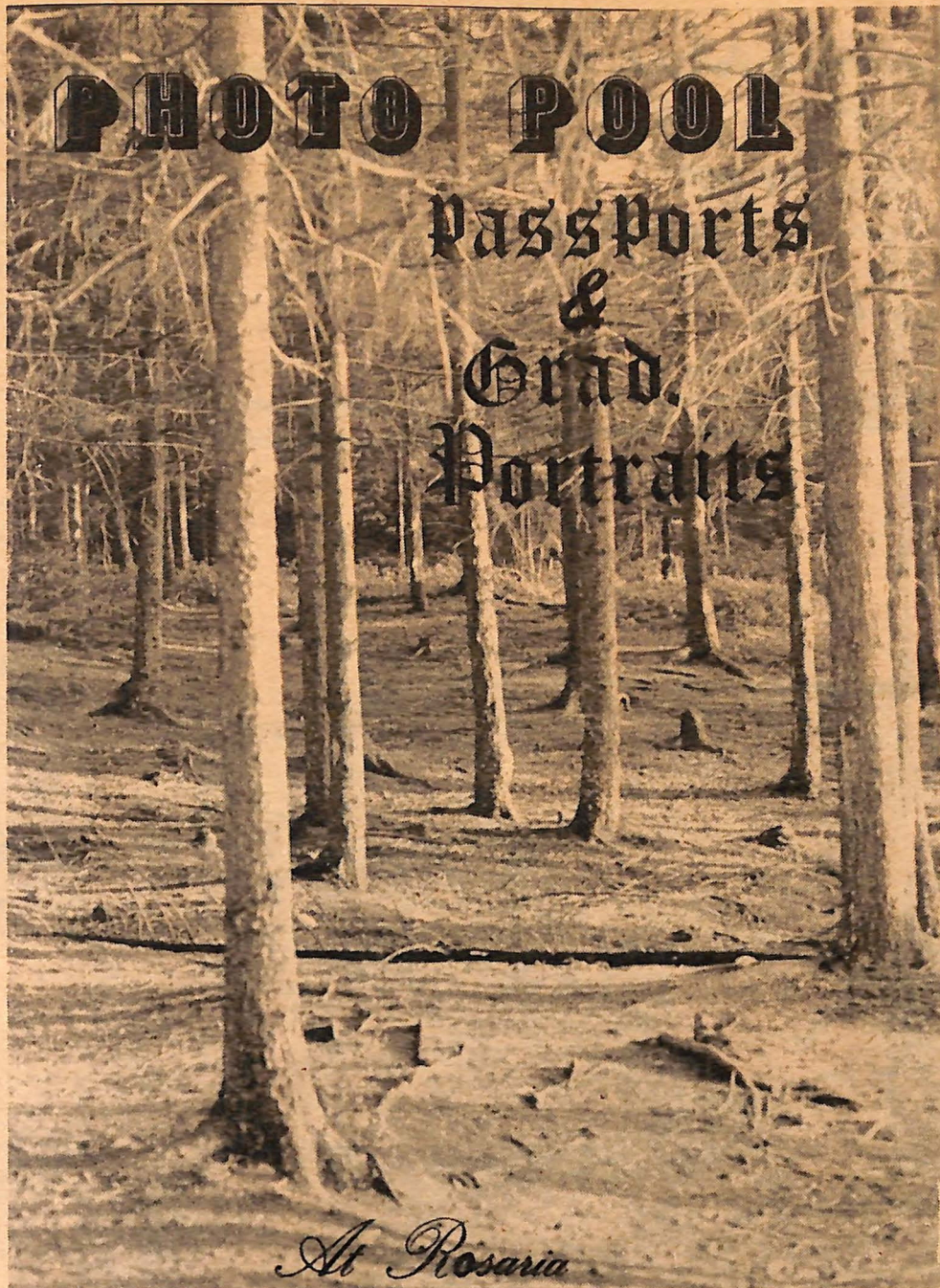
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- #3 EUARISTUS Tunnel Entrance
- #4 Seton 2nd floor
- #5 Seton 4th floor
- #6 Vincent main door



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POWER IS VOTING---VOTE FEB.16

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- 1.) Walk up to a polling station.  
Present ID to be punched.
- 2.) Sign sheet on desk.
- 3.) Pick up ballots.(Pres., Exec.VP  
Internal and External VP, faculty  
to which you belong).  
Mark ballot.  
Place ballots in box.

GET OUT AND VOTE-----

Wednesday, Feb. 16th  
10am-6pm

Your future at MSVU is in the hands  
of YOUR Student Council.

## VOTING PROCEDURE CHANGED

Because of the various comments  
received regarding the voting procedures  
the Elections committee has decided to  
change one aspect of the voting procedures.

In the upcoming election, it will  
no longer be necessary for the students  
to leave their I.D. card at the polling  
station. Rather, the I.D. card will be  
punched to ensure students do not vote  
twice. This procedure has worked well  
in other universities such as Dalhousie  
and Memorial.

We hope that this change in policy  
will encourage more Mount students to  
GET OUT AND VOTE ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16th.

## NEEDED DESPERATELY

POLL WORKERS

The election committee needs about  
100 people to on the polling stations on  
Wednesday, Feb. 16.

### DUTIES:

- 1) distribute ballots
- 2) punch ID's

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) an interest in getting involved in Election '77

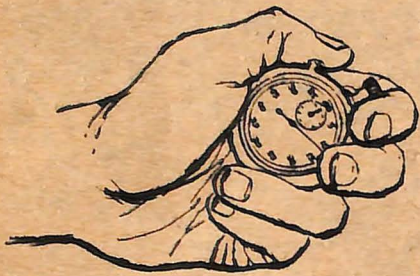
### CONTACT:

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE



# Election Leakout

Watches were synchronized in the wee hours of the morning. The Elections Committee wearily trudged from Rosaria. It was now the early morning, an extension of a late night. Late today they thought it would be all over; little did they realize it had only just begun. Now for a few hours of shut eye, and out on the beat again.



The pale light of dawn came streaming over the Rockingham area. A buzz was audible--it wasn't a UFO landing just the alarm clocks in the homes of the Election Committee members.

----Sherlock Holmes donned his hat and pointed his nose in the direction of the Mount.

----Agent 99 grabbed her super-spy coat and headed toward Rosaria.

----The Bionic Woman put her arm in gear, lickily it never fails her. It had been used in many tense situations and would be called upon often in the future.

----Wonder Woman flew from her room, out the door and down in a flash to be met by 007 with her X-9 bag. Together they would head to Election Central.

At this early hour a final meeting was held. All agents were issued schedules for the day.

8:15am Polling stations were checked

8:30am The first relay of poll workers were contacted

8:45am Ballot boxes were removed from storage, checked and locked

9:30am Ballot boxes were delivered to polling stations along with poll signing sheets.

10:00am Ballots were distributed to the polling stations

CRISIS#1

Sherlock discovered ballots for one of the representative were missing. Super Woman flew to election headquarters and checked Inventories. She discovered that due to an oversight on the part of the Committee these ballots hadn't been ordered.



Arrangements were made to track down "Elusive." She held the key to the room were the solution lay--AB Dick machine. The problem was overcome and new ballots were made.

No further problems were confronted by the Committee during the day.



At 6:00 P.M. the polls closed. 007 officiated at Station #1, the Bionic Woman #2 Sherlock Holmes#3; Wonder Women closed #6. She was met by MacGarrett, they boarded the armoured car and preceded towards station #4 and #5 polling station. Here 007 was waiting and MacGarrett escorted her to the armoured car. AT 6.30 P.M. everyone arrived at Rosaria--the masses were starting to gather. MacGarrett escorted the committee to Rosaria Board Room. The doors were unlocked the chosen few entered. Agents were posted at the door.

The events began by alphabetizing the ID Cards, supper was ordered, lists were checked and voters names were counted. 7:15 P.M. Supper arrived, and the agents eagerly devoured the humble morsels they had been provided with. The meal was to help fill the void in the pits of their stomachs--they hadn't eaten all day. 7:30 P.M. Security dropped off the keys for the ballot boxes. The scrutineers arrived and were seated. The room was overcome with a deadly silence. Now the work could begin. MacGarrett locked the door and left us to our duties. Ballot boxes were lifted onto the tables, keys were inserted into the locks. Silence still prevailed while the boxes were being opened. Everything seemed to be going well; but wait--the Bionic Woman appeared to be having trouble with Box #6. All agents gathered around and Sherlock took over the situation. The lock wouldn't budge and panic struck. The Bionic Woman seized the opportunity to utilize our only communication link with the outside world--one small



black university telephone. We reached our Heavenly Angel and advice was sought. Bionic Woman was prepared to use her strength to break the lock. But our angel said "No" She would page McGarrett--he would know what had to be done.



The Scrutineers were beginning to sense that something was amiss. "They had taken the vow of silence when they entered the room." They could not speak, not even a wispher, what was going on? The pains of curiosity were written all over their faces. We longed to tell them, and after some deliberation we decided against it. By breaking the rules we would be paving the way for continuous breaking of the order through out the long late evening ahead.

McGarrett arrived, with the opening of the door a feeling of relief passed over the group. For a few short minutes we would be released from that shut in feeling. At last the magic in McGarrett fingers was set to work and the box was opened.

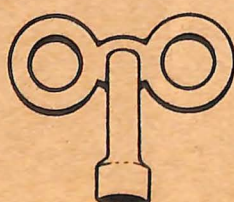
The smiles on the agents faces served to show the scrutineers that all was well once again.

Now to sorting and counting, beings were beginning to knock on the windows of election central. We felt tense, there was descention in the masses. The scrutineers sat on their seat edges, watching, waiting, anticipating. You know how it ended last time, plan to be Part Of It This Time.

## VOTE

## FEB.

## 16





# ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Elections Committee has compiled a list of recommendations to aid in the efficiency of elections.

The first is that this committee be a relatively independent body. Independence would ensure that elections are carried on in a rather unbiased fashion. It is recommended that the committee adhere to its own rules and not those set aside by Council. If perhaps any members on Council should run again for a position then, it would seem rather unethical for them to be making decisions regarding election procedures. This is only to ensure fairness. It should also be noted that those on the Election Committee are not permitted to run for an office. If they choose to do so, then they must first vacate their position on the committee.

Secondly, it is recommended that the Elections Committee be included in the annual Student Council Budget. A certain amount of funds are required to stage elections. On the other hand, Council elections at MSVU could become exciting events in the future if more money was available.

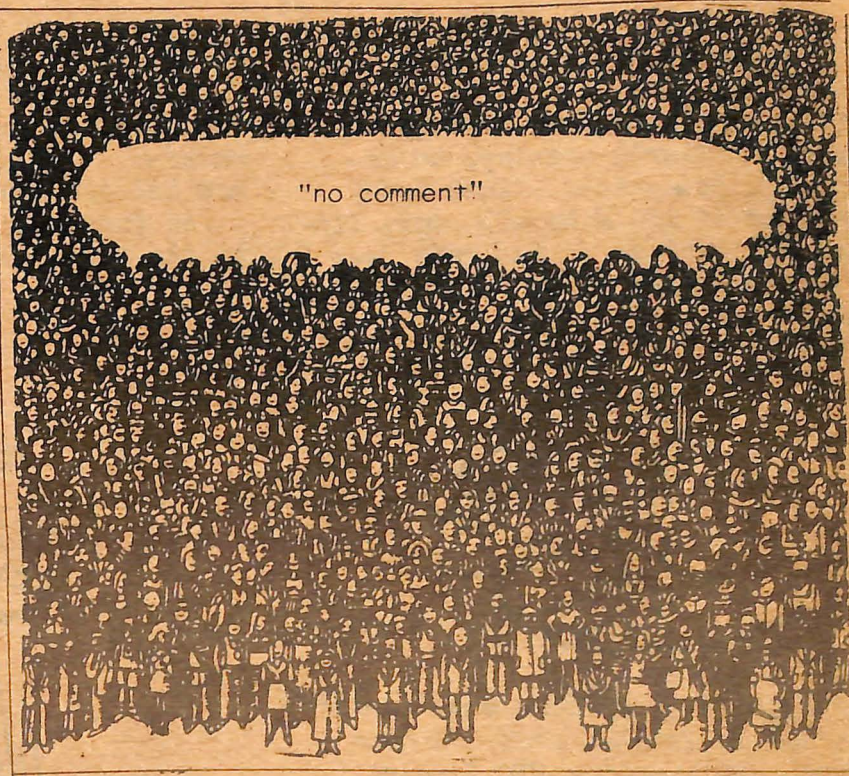
Thirdly, it is recommended that the Student Council purchase ballot boxes. Presently we are borrowing the boxes from the City of Halifax. These are regulation type boxes and are an asset in obtaining a smooth running elections' operation.

Again, these are merely recommendations but, we feel that they are important in maintaining fair and honest elections-partial to no one.

## WHERE DID YOU RATE ?

The following statistics are approximate figures of the voting percentages in each faculty here at the Mount:

Business	44.2
Arts	40
Science	56.8
Home Economics	41.7
Education	27.9
Child Study	30.2
Secretarial	35.7
Nursing	4.1



## HOW ONE CONCERNED STUDENT GOT INVOLVED

I am running for New Students' Representative in the upcoming Student Council election.

I am twenty years of age and hail from the island of Bermuda. As a foreign student, one of the best ways for me to learn more about this school and country would be to become actively involved with the students. Student politics provides an excellent opportunity to do this, therefore, when the election was brought to my attention, I decided, after some serious deliberation, to accept the challenge.

I feel, that as a candidate, it is my responsibility to deal directly with new students, to find out their grievances and/or desires, to refer them to council and attempt to get them fulfilled.

Therefore, I have no formal platform as such, because if elected, I will be representing us--the new students, trying to fulfil our needs (not just those of certain individuals). In view of this I would expect and hopefully get full support whenever needed.

I will not be using any campaign gimmicks to try and overcome my opponents. I view everyone as mature persons who know what they want out of college life. Therefore no gimmick should change one's mind once he/she has reached a decision.

Think seriously about this, and be sincere when casting your vote. Vote for who you think will do a good job on Student Council.

Good Luck to all candidates in the 1976 Student Council Elections. May the best persons win.

## AFS / NUS

Will you Vote yes on the AFS and NUS referendums on Feb. 16th? Perhaps it would be wise of you to find out exactly what these organizations are all about. Stay tuned to the Picaro in next weeks issue so you can find out what AFS and NUS are all about and whether or not you will vote yes for the referendum on Feb. 16, 1977.



Percentage of student body who voted in the last election:

MOUNT: 38%  
SMU: 35%  
DAL: 27.7%

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ELECTION COMMITTEE

WHERE will we vote after this election?

If you're interested in helping out the Election Committee finalize plans for the February 16th election contact the Election Committee.



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Pepperoni	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Hamburger	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Salami	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Onion	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Mushroom	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Bacon	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Olive	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Green Pepper	2.55	3.15	4.60	5.70
Comb. of 2	2.75	3.60	5.10	6.55
Comb. of 3	2.90	3.95	5.55	7.35
Comb. of 4	3.10	4.30	6.30	7.95
Works	3.60	4.70	6.75	8.45
EUROPA SPECIAL	4.30	5.25	7.55	9.45
Extra Items	.50	.65	.80	1.00

## Try Our

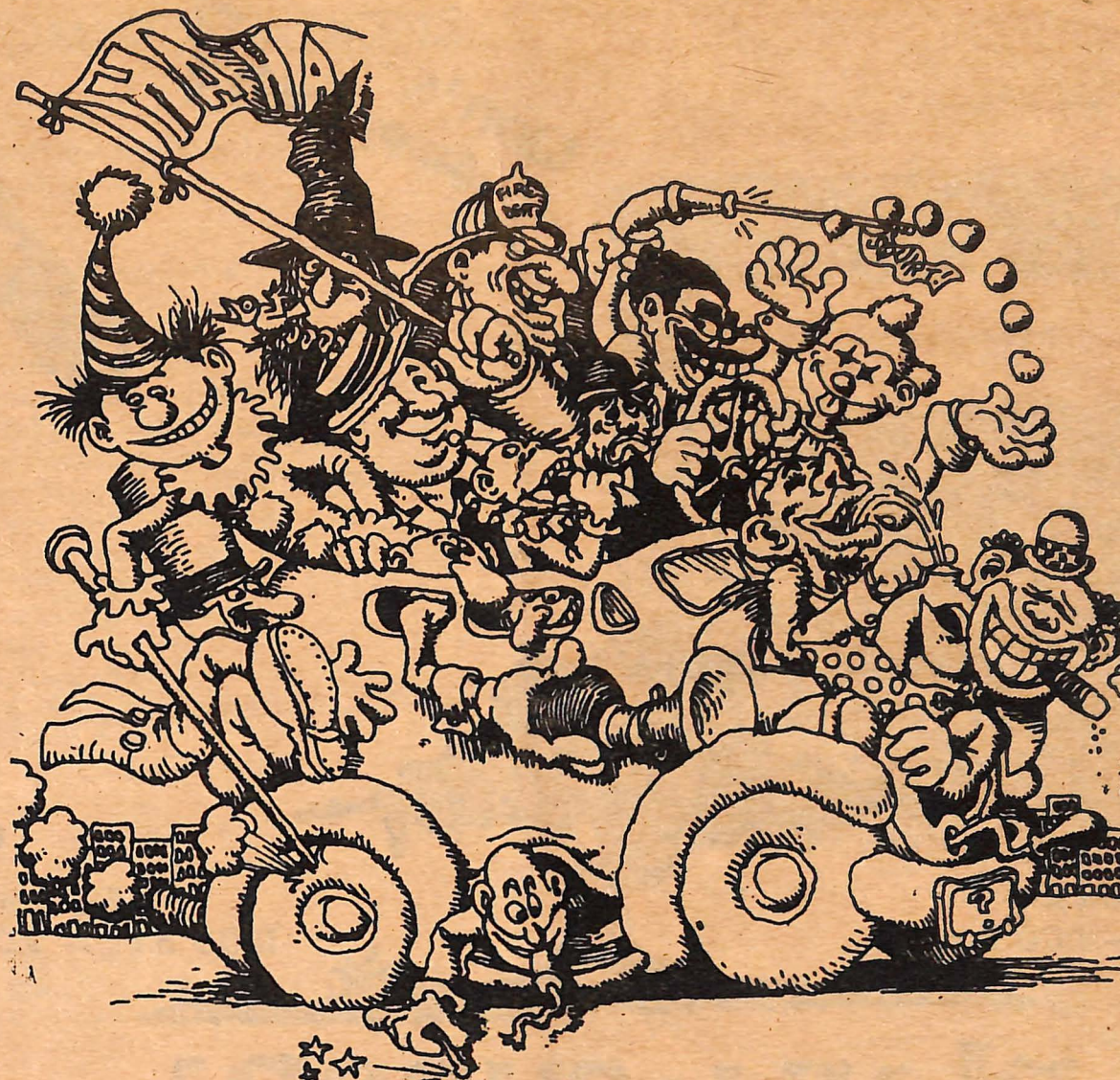
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## MSVU ELECTIONS COMMITTEE PAVES THE WAY

The Elections Committee is appointed by the Student Council annually. It consists of a Chief Returning Officer and four Deputy Returning Officers. This past fall, the Committee experienced many frustrations and moments of excitement as the election of a new Students' Council got underway.

Presently, the Elections Committee has had several meetings proposing policies regarding the upcoming elections, in mid-February. It is hoped that persons will take an active part, not only in running for office, but also in getting out to vote. A person who doesn't vote has no right to complain about what the council does.

If interested in running for office, working at polls or being involved with the Elections Committee, contact anyone of the following people:

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443-3195

Nancy Hoegg    4621 Vincent Hall  
443-9929

Elsbeth McLean    1122 Vincent Hall  
443-3341

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Margie Gillis    352 Evaristus Hall  
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