

Thursday, November 12, 1987

# the Picaro

VOL. 23, No. 9

mount saint vincent university halifax, n.s.

## Meadows cost justified by purchaser

by Paul Paquet

Despite rumors of seven-figure cost overruns, the new president's residence cost only \$75,000 over the original \$400,000 estimate. Paul Reyno, Mount Purchasing Officer, says the overruns were incurred as a result of unpredictable landscaping costs, and due to the addition of a patio deck needed to compliment a sun porch that had been donated.

The new residence, called the Meadows, has been built downhill from the Motherhouse and will double as a reception area. Money was raised through private donations, mortgage and from the sale of the earlier president's residence on Sherbrooke Drive. Lorraine Johnson, University Relations spokesperson says that many of the expensive

changes were made at the request of donors who felt that it would be "more economical to raise a roof or add some space now rather than renovate after it has been built."

Reyno dismissed suggestions that the money should have been put to other uses, saying that the decision was made as would any business.

"We felt the president needed somewhere on campus where she could both live and raise funds for the university. If we had tried to expand on the Sherbrook Drive residence, we would have faced a list of restrictions a page long."

He adds the president's residence can now be tied into existing heating and maintenance systems on campus, thus saving money in the long term.

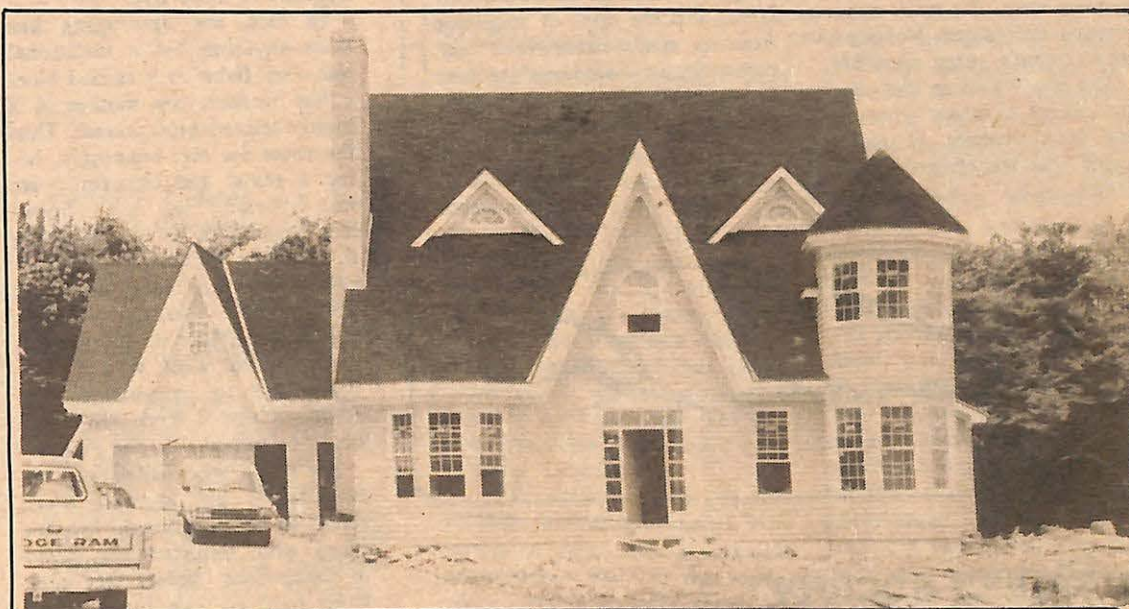
Reyno believes students and

faculty have been unfairly harsh towards the Meadows. "We know as well as anyone that faculty needs more room, but on the other hand we have a new president's residence and a new communications building going up."

A men's residence does not seem to appear on the list of the university's construction projects.

To put it bluntly, says Reyno, "This is an institution dedicated to the higher education of wom-

en, and that is our first priority. I suppose that there is an argument for fellas in programs like PR, but if they wanted a male residence, they should go to an institution with a male residence.



## Exams damage gym

by Heather Selwyn-Smith

Once again, students will be writing exams while staring down at a cold gymnasium floor. Students complain of their inability to concentrate in this drafty, crowded environment, while the Athletics and Recreation department watch the gradual deterioration of the gym floor.

The stress that accompanies exam time can be relieved by physical activity, but at the Mount this is not possible. Pat DeMont, co-ordinator of Athletics and Recreation, believes it is important that students have the opportunity for free-playing time in the gym during exams to help alleviate exam pressure. "If the university believed that, as I do, exams wouldn't be in there," said DeMont.

Wear and tear on the specially poured rubber-based floor is beginning to show. Painstaking care is taken throughout the year to make it last as long as possible. At exam time, between 300 and 340 desks are brought in. For 10 days, students wearing improper footwear tramp all over the floor that the A/R department has struggled to preserve all year. Cigarette burns, however, cause the ultimate disfiguration of the rubber layer. The "No Smoking" signs posted on the walls are erected to protect the floor rather than the health of others.

Diane Morris, the registrar, agrees with DeMont. "I'm in favour of keeping exams out of the gym," she said, "but where else could they be held?"

For starters, they could be confined to the multi-purpose room and several classrooms in Seton. The argument against this solution boils down to the inconvenience and increased amount of work it would create for exam organizers. More time would be required for the transportation and distribution of papers, and a scattered staff would mean insufficient invigilation. However, as far as the latter point is concerned, DeMont observes, "If people are going to cheat, they're going to find a way."

Another alternative, as Morris notes, is to extend the examination time period. This, however, would probably be received unfavourably by the majority of students.

"Exams could be compared to war," she said. "Their preparation involves tactics, logistics, and requires them to be written in a certain time frame."

Now, with university enrollment up, reasons for using the gymnasium are becoming stronger every year.

"I can appreciate the problem the Registrar has because she doesn't have many choices," said DeMont. At the same time, she said if students are concerned about writing their exams in a big, drafty gym, they ought to voice their opinions. Students carry more weight than anyone else on campus.

"We haven't forgotten, like some universities," said DeMont, "that we are here because of you students. Without you, we don't have jobs—we're nothing."

## Mount Faculty union is a probability

by Barbara Dunbar

The "ayes" have it. This time the "ayes" seem to be pointing in the direction of a faculty union for Mount Saint Vincent University University teaching staff. Results of the faculty survey returned to the Faculty Association on Oct. 28, indicate that the option preferred is certification.

One hundred and seven responses were received from the 161 surveys sent out. A majority oppose the retention of the status quo and support plans for a union (see chart).

This does not necessarily mean, however, that a union is about to be formed on the Mount campus. There will be one more survey sent out that will enable faculty to choose one of the three options: certification, special plan or status quo. This will

be the last time for staff to state their preference.

With the results of this final survey the Faculty Association will know which direction to take. The Faculty Association, in the meeting of Oct. 30, empowered the Executive to take the necessary course of action based on the plurality result of this mail ballot. Dr. Margaret O'Brien, president of the Faculty Association, explains the purpose behind this one last vote.

"This is a final check of faculty opinions and preferences. We want to ensure that there has been a fair airing of all the issues in this debate, and that everyone has had the chance to hear the pros and cons of each option, so that each member can make an informed decision."

One of the main points that the Faculty Association is unhappy with is the fact that it is

now mainly regarded as an advisory board, and has no final say on issues regarding the terms and conditions of faculty employment. The Mount remains one of the few universities in Canada without either a union or special plan.

The final ballot will be counted on Nov. 13. If the majority vote as the most recent survey indicates, then the Faculty Association will begin the laborious proceedings of initiating a union. If a special plan is the winning choice, then there is still a lot of work to find the best plan for the Mount's unique teaching body.

For faculty, it is a time to seriously consider the options and make a decision. For the rest of us, it is a waiting game in which we must keep our ears and eyes open. Faculty "ayes", however, will have to go to work.

### Frequencies of Response

How strongly do you oppose or support the option of . . .

	1 Strongly Oppose	2 Oppose	3 Neutral	4 Support	5 Strongly Support	0 Undecided
1. Status Quo	52	27	13	8	2	5
2. Special Plan	21	27	22	23	13	1
3. Union	13	10	9	25	47	3



## Letters to the editors

### Opinions and statements: not the same

## Sermon on the Mount

Something's going on. Something's going on.

Everytime I hear about over-budget housing projects, or nebulous faculty appeals procedures, or arbitrary appropriation of student study areas, or the elusive Project One, I ask myself, "What's going on here?"

More than just asking myself, I seek clarification from those in the supposed know around the university community. And although the semantics of the responses vary, the main response remains unchanged. Nobody else knows what's going on either.

The scary part is that that no one seems to know what direction the university is taking. It seems that the Mount as a self-proclaimed bastion of

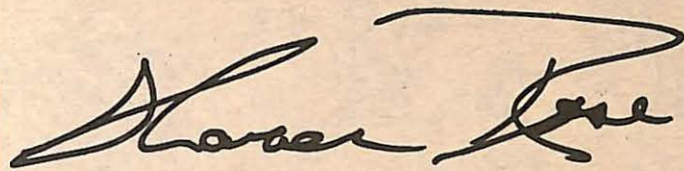
collectivity and co-operation is in reality just as hierarchical and arbitrary as its less self-righteous counterparts.

More to the point, if students, as paying customers if you will, have no avenues for redress on these matters, can the Mount ever reach the goals to which it aspires?

I also begin to ask myself if the Mount really does have anything unique or academically superior to offer as an institution? If so, will the taint of suspicion from so many unanswered concerns destroy students' respect for the university and its goals?

Can we afford to wait and see?

Sharon Rose  
Co-editor



## Business society invites interaction

To the editors:

Due to an oversight in the 1987-88 MSVSU Handbook the description of the Business Society and their objectives for the school year were not included. The following outline will give you an idea of what should have appeared.

It has been a tradition for the past 13 years for the MSVSU Business Society to hold an annual business conference. This conference enables students to be exposed to the outside world of business which in turn helps them to make contacts for future use. This event takes up a great deal of time in planning and preparation. However, we do not let the social side of our society suffer as a result because we know best of all how important it is to enjoy ourselves and get involved. A few of the events we have in store for your enjoyment include: Faculty/Student Barbeque, ST. F.X./MSVSU business society dance, New Year's Eve party, Graduate Banquet, and much much more.

We have also planned many benefit fundraisers for the year from which the proceeds will go to help a recognized non-profit organization.

You don't have to be enrolled in the BBA program to join with us and be a member, because ev-

eryone in every different faculty must interact with the business world sometime throughout their career.

It's not too late to participate, so give us a call at 443-4450, ext. 319 or come and see us in Seton Academic Center 344B. We would love to hear from you.

Kevin MacIntyre,  
MSVSU Business Society  
President

## Why not build in the summer?

Dear Editors:

Well, I've just finished reading the latest issue of the *Picaro* (Oct. 28, Vol. 23 #7). I seem to have missed something - I've yet to find anything on our new library that everybody seems to be talking about! Don't get me wrong. I am aware of the construction going on. OY VAY! How can anyone miss it! It's bad enough that my hearing has to block out the "Chatty Cathys" during various lectures (Yes, I'm one of those seemingly rare people who go to lectures to listen to the Prof and not gossip!) - but now I have to contend with such stimulating

To The Editors:

The following quote first appeared in the Oct. 21, 1987, edition of the Mount St. Vincent *Picaro*:

"... Generally speaking, women seem more likely to accept leadership..."

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have labelled me sexist and chauvinist. Unfortunately, for those who follow this train of thought, you are wrong. Ignorance is the breeding ground for deceit, for I am certainly not what some would have you to believe - the opposite is more true.

In fact, my upbringing has been anything but a traditional one - my father is a skilled blue-collar worker; my mother is a highly trained professional. Thus the roots for me, seemingly, being a sexist and chauvinist are not found in my home environment or by my choosing to attend a university primarily dedicated to the higher education of women. In fact, the roots are non-existent. But what I am has little to do with why I feel compelled to respond to the criticism that I have felt since being interviewed in the *Picaro*.

For those who understand the context of my answer, there seems to be no problem; but, for those who, unfortunately, jump to conclusions before they even have half an eye open, there seems to be some problem. And the problem is, as I've earlier iterated, one of ignorance and misunderstanding.

Personally, it bothers me very little when people misjudge me; in fact, I kind of enjoy the controversy around it. Also, I have matured to the level where I have developed the skill of dismissing untruths. Nevertheless, I feel compelled to justify and rectify this dilemma - for if there's anything in this world I loath most, it is seeing people moved by the spread of untruths told to them by others.

There is a fundamental issue at stake here - that is the

difference between one expressing their personal opinion and one stating something based on actual occurrences (I hope you get my drift).

What I said, I firmly stand by, not because it is my personal opinion - for it is not - but because it is based on my observations here at the Mount (five years worth). My eyes, ears and mind, I trust, have not failed me - men, here at the Mount, have been (and continue to be) over-represented on council, in proportion to what we deserve based on our percentage of the student body. Also, men - it seems to me and many of my professors - do more than their fair share of class participation than our numbers warrant. Thus what I stated was only logical and happens to be true. I stated, not an opinion, but an actual occurrence based on my observation. I do not profess to know the answers why, and I know that there are a great many exceptions to this, but, on the whole, the women of Mount St. Vincent do not participate in student activities as their numbers warrant - if this was not the case, there would not be a single male on student council.

In conclusion, I think it very sad that some people cannot differentiate between an opinion and a statement based on an observation. Also, I believe it to be a sad day when people are led astray by the spreading of fallacious remarks made by people who obviously do not recognize the difference between the two. Finally, if one were to take offence at what I have stated, they should do so only at my generalities - but if generalizing is such a terrible trait, then, perhaps we should all try our best to understand a situation completely before we react out of our emotion to it.

Rod Benteau  
(egalitarian since first memory)

their lectures, we could all take a crash course in reading semaphores and the profs could use flags to signal out their lectures, or maybe we could all invest in walk-mans - then we could sit in class and tune into a specific frequency that would be broadcasting that particular lecture (remember the old drive-in) ... or maybe ... But I think you get my point!

Thanks for the space to put in my 2 cents worth, although maybe I should invest that 2 cents in a good walk-man and a two-year supply of batteries!

Mike Isenor

## the *Picaro*

Once upon a time, a little man named *Picaro* proclaimed the news throughout the countryside. Today, he settles for the campus of Mount Saint Vincent University.

The *Picaro* is the students' newspaper, and contributions from the student body are always welcome. The deadline for copy and letters-to-the-editor is Friday at noon. All submissions must be signed, double-spaced, and typed. We will not consider publication otherwise. Anonymity, however, can be granted upon request. The *Picaro* reserves the right to edit for length and/or legality. Lengthy letters to the editor may be submitted as Hyde Park Corner features.

Views expressed herein are solely those of the author or artist.

The *Picaro* is a member of the Canadian University Press, and of Campus Plus. We subscribe to the CUP Statement of Principles, and to its Code of Ethics.

The *Picaro* is located in Room 403 of Rosaria Centre. Feel free to drop by. Excuse the mess...

*Picaro* staff can be reached at 443-4450, ext. 195.

Ad rates are available by calling 443-4450, ext. 195.

Newspaper meetings are every Monday at noon.

Staff:

Co-Editors:  
Jeffrey G. Mann  
Sharon Rose

News Editor:  
Paul Paquet

Entertainment Editor:  
Robert Caume

Sports Editor:  
Claudine Fougere

Office Manager:  
Lisa Bugden

Graphics Manager:  
Ross Edison Bowness

Business Manager:  
Alex Dow

the  
*Picaro*



# Job applicants must have the 'right stuff'

by Barbara Gromick

The days are gone when university graduates can leave the halls of their alma-mater and enter the job of their choice. Today, graduates leave university and enter a world of keen competition, and according to the classifiers, a world with few jobs.

However, Margaret McKenzie of Employment and Immigration Canada says, "There are still many jobs available. You just have to have the right stuff to find them and land them."

The "right stuff" says McKenzie, is the job seeker's ability to market him or herself effectively. McKenzie says

preparation is an important part of selling yourself and your abilities to an employer.

Sue Grace, Director of the Mount employment centre, agrees with McKenzie. But Grace says, "Students are not doing all they can to prepare themselves for interviews in terms of their presentation skills and researching organizations."

This is of great concern to Grace because it is the interview which determines whether an applicant will get the job.

Grace stresses the importance for students to know the company, but it is equally important for students to know themselves and their abilities. Students must

"try to identify commonalities between them, their skills and the company and to emphasize this during the interview," says Grace.

Steven Belliveau, president of a Quebec electronics firm, says "Researching and being informed about a company's practices and policies not only impresses employers but helps applicants decide if the company and the job suit them."

"Employers," says Belliveau, "seek knowledgeable, enthusiastic individuals who can effectively interact with company employees and thereby contribute to the company as a whole."

Grace says being a top student does not necessarily guarantee a student a job. If the student is unable to communicate and work with others, then that student will not enhance an organization. She says applicants must be "well rounded, not merely one-dimensional" if they want to get a job.

"Job searching is a full-time job," says Grace. She encourages soon-to-be graduates to prepare early for the job search and in-

terviews. Grace warns students against narrowing their job search to particular jobs or companies. In doing so, students may overlook available jobs which, although not be exactly what they want, do relate to their education and can be a stepping stone to the future.

To compete for and obtain a job, it is essential for students to take the job search seriously, to prove that they too, have the 'right stuff'.

## Sexual harassment is a growing problem

by Michelle Whelan

Imagine you've landed your first job as a salesperson for a major computer company. You are at a convention, socializing, and your supervisor (who's had too much to drink), invites you out to dinner. You tell him you are too tired and want to relax after a busy day. He blurts out from across the room, "That tight-ass babe thinks she too big for her britches." You are so embarrassed by this outburst in front of key customers that you leave the room. You've just been sexually harassed.

Sexual harassment is a major problem for females today. This stems, in part, from a dramatic demographic shift in the workplace, which is now about 50 percent female, and the emergence of important women-controlled jobs.

Ed Russel, a human rights officer with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission says cases of sexual harassment are definitely on the increase. "Traditionally, racial discrimination was our number one complaint," says Russel. "Now it's sexual harassment and sexual discrimination." He said his office received 19 complaints of sexual harassment in 1986. In 1987 there were 13 complaints up to the end of August.

So what constitutes sexual harassment? It can occur when vulgar and sexual related jokes and crude language are used (i.e. Did

you get any over the weekend?) provided the language is not isolated and is continuously stated to the person. It could also be repeated touching of the employee's body (i.e. pats on the buttocks), provided the touching is unsolicited and unwelcome. Even offensive and repeated requests for dates constitutes sexual harassment.

If you have been sexually harassed, you should take immediate action. Most companies share a growing concern for on-the-job sexual harassment and are toughening anti-harassment policies. In order to prove sexual harassment, it is best to document your claim. You should make your complaint in writing. You should also discuss the incident with other employees to discover if they too have been the victims of similar abuse. Speak to a lawyer immediately if you can't get satisfaction.

Last August, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a case involving sexual harassment, ruled that employers in areas under federal jurisdiction are responsible for acts of harassment that their employees commit in the workplace. Women hailed that ruling, although technically it applies only to federally regulated workplaces. Many business people, however, predict the ruling will greatly influence the private sector and lead to stronger policies against on-the-job sexual harassment.

## Pervert alert!

by Chris Gallant

Pervert alert! As I strolled to school on a wonderfully warm and sunny afternoon, my route took me through the wooded pathway off Bayview Road in Clayton Park. This shortcut through the woods does not take more than five minutes but is fairly dense and isolated. Suddenly, before my very eyes, was a man laying against a tree with no pants on. I don't think I have to describe what he was doing. I'm not a prude by any stretch of the imagination, but there is a time and a place for everything. I felt violated, not to mention nauseated.

"Oh he is harmless," said a fellow student as I ran into the school gasping for breath. Sure, the creep didn't chase me, but he can't exactly be trusted. The guys I told my story to joked about it. I fail to see the humor. Next time it could be rape.

Is the Mount a sitting duck for disturbed men? Chief of Security Bob Laframboise informed me that there is no danger on our campus, "knock on wood." The Chief has been here since 1972, and he says that there have been five reported exhibitionists and all five have been apprehended. There have been no rapes reported at the Mount. The reported stabbing incident last year turned out to be a big hoax. Chief Laframboise also said that our campus has better outdoor lighting than other universities. Just last week, the Dalhousie Gazette stated that many students have raised concerns about inadequate lighting. The Dal Student Union offered a walk-home service for students, though it is not available this year due to lack of response.

The Mount has guards on duty around the clock, although

somehow I doubt that really makes a difference. Obviously ladies, we cannot expect to be escorted to and from classes and home. The students I spoke to had mixed feelings about what would be the solution.

Some said that the wooded paths should be made into official and well lit roadways.

Nancy Gatchell, who also had a scenic encounter in the woods, said she was forced to walk home last year after basketball games and practices. Participating in any evening events, including night classes, may continue to be a risky adventure if you must park your car at the end of the parking lot.

It looks like there is no easy solution, we can only be as cautious as possible without being paranoid. It is up to ourselves not to take any stupid chances. Don't wait until it is too late.

## Clips from council

by Sharon Rose

### Bus Passes

Paul Card, V.P. External, reports that Metro Transit will be making bus passes a reality in the near future. However, no firm commitment has been made to offer students a discount. Information will be passed along as available.

### Ratification

Student Union has ratified its budget for 1987-88. Passed were budgets for the Corner Store, Yearbook, Picaro, Vinnie's Pub and all other internal and external expenses incurred by council.

Ratified as the Chair of this year's Women's Week Committee is Tarel Quandt, a third year women's studies major. Heather Coffin and Tina Murphy were declared co-chairs of this year's leadership conference. Jaqueline Jean was appointed as part-time Senate Rep.

### Highway Expansion

The City of Halifax has informed Council of its plans to appropriate up to 60 feet of the Mount campus for expansion of the Bedford Highway. Described as a long range plan, the construction is expected to begin in about three years.

No conclusive agreement has been reached with the City regarding a crosswalk or over-ground pedway across the Bedford Highway. Non-residence Rep. Andrew Chapman plans to pursue the issue. Council agreed that it is not willing to wait until a traffic death forces the City to do something.

### Senate

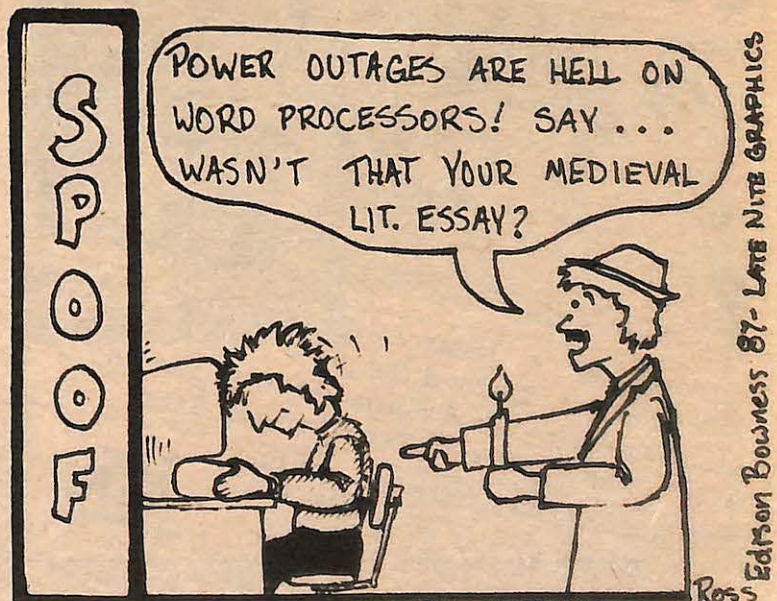
Senate Rep. Cheryl MacKenzie expressed her concern about the lack of variety in courses offered to Arts and Science students. In her report on a recent Senate meeting where she raised this is-

sue, MacKenzie stated that the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Sister Mullins, suggested students dissatisfied with the variety of courses offered here should supplement their curriculum at Dalhousie. While Mullins admits this is a poor solution to the problem, various council members expressed their disapproval at the suggestion, and a course of action is being explored.

### Tourism and Hospitality

Lisa Frechette, Tourism and Hospitality Rep., reported that many of her fellow T&H students have planned to meet and compile a list of grievances regarding their courses. Frechette reported that she, as a Food and Beverage major, was not able to complete the requirements for her major as the courses are not being offered.

Student Council meets again at 6 pm Sunday, Nov. 29.





# Quebec students strike for aid reform

MONTREAL (CUP)—Quebec students will go on strike next week to force the provincial government to make public its plans for student financial aid reform.

The one-day strike, to be held Nov. 12, was called by l'Association nationale des étudiants et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ), the province's largest student coalition. The "day of action" will feature class boycotts, a march to the provincial legislature in Quebec City, and province-wide distribution of a special publication outlining students' positions on financial aid.

"We do not want (education

minister) Claude Ryan to make decisions behind the students' backs," said ANEEQ researcher Claude Dionne. "He's trying to give himself some room to operate because it's not to his advantage to table an unpopular reform before the next provincial elections."

ANEEQ is asking Ryan to submit a reform plan no later than the summer of 1988 and to implement it by 1989-90. The coalition also wants to debate reform proposals with the ministry.

"When we met with Ryan on Oct. 5, only our recommendations were discussed," said ANEEQ executive Jean-Pierre Pa-

quet. "The government refused to show their proposals. Ryan's strategy is obviously to stall for time."

"Ryan should put an end to his ambiguous position on financial aid reform," Dionne said. "He has been changing his views frequently on loans and bursaries and—whether he is against the students' proposals or not—we would like to see him take a position."

"Some (ANEEQ proposals) make sense but some are just too expensive," said Luc Rheume, Ryan's press attaché. "We're talking about \$1.5 billion. That's just too much."

"When he says our recommen-

dations will cost \$1.5 billion, Rheume is playing around with figures," said Paquet. "When we ask that students be recognized as (financially) independent from their parents when they live on their own, the government is telling us that all students will move into apartments. That's false and crazy. It's an example of the way the government is exaggerating."

While the Concordia University student council—an ANEEQ member—will not go on strike, their McGill counterparts—who are not members—will.

Concordia will send a student

delegation to Quebec City instead of striking, said Concordia council executive Randy Orr. He added that Concordia students will take part in the university's one-day shutdown on Nov. 17 to protest provincial underfunding. It would be impossible to organize two boycotts of classes in one week, Orr said.

At McGill, the student council voted last Tuesday to join the ANEEQ strike. "ANEEQ represents over 200,000 Quebec students who are trying to get the government to agree to a timetable of demands. It's important for McGill to stand with them," said Nancy Cote, a McGill council executive.

## Newfoundland students fail sex test

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Students don't know much about sex according to a recently published survey on the sexual behaviour and attitudes of 1,547 Memorial University students.

"We know that young people are sexually active, but they have a poor knowledge of sexual anatomy and sexual functioning," said Dr. Paul Sachdev, a professor at Memorial's School of Social Work.

Sachdev's study reported that 80 per cent of students had "poor sexual knowledge" while only 17 per cent rated good and 3 per cent rated excellent.

Highest scores went to students studying medicine and nursing, while students in Social Sciences, Education and Humanities and, finally, Physical Sciences scored lower. But even among medical students, seven in ten rated poor in the sexual knowledge test.

Overall, women scored higher than men.

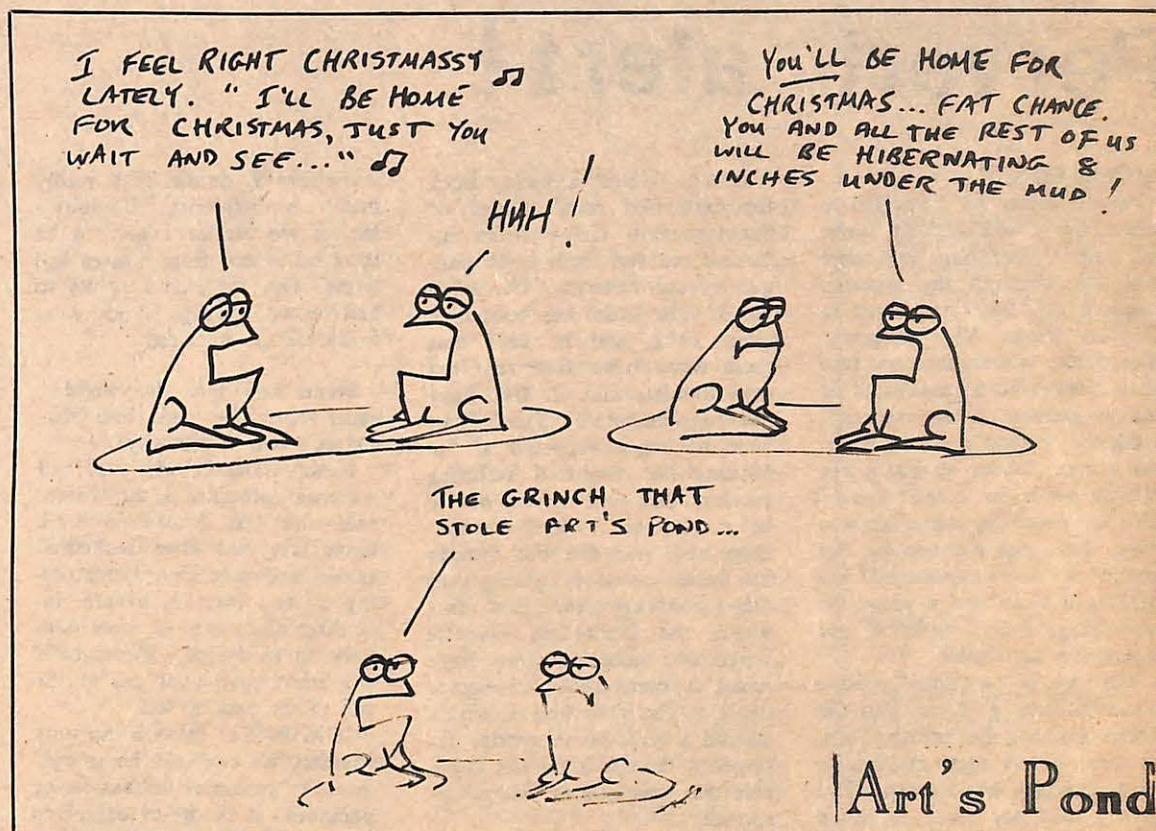
The survey showed that most students were sexually active—almost 70 per cent of the men and 60 per cent of the women had engaged in intercourse within the six months prior to the survey.

Men and women still have significantly different attitudes toward sexual behaviour, according to the study. Two-thirds of the men surveyed approved of pre-marital sex compared to only one-half of the women.

Sachdev concludes that more sexuality courses need to be introduced into the education system.

"For those people who have chosen to engage in sexual activity, information must be available so they can learn how to have safe and responsible sex," he said.

The survey was based on a 44-question true or false questionnaire which students answered anonymously.



## Sued student demands council cover legal costs

WATERLOO (CUP)—A Wilfred Laurier student wants her student council to pay her legal bills. She was sued by her landlady after acting on advice from the student-run legal aid clinic.

On February fifth, fourth year music student Sarah Coles said she visited the Legal Services Centre to see whether her lease was binding.

"The woman in the office read over the lease and told me I could break the lease at any time with 60 days written notice. She said to return to Legal Services if there was any problem and they would help me," said Coles.

Coles said she followed the advice and was subsequently sued by her landlady in August. The court led that Coles' lease was binding whether or not she gave 60 days notice before she left and ordered her to pay for the cost of the remaining months of

her lease—\$446.75.

Coles said that once she was faced with legal action from her landlady she "returned to Legal Services and discovered that the 'employee' I had talked to had not followed proper procedure, was not authorized to give legal advice and had made no record of my visit."

The only counsellor to fit Coles' description, Sheila Wasylshyn, said she had not given any legal advice to Coles because she did not feel she was competent to give an opinion on the matter.

In early September, Coles submitted a letter to Wilfrid Laurier's student council asking them to pay the cost of the suit which she said was incurred because of the error of the Centre.

But Coles said the students' council hasn't been very sympathetic to her request. After discussing the case with members

of the centre and the dean of students, student council president Dave Bussiere took the case to the university's operations management board. The board voted not to compensate Coles.

"The students' council lost the record of my return visit to Legal Services, they lost all Brian Thompson's notes on my case and my lease, and they failed to get in touch with me at any point to let me know if a decision had yet been made as to whether they were responsible," said Coles.

Coles said she would advise students who use the campus legal aid services to "be sure to take a witness so that you can prove that you were there and that they did give you advice that you chose to act upon. Never take the Centre's advice without first seeking a second opinion."

**SPEEDY PRINT**



Whiteprinting • Instant Printing • Offset Printing  
Typesetting • Layout & Design • Film Processing  
Microfilming • Services & Equipment • Engineering &  
Architectural Supplies • Basic Computer Sales

6100 Young Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 2A4  
(902) 455-0411

**25th Anniversary**



# Muir conquers Lake Ontario for M.S.

TORONTO (CUP)—Jocelyn Muir apologized four times for taking so long to return my call.

The fourth-year psychology student swims 11 times a week, travels out of town to speak every two or three days and is taking five courses.

She is also busy planning her next fundraising project for Multiple Sclerosis after she raised \$500,000 swimming around Lake Ontario this summer.

"We're working on something else that's even bigger. It should be announced by December," says Muir in an interview after an early Saturday morning swim practice. A fundraising project that is "even bigger" than swimming 522 miles in the often polluted and frigid water of Lake Ontario will be something to watch for, but her accomplishment last summer cannot be so lightly dismissed.

After ten months of planning, Muir and eight friends packed their camping gear and set off from Toronto July 1. Up at 5 am each day, Muir was in the water by 6:30 am, flanked by boats and a crew of eight friends. She would swim for four or five hours until lunch time, either attend an organized lunch event or rest, and then dive back in the water for another three hours of swimming until 7 pm. Swimming an average of 13 miles a day, six days a week, Muir and her crew rested on the seventh—in between moving campsites and doing laundry.

"I knew, going into it, a big thing is the unknown—to be able to meet the obstacles as they come," reflects Muir. "The water dropped to 40 degrees for the last ten days. That's one obstacle I didn't really think I'd

encounter, but I just had to think of a different way of dealing with it."

Muir says swimming in the cold water was her most difficult problem because she couldn't control the physical repercussions.

"The only thing I could do was to make sure that as soon as I got in the water I was concentrating the whole time. We did different sets, like speed sets and things so I could concentrate. And although I was shaking pretty violently, I was alert."

Muir says even though she started swimming for three shorter periods each day instead of only twice, she still had hypothermia each time she got out of the water. "It's dangerous because you just don't know how much your body is going to take."

Beyond the cold, however, Muir says most other things could be overcome psychologically. "We were in the Erie canal and we saw a rat this big," says Muir, stretching her hands about a foot apart. "That's something I did not anticipate. I knew the pollution was going to be bad in the Erie Canal, but I didn't expect it to be that bad in some areas. You really can't do anything about it. You just have to beat it psychologically. The other thing is, as soon as you get out of the water, you have to take a shower."

Now back at school, Muir has a manager at the Toronto chapter of MS who arranges her speaking engagements. She says she enjoys the chance to talk about her swim and motivation techniques, and doesn't get nervous during her trips to businesses and Ontario chapters of the MS about four times a week.

"A lot of people really have problems with (nervousness)," says Muir, who was recently the guest speaker at a Toronto Star dinner with 800 people. "The president was really nervous—he had all his speech typed out—and same with the other P.R. guy. Then they saw me walking up there with nothing in my hand and they thought 'oh my God' because I had to speak for 20 minutes."

Muir says talking to 800 people is just like talking to her

friends who haven't changed despite her achievements. "When you do something like that I don't think it should change you really drastically. My friends are still the same and I'm still the same. We go to the same parties."

Muir says she doesn't find students any different than any other segment of society in the amount of time they volunteer for community service. "I can't expect everyone to give up their

summer and swim around the lake for a cause," says Muir.

Muir intends, however, to devote her next few years to increasing public awareness of Multiple Sclerosis—a disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the brain's ability to control talking, walking and other functions.

"The idea now is to get 'Jocelyn' swim-a-thons going all across Canada for MS so that when you say MS, people will think swim-a-thon."

## B.C. Government threatens university autonomy

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Critics say recent amendments to B.C.'s University Act may threaten the autonomy of the province's universities.

Staff and faculty at the University of British Columbia are criticizing the new legislation, drafted in July, which denies B.C. universities the power to create new degree programs without government approval.

At least one critic says there is too much opposition for the amendment to pass.

"My guess is that the government won't persevere in their amendments," said John Dennison, a UBC professor of adult higher education. The reaction has been so strong that it would be very unwise to write it into the legislation."

Dennison said the government is clearly concerned with costs, and is trying to avoid unnecessary duplication of programmes. But, he said, "There is a differ-

ence between duplication and unnecessary duplication." Duplicate programmes may offer "different emphasis, priorities and curriculum."

"The existence of the particular amendment in and of itself lessens autonomy," said UBC Vice-President Daniel Birch. Birch said it was important for the universities to remain in control of the direction of education.

"The difficulty is that universities, by nature, have to take a longer range view than governments are able to take," said Birch. He believes the Tri-Universities President's Council, established last month, is the appropriate body to make decisions on university programs. That would allow Simon Fraser, UBC and the University of Victoria to approach the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training for extra funding, he said.

Kim Campbell, a Social Credit member of the legislative assembly, said Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen sees the amendment simply as "legislative housekeeping."

"It will not interfere with autonomy," said Campbell.

But according to NDP Advanced Education Critic Darlene Marzari, "It would completely eliminate the arms-length relationship between the government and universities which needs to exist." Marzari said the government can now intervene with courses and programs by manipulating their funding.

But Dennison said the legislation was probably not even necessary.

"If it came down to the crunch," he said, "the government has power anyway and it doesn't need to put that provocative clause into the legislation."

## Chilean student speaks out on human rights abuse

WINNIPEG (CUP)—There is no limit to the brutality human beings can inflict upon each other.

This was the message brought to students by Carmen Gloria Quintana, a Chilean human rights activist. Quintana is travelling across Canada, funded by her parents, to tell her story and raise awareness of the plight of the Chilean people.

Quintana was arrested with a friend in 1984 when military police in Chile attacked a group protesting against the regime of Augusto Pinochet. She was 16 years old at the time.

"I went out on a work stoppage with a group of friends. A patrol truck full of soldiers with their faces painted black followed us and threw us down. They beat us, laughed at us. Another truck full of military men in civilian clothes drove up, beat us and took pictures," said Quintana through an interpreter.

"After that they took gas and poured it from head to toe on myself. They were laughing at us; I never understood why. They threw fire at me as I tried to remove gas from my mouth and they laughed. When I tried to put out the flames, one of the soldiers hit me in the mouth with a rifle butt and knocked out my teeth," said Quintana.

Quintana and another victim, Rodrigo Rojas, were later taken to hospital by a passing worker. Rojas died of his injuries, and Quintana was flown to Montreal to be treated for third degree burns over 62 per cent of her body.

"In the beginning it was very hard for me to speak of what happened, but little by little I've become accustomed to doing it and I've taken it as my role to do so," she said.

The members of the Chilean military responsible for Rojas' death were never brought to trial and the commander of the troops involved was released with a \$25

fine.

"I never really hoped justice would be done. Justice in Chile is carried out the way the government wants it to be," she said.

Quintana said she does not believe there was any reason she was singled out as a target of the violence which is common under Chile's state of siege under Pinochet's dictatorship. She sees herself as a random victim used as an example to other university students.

Canadian loans and military sales to Chile create a concern for Quintana and other Chilean refugees in Canada. "I am really furious when I hear (about Canadian aid to the Pinochet regime). On one hand Canada is accepting refugees from Chile and on the other hand we are sending arms to the Pinochet regime."

Quintana ended by appealing especially to youth. "You are the ones to keep peace. For Chile to return to peace and justice needs the help of everyone."

## Graduation Portraits

by

*J. Harris*

Master of  
Photographic  
Arts

6<sup>50</sup> plus  
tax

SIX PROOFS TO KEEP



982 Barrington Street

423-7089 422-3946



## Balance Sheet

June 30, 1987  
with comparative figures for 1986

## Statement of Operating Revenue and Expenditures and Surplus

Year ended June 30, 1987  
with comparative figures for 1986

ASSETS

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 39,526	23,061
Funds held in trust	634	634
Accounts receivable	9,898	3,340
Due from Mount Saint Vincent University	31,434	-
Inventory	<u>4,039</u>	<u>5,560</u>
Total current assets	85,531	32,595
Fixed assets (note 2)	<u>18,850</u>	<u>18,109</u>
	<u>\$104,381</u>	<u>50,704</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 19,498	2,700
Due to Mount Saint Vincent University	-	10,978
Funds held in trust	634	634
Unearned grant - Salary Challenge '86	-	1,709
Unearned revenue - Directory	6,900	-
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities	29,032	16,021
Long-term debt, non-interest bearing note to Mount Saint Vincent University, repayable at \$2,000 per annum	17,350	-
Surplus	<u>57,999</u>	<u>34,683</u>
	<u>\$104,381</u>	<u>50,704</u>

## Revenue:

Student Union fees	\$166,097	167,340
Interest income	1,891	4,208
Miscellaneous	<u>4,436</u>	<u>2,291</u>
	172,424	173,839
Expenditures:		
Administrative (Schedule 1)	121,558	138,098
Societies (Schedule 2)	<u>8,620</u>	<u>14,284</u>
	130,178	152,382
	42,246	21,457

## Other income (loss):

Newspaper (Schedule 3)	(21,977)	(20,402)
Liquor services operation (Schedule 4)	13,789	1,872
Student store (Schedule 4)	1,833	5,365
Yearbook (Schedule 3)	<u>(12,575)</u>	<u>(12,289)</u>
	(18,930)	(25,454)
Excess of revenue over expenditures (expenditures over revenue)	23,316	( 3,997)
Surplus, beginning of year	<u>34,683</u>	<u>38,680</u>
Surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 57,999</u>	<u>34,683</u>

## MOUNT SAINT VINCENT STUDENT UNION

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 1987

## 1. Significant accounting policies:

## Fixed assets:

Capital acquisitions are accounted for as fixed assets with no depreciation taken on those items.

## Inventory:

Inventory, consisting of corner store supplies, is valued at the lower of cost, on a FIFO basis, and net realizable value.

## 2. Fixed assets:

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Student Council furniture and fixtures	\$16,092	15,351
Student Store furniture and fixtures	<u>2,758</u>	<u>2,758</u>
	<u>\$18,850</u>	<u>18,109</u>



## Double decker a success despite poor turnout

by Ross Edison Bowness

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Mount Saint Vincent was host to a pair of exceptional performances. Although the turnout wasn't extremely large, those who did show up were treated to excellent shows by the country/folk music group from "Up Home Tonight" and the one-man rock show "McRorie".

The poor turnout for the "Up Home Tonight" musicians and dancers in the Pub did little to diminish their enthusiasm, and they still played as if to a full house.

You could have had a "toe-tap-pin" good time" listening to the music played on mandolin, fiddle, piano, upright bass, and guitar. And to really get the up-home feeling there were even dancers and a singer, Betty Belmore. The props added to the

country feel with pumpkins and cornstalks, and the performers looked comfortable in the hill-billy styled costumes.

While the "Up Hone Tonight" performers were giving a fun, easy-feeling show, McRorie Tait was demanding the audience's at-

tention with his overwhelming stage-presence. Without his musical gear McRorie seems to be just another performer. But once

he donned his electronic setup everyone knew that his act was going to be different. Covered in synthesizers from head to toe, McRorie surprised the gathering audience with amazingly good renditions of popular tunes.

The music was more heavy-metal than mainstream top 40, but McRorie's enthusiasm combined with his stage-presence brought people to their feet and kept most of them there until the end of his final song. It was impressive to see how he got people to enjoy music by AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Billy Idol and others of that genre.

McRorie is on an extensive cross-Canada tour that began in Halifax clubs and will lead him west through more clubs and universities. If you happen to be in central Canada around New Year's, look for the crowd—it'll be watching McRorie.



Photopool photo

## Karen Seaboyer: Learning from experience

by Cheryl O'Connell

When she was first appointed student council entertainment director she attended a national conference held by the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA). It was from this conference and a variety of employment experiences that Karen Seaboyer gained the necessary experience to be this year's entertainment director.

Seaboyer is originally from Vancouver Island. She is a 21-year old student in her third year of the public relations program. She has been doing PR work of various sorts for several years. Some of her fascinating jobs include hostess for McDonald's, employment officer for student employment center, public affairs officer at CFB Halifax, and an accumulation of work in the tourism industry.

Leading up to this year's position, Seaboyer was PR representative and a member of the entertainment committee on last year's council. She got a chance to watch last year's entertainment director, Jan Thomas, first hand.

Says Karen, "I knew exactly what I was getting into." During this time she also gained experience as cornerstore manager. Of the combination of council work, store management and school Karen adds, "It's what made me a basket case at the end of the year."



This year, Karen has thrown herself into her work with a vengeance. Among her duties are supervision of pub nights, room bookings of Vinnie's and the Multipurpose Room, hiring bands, budget management, promotion, ticket printing, poster printing, clean-up after events, and finding out what's hot on the local and national

entertainment scene. "That's enough to keep me busy 20 hours a day. And I'm a full-time student on the side," says Karen.

Seaboyer thrives on the challenges of her position. She adds, "I'm happiest when I've got a million things to do." Her philosophy of life? "If you don't go out on a limb, you don't reach the fruit."



Photopool photo

## Society News

### Business

On Saturday, November 14, 1987 the Business Society will be holding their first Casino Night. All gambling will be done with fake money. \$10,000 play money will be given to each person when entering the casino in the multi-purpose room in Rosaria, and a bank will be set up to sell more money if you require it. Gambling will start at 8 pm and finish at midnight. An auction and raffle will then take place, with lots of great prizes to be won. Some of the confirmed prizes to date include gift certificates from various taverns and restaurants

in the metro area, long distance gift certificates from Maritime Tel & Tel, a Mount Grad ring from Don Mader, Jostens Representative, and the Word Perfect Executive software package from Halifax Office Products.

Everyone is invited to attend. Advance ticket prices are \$4.00 (Business Society Members) and \$4.50 (Non-Members). Tickets at the door will be \$5.00 per person. If you would like more information please contact Todd or Brenda at the Business Society office SAC 344B, extension 319.

### Public Relations

Public Relations is a young profession and there is little history to celebrate. However, as all PR students know, the father of Public Relations, Edward L. Bernays is still alive. Bernays coined the term Public Relations Counsel and taught the first course in PR at Columbia University in the early 1920's.

PR students and faculty held a party for the originator of their profession in the pub on Friday, Nov. 6. Everyone had a drink and a piece of the Giant Birthday Cake to celebrate the 97th birthday of Bernays. Everyone also signed a card which will be sent to his home in Cambridge, Mass.



## Lou Gannon: Basketball keeps him young

by John Doody

The engine starts. The cassette tape is injected into the car stereo. The pop-up headlights climb into the cold air. His foot taps to the latest hit song, "Casanova", an upbeat song with steady rhythm. "This is the number one song on the charts right now," he says as he smoothly puts the Accord into motion and leaves the Mount parking lot after basketball practice.

One might think that this is a player from the Mount varsity team. It's not. It's the coach, Lou Gannon. He is a popular, easygoing individual who is admired and respected by the people with whom he works. This man, who can always be seen smiling, seems to have had a few sips from the fountain of youth. "All of my friends are ten years my junior. I don't see me sitting at home in a rocking chair playing cards like some of the people I went to school with."

Gannon, who doesn't drink or smoke, attributes basketball as a major factor in his healthy outlook on life. "Basketball has done a lot. Up until last year, I played in three leagues, so that kept me in shape."

While admitting that his

playing days are in their final stages, he says coaching is one of the reasons he doesn't want basketball to end when he can no longer lace up his sneakers. He has been head coach at Mount Saint Vincent University for the past three seasons. This was not his first crack at coaching however. He has been involved with the community YMCA for 20 years. He first got involved as a volunteer.

Through his university days, he worked there as a part-time employee. Upon graduation, he was hired as youth director and that's when he really became involved in coaching. The main program was basketball. His job was to recruit other coaches for the eleven teams in the youth league. As a staff person, he was responsible for the team often left without a coach. He quickly developed a philosophy in dealing with these kids; a philosophy that involved more than just basketball. "We were coaching basketball but we were also coaching life plus attitudes and behaviour. We had to show these kids that they can have fun while abiding by certain rules."

Today he still shares this philosophy and shuns the strict "crack the whip" style employed by many coaches.

Gannon says, "I like to treat people as they are. If they're gonna be immature, that's O.K. It'll eventually come out in the wash. Sometimes I may holler at someone who is carrying on, but that's only to get their attention. I will then continue to explain what it is they're supposed to be learning."

When it comes to coaching, Gannon says there is no such thing as a "natural". He summarizes good coaching as "watching, learning, understanding, and the ability to relate back to the players what you've learned."

With coaching comes responsibility and a lot of hours punched. He shrugs, "Yeah, there is a lot of time involved. There's practice twice a week, our games, trips, and so on."

He resigns himself to this and seemingly accepts it with no qualms whatsoever. When asked if it was a big sacrifice on his part, he modestly sidesteps the question and points to other coaches who have sacrificed even more.

Assistant coach Rudy Kafer reaffirms Gannon's popularity. "You won't find a better coach, or person for that matter, when it comes to Louie. He really works hard. His job as general



manager of community and support services for the YMCA is really demanding, yet you'll find Louie doesn't miss too many games."

Gannon hopes to be named Coach of the Year for the Nova Scotia College Conference. It is easy to see that it won't be long.

## Residences and societies prepare for challenge

It is time to get your team together and challenge your most rival opponent. The fourth Annual Societies and Residence Challenge is quickly approaching.

The event will take place on Monday, November 30 at 4:30 pm in Rosaria Gym. The activities planned are low key and fun.

They include such things as relay races, an obstacle course and some surprise events.

Any team of four may enter. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team at the Annual Intramural Reception. An added bonus for residence teams is that points will be awarded towards your Residence Challenge Cup

score. Prizes and refreshments will be given out.

Don't wait until it is too late. Get your team together and register yourself at the Equipment Control Room next to the gym.

For more information drop by the A/R Office, Room 223, Rosaria or phone 443-4450 ext. 420.

## Walk into shape

Walking is becoming a popular way to get into shape. It is an easy way to start a fitness program because it can be done by anyone, at anytime, anywhere. Walking is a relatively inexpensive activity. All you need to start a walking program is comfortable clothing, a pair of walking shoes and a place to walk.

There are many different times during the day when you could incorporate a walking program into your daily routine. Some suggested times to walk are: on the way to school or work, during your lunch break, before or after supper, or before you go to bed. The time you choose will depend on your daily routine. You should walk at least three or four times per week for at least half an hour each time to improve your fitness level.

Starting a walking program has many advantages. Some of these advantages are:

1. Going outdoors for a brisk walk can relieve stress.
2. A consistent walking program at a suitable intensity can improve your overall fit-

ness.

3. If you include proper eating habits with your walking program, you can lose weight.
4. If you are interested in running you could begin with a walking program to work towards running.
5. Walking is a great way to get back into shape after an injury or illness.

Walking is an activity that can be done alone, with a friend or with a group of people. Our fitness program here at The Mount offers three different outdoor walking classes.

- Walk With Aerobics is offered every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 am to 11 am.
- Noon Walk weekdays at noon and 1 pm.
- If you are interested in a more vigorous walk Pace Makers also meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups contact Rosaria Centre, Room 223

## Let's hear it for Mystics



Photopool photo

The Mount Women's Soccer team captured The Nova Scotia College Conference Provincial title

Mystics ended the soccer season in fine form, with shutouts in both the semi-final and final games in Truro.

NSCC league play ended with the Mount topping the standings with 15 points (a seven win, one tie record).

## Ongoing Events

### White Winter

Warren Miller's exciting ski film "White Winter Heat" will be shown at Seton Auditorium B on Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 at 8 pm. Admission is \$4.00 for students. Door prizes will be drawn for and don't miss the latest in ski

gear and clothing seen at our display booths outside of the Auditorium.

### Team Pictures

Team pictures will be taken on Wednesday, November 18 at 6 pm. All teams including soccer and cross country should be in uniform in the gym by 5:50 pm.