

HOW TO WATCH THE NEWS

By Janet Allen

Students must be critical of the media and develop their own opinions on the Gulf War, agreed speakers at a Mount teach-in held on Wednesday, February 6, 1991.

The symposium, "How to Watch the Evening News," was aimed at teaching students how to better understand media coverage of the war.

"Every reporter has a background, a nationality and a set of values. You, as a news consumer, must remember these things," said Paul McEachern, a local radio reporter who covered the onset of the crisis in the Gulf.

"Force yourself to decide what's important and what's not," McEachern said, "We can't do it all for you. You cannot and should not expect us to make up your minds for you."

"Military censorship restricts what is reported and causes the media to see very little of the actual war," said McEachern.

"As a reporter, we are shown what the army wants us to see, we report what they want us to report and if we don't like it--we can go home," McEachern said.

"The media's predicament with censorship leaves them with nothing to say and hours of air time to fill," said Chris Beckett, coordinator of distance education at the Mount.

"When the military can't get hard information, they resort to jargon," Beckett said. "Because of a lack of hard information, we see lots of soft information reported. Endless hours with little to say--small, brightly-coloured packages of information--packaged to their ultimate capacity."

"This packaged concept of war is cute, but I'm not sure it

gives the public anything. It dramatizes a serious conflict."

Beckett said although coverage of the Gulf fills the air waves, there is really very little worthwhile information.

"We all know Saddam Hussein watches CNN," said Beckett, "so what can they really say?"

"Distancing yourself from the television news allows time for thoughtful reflection," said Beckett. "Try not to just react--rationalize what's happening. And remember the news is packaged."

Similarly, Ann Wetmore, assistant director of Student Affairs at the Mount, said our ability to process information is impaired when we are bombarded by news.

"There is a heightened emotional response to visual stimuli, so TV has a great effect," Wetmore said. "It's important to

set limits on what you watch and when you watch it. Choose a network you have trust in, watch it at specific times and then turn it off."

Wetmore said this gives the viewer time to reflect on the information and relate it to things they have experienced in the past. "They can then move from a reactive way of thinking, to a reflection and an action."

"Ultimately, we want to get away from feeling we can do nothing and concentrate on what we can do...empower ourselves to deal with the situation and to take charge of our own reaction." When forming these opinions, remember many ideas and viewpoints are not being reported by the media, said Sharon Fraser, a columnist for the Daily News and public relations lecturer at the Mount.

"Remember that it is incomplete information. Remember it is entirely from a male perspective and remember objectivity in reporting is a myth," Fraser said.

"I can't tell you where to go to get a woman's perspective on the war," said Fraser. "The male media coverage concentrates on the bravado of the men who fight. We're not hearing women's voices...or women's perspectives."

"The words and attitudes of war grow out of male ideals. Where are the women in media coverage? Should the media act as obedient cheerleaders? Try to remember that when you're watching the news."

The teach-in, attended by over 90 people, became a media event in itself--receiving coverage from the local TV and print journalists.

CAMERON ELECTED PC LEADER

By John Jarvis

Donald Cameron was chosen on February 9, 1991, by PC delegates to provide them with "leadership" for the 90's.

Cameron defeated Rollic Thornhill on the third ballot, receiving 1201 of the 2259 votes cast. Tom McInnis was eliminated after the second ballot, which was so close it had to be recounted. Clair Callaghan, a former president of the Technical University of Nova Scotia, was dropped from the race after receiving only 178 votes on the first ballot.

Cameron led after each ballot, but was never assured of victory. The campaign had been extremely close among the top three candidates since the beginning and Saturday proved no different. Cameron, Thornhill and McInnis each had strong bases of support, but the early lead for Cameron proved to be the needed edge. Some McInnis delegates left the Metro Centre after the second ballot rather than vote for Cameron or Thornhill.

The reunification of the provincial PC Party may be Cameron's first task as leader. The definite split that was evident among delegates for the top

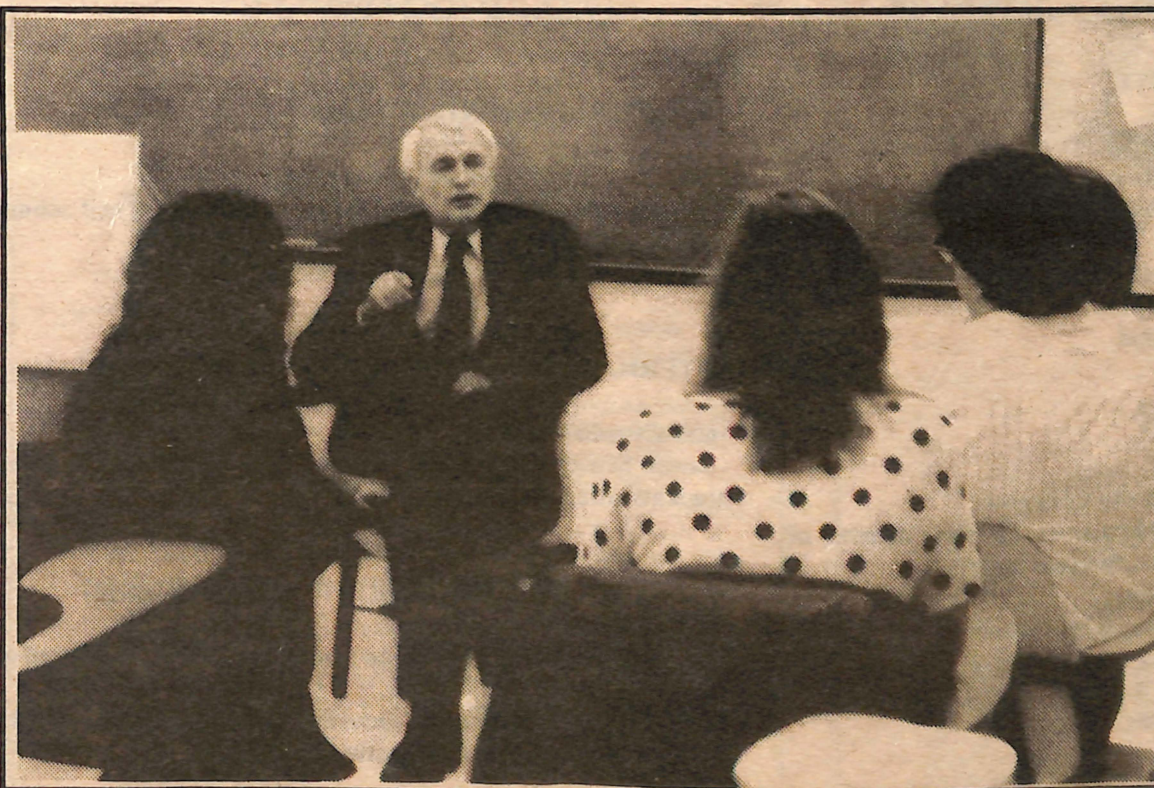
three opponents must be repaired before the Tories can hope to regain popularity in Nova Scotia. The ability to unite behind a new leader has been a strength of

the PC Party in the past. The Conservatives also have two years to regroup before they must call an election.

Cameron has pledged to run

a clean and hopefully more depoliticized government. He has never believed in patronage and was very vocal about this during his campaign. Former premier John Buchanan retired and then accepted a Senate position following allegations by Michael Zareski, that patronage was a common occurrence in his government.

The PC Youth Party of Mount Saint Vincent sent four delegates to Saturday's convention. President Karen Stretch, Mark Conran, Monique Doucette and Todd Bechard all took part in the election of a new leader for the PC Party and Premier of Nova Scotia. Young delegates and women were mentioned prominently in the speeches of all four candidates on Friday, February 8, 1991. A lack of women and minorities at key positions in the party was seen as a problem which must be changed. Cameron said he would make an effort for 50 per cent of the Conservative positions on local executives to be held by women.



Premier-designate Don Cameron speaking to Mount delegates in early January.

CLASSIFIEDS

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:

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PRESIDENT

- liaison between the Union and the university
- sits on Senate, Board of Governors, Student Union meetings, appropriate university committees and the ex-officio of Union committees
- call meetings and administer proper information for all council and executive meetings
- co-signer of union finances
- submit Union annual report

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

- assist the president of the Union in appropriate duties
- chair the applications and constitution committee
- other duties as designated by Council
- sit on executive of Student Union
- coordinator of alcohol awareness and peer education programs

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

- liaison between the Union and educational institutions, community organizations and outside student organizations
- chair of External Affairs Committee and outside student committees
- responsible for dissemination of external issues
- other duties as designated by Council
- sit on executive of Student Union

INTERNAL V.P.

- chief returning officer for Elections Committee
- liaison between the Union and societies, honorary member of societies and collect mid-year and end-year reports
- sit on executive of Student Union
- responsible for duties as designated by Council

ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT

- Chair of the Awards Banquet Committee
- third or fourth year, good academic standing
- member of Senate, promote student academics, be a resource

person and ensure welfare

- responsible for duties as designated by Council
- sit on the executive for Student Union

OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

- liaison between non-residents, union and housing
- normally be a member of the Orientation Committee
- active on non-resident society and lives off campus

RESIDENCE REPRESENTATIVES

- liaison between residents, Union and housing
- live on campus and promote campus participation
- attend all residence council meetings
- sit on Food and Housing Committee and Orientation Committee

ACADEMIC DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES

- liaison between Union, academic division and appropriate societies and attend meetings
- represent academic interests and attend appropriate meeting
- one representative for: public relations, business administration, arts, sciences, office administration, child studies, home ec, tourism, co-op, education, and graduate

SENATE REPRESENTATIVE (3)

- two full-time and one part-time representative
- liaison between Senate and Union, actively sit on and submit reports on Council activities
- submit a report to Council on Senate activities

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- non-Canadian student
- liaison between the Union, International Student Association, students, attends appropriate meetings

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVES (2)

- liaison between the Union and administration and the Board of Governors
- attend appropriate Board of Governors meetings and committees
- submit a report on Council activities

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NEWS

WHAT DOES A PINK TRIANGLE MEAN?

by Robin Whitaker
(The Muse, MUN)

Most people don't know that February 14 is Pink Triangle Day. This is unfortunate, but not at all surprising. That's because Pink Triangle Day is celebrated by gay men and lesbians -- and the heterosexuals who support them -- as a day of pride, and we live in a society in which homosexuality is largely invisible.

In Nazi Germany, tens of thousands of homosexuals were

killed in death camps. Under Hitler's regime, they were forced to wear a pink triangle sewn to their shirts as an identifying mark. Most people don't know this either, but that's also not surprising, since the history of marginalized groups is often ignored.

Gay men and lesbians are reclaiming a symbol of oppression and turning it into a symbol of solidarity and self-affirmation by celebrating Pink Triangle Day. However, while the pink triangles in Nazi Germany were used as means of identifying homosexu-

als, gays and lesbians in our society often go unnoticed as do the problems they face.

That most people believe that they know very few, or even no gay men or lesbians, is a sign that discrimination on the basis of sexuality is a problem in our society. If it were not, they would realize that about one tenth of the people they know are homosexual. One reason why people are unaware of homosexuality, is that heterosexuality is generally assumed. It is considered the norm against which all else is judged

deviant, or abnormal. So there is a tendency for heterosexuals to forget there are others who don't share their sexual orientations, and this illusion is supported through the mainstream media, in which people are overwhelmingly portrayed as straight (not to mention white, young, middle class, thin...)

Further, unless you are straight, you will find there are pretty strong sanctions against being open about your sexuality. A lot of people just cannot feel safe challenging those obstacles, and not without reason. The risks involved are in coming out are many. There may be rejection from family and friends, or they may treat the whole thing as a problem to be solved. There may be discrimination by employers. Sometimes, homosexuals who are open about their sexuality are actually confronted with physical violence. In this context, it is surprising that many gay men and lesbians feel they need to keep

their sexuality a secret?

Discrimination on the basis of sexuality is an issue which needs to be taken up by people of all sexual orientations. There is no way for us to create an open and tolerant society otherwise. If straight people do not give their active support to the gays and lesbians who are struggling for acceptance in our culture, it will never come about.

So if you want to live in a society in which people can openly celebrate their sexuality, say it so it can be heard. Show your support for tolerance by refusing to let prejudiced attitudes go unchallenged. Homosexuals have to refuse to remain hidden if their sexuality is to be seen as an acceptable option, but this will not happen without the support of straights who refuse to remain silent when they see others discriminated against because of their sexuality.

What did you do to celebrate Pink Triangle Day?

MOUNT GETS GREEN

by Jannine Shave

After talking about it for two years, the administration has set up an environment committee at Mount Saint Vincent University.

The committee, that was set up by Dr. Hersom and chaired by Professor Nick Hill, consists of representatives from the physical plant, the faculty, maintenance, grounds, computer services, and students. They have been meeting every two to three weeks since November discussing viable ways to start a recycling program for the university community. "I expect we will have a program started in the next 4-6 weeks," said Paul Reyno, director of the physical plant.

The environment committee has been looking into several different companies to do the recycling at the Mount. "We have looked into one company in particular," said Reyno. This company made a presentation to the committee and seems to be the most feasible one, so far.

The committee is mostly looking into the recycling of paper at the moment, and as that progresses they will look into glass and aluminum cans. "We have to know what is out there first before we can begin any kind of program," said Reyno.

The committee will initiate a pick-up system. Blue boxes will be put in strategic areas around the university. When the boxes are filled they will be dumped into a barrel which will be picked up by the recycler. The areas where the boxes will be located will be announced at a later date.

The committee will also be announcing what kind of paper

will be recycled. Right now newsprint will not be recycled because once it is recycled, there is no use for it. "We are going to divert the energy into what works, eventually newsprint may be recycled," said Reyno.

The committee is also implementing an environment policy for the university community that is dealing with the promotion of being more environmentally friendly. The promotion of recycling is the main objective. "The committee wants to make everyone aware they should assist in recycling," said Reyno. This policy is being fine tuned by the Chairman Nick Hill.

The university had a lot of

pressure put on them to implement a recycling program. "It has been tried before but has failed," said Reyno. "But now there is an increased awareness, and people seem really interested, but the key is to make it easy enough so people will recycle."

The university has always been interested in recycling, and has been composting its leaves, sawdust and all the residue from gardening for years. Now the university is initiating a more in-depth recycling program. "The committee and people I have talked to are very enthusiastic about the new program and I think it will be very successful," said Reyno.

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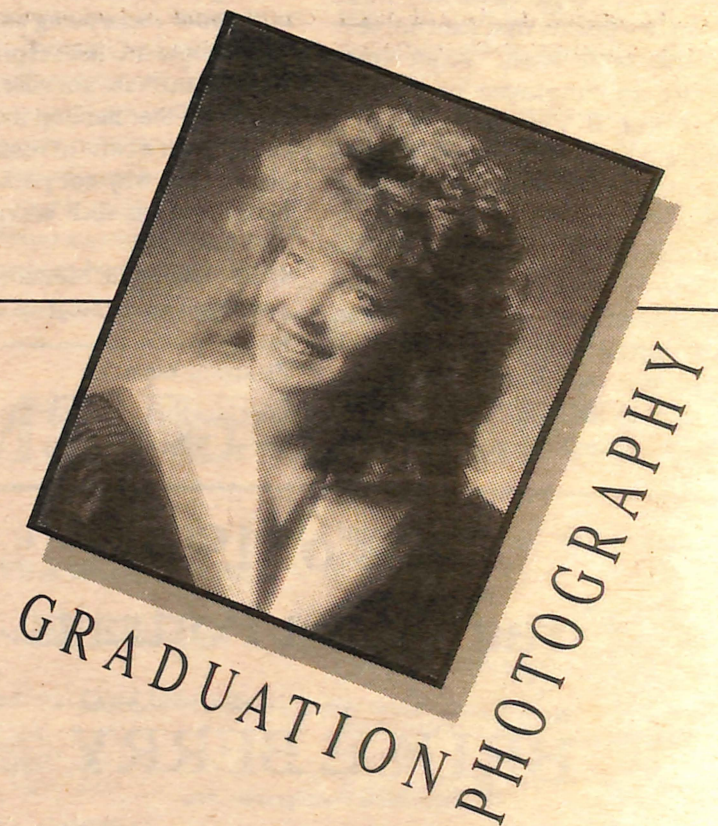
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LETTERS

To the Editor:

Yippee, someone has said something about our rather sleepy school spirit this year! It wasn't just the Persuaders and Counting Zero concert, it's been all year. Just about every event has had poor participation. Yes, Pub Nights are still a hoot but our attendance at the residence dances is about half that of last year, and Winter Carnival went over with more of a pop than a bang.

The advertising was good, the council's are good, so why is there no turnouts? I must attribute it to lack of good solid crowd of buddies. There seems to be "crowds" of individuals with maybe just one friend or so. Get to know other students, get them together and find something in common, do the bonding thing and go to a Mount event! It's not hard to persuade others to go have some fun. It only takes one person that really wants to go and the rest will follow. Good luck!

Linda Everett
Second year BA

To the Editor:

Referring to your article "Bar Manager Fired" (Jan. 30), there are a few points that I am not very comfortable with. Aside from being an employee under Ken Cormier at Vinnie's Pub, and a mutual acquaintance, I would like to address the issue from the point of view of a MSVU student.

In my opinion, I thought the article was done in poor taste. Sure the dismissal may have been warranted due to insubordination, but the manner it was presented in had a lot to be desired. The conflict between Mr. Corm-

ier and the Student Council should be kept just that, between them. Making it front page news was not the way to handle the matter. The grapevine here at the Mount is fairly small. Anyone that had any interest in the whole affair would have heard about it or did the necessary research to find out what happened. Placing the article on the front page did no justice to anyone.

Mr. Cormier is a student here. He has to walk the halls, attend classes and look to the future. The way the article portrayed him was as a drunken thief with no feelings or emotions. It is bad enough to be fired, but to throw it in his face like it was, just wasn't called for.

One has to remember that this paper is not distributed only around the Mount, but it is delivered to all the other Halifax campuses. Mr. Cormier has a life, I am sure, outside the four walls of MSVU. Why should this matter be public knowledge? Again, it does not benefit anyone.

This article, in my opinion, could have served the same purpose if it was placed deeper in the paper with a headline such as "New Bar Manager Appointed". The details about locks being changed and "people are not surprised it came to this" are not necessary. If you are that hard up for news stories with a twist of sensationalism, then why not photocopy material from such tabloids as The Enquirer.

I just thought the Mount's newspaper had more integrity. I guess not.

Picaro or bust,

Ian Chaytor
4th yr, BPR

To the Editor:

Last week's feature article by Joy Barkhouse was a composite of remarks by various Mount personalities regarding the presence of mature students on campus. While I felt the article attempted to look at mature students from a variety of perspectives, one theme puzzled me.

Why should an organization such as MANUS or a place such as the MANUS lounge be thought of as causing segregation? Groups with similar interests and concerns have always celebrated having "a room of one's own."

Should we abandon Vinnie's Pub because some students are underage, and some hate loud music? Should we get rid of the residences because all students cannot live there? Should we turn the gymnasium into classrooms or faculty offices because most students could care less about sports? Or what about societies? Should we abandon them because they segregate students?

The MANUS lounge is a wonderful space for mature students to meet and share university life with one another. All the Mount community should be happy for such a gift.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joyce Deveau Kennedy
Director
Centre for Continuing Education

To the Editor:

The article in last week's Picaro provided the opportunity for various faculty and students to express their view on MANUS—some were kind, some were confused. Overall, there would appear to be a general lack of knowledge concerning MANUS.

MANUS grew out of the pressing need of non-traditional students to find a place, and an identity, in an academic environment traditionally geared in every way to 18-23 year olds. This struggle has gone on for about 20 years, and we now have one room on campus that we can call our own. This does not indicate a "segregation" or "elitist" mentality any more than individual rooms in a family home or student residence do. Peer socialization is an essential part of everyone's emotional well being—the MANUS Centre provides us with "a room of our own."

We do not perceive ourselves as smarter or more dedicated than traditional students. We have more life experience, yes, but the two groups have much to give one another. We feel inspired by the idealism, vision and energy of the younger students. They, in turn, may benefit from our experiences in the workplace, running a home and raising a family. In effect, we can support, enrich and challenge one another and in doing so, contribute to the standard of academic excellence the Mount wishes to achieve.

Learning is a lifelong process—more and more people are returning to university for a variety of reasons. The Mount is unique in recognizing the pressures faced by returning students as they struggle to meet the conflicting demands in their lives. MANUS, which works closely with Continuing Education, Student Services and Student Council tries to facilitate this return to academic life through peer counselling, bursary awards, the Graduating Students Banquet

and "Kids Party", among other things.

Attempts at other universities to organize non-traditional students have encountered difficulties. The success of MANUS as an organization can be directly attributed to having a "room of our own" to meet, to share and to socialize.

The MANUS Executive

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SPORTS

MOUNT SETS EYES ON NATIONAL PRIZE

The Mount competes in the NSCAA provincially and at the national level in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA).

Over the past ten years the Mount has represented the NSCAA at the CCAA National championships in at least one sport. This is a record which few schools at the national level can match. The experience of play-

ing these teams is something we look forward to each year.

Anyone who has competed at a national championship knows what this experience includes. From opening ceremonies and seeing your flag leading your team into the gymnasium knowing you are representing your own province, and meeting new people on the court and off the court, and the All Canadian banquet...to the

final closing ceremonies and celebration. It's an amazing experience. It's sort of a sad trip home because it's been such a high all week.

Presently the women's volleyball team, the women's basketball team, the men's basketball team and members of the badminton team are in position to go to Nationals. The weekend of March 9 and 10 will tell the

tale. The NSCAA Women's Volleyball Championships will be hosted by MSVU. Games are at 10 a.m., 12 noon and the Championship Final at 2:30 p.m.. National Championships will be held in Quebec City, CGEP F.X. Garneau. The NSCAA women's and men's basketball championships will be held in Truro hosted

by Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Games are at 12 and 2, 6 and 8 p.m.. The national championships will be held at Cariboo College in Kamloops, British Columbia. The NSCAA Badminton Championships are being held March 2 at UCCB with the Nationals hosted by Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario.

RETURN TO MARTOCK

By Peter Murchland

On Wednesday, January 30, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One, an intrepid gang of ski warriors (A.K.A. the MSVU Ski Club) ventured to the frozen hills of Martock Mountain, near Windsor, Nova Scotia. The trip, the second outing initiated by the Club's weathered executive, was enjoyed by approximately 45 students.

With special thanks to "John the bus driver", the trip, once engaged, went according to plan. John kept us in stitches with his

"off-colour" sense of humour all the way up to Martock and his "blind eye" was also beautiful to some of us dehydrated ski warriors.

The moguls of Martock (sounds like a new sitcom) were incredible on this particular Wednesday. Dave, Scott, Rob and I, among others attempted the treacherous moguls with an uncertain degree of success. Yet one unknown kamikaze-type youngster tried a hit-and-run assassination of our unexpected president (Dave). As Dave aptly put it:

"That little #\$\$%^&@#\$\$ almost killed me, and look here

(points towards scraped right ski) he scratched my ski!"

On a lighter note, I encountered a ski patrol officer who threatened me (sort of) because I tried one of the jumps on the hill. Well, this gentleman was unaware that one of the slopes on the hill was a mogul field.

"You go down that mogul slope without jumping and I'll buy you a beer," I said, rather hastily.

To conclude this recollection of events past, I will relay the words of our immortal president:

"She's a great girl...she's a good skier, she's got great skis, she's..."

MOUNT TAKES TWO FROM NSAC

On Wednesday February 6, The Mount basketball teams hosted Nova Scotia Agricultural College in regular league action. Both teams were able to claim victories over the AC squads. In the women's game, the Mount easily defeated AC 71-24.

"The game gave us a chance to work on some things together," said assistant coach Pasty Pyke. "In a game of this type where there is a big difference in the score it's hard to keep your concentration. It's easy to sit back and not play as hard as you would

against a better team. We committed a number of "lazy" fouls in the first half but with better concentration in the second half we committed fewer fouls." Scorers for the Mount included Alex Taylor 16, Carolann Coon 14, Jocelyn MacLean 13, Heather Nicholson 8, Gail MacDonald 4, Audrey Norman 6, Judy Blackwood 4, Andrea Drake 4, Danielle Weatherbee 2.

Head Coach, Anne Lindsay, said "It was good to see everyone involved in the offense." In the second game the men's team was successful in downing

the AC Rams. The team had a little trouble getting back into the game after an AC player was injured (he will be back playing in a few days) but once they got into it, the team was able to play their own game. After leading 41-29 at the half they finished the game with a score of 67-44.

Scoring for the Mount men were Dyrick McDermott 16, Mark Forward 14, Anthony McNeil 11, Tony Ross 9, Derek Jonston 7, Garnet Wright 4, Wayne Keeey 2, Ray adekayode 2, Andrew McNeil 2.

BIG V-BALL WIN

Strong hitting, consistent serve reception and aggressive blocking were all key factors which secured first place for the women's volleyball team this weekend at the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament in Truro.

"As a team I feel that we are where we should be at this point. As long as we work on team play,

concentrating on execution on offensive as well as defense we will get the results we want" said Head Coach Howard Jackson.

Last term in their first three encounters with UCCB the Mount took the Capers to a deciding fifth game each time but were unable to capture a win. This weekend when the two teams met, the Mount defeated UCCB in

two straight 15-7, 15-6. From the first whistle to the conclusion of the match the Mount dominated the play.

"We knew we could beat them, we just had to get over the mental hurdle" said team captain Justine Turpin. You can see the team in action as they play for 1st place against UCCB on March 1st and 2nd in the Rosaria gymnasium.

B-BALL MATCHUP

On Wednesday, February 13, the Mount women's and men's teams will host teams from the Nova Scotia Teachers College. Presently The Mount is ranked second in women's basketball behind TC and first in men's basketball with TC in second place.

The women have lost to TC three times, their only losses this season. "TC always seems to come up with a big game against us," said Assistant Coach Pasty Pyke. "They have had trouble with other teams in the league, losing twice to St. Thomas, but they always play well against us. We lost to them two years ago by three points in the provincial finals, defeated them last year in the finals and it looks like it might be another TC/Mount matchup for the right to represent Nova Scotia at the

CCAA National Championships".

The men's team defeated TC early in the season by a score of 92-54. They suffered one of their two losses to them early in 1991, and they defeated The Hawks by 5 points two weeks ago. This fourth game will surely be a hard played contest.

At Wednesday's game we will be drawing for prizes during half time of the men's & women's games. There will also be a three point contest and foul shooting contest. When you get to the game be sure to fill out a ballot and enter your name for some great prizes.

All spectators will receive a game stamp which entitles them to half price admission to Vinnie's after the game. Support Mount basketball and catch some of the best games in town.

MSVU EVENTS

Feb. 11 - 15
HAVE A HEART WEEK

Wednesday, February 13

Intramural Coed Indoor Soccer
3 - 4 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

MSVU Basketball
NSTC at MSVU
6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Rosaria Gym
Draw prizes, Foul Shooting Contest
Three Point Contest, 1/2 Price Admission at Vinnies

Thursday, February 14

MSVU Basketball
TUNS at MSVU
6 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

Intramural Coed Volleyball
8 - 10 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

Friday, February 15

Intramural Coed Basketball 2 -
3:30 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

Sunday, February 17

Intramural Men's Ball Hockey
5 - 7 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

Intramural Coed Volleyball
8 - 10 p.m.
Rosaria Gym

Wednesday, February 20

BEAT THE BLUES
BARBEQUE
12 - 2 p.m.
Vinnies Pub

ENTERTAINMENT

THE ECLECTIC CORNER: "COUNTDOWN TO BREAK"

by Betsy Kitchen

"Houston this is Slacker One, do you copy?"

"I've got you on visual Slacker One. We have three days to lift off - how do you read?"

"Slacker One to Houston - I read you loud and clear, all circuits are clear at lift off minus three days."

"Houston to Slacker, ready to proceed with systems preparation checklist."

"Roger Houston - begin checklist, over."

"Request status of flight suits, Slacker One."

"All flight suits are washed and ready Houston, over."

"Cosmos credit card?"

"Don't leave the atmosphere without it Houston, over."

"Valid access pass to the capital planet at special student space cadet price?"

"That's a roger Houston."

"Clean underwear in case you get into a capsule collision?"

"Umm...that information is classified Houston."

"What about your mission data?"

"What mission data?"

"You know, your homework Slacker One."

"Who said anything about HOMEWORK Houston?! That's a negative - over!"

"You've got to take your homework Slacker One, it's standard procedure. What do you think this is anyway - a Spring Break?!"

"That's a ten-four Houston. My orders read "BREAK" - over."

"That's a negative Slacker One. Orders here at Launch Headquarters clearly name mission "READING WEEK" - do you copy?"

"Negative. I have no such mission data aboard ship - over."

"That's a code red violation Slacker One, shut down all systems and return to your locker for de-briefing. Do you copy?!?"

"What's that Houston? I do not copy. My circuits are suddenly breaking up..."

"Baloney Slacker One! Return to base immediately - you must not lift off without your homework! Abort the mission now - do you read?!"

"Negative Houston. Circuits are scrambled: too many pre-mission mid-terms. Any more mission data and my systems will overload. Ooops - how time flies when you're in a space shuttle! Gotta go Houston!"

"You are not cleared for lift off Slacker One!"

"Can't wait for clearance Houston. Re-schedule mission data pick-up for the 25th day of this month - I've got some intergalactic vacation therapy to catch. Over and out."

(BLAST OFF NOW AND HAVE A MOST ECLECTIC SPRING BREAK!)

ASK ALICE

Dear Alice:

I want to be like Molly Ringwald. Is there something wrong with me? Is my obsession strange or do you get other's with the same problem?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

Do you have red hair? Are you an insufferable snob? Have you made sappy, meaningless movies in your life time? If so, then congratulations. You're on your way to being a true Molly Ringwald wannabe. Your obsession, though strange, is far from unique. Good luck!

Alice:

I am obsessed by a columnist. I'll stop at nothing to discover this person's real identity. Does this bother you? Watching

Dear Watching:

No, I love the attention.

A Pie for Your Thoughts

By Arlene van Nieuwenhuizer

On February 15, 1991, Mount Saint Vincent University, in conjunction with the Halifax Regional Cerebral Palsy Association, will be hosting the second annual pie-toss auction to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Rosaria Centre, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

The Halifax Regional Cerebral Palsy Association is a charitable organization which has been in existence since 1972, and was formed as a support group for those with Cerebral Palsy, their families and friends.

Besides helping the Cerebral Palsied emotionally and morally, we will also help them financially, whether it be buying equipment, or medically; we help them anyway we can.

Please come out and support us by either coming to watch what is going on, or better yet, bid on a pie for a chance to smack that someone. The bidding will start at 5 p.m. and for effect, we will have pink whip cream because it's on Valentine's Day.

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

Alone

By Leah Purdy

I sat in
a crowded room wearing
purple pants.
Me, not the room
And nothing was
whirling around the
curtains except
flies.
Because there was
no one there
and I was
Alone in that
room with
flies and pants
and lemons
and I was alone
so there

The "What's That Supposed to Mean?" Corner of Creativity accepts submissions of poetry or short prose (the worse, the better) from artists looking for a medium to express themselves (without the use of curse words, please).

Drop off submissions to:
The Picaro
Room 403, Rosaria Centre

THE PICARO will be publishing
a womens issues supplement
(THE PICARA) in the
March 6 issue.

Articles, commentaries, poetry,
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Speak through THE PICARA for
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Deadline for submissions is
Friday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m.
at the Picaro office, 4th floor,
Rosaria Centre

ENTERTAINMENT

GREEN CARD

By Paula Kendrick

What's the best way to fall in love with someone? Marry them.

That's what happens in "Green Card" an award-winning romantic comedy about George and Bronte: two total strangers who meet, get involved, get married and then fall in love.

France native George Faure needs a green card in order to live and work in the United States. The quickest way to get one is to marry an American citizen.

Bronte Parrish has found the perfect New York apartment. Her only problem is that it's only rented out to married couples. A mutual friend arranges a "marriage of convenience" for them. The certificate of marriage will get both George and Bronte what they want and the two will never have to see each other again. However, a government investigation into the suspicious marriage forces the strangers to reunite and spend the next 48 hours memorizing a convincing history of their lives together. In the process of trying to make the government believe their marriage is legitimate, the two fall in love.

This latest film from Touchstone Pictures won Golden Globe Awards for best picture and best actor. The film stars french actor

Gerald Depardieu as George and actress/model Andie MacDowell ("sex, lies and videotape") as Bronte.

"Green Card" is Depardieu's first major English language role and he's fabulous. Writer/director Peter Weir ("Dead Poet's Society") wrote the script with Depardieu in mind, so it's no wonder his performance is perfect. Depardieu is funny, intense and yes, somehow this large, lumbering oaf manages to have sex appeal.

MacDowell's performance can't touch Depardieu's, but still, she's good here. Because the pair work so well together, she isn't overshadowed by her co-star. MacDowell and Depardieu have an onscreen chemistry that works.

Among "Green Card's" terrific supporting cast is Bebe Neuwirth (Lilith on "Cheers") as Bronte's best friend Lauren.

"Green Card" is a comedy with a very dramatic side to it. It's a sort of "Beauty and the Beast" tale, and it's got a closing scene that makes this movie more romantic--more passionate--than blockbusters "Pretty Woman" and "Ghost". No matter how many times you see it, the end will make you either smile or cry--maybe even both.

"Wonderful" is a good word for this movie. It's one of those films that'll make you fall in love with falling in love. I guarantee seeing it once won't be enough.



McDowell and Depardieu in Touchtone Pictures latest film "Green Card".

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY

By Dave Lifrute and Robert Hire

Laura Burney has changed her name, her looks, her life. She's on the run from the most dangerous man she's ever met: her husband.

"Sleeping with the Enemy" is this year's first psychological thriller. It's about a young woman trapped in a relationship with an obsessive, abusive man. Laura Burney is forced to take desperate measures to escape the destructive relationship.

To be anything but vague about the storyline would ruin it for you, because this story is built on surprise. Watching the movie

is unnerving because like Laura Burney--you know he's after her.

"Sleeping with the Enemy" is written by Ronald Bass--co-writer of the Academy Award winner "Rain Man". Directed by Joseph Ruben ("True Believer"), the movie stars Julia Roberts ("Pretty Woman", "Flatliners"), Patrick Bergin ("Mountains of the Moon") and Kevin Anderson ("In Country").

Here, Roberts proves she is not just a pretty woman. She's got the realistic intensity of a woman gripped by fear. Her performance as Laura is amazing.

Patrick Bergin plays Laura's husband Martin. Bergin makes an incredible villain. He's got a

very evil, powerful presence.

Even from the opening scene, you just know this guy is weird. He's got that cold villain face; those piercing black eyes. Bergin beats Norman Bates by a mile. Julia Roberts is good, but Bergin is the best part of the movie.

This movie was intense. In fact, it's just downright scary. The suspense is non-stop. The scenes intended to relieve the tension just weren't enough. The movie's high-energy ending is fast, chilling and terrifying.

"Sleeping with the Enemy" comes with the highest recommendation from us (yes, it was better than "Cats", much). This is one you've got to see. It'll easily be one of the best of 1991.

HA-CHA PART II

HA-CHA WAS LAST SEEN BEING VERY PERTURBED WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE TOXIC TEACHER.

THEY INTERRUPTED JEOPARDY JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW LOUSY NUCLEAR MISSILES.

I'M GONNA FIND THAT TUB OF POND SCUM!

I'LL GO SEE MY MENTOR FOR ADVICE. THE WISE MAN... WELL HUNG SON!

WHAT THE...?

HA-CHA!

EDWARD COOZE

SOON AT THE CAVE WELL HUNG SON CALLS HOME...

EXACTLY WHO IS THIS TOXIC TUB OF POND SCUM?

TOXIC TEACHER IS VILLY MIXED UP GUY, HA-CHA. HE LOST A GAME OF BINGO ON MINDA TECH. NUCLEAR IN 1960. HE WAS STONED AT THE TIME. EVER SINCE HE DOES STARTS AFTER HIS REGULAR FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO GAME.

BUT WHY? BAD FLASHBACKS MAN!

MEGA-MISTAKE-O, HA-CHA!

WERE YOU LOOKIN' FER ME?

UH... I'M SORRY... I DRINK TOO MUCH COFFEE!

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

HA-CHA!

HA-CHA!

HA-CHA!

HA-CHA!

HA-CHA KNEW HE HAD TO LET THE TOXIC TEACHER COME TO HIM. ON THE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT HE HEADED TO THE ONLY BINGO HALL IN THE CITY: BOB'S BINGO EMPORIUM.

NO SMOKE-SIGN? WHERE?

CHOKO!

B...12

BINGO!

I'VE GOT YOU NOW YOU TOXIC BUCKET O' LARD!

IT'S THE TOXIC TEACHER!

HA-HA-HA! MY NAME IS HELMUT VON STUDELHEIM, A.K.A. THE TOXIC TEACHER. AND NOW WITH MY CHEMICAL BACKPACK I WILL MELT THIS ENTIRE BINGO HALL. ADIOS BINGO-GAME-WINNING-FILTH!

COOPS... I NEARLY FORGOT... GIMME ALL YOUR CASH AND SALES WORTHY GOODS!

IS THIS THE END OF HA-CHA? WILL TORONTO EVER WIN AGAIN? FIND OUT NEXT TIME IN HA-CHA: WIN LOSE OR DIE!

HA-CHA!

HA-CHA!

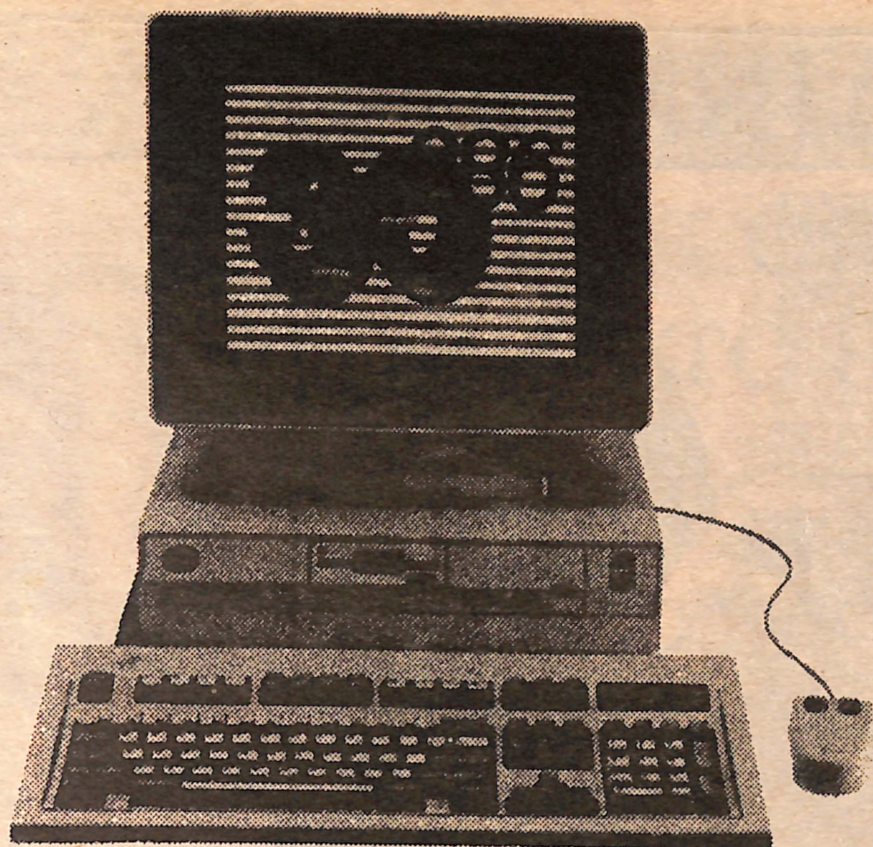
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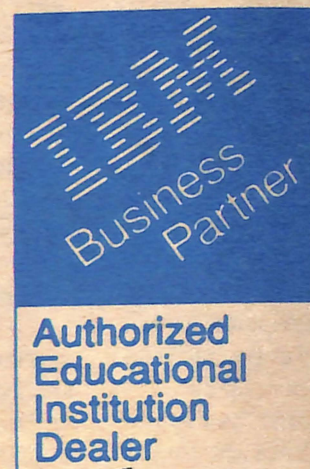
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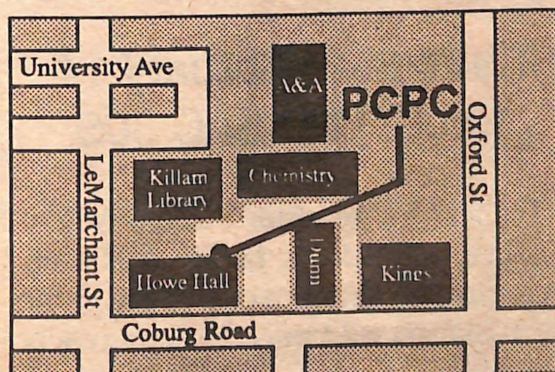
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