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How can they sleep at night?

The construction of the near-complete Rosaria Center has been the foundation of much controversy since the inception of the idea more than a half dozen years ago. But the pitch battles over plans; the inclusion or exclusion of swimming pools, saunas and tennis courts; and last year's heated debate over Student Union occupancy of the building pale to insignificance in comparison with the current controversy.

Our story on page three outlines the facts of the case. Anybody walking through the building or using any of the facilities relocated there or near it are taking their lives in their hands. Exposure to toxic chemicals, explosive gasses and eye-destroying welding torches is a normal occurrence. And nobody gives a damn.

There are no trite cliches or clever witticisms to describe the anger felt at both the very presence of these dangers at this university or the incredible indifference exhibited by administrators and the construction contractors. The situation is, quite simply, the most reprehensible irresponsibility the administration of this institution has ever committed.

We have a mixture of polyurethane and the highly-explosive Xylol which, when mixed as they are in the new gym floor, become a toxic and unstable substance. The dangers presented have been dismissed by as airy a wave of a hand as the fans that waft the gasses throughout the building.

We have unused and unopened barrels of the chemicals lying in storage

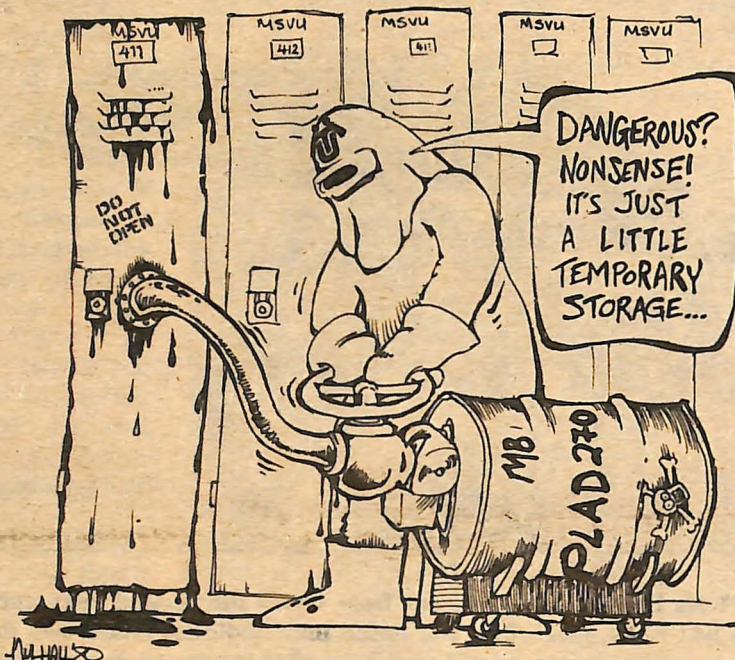
mere feet away from where boisterous and rowdy Winter Carnival activities are going on. Only one inebriated smoker has to pass the less-than-forbidding plastic sheet barriers and our satire on the new complex collapsing becomes fatally prophetic.

And we have the careless abuses occurring during arc-welding tasks. Showers of sparks and destructively intense bursts of light can be enjoyed by any user of the building at almost any time. The degree of caring exhibited by the administration is amply demonstrated by Michael Merrigan's blithe "Don't look at (the welding)."

As inexcusable as the presence of these dangers is the incredible indifference exhibited by both the administration and by the construction foreman.

They doubt whether people will be harmed because most people only pass through the building and don't stay for any

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period of time, or so they claim. With line-ups for the bank, the bookstore, the student store, the registrar's office and the cafeteria all in plain exposure to the affected area, perhaps they should guess again.

They invite people to ignore pure human nature and avoid looking at bright bursts of light as they pass the welding sites. All that they are ignoring are our health and provincial safety regulations.

The contradictions our story uncovers are rampant.

A construction foreman tells us his company wanted the building completely quarantined during construction but that both he and the university were against the idea. The administration tells us such a discussion never took place and that they are within their contractual rights exposing us to these dangers. Moral obligations are not included in the contract.

We have claims from all

sides that the gasses are being adequately ventilated. We also have reports from the bank workers who complained of headaches from the fumes until heavy industrial fans were brought into the bank. We also have reports of the fumes seeping through to Assisi Hall during the weekend's power outage.

The province's construction safety division tells us shields are required during arc welding. The administration, in a piece of effective buck-passing, tells us the shields are the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor ignores both the regulation and the responsibility.

We are told it is not necessary to quarantine the building while the toxic chemicals in the gym floor dry. We are also told this is the first time a building has not been quarantined during this period. And then the building is closed off completely while the lines on the floor are painted.

Since the inception of the new building, the administration of this university has exhibited a flagrant abuse of its responsibilities to the students. The design of the building, the uses to which it will be put and the priority it has taken over academic improvement of the university are only a few examples of this abuse.

The complete disregard for any safety standards and the jeopardy in which they place the health of any user of the building are only the natural extensions of their habitual irresponsibility.

One wonders how they can sleep at nights.

Page Two and You

Page Two and You is The Picaro's public service page. Any non-profit organization or campus group may advertise its activities free of charge on this page. The staff of The Picaro reserve the right to editorial discretion.

Student Union Position Available

The Communication Officer Position within the Student Union is immediately open for applications. Candidates should possess the ability to work effectively with Student Council, must be able to co-ordinate publicity events and be able to attend Council meetings. The Student Union offers a monthly honorarium of \$75.00. Anyone interested can pick up an application form at the Union office, Third floor, Rosaria Centre. Applications close at 4 pm on January 28, 1981.

HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH

Beginning Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. A Womans Place—Forrest House, 1225 Barrington Street will offer a five-week lecture series on health for women entitled "Help Yourself to Health" for five consecutive Thursdays.

Introductory information on anatomy and physiology will be discussed at the first session on Thursday, February 12.

The second session will deal with the function of hormones and their effects on women on Thursday, February 19.

Birth control, its methods, its pros and cons will be the topic of the third session on February 26.

On March 5 a panel discussion will be held on women and depression.

The final session on March 12 will be an open discussion.

Admission is free for this programme and all women are welcome to attend. For further information, phone 429-4063.

THE LAST CHANCE

The Balfour ring representative will be at 2nd floor Seton on Wednesday, February 4, 1981, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the last time to take ring orders. A minimum deposit of \$45 for gold rings, and \$25 for sterling silver rings is required. More for men's rings is also required. For more information please contact the senior class office at 443-4224.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The topic of the open lecture series **The History of Ethnic Groups and Minorities in Nova Scotia** to be held at the Halifax City Regional Library, 5381 Spring Garden Road, on Tuesday, February 3 at 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. will be **Towards a Black Identity in 20th Century Nova Scotia**. This will also be the topic of discussion on Wednesday, February 4 at 12 noon. All welcome.

WANTED TO BUY:

P.R. 100—Effective Public Relations (fifth edition) by Scott M. Cutlip and Allen H. Center.

Eng. 120—The Norton Sampler (Short Essays for Composition) by Thomas Cooley.

P.R. 301—News Writing and Reporting by Melvin Mencher.

Call 469-1621, before 12:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Ask for Gerald.

CREATIVE STRESS

What do we want out of life and how do we get where we want to be? A weekend workshop with Marten and Laara Gabriel of Vancouver to find

new creative ways to deal with stress. Starts January 30, 6:30 p.m. For information call 422-3810.

YEARBOOK MEETING

The 1981 Janus Yearbook is beginning to take shape now. If you are interested in becoming a member of our "Janus Team" (no experience necessary), drop in to the Yearbook office, room 403 Rosaria Centre, next to the water fountain. Meetings are every Sunday evening 7:30-10:00 p.m. BYOB.

P.S. Grads get your pictures taken by February 18 deadline, please.

WANT TO BUY [SECOND HAND]

Textbook—Austin, Gilbert R., **Early Childhood Education, An International Perspective**, Academic Press, New York, 1976. Call Pearl Crichton—443-4613.

BUDDHIST MEDITATION

Dharmadhatu, Buddhist Meditation and Study Centre, continues Open House Talks on Mondays for people who are interested in the tradition of buddhism. The meditation and study centre is under the guidance of the Venerable Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche, a meditation master from Tibet who has been teaching in Canada and the United States since 1970.

The next talk, on February 2, 1981 at 8:00 p.m., entitled "Letting Go of Pain", will be held at Dharmadhatu, 1649 Barrington Street, 4th floor, Halifax. There is no charge for the talk. For more information call 429-2033.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

The Student Christian Movement will be having a local unit meeting on January 28 in Seton 529 at 4:00. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Topics to be discussed are the current situation in Bolivia and spring program planning.

HOME ECONOMICS SENIORS

There will be a meeting of all Home Economics seniors Thursday, January 29, at 12:30 in the Gold Room. Topics to be discussed will be the ordering of the professional rings and the Yellow Rose ceremony. Anyone who wishes to order their ring, is asked to have their ring size and a \$25.00 deposit at the meeting.

TWILIGHT RETREAT

The first Twilight Retreat scheduled for this term was cancelled due to bad weather. We are hoping the elements will cooperate for our next Retreat, scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, at Mount Saint Vincent Renewal Center, 7:00 p.m., Theme—Prayer Today. Contact: Chaplaincy Office, Rosaria, extension 356.

MORE EXAMS

Students writing Supplementary and Deferred Exams on January 31 take note: Exams will be written in SAC306 and SAC308 beginning at 9:15 a.m. Be sure to arrive early enough before exam time to consult the seating plan on the doors to know where you are to sit.



Snow Anyone??? As Halifax dug itself out from under the second consecutive weekend of crippling blizzards last week, more than one unfortunate motorist found cars looking like this. Then there were those whose cars wouldn't even start after they were dug out of drifts that make this one look like a molehill. Thankfully, the blizzard promised for this weekend didn't materialize. It is reported by the Dal Gazette, however, that the university's Student Union has entered into an agreement with the University of Alberta to loan the western institute vast quantities of the white stuff so they can have a winter carnival. [Moran photo]

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Due to concern about insufficient publicity for the Award of Teaching Excellence, the deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday, January 30, 1981.

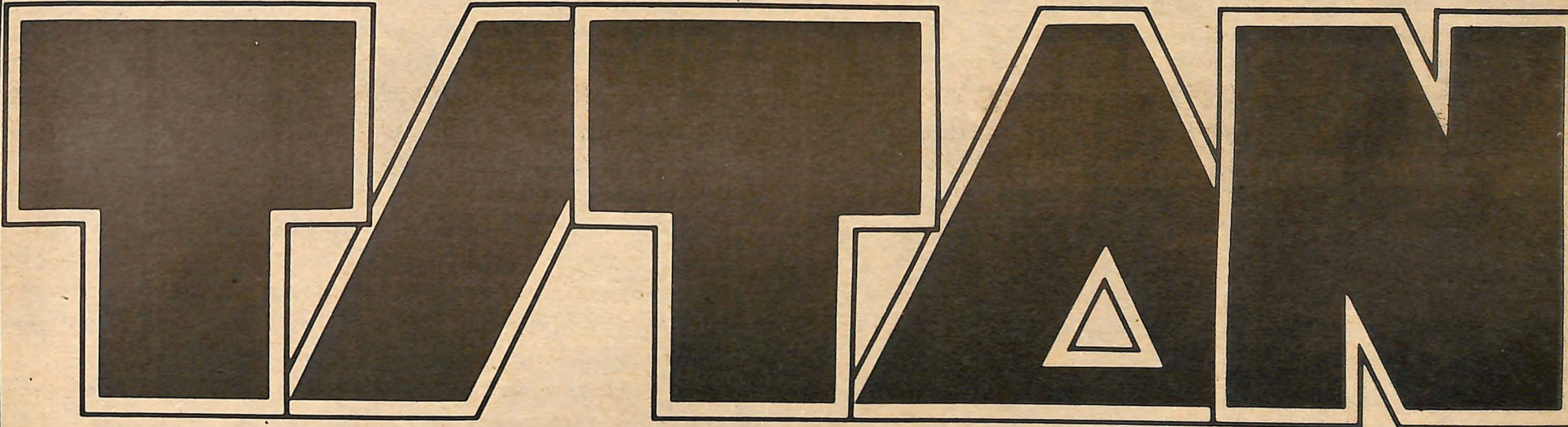
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE HUMAN RACE?

A series of films by Francis Schaeffer will be presented by Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Film Titles:

1. Abortion of the Human Race—January 21; 2. Slaughter of the Innocents—Wednesday, January 28; 3.

Death by Someone's Choice—Wednesday, February 4; 4. The Basis of Human Dignity—Wednesday, February 11; 5. Truth and History—Wednesday, February 18.

All films will be shown at 12:00 noon in Auditorium D. Admission is free. All are welcome.



Appearing at MSVU

Friday, January 30

9 pm - 1 am

\$3.50

Multipurpose Room
Rosaria

WET/DRY

Rosaria found dangerous

Toxic fumes, explosive gasses and welding sparks and lights endanger occupants

by Heather Teal

Noxious fumes, explosive chemicals, and showers of sparks from welding equipment greet students, faculty, and staff who pass through the Rosaria Center under construction.

Signs posted on the lower floor in the new building warn against smoking in that area because of the chemicals used in the floor of the new gymnasium. The floor, a material called Plad, is composed of a polyurethane diluted with Xylol, which is highly explosive.

The fumes may cause headache and nausea if inhaled for a long period of time. The floor, poured last weekend, takes six days to dry.

Michael Merrigan, executive assistant to the president of the Mount, said the university administration is fully aware of the dangers involved and took special precautions to ensure the safety of the occupants of

Rosaria during this time.

Ventilation systems were installed in the gym specifically for the pouring of the floor, to prevent harmful fumes from spreading throughout the building. However, last Saturday during a six-hour power outage, there were reports of fumes seeping through as far as the eighth floor of the Assisi Hall high rise residence.

The floor was poured on a weekend, at great expense to the Mount, Merrigan said, to ensure there was a minimum of traffic in the building at the time. Merrigan said although occupants may be able to smell the chemical in Rosaria, he doubted anyone would be affected, as people would only be passing through the area and not breathing the chemicals for any prolonged length of time.

The student-owned grocery store, bank, bookstore, Registrar's office and the residents' cafeteria—all involving lengthy line-ups for service—are all adjacent to the area affected.

Merrigan said the Mount was well within its legal rights to keep the building open during the pouring of the floor. The general requirements of the construction contract state: "Owner (the Mount) reserves the right . . . to take possession and use any complete or partially-complete portion of

Merrigan said "We had to get partial occupancy (of the new center) for survival (of the University). That, of course, brings in problems." Essential services, such as the Registrar's office, had to be in place for the beginning of the school year.

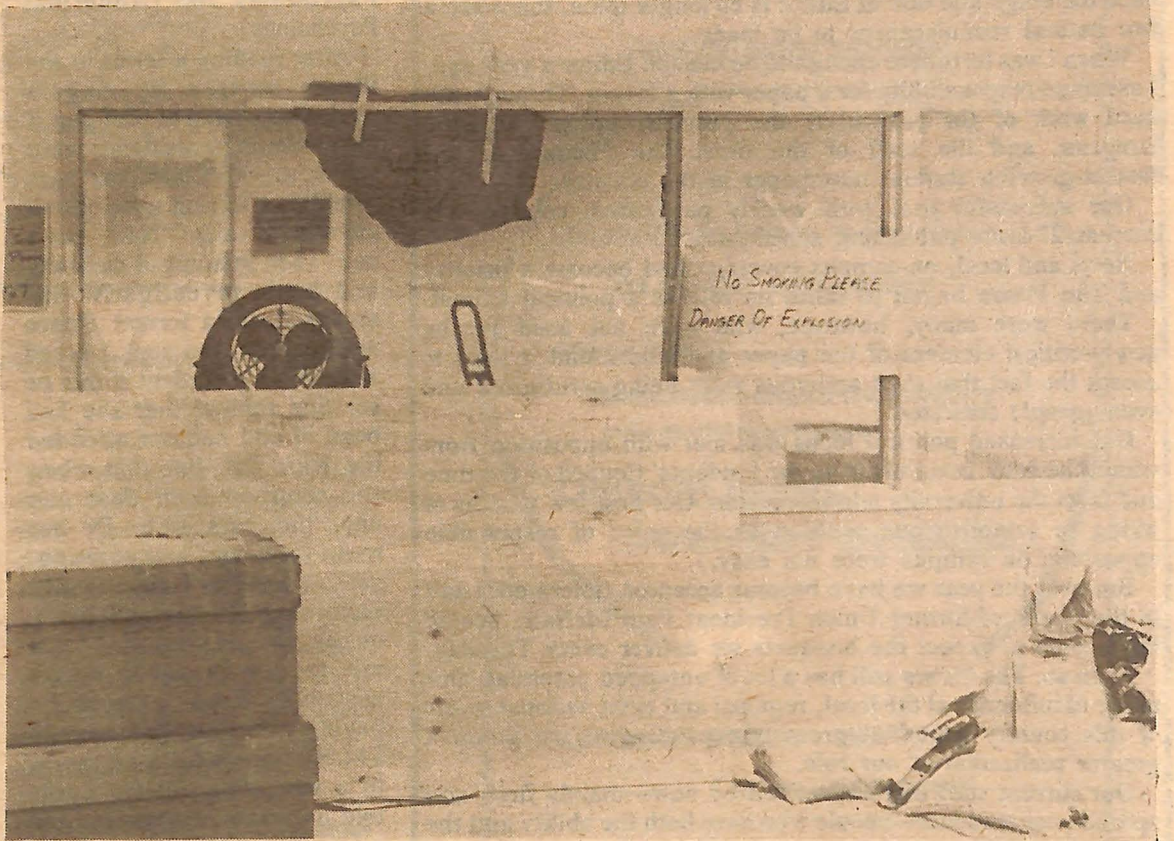
He said he felt the Mount had taken all necessary precautions to overcome these problems. "We did more than we had to do to ensure safety."

However, there is another

ity of the contractor, not the university. He warned students not to look at the welding as they passed.

In the meantime, use of the building goes on. The only additional precaution was the closing of the building for six hours Saturday while the gym floor was painted and lacquered.

Once the highly toxic chemicals had dried, the building was re-opened for an entertainment event that night.



Hand-painted signs are the only warnings to stop people from entering the chemical storage area well-quarantined behind masking tape and plastic. (Moran photo)

the work providing it does not interfere with the contractor's work."

George Oickle, the construction foreman on the site, said he was the only one of the construction officials in favour of leaving the building open for occupancy during construction. He said the architects and his construction colleagues all wanted the building closed off. However, Merrigan says there was no controversy over having the building open.

The company which poured the new gym floor said this was the first time they had worked in an already open building.

"This is the first time we have poured a floor in a building that is occupied," Arwood Gestenberger of Nova Scotia Tile and Terrazzo said. He added that the signs and warnings were posted to keep people away from the unopened cans of chemicals.

danger which has not been taken care of. Arc-welding, which is frequently used on the stairway handrails, can cause damage to the eyes. A construction safety inspector with the province's Department of Labour and Manpower said watching arc-welding is harmful to the eyes, causing a sensation similar to having sand rubbed in them. He said there should be a protective shield surrounding the welding site to prevent eye injuries.

Foreman Oickle said watching the welding may cause a few days of sore eyes.

A second danger with the welding is the shower of sparks that normally occurs during the task. On one instance, sparks showered the area in which students were lined up to get their first semester marks from the Registrar's office.

Merrigan said the presence of a shield was the responsibility

Hijinx at Spice dance

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Forced censorship of the press very nearly became a reality Saturday night when three people succeeded in breaking into The Picaro offices and tried to make off with the office's two typewriters and substantial quantities of camera equipment.

The three would-be thieves were caught in the act by Editor Francis Moran and two friends, Ryan Baker and Donna Hughes.

The only item the three succeeded in spirited away was a 35-year old camera belonging to Production Manager Suzanne Drapeau.

"It was worth a lot more for sentimental value than anything else," Drapeau said.

One favourable thing about the lost camera is that rarity will make it an easy item to trace.

"They haven't made these cameras for 10 years," Drapeau said.

Moran, Baker and Hughes, who were entering the office to put their coats there, surprised the three intruders who had broken in through a window in Rosaria lounge. Not much attention was paid to the intruders—who made a fast exit—as it was assumed they were just trying to get into the sold-out Spice dance.

It was not until Moran

discovered his camera bag, which contained more than \$3,000 worth of gear, missing that the alarm went up.

The camera bag, with all the gear in it, was found in the snow underneath the forced window with Moran's typewriter beside it. The office's electric IBM typewriter was perched on the edge of a desk, presumably where the hapless thieves had dumped it when they fled.

Halifax city police were called in and are investigating the case.

The Picaro was not the only place hit Saturday night as intruders into the cafeteria got away with a substantial portion of Sunday's brunch.

Six turkeys were stolen by someone who broke into the cafeteria, according to head chef Clyde Bishop.

The intruders also had some fun while they were inside the kitchen, breaking some three dozen eggs during a pitch battle.

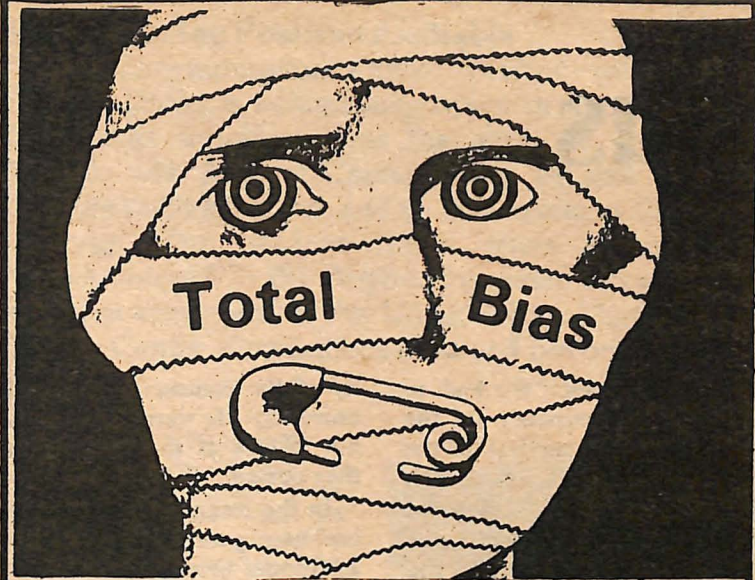
A bomb scare rounded out the night's excitement, calling in the Halifax Boys in Blue for a second time. The scare, which police said was obviously a hoax, did little to disrupt the closing moments of the sold-out function.

But the local constabulary still weren't going anywhere as some over-boisterous partyer slashed the tires on their cruiser.

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Editorial



This is it! You just won't have me to push around any more! I've had enough! I'm mad as hell and I'm just not going to take it any more!

Yes, folks, the end of an era is fast approaching. At midnight Saturday the reigns of power of this venerable rag fall gladly from my hands to be plucked up by the brave and masochistical soul(s) who win(s) tonight's editorial elections.

As I embark on the identity crisis that will inevitably be mine once the enigmatic title of Editor is no longer mine, there are a few natural reminiscences to be made.

When I was fortunate enough to be elected Editor a year ago, I assumed responsibility for a paper with a future. Through the hard work of (in particular) the previous editor, Suzanne Drapeau, and the staff of the time, **The Picaro** was the fastest-growing student newspaper in the country.

Our successful trial with weekly publication created our current 27-issue publishing schedule.

News and local, on-campus coverage had become a priority and **The Picaro** began to fulfill its role as a political animal.

There were many, however, who were not used to the newly-critical element of the paper and who found it hard to accept the fact that their activities were being scrutinized and even (gasp!) criticized.

Our increased political focus was met with opposition from within the staff, certainly from the Students' Council of the time and from the university administration. Our first few months of trying to establish our position as the voice of responsible opposition on campus were not easy.

But over the year we have become accepted (tolerated?) and in the words of former Union President Paul McNair, people have come to expect the bouquets we deliver every Tuesday.

Even so, **The Picaro** still has a lot of untapped potential. Our range of influence at the local, regional and even national levels of this country's student press is expanding as we attain a greater realization of our role.

Our current staff is characterized by new—mainly first- and second-year students—people who have both the ability and the political awareness to continue and improve our current position.

No farewell editorial would be complete without a litany of some of the phrases used to describe me over the past year. I have been called, in no particular order and leaving out many of the obscenities, a yellow journalist, an authoritarian, a little Napoleon, a dictator, a Communist, a deviant, a leftist, a radical, a muck-raker, a sensationalist, a bimbo, and my three favourites—a pompous bastard, a fucking piece of shit and Joe Clark with a chin! The handles bestowed on me have been racist, sexist and homophobic. They have been witty, original, old as the hills and obscene. Most have been laughable but few have been insulting.

Before closing, I would like to express a few well-felt gratitudes. The biggest goes to those staffers who, even through all the controversies this paper has faced, stuck through and pulled their weight in support of what they believed in. It has been an honour and a privilege to have known and worked with most of you.

I would also, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, like to extend sincerest appreciation to the various Student Councils and most especially to Paul McNair's version. One of the most difficult tasks this job entailed was choosing a subject each week upon which to write an editorial. I would like to thank Paul, his Council and their successors for giving me so many excellent topics upon which to write.

On that note, I would simply like to restate a point I have often made. This newspaper has been the single biggest learning place for me during my four years here. It is my sincerest wish that there could be a way in which every student at the University could enjoy the same enriching, fulfilling and enjoyable learning experience.

Cheers.

Francis Moran
Editor

Letters

Letters for this column should be addressed 'To The Picaro', and must be typed. Letters must also be signed though anonymity may be granted upon request. The staff of The Picaro reserve the right to reject or edit any article for length or if it defames or discriminates against any individual or group.

Graduate questions bar campaign

To The Picaro,
As a former student and graduate of the Mount, I try to keep informed of what is going on, on campus (not all of us are totally apathetic). Therefore, I would like to share a comment or two on the Student Union's fund raising campaign.

As has been said many times, bar sales in junior and senior high schools in my experience have never been successful ventures. One would expect more intelligence from a university student union, to realize this—especially since the fund raising drive is of such great importance. I have greater difficulty understanding their reasoning for attempting to sell bars, than I had in understanding Psychology 205 (Abnormal Psychology).

After reading a letter in the **Picaro** written by Angela Anderson saying in part that if the students in residence were not at the Kick Off, the bars would be forced upon them anyway. I said, "Naw, can't be," then just out of curiosity and basic investigative instincts (I am a former **Picaro** staff person, you see), I asked a wandering student if this be so. She replied that she had been ill and had not attended the Kick Off, but that when she returned from class one day, the bars were IN her room (breaking and entering, yet!). I couldn't believe it. But believe me, if I were still living on campus, no one would force me to peddle their wares, especially since I would be paying a Student Union fee of \$44.50, hopefully to be raised to a whopping \$65.00. I was told by whoever answered the

phone in the student council office, when a referendum is to be held in February.

Incredible!? Where indeed has all the money gone? Students stand up for your rights. There is a law against compulsion. **COMPULSION**—force driving a person to perform an act without or against his/ her conscious will.

By the way, why don't the

Winter Carnival buttons and mugs have MSVU on them? Are you ashamed of the name? I asked the co-chairperson of Winter Carnival why the name MSVU did not appear on the articles and he said that after attending the Mount for 3 or 4 years that he was sick of the name and never wants to hear it again.

Really!?
Mary Lou LeRoy
B.A. 1979

Student laments non-support

To The Picaro:

Do we have to resort to an unimaginative, Junior-High-type campaign to cover Council's projected deficit? As a student in Nutrition, I was relieved to find the Home Ec Society withholding its official support. After years of effort on part of the Nova Scotia Public Nutritionists to stamp out chocolate bar campaigns in schools, it would have been a sign of unbelievable insensitivity and lack of credibility for the Home Ec Society not to do so.

On the other hand, I acknowledge the effort of Council and its fund raising committee to do something about the fiscal malaise. (My first suggestion: stop payment of rent to the University, \$6,225 per annum saved). Last year's financial mismanagement, as well as the many money losing ventures that led to the present deficit, are, no doubt, symptoms of Mount Saint Vincent's primary contact

disease: apathy. A bit more concern about Student Union affairs and our Council would not have to resort to schemes as desperate as a chocolate bar campaign to cover its expenses.

In fact, I feel like apologizing for my lack of support to Council in this instance; but, I do believe that one has to be true to one's own principles first. I am strongly committed to Student Union activities and would like to show this by donating \$2.50 to the deficit relief fund. This amount ought to more than cover the anticipated gain from the sale of six bars per student. Please forward the donation and allow me to appeal to all students, who did not participate in the campaign for whatever reasons, to show their commitment to their Student Union likewise.

Sincerely,
Annette Stapenhorst
4th year Nutrition

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The Picaro



News

Nestle combats boycott with dirty tricks campaign

[ZNS]—The Washington Post has reported that, since mid-1979, the Nestlé corporation has been coordinating a secret campaign to discredit its critics and counter a boycott against the company.

For the past several years, a wide ranging coalition of church and consumer groups has been critical of the Nestlé corporation for promoting the use of infant formulas in third world countries.

The groups, including the National Council of Churches, have contended that infant formula is not as nutritious as human milk. They have supported an international boycott of Nestlé products, charging that the use of baby formula in nations where conditions are less than sterile has resulted in

hundreds of needless baby deaths through accidental contamination of the formula.

The Post says that internal Nestlé corporate memos leaked to the newspaper reveal that Nestlé has been secretly providing funds to a Washington-based conservative foundation that has underwritten magazine articles defending the use of formula in the third world.

According to the memos, Nestlé has also financed the circulation of copies of a

Fortune magazine article favorable to the company's position. That article labels religious groups who are critical of infant formulas as "marxists marching under the banner of Christ."

The memos further reveal that Nestlé secretly was in contact with "a friend" on a special world health organization committee which was reviewing guidelines for the promotion of infant formulas in third world countries.



Letters

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Society responds to non-support

To The Picaro:

As president of the Home Economics Society, I would like to question the source of information that led to the article in **The Picaro**. To date, Dr. McDowell has not been present at a society meeting; therefore did not have a chance to tell the society that it was illegal to sell chocolate bars. The Home Economics Society as a group agreed before Christmas that the sales of chocolate bars was not consistent with the ideals held by members of the society and the Home Economics students in general. WE DID NOT agree that there was enough nutrition in chocolate covered almonds to warrant sales, but the society agreed that it was an individual decision and that as a group, there would be NO SUPPORT for chocolate bar sales.

Dr. McDowell and I met yesterday, January 20, 1981, to discuss the issue at which time the position of the society was explained and she agreed to notify student council about the decision amongst faculty members. (see memo below)

It would be appreciated, if when writing further articles concerning the society that we could be consulted as to our positions. Although the Home Economics students have a student union representative, her personal views are not to be taken as the opinion of the entire Home Economics Society. I question the credibility

of the Picaro, if this type of misreporting is common.

Kathy Younker,
President,
Home Economics Society

In response to your request for faculty involvement for the chocolate bar drive undertaken by the Student Union, we find as a department we cannot lend assistance with this particular project. Faculty members agree with the posi-

tion taken by the Home Economics Society. I regret that Home Economics students and faculty find themselves unable to participate in a University activity and hope that future projects are compatible with the philosophy and practices of all departments on campus.

Dr. Marilyn McDowell
Chairman
Home Economics Department

Carnival chairs praised and berated

To The Picaro:

The Carnival Committee has done a fantastic job this year of planning interesting and fun events at a time which will not interfere with our studies or other local carnivals. We would like to commend them on their hard work.

However, me and ma drinkn' buddies are just a wee bit disappointed about the Brewery Tour being sold out! It is my narrow-minded guess that the student council, winter carnival committee and a few of their close friends were the only fortunate souls to get their paws on any of the Brewery Tour tickets.

You talk of apathy at the Mount. Well, take note that you could make a lot of money if you opened events up to the general student population. That means selling more than 50 tickets for an event which was advertised on the Winter Carnival posters.

A Few questions you might

find room in your whetted hearts to answer are:

1. Were the number of tickets limited due to lack of space at the brewery?
2. What did the \$2, which we would have loved to have given you, go towards?
3. Were so few tickets sold due to past brewery tour turn outs?
4. Did you assume that if you did not advertise the tour to much (!? Tour) that, hopefully, no one would go?
5. Rumour had it that these tours last for about an hour and a half. In that case, why couldn't you schedule three in one afternoon?

Frankly, we are just jealous of those lucky souls who got to go on the tour, but I would like my questions answered!

Sincerely,
Your Unwhetted Buddies in
Birches #2.

(Names withheld by request)

Briefs

New student organization named

OTTAWA [CUP]—Canadian students' new national organization has been christened the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Delegates from colleges and universities across Canada, excluding Quebec and New Brunswick, met recently to plan the merging of the National Union of Students (NUS), the national political organization; the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), and the service organization; and the various provincial bodies.

Nobody knows their union president

TORONTO [CUP]—"How does it feel to be a complete unknown?" folksinger and now born again Christian Bob Dylan once asked.

University of Toronto Student Association President Peter Galway is now singing the same tune. The campus newspaper, the Varsity, reported that only 16 per cent of the U of T students could identify Galway as the council president.

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the cruel reality of wife beating

by Diana Schwartz
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In the 1970's the women's movement blew the lid off rape. The myths surrounding the crime were exploited and this aspect of female oppression was recognized and challenged at all social levels. Now, in the 1980's another violent crime against women is being dealt with seriously. For the first time in modern history women are beginning to stand up to their abusive husbands. The most widespread form of violence against women, wife beating, is being met with societal resistance at all levels, from the individual to the government law agencies and the courts.

Wife beating is not a modern phenomena. Throughout patriarchal history, men have abused their wives. The home has been an arena for violence, where men could demonstrate their superiority over women in the form of broken bones and bruises. Women, like furniture, were the property of the man. An occasional slap or kick was considered necessary to keep the woman in her place. Men were thought to have a right, if not a duty, to beat their wives.

Even in our so-called "advanced civilization" wife beating is still a very real and serious problem. It is apparent in every social and economic class. It is more widespread than rape. Some studies estimate that some form of marital violence occurs in every second marriage. Terry Davidson, author of *Conjugal Crime*, catalogued the findings of a study of middle-class men who beat their wives: "The weapons used, besides fists and feet, were guns, knives, a broom, a leather belt, a brush, a pillow (to smother), a hot iron, lighted cigarettes, and a piece of railroad track." Assaults can last anywhere from five minutes to over an hour. The frequency range is anywhere from a daily habit to once or twice a year.

HALIFAX'S BRYONY HOUSE OFFERS SHELTER

by Nancy Burns
Staff Reporter

Halifax is not without its own shelter for battered wives. Established two years ago by a group of concerned women seeing the need for a sanctuary for women who have been physically and mentally abused, Bryony House was created. It is more than a transition station for women who have no place to turn to. It is a residence which can accommodate up to 24 women and children anywhere from one night to a month, depending on the amount of time they require to put their lives in order.

Bryony House offers not only shelter but referrals to counselling and welfare services so any woman who goes there can be assured of the right direction toward the assistance she requires.

According to one of the house staff members, who wished to be identified only as Phyllis, Bryony House is a "liaison" for women in intolerable domestic situations. It is the bridge between a life of abuse and alternatives available such as the services of Dal Legal Aid and psychiatric help.

Statistics reveal that the women who come to Bryony House represent a cross section of the population. However, there tends to be a greater number of women from less affluent backgrounds. Phyllis explains that this is due to the fact that they have fewer alternatives open to them because of their tight financial situation. Children are another anchor. It is more difficult to pick up and leave an area when one has children to worry about.

Abuse ranges from visible bruises and fractures

Why do women put up with the abuse? Why don't they just leave? It has been suggested that women are basically masochistic by nature, that they actually enjoy the abuse. Nothing could be further from the truth. Research has shown that while the man is more likely to be the attacker in marital assault, the woman is more likely to be the attacker in a homicide. Thus a woman is likely to endure the abuse for a length of time and then react very suddenly by murdering her husband. This does not support the idea that women enjoy the abuse.

It must be remembered too, that these husbands also have roles other than that of abusers. The emotional involvement between husband and wife is often difficult to break after many years of marriage. A woman may rationalize that she'd rather live with an abusive husband than live alone.

There is also a great deal of fear involved if a woman is thinking about leaving her husband. There is the fear of being hunted down if she leaves, and fear of facing the world alone after years of being sheltered in the home. Many women are afraid to assert themselves as individuals and there is always fear and personal

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conflict concerning their taking steps that would lead to separation or divorce.

A woman may retain the hope that her husband will stop beating her. She may view her husband's violence as an illness and think that some day he will get better.

Victims usually have low self-esteem. Some rationalize that they would not be beaten if they did not somehow deserve it. A woman in this situation may cling to her marriage regardless of the extent of the abuse.

And finally, there is almost inevitably some sense of guilt, shame, or failure which prevents a woman from telling someone who might help her, that the man who swore to cherish and protect her, beat the hell out of her. It becomes hard to admit there is something wrong in the marriage even to her closest friends or relatives.

But what of the men who abuse their wives? Are they overly aggressive people who derive satisfaction or enjoyment by inflicting pain? More than likely they are not the psychotic monsters they are perceived to be. In fact, they are normal people who tend to be insecure. They feel "hassled by the world". Generally they have a poor self-concept and are unable to effectively deal with stress and stress situations. They transfer their anger and frustration with the outside world onto their wives, and sometimes their children.

Often these men have trouble keeping a steady job or are unemployed. This adds to internal frustrations and lowers self-esteem. Some men appear to have doubts about their masculinity and resort to beating their wives as a way of asserting dominance. They may have difficulty expressing anger verbally, so they act it out aggressively.



For many men they are just playing the role of "husband" they were conditioned to accept in childhood. They uncritically follow in the footsteps of their fathers, who had beaten their mothers. While growing up they learned that wife beating was a natural element of marriage. Abusing their wives becomes basically an unconscious process and is perceived merely as part of the role of "husband".

The past several years have seen the exposure of the truths about wife beating and the exploitation of the myths that surround it. Much positive work is being done to help women who feel trapped in a violent marriage. Andrew Zurawsky, a conciliation counsellor with the Manitoba Department of Health and Community Services, feels that the establishment of transition houses like Osborne House in Winnipeg, is the best thing that has happened. They are an important element because they offer practical assistance to women, he said.

Osborne House opened in 1974 and was the first shelter for battered women in Canada. It was followed almost immediately with shelters opening in Toronto and Vancouver. Today there are about 100 shelters across Canada.

The co-ordinator of Osborne House describes it as a short-term crisis shelter for women who have been abused, physically, mentally or both. Although physical abuse is the more visible form

of battering, mental cruelty is also a very real problem. With mental cruelty, the women becomes "the target of psychological warfare". She becomes shattered to the point that it is visible in her everyday behavior. She may reach a point where she is no longer able to function, to talk, or to perform even the simplest task.

Victims of both mental and physical abuse must be given a chance to understand what has happened to them; only then can they try to put their lives back together. During this transitional

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period they need warmth, encouragement and support. Osborne House and other shelters like it work to provide this support.

Actually the reasons that women put up with the abuse are quite simple. They often involve the dependencies a woman develops within a marriage.

The stereotype of the battered woman is a woman who has accepted the traditional description of womanhood, who may not have finished school because she believes in the fantasy of being taken care of by a husband. This may be true in some cases, and a woman in this situation would be emotionally and financially dependent upon her husband. These dependencies would act as obstacles to her independence. But, in a high percentage of cases, the woman has a better job or higher education and her husband feels he has to put her down to equalize the situation.

The co-ordinator of Osborne House describes her work as "grass roots social work". It involves accepting and responding to a person, and then preparing her to enter a world she knows little about.

For the woman, Osborne House is a place where she can come to terms with her situation and have the space they need to work out alternative solutions to their lives. One young



woman commented, "I know my problem now, so I can help myself."

There is a concern, not only to provide immediate shelter from domestic violence, but also to combat in these women the sense of isolation and defeat that could prevent them from taking control of their lives. The women can talk to people who understand what is happening in their lives, and other women may be experiencing similar problems. As one woman put it, "Everyone here is on neutral ground." And finally, there is an opportunity to release all their pent up emotion and cry. "We keep the Kleenex company in business, and sometimes all you can do is join them (crying)."

The co-ordinator of Osborne House says that community support is phenomenal. "Community groups and associations have open hearts and open minds." Many groups request guest speakers. The problem of wife battering is rapidly gaining nation-wide support, but a lot of people are still "wearing blinders" for different moral, religious or cultural reasons. In some cultures, the

husband's role is to discipline his wife, his wife's role is to take the abuse. To some degree this cultural aspect is apparent in our society. But people are recognizing the problem more and more. Many women get involved through the YWCA because, as one volunteer put it, "If women are going to be helped, it's going to have to be women who do it." The workers at Osborne House also agree that they get "excellent response" and "100 per cent cooperation from the Winnipeg Police Department."

Many men want and need outside help, but they deny their need because of fear, pride or guilt. For many, asking for help would be admitting guilt, but if the wife makes an issue of the abuse, the husband is forced into a corner. Before he can be helped, however, he has to admit he has a problem. Many men don't know there is help available, when in reality any counselling agency can deal with the problem.

Zurawsky says, "Counsellors cannot and will not make decisions for people, but they can help people reach their own decisions." He says it is best if the husband and wife come together, but this is not always possible and it may be idealistic to think the marriage can be set right. Zurawsky says, "The whole idea of counselling is not necessarily to keep people together, but to help them reach a decision about something." On the other hand, he says many people will go through a separation and then get back together, but in the interim, they haven't worked anything out. They end up right back where they started, and nothing is solved.

If a woman feels that separation is the only answer, and sometimes this is the case, she may apply for separation through the family courts. The Manitoba Family Maintenance Act of 1978 provides for separation without legal grounds. In the case of a battered wife there is an emergency involved, so the separation can be dealt with on an emergency basis and get into the courts immediately.

About 80 per cent will go back to their husbands after the initial separation, for many reasons. The men may promise to get counselling, or say they will work things out. Some women feel it is better

Women must demonstrate that they can and will do everything in their power to protect themselves.

"I didn't have children I wouldn't have left."

The problems created when children are raised in a violent home are very serious. A child may be left emotionally scarred for life. The worst consequence of all is that the children will more than likely inherit the violent nature they see in their parents.

Research is showing that violence is transmitted from generation to generation. If a child's grandfather beat his grandmother, and his father beat his mother, he will probably beat his wife when he marries. In families where children grow up watching father batter mother, boys will grow up to abuse their wives and girls will grow up to

to take the abuse once in a while rather than face the loneliness of separation. Many women return, but then leave a second time. The second time they are better prepared. They have usually confided in someone, saved some money or they may have a job or informed welfare they will require assistance. Most women still love their husbands despite the abuse. They have given themselves to their husbands physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually—100 per cent. Sometimes the marriage deserves another chance.

It is clear that dealing with wife battering requires hard decision making. Men and women must take responsibility for their own behavior. Women must clearly communicate that the beatings are absolutely unacceptable. Social and legislative policy must clearly reflect a woman's right to safety in marriage. Women must demonstrate that they can and will do everything in their power to protect themselves. Society as a whole can no longer pretend that family violence does not exist. When human lives are involved, domestic violence is everybody's business.



expect and/or accept abuse. The consensus is that abuse is learned. This view does offer some hope because anything that is learned can also be unlearned. Children must be taught that family violence is not normal. Part of the onus here is on the parents themselves. The family problems should be shared with the children. Even a very young child is capable of understanding. If a family is willing to work together to solve their problems they can begin to break the vicious chain of domestic violence.

For families who cannot work out their problems alone, professional help is readily available through various counselling agencies.



Communication technology takes on global impact—MacDonald

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

"Communication technology is rapidly becoming a source of major political conflict," said David MacDonald, former Secretary of State and Minister of Communication in the short-lived Clark government.

MacDonald said in a lecture Thursday to Public Relations students at the Mount that the field of communications is taking on a global significance and it is time for all the countries in the world to look at it as such.

There are very few standardized methods for handling the field and its ramifications between countries. A glaring example of this inconsistency is seen in data storage agreements between Canada and the U.S.

"There are over 700 different agreements (with the U.S.) for the storage of information

coming from Canada," said MacDonald.

"Communications is taking on major political, social and cultural features." He added, "It is taking on the dimension of a major commodity."

Communications is fast becoming a topic of global conflict because it is becoming so politically and economically important to many countries in the world.

MacDonald said the battle for the sky has started. Although Canada has been a leader in developing satellite technology, it shares with 150 other countries only four per cent of the satellites orbiting the earth. The other 96 per cent are controlled by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

MacDonald told the audience of about 100 that the danger in the new technology was a "danger of inevitability"; the inevitability of technology itself solving the

problems it has created. He said if Canada and other countries sit back and let technology solve itself, the problems we are experiencing now in dealing with the new technology will multiply themselves many-fold.

MacDonald said Canada is as far if not further behind in dealing with new technology on political and economic levels.

"As long as Canadians continue to see communication

as the transmission of information it will have a truncated view of communication," said MacDonald.

He said that the whole field was much more complicated than that and that it is time for Canadians to realize that.

Vancouver student press slams Kent newspaper commission

VANCOUVER [CUP]—The royal commission on newspapers was hit with a surprisingly bitter barrage of criticism here January 19 as delegations questioned the motives of the government which appointed the commission.

The critics' cynicism is rooted in frustration with the liberal government's decision to ignore the 1970 findings of a special senate committee headed by Keith Davey. His report warned of the kind of media concentra-

tion which was completed in a series of corporate manoeuvres August 27, leaving Thomson Newspapers Ltd. and Southam Inc. as the major owners of Canadian daily newspapers.

"The Davey Committee presented a cogent analysis of the newspaper situation," Steve McClure, a staff member of the Ubsysey, the University of B.C. student newspaper, told the commission. "We're just trying to figure out why you people are here."

Commission chair Tom Kent replied that if the Davey report "had not been ignored, there would not be a need for this commission. But some new investigation is now necessary."

Southam News columnist Alan Fotheringham told the commission that everything they would be told during hearings had already been forecast by the Davey Committee.

"The same party that ignored that report is responsible for Canada having the weakest anti-trust legislation of any industrialized nation," Fotheringham said.

"You'll pardon me if I sniff hypocrisy in the government that has established this commission."

Malaspina College instructor Stan Persky said there was a conflict under the capitalist system between the newspaper's role as a business and a public forum.

"If a business doesn't prosper, then the forum disappears," said Persky. "The end result is that fewer and fewer businessmen own the public forum."

Persky suggested two possible remedies would be the creation of a Canada Council for newspapers or a crown newspaper corporation.

Asked whether a crown newspaper would expropriate

existing newspaper holdings, Persky replied in mock surprise: "You can't do that here in Canada! You can't interfere with capitalism. It should be allowed to bumble along as always."

The Vancouver-New Westminster newspaper guild said that both the Southam and Thomson corporations were "ruthless".

Guild spokesperson Jan O'Brien read a long list of the firms' corporate holdings before adding that newspaper owners should divest themselves of other commercial interests.

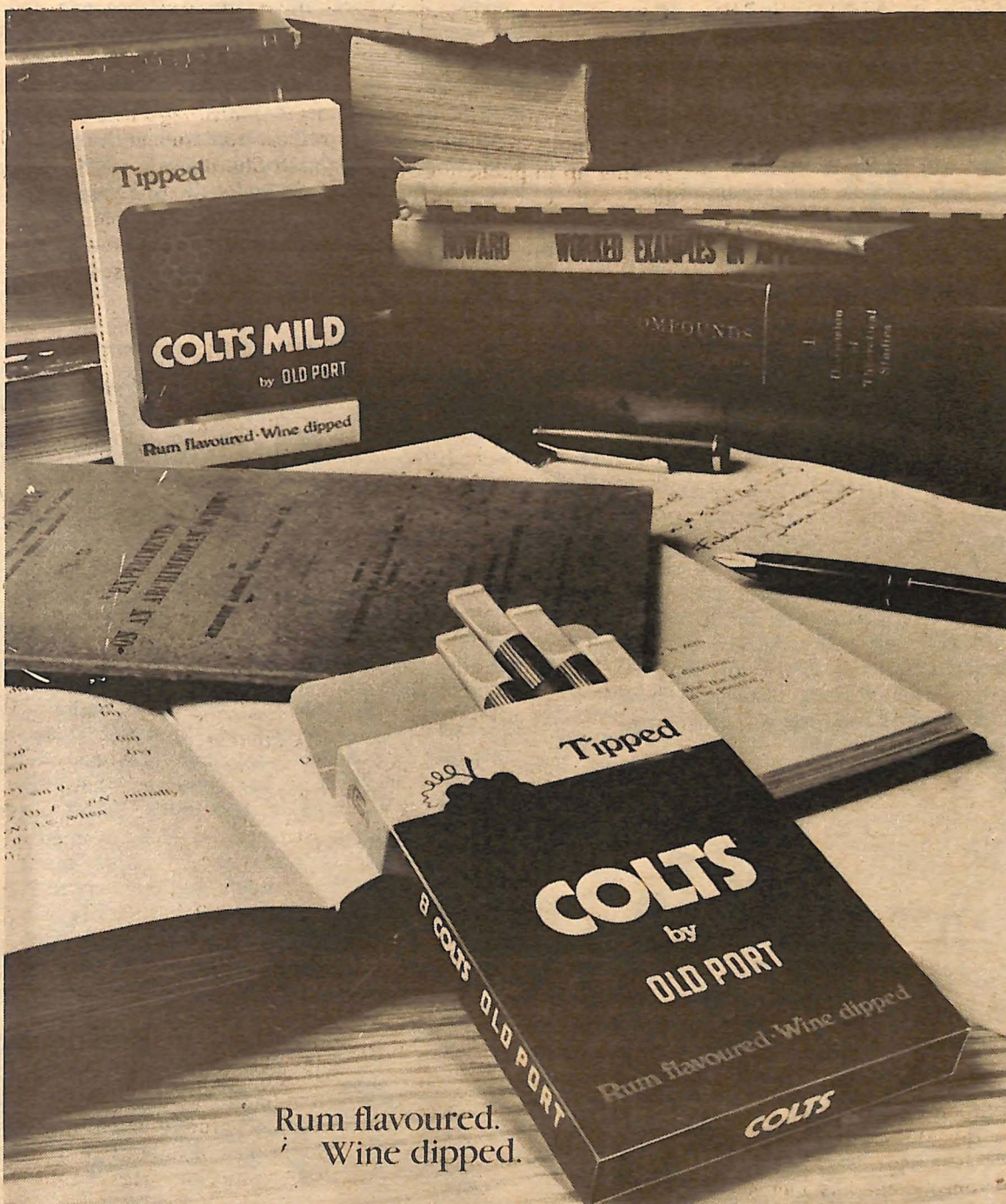
"They should be either newspaper magnates or corporate tycoons," O'Brien said.

"The daily press has a unique power and a unique responsibility. As it now stands, that power and responsibility can be bought, sold, subverted and usurped at the whim of a few corporate giants, whose first interests are shareholders."

The Ubsysey's brief, prepared by the staff collective, questioned whether the composition of the commission lent itself towards serious remedies for Canada's print media.

"Had the government seen fit to approach the problem in an objective frame of mind, it would have appointed people to the commission from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives," Ubsysey staffer Julie Wheelwright told the commission. "Instead the government chose commissioners whose interests could be construed by the public as being too closely identified with the status quo."

"It is our belief that there should exist a free and independent press that is able to maintain as its first priority dissemination of information without domination by advertising or corporate concerns."



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MPHEC recommends 10.3 per cent funding increase

HALIFAX [CUP]—Government operating assistance for the maritime provinces' 21 post-secondary institutions will climb 10.3 per cent next year, if provincial governments accept

the recommendations of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC).

The commission's funding recommendations, released January 14, call for a total of

\$198 million in provincial grants to colleges and universities.

The MPHEC also suggested an additional 0.75 per cent "equalization assistance" for

eight Nova Scotian institutions.

"These are institutions which have had historically low levels of support," said MPHEC researcher Margaret Smith. She said additional funding would bring these institutions on an equitable basis with other maritime schools.

Special program expansion grants suggested for P.E.I.'s Holland Community College and the Dalhousie School of Dentistry call for an additional extra 0.55 per cent in funding

levels for these projects. Larry Durling, the commission's Director of Financial Planning, said these grants, if accepted, would be provided apart from the operating grants to the institutions receiving them.

MPHEC recommendations are studied by the Council of Maritime Premiers and do not bind the individual provinces. All three maritime provinces accepted last year's operating level recommendation of 8.1 per cent.

SUNS slams recommendations, finds conflict in data . . .

HALIFAX [CUP]—The government's advisory body on higher education has made an excellent case for increased funding for post-secondary education in Nova Scotia, but, paradoxically, this need is not satisfied by its funding recommendations for next year.

This is the reaction of Nova Scotia student politicians to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education (MPHEC) financial plan for 1981-82 which was released last week.

"They go through all of these great arguments for having higher recommendations and then they don't follow them through," said Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) chairperson Loretta Mullen. "I don't understand where they got their actual recommendations from."

In the report the MPHEC recommends a 10.3% increase in funding for higher education

in Nova Scotia, the amount it claims is necessary to sustain education programs at their present level in our inflationary times, assuming tuition fees are raised with the cost of living.

Mullen, echoing earlier comments by University of Mount Allison president Guy MacLean, disputed the MPHEC's fiscal calculations, arguing they would mean a decline, not a stabilization, in real funding.

"Dalhousie estimates that if funding is upped 10.3% they will have to raise tuition by 14 or 15% in order to keep going at their present level. That tells you how far off their recommendations are," she said.

But a mere stabilization of funding is not SUNS goals. Universities need better quality programs, said Mullen. Further, she said, tuition fees must be decreased to make university accessible to more students.

Mullen agreed with the

MPHEC's statement that universities can play a key role in the economic development of Atlantic Canada, but she questioned how a funding policy which gives higher education a progressively lower priority in the government's budget will accomplish this.

Expenditures on higher education as a percentage of the provincial budget have consistently declined from 6.2% in 1974-75 to 5.3% in 1980-81. During this same period, participation rates in post-secondary education for Nova Scotians between 18 and 24 have declined from 19 to 17%.

Mullen also cast doubts on the objectivity of the MPHEC.

SUNS plans radical protest measures

HALIFAX [CUP]—Nova Scotia university students are in the throes of planning a major protest against cutbacks that could culminate in a march on the legislature later in the semester.

The Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) has prepared a report outlining a plan of education and political pressure, beginning with button and pamphlet distribution and leading up to public presentation and co-operation with other university groups.

SUNS representatives Atul Sharma and Carolyn Zayid presented their report to the Dalhousie student council January 18. Sharma said it would be difficult to mobilize student support against funding cutbacks without concrete goals and that the council should give support to a march on the legislature.

Grass roots student support is necessary before SUNS will have any credibility with the government, said Sharma, and a march is a way of getting students involved in the political process.

"Our intention was never to be militant, but we've been ignored, assaulted and abused by the government and unless we demonstrate, it could happen again. For no other reasons, we have a responsibility

to demonstrate out of outright indignation."

Sharma cited what he said were two important illustrations of government contempt for student groups.

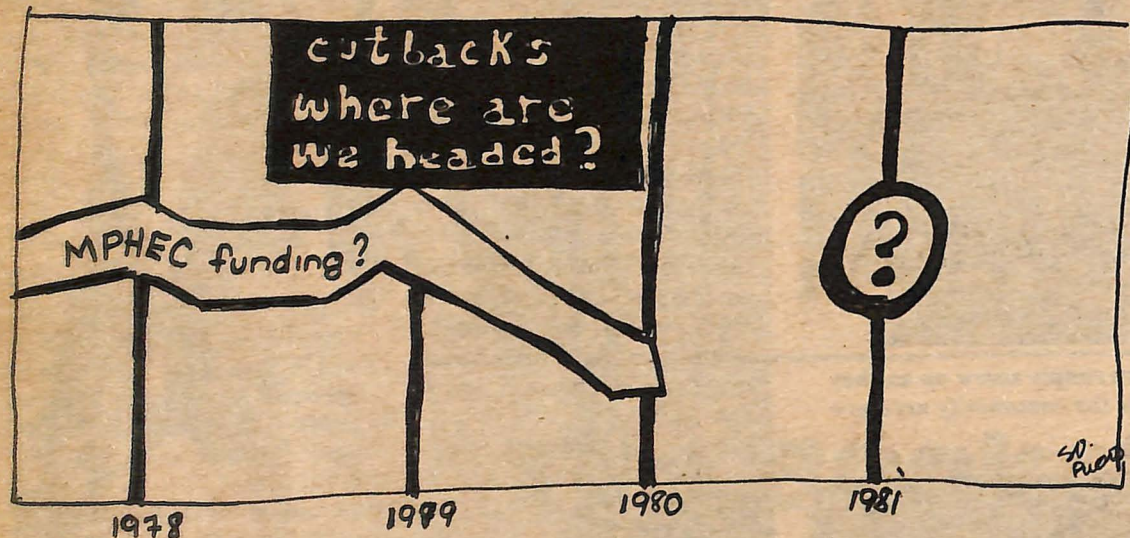
First, last year's government funding announcements were made just hours after student presentations on them were heard, indicating a total lack of respect for student input on these, Sharma said.

Secondly, Sharma pointed to the government's appointment last year of Kirk Sievert to sit as a "student representative" on a committee on student aid.

This "appointment of students to student aid bodies without the knowledge of any duly elected student group is an affront to all democratic principles and a slap in the face to every student in this province," Sharma had written earlier in the proposal.

The Dalhousie council will decide at its next meeting, in three weeks time, if it will support the march. Councillors were unsure what support the march would get.

"In Quebec they can get 4000 students for a march with no problem," said council member Larry Nelson. "But in Nova Scotia, I'm dubious. With only 300 students out it might hurt our credibility."



. . . and the Mount finds recommendations inadequate

by Reg Curren
Staff Reporter

"Government is not giving priority to university funding," according to Mary Moore, the Mount's chief financial officer.

Over the past five years government funding to universities as a percentage of government spending has decreased from 6.2 per cent to 5.3 per cent. This has meant belt-tightening for all universities wherever possible.

The recent announcement of a 10.3 per cent increase in funding (see story) does not appear as if it will be sufficient

enough to keep tuition increases below a cost living increase, Moore said. This could mean a 12 per cent rise in tuition fees.

The 10.3 per cent announcement appears to be a compromise position between what the universities wanted (12%) and what the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission feels the government can afford.

Another area of concern, especially for the Mount are the equalization grants. These are grants which provide an additional 0.75 per cent in funding for institutions who

have traditionally received less funding. The government wants to spread these grants over 10 years which, according to Moore, is too long a period for the Mount.

"Over the last five years, the enrollment has increased 30 per cent at this university, while others have remained stable," she said.

This means that the Mount has not received an adjustment in funding for the increased enrollment. Thus, with more students and proportionately less money, the Mount has had to hire part-time faculty and have larger

classes.

Because of inflation and less funding, the Mount has had to tighten its belt. Administrative costs are the ones that must be cut, Moore said, but because a lot of these costs are fixed, the Mount can not cut much.

Tuition fees will probably be going up at universities in the Atlantic by as much as 12 per cent.

"We do not like to see tuition increase," said Moore, "but a lot of the Mount's funding comes from tuition."

This is due to the fact that government grants are not

sufficient for the university. Also, the Mount does not have a large endowment fund which provides a lot of universities with heavy funding. Thus, the Mount has no choice but to increase tuition, Moore said.

With the prospect of less government funding, higher tuitions and higher living costs in general, students will have to look to the government for more job creation and a higher minimum wage. These two areas would have to provide students with enough money to pay for the increasing tuition costs.

Photo essay

by Photopool



Charlie Horse poses with Carnival co-chairs Sandy Spencer and Paul McNair. The two organizers deserve a hearty round of sincere applause for a job very well done. [McNair/Photopool]



A lot of people had fun anyway. This bunch of rowdies [we know who they are but we don't want to embarrass them too much] show us all how to party at the Spice dance. [McNair/Photopool]



The chaps from Audio Visual demonstrated they can do a lot more than simply screw up as they set up tape recorders, etc. They entertained the crowd at the opening of the community art show Thursday with their solid rock sound. [DiMattia/Photopool]



And heeere's Spice! About 500 very rowdy people whooped it up Saturday to give the Carnival a great close-out and the new multi-purpose room one hell of a baptism. [McNair/Photopool]



And in this corner, we are proud to present the one, the only [we bow our heads in fervent thanks] Andrea Gibbs as she prances across the Gong Show stage in a totally repulsive outfit making a fool of herself universally. But she had a lot of spirit.

well done paul & sandy

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"I think they look at and recognize the situation as well as we do, but somewhere between looking at it, understanding its consequences, and coming up with final recommendations, I almost think they must phone up the provincial government and ask them how much they should recommend."

"They just seem to wimp out before they make recommendations. I question their objectivity."

Mullen also speculated the MPHEC may be worried about protecting its image. "They got embarrassed a few times by the government totally ignoring their recommendations. I don't think they want that to happen this time."

The Council of Maritime Premiers appoints the chairman (now Catherine Wallace) of the MPHEC and fifteen other members.

Two weeks ago Education Minister Terrence Donahoe publicly announced that it was time for Nova Scotia's universities to tighten their belts and ensure their services are as

efficient as possible. He said that in many areas there is a wasteful duplication of programs which can be removed by more cooperation between institutions. University administrators like Dalhousie president Andrew MacKay responded that universities introduced cost-saving measures and cooperation whenever possible. He also said it was senseless to criticize duplication of programs like English which are fundamental to all institutions.

No mention of Donahoe's concerns is contained in the MPHEC's report, although several ways universities have cut back are described. Salary increases have been held below those in other regions in Canada, the employee numbers have been reduced, courses have been cut and discretionary expenditures like equipment replacement have been reduced.

The consumer price index has increased 35.3% in the last four years while operating assistances to higher education has increased 32%, according to the report. This anomaly is

greater than it appears, however, because price increases for university non-salary expenditures for the Maritimes for the last decade increased at

a rate of 3.1% higher than the consumer price index.

The MPHEC report also states that provincial operating grants per student in 1978-79

in the Maritimes were \$422 below the average for the rest of Canada, a gap that has been widening in real terms in the last five years.

Language lab de-computerizes

by Mary Vandal

Modern language students are no longer required to fill out computer cards to record time spent in the language lab. The computer's main function was to record and total the number of hours spent studying in the lab by each student, each semester. The program was set up a little over one year ago by Gordon McWilliams, analyst with the Computer Services Department, who states that although there were a few initial bugs the system was working fine. In fact, the problem wasn't with the computer but with students who filled out the cards incorrectly thereby causing the computer to give erratic results.

Connie Shepherd-Conrad, who is in charge of the lab,

spent many hours and even days correcting the mistakes which is what led to the final decision to stop using the computer. She simply doesn't have the time.

Professor George Patterson, chairman of the Modern Languages Department, said that it was officially decided this semester, by mutual agreement within the department, to stop using this method and that some professors had done

so as early as last January. He sees no plans in the immediate future to reinstate the program.

Students will now record their time by filling out large index cards stating the date, number of minutes spent in lab and material covered during each visit. The minutes will then be tallied by the professors at the end of term and students will be marked accordingly.

Sports

BASKETBALL TEAM WIN FIRST

by Ruth Mills

The Mount's women's basketball team won their first college league game on January 20. Coming back from a deficit at half time, the team went on to defeat King's 41-32 at the TUNS gymnasium.

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JAZZ and BALLET

Dance classes have begun in the new Multi-Purpose Room*. There are still a few places left. Come on Tuesday for the second class. Ballet from 6 to 7 p.m. and Jazz from 7 to 8 p.m.

* Multi-purpose room located between Corner Store and the Royal Bank.

FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

Held in the Social Athletic Complex on February 14 from 9:30 to 12 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.; February 15 from 9:30 to 12 noon. \$3.00 per session. Mount students free.

Guest instructor is Dale Hyde who is one of Canada's most outstanding dance teachers. He is currently an elementary school teacher in North York, Ontario, and an assistant professor in the school of Physical Education at York University.

Previous dance experience is not a necessity.

Folk Dance Club classes will begin on Wednesday, February 4, in the Multi-Purpose Room every Wednesday 6 to 7:30 p.m.

While this is the first game the women have won, it is also the first game in which the team has appeared on the court in full strength.

Myfanwy Woolway scored eight points and deserved many more for her spectacular defense. Other scorers were Rhonda Bellefontaine with 12 points; Cindy McInnis, six points; Marion MacDonald, four points; and Oonagh Enright with four points.

Although the other team

players may not have made the scoresheet, their hard work did not go unnoticed and should be commended for a job well done.

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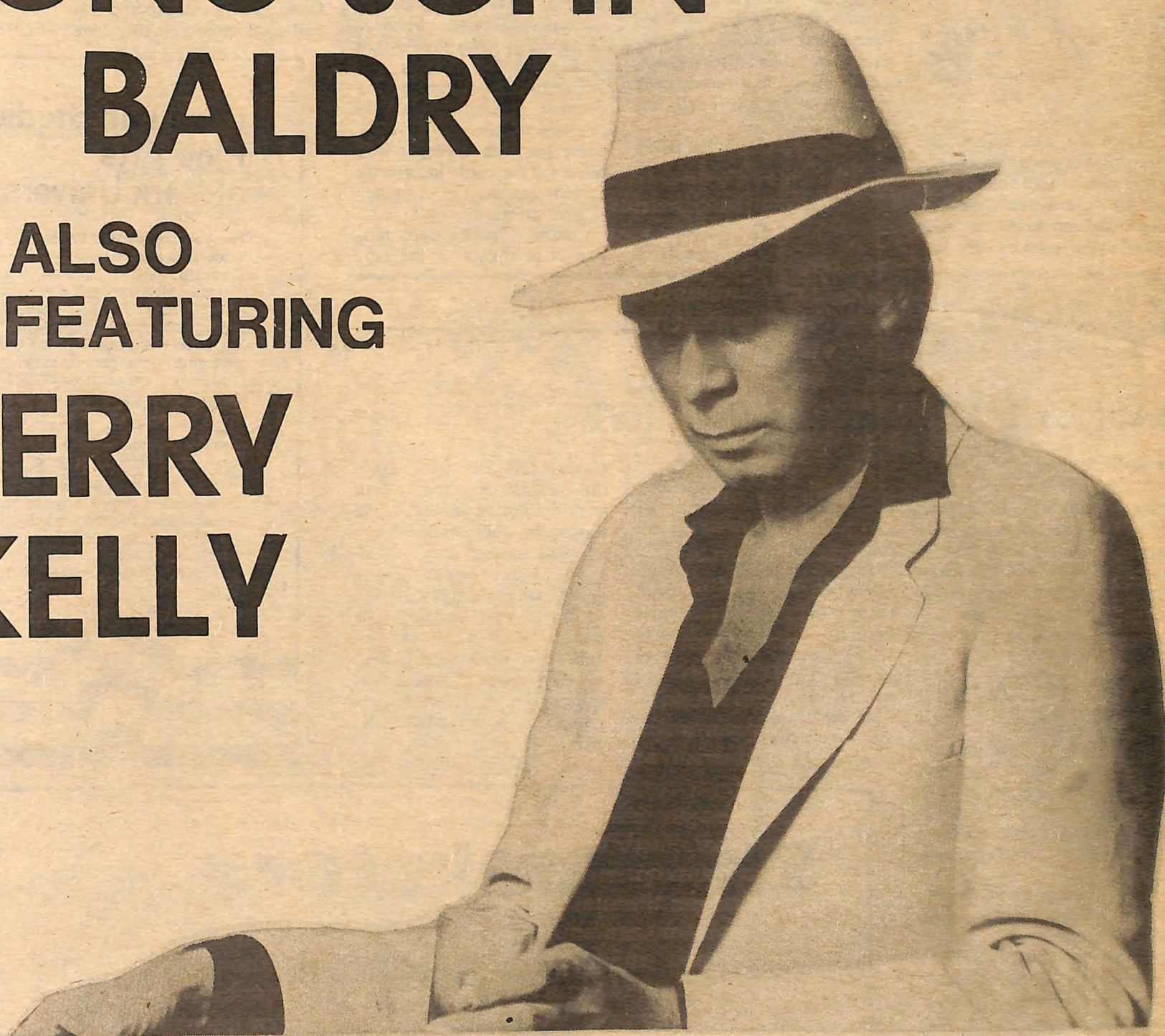
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