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## International Women's Day Rally a success



"It's a great day," said the Hon. Judy Erola, minister responsible for the status of women. Erola spoke to a full house during last week's International Women's Day Rally at the Mount.

Bachman Photo

by Krista Eisener

The rally held last Thursday in honor of International Women's Day was a tremendous success and those who missed it, missed an important day for the university. Speeches by some prominent women including Muriel Duckworth, Francene Cosman and Alexa McDonough were given. Doris Mason, of the Mason Chapman Band, played the piano and sang some original tunes.

The introductory speech by Dr. Margaret Fulton was full of hope for a bright future in its plea to stop violence against women. One initiator in the plan for peace movement, Dr. Muriel Duckworth, spoke about her plans of going to the Soviet Union in interest of world peace and the filming of a movie which deals with the peace movement.

Alexa McDonough, leader of the provincial NDP party, said heart and hope could be gained from the group that was at the rally on Thursday.

The Hon. Judy Erola, federal minister responsible for the status of women, received a standing ovation when she announced that MSVU has been the first Canadian Women's University to receive a contribution of \$500,000 for the establishment of the first chair of

women's studies. This program promotes research on women's issues, and calls for the preparation of one chair per year for five consecutive years.

Erola also spoke very strongly on the position of women in the work force and the fact that women are underpaid and under-represented in most fields. She believes that women must make every effort to educate themselves; that ingrained atti-

tudes change slowly, and therefore create solid obstacles in the fight for equal wages.

"I am very proud that the chair of women's studies will be here at the Mount," said Erola at the reception in the Art Gallery. She was sure that under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Margaret Fulton the program would blossom. She was very enthusiastic and hopeful for its future.

## New student councillors take office May 1

by Janet Bragg

The handshaking, button-pinning, speech-giving and poster-hanging is over for another year as the election has ended and the successful candidates officially take office May 1.

As more and more students seem to take an interest and involvement in the Mount Student Council, the voter turnout continues to climb. This year, 17 per cent of the student population exercised their right to vote, an increase of six per cent over those who voted last year.

The results from the election saw President, Mike MacLean, who ran for re-election, replaced by Teresa Francis. Francis is presently the Residence Representative on this year's council. Francis said she will probably commence her duties before the official swearing in. Francis was elected to council with 204 votes.

The Executive vice-president for 1984 will be Shari Wall. She

was voted in with strong support from 315 students.

The only other contested position was that of Non-Residence Representative. Dave Cushing arose as representative of the off-campus students in the upcoming year.

All of the candidates running for uncontested positions were voted in. The position of External Vice-President will be taken by Anne Hanrahan. She was also elected by a strong showing of support, with 346 votes.

With 381 votes, Peter Murtagh will represent the student population as Senator.

The Office Administration Representative will be Carol Ann Ross; Child Study Representative, John Thorne; Business Representative, Jim Hines and the Science Representative will be Johanne Arsenault.

The new student union will be planning for the fall with conferences getting underway as early as May.

## Mount gets Chair of Women's Studies

Mount Saint Vincent University has been awarded a contribution of \$500,000 for the establishment of the first Chair of Women's Studies in Canada. The contribution is being made under the Department of the Secretary of State Endowment of Chairs of Women's Studies Program, and was announced by the Honorable Judy Erola, minister responsible for the status of women, during the 1984 International Women's Day Rally held here March 8.

"The establishment of Chairs of Women's Studies, which is inspired by the Government of Canada's national plan of action, will provide greater educational opportunities for women as well as helping to meet our commitment to the United Nations convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women," said Mrs. Erola.

The Endowment of Chairs of Women's Studies Program, which promotes scholarly research on women's issues, calls for the creation of one chair per year for five consecutive years. The chairs will be regionally distributed as follows: Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Prairie Provinces and Northwest Territories, and British Colum-

bia and the Yukon.

In consultation with women's groups, an advisory committee will be established to undertake professional and academic evaluations of the chair proposals and related research. The committee members will be chosen on the basis of linguistic, regional and disciplinary representation and will have an extensive academic background in wom-

en's studies.

"It is fitting that Mount Saint Vincent University should be the first chair recipient since it has been in the vanguard of women's education and research for decades", said Mrs. Erola. "I am confident that this chair will spur the development of women's studies at other institutions in the Atlantic Provinces."

## MSVU students consider CFS

by Kim MacDonald

On March 14, Mount students were asked to vote on whether or not to become a member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

CFS is Canada's only national student organization. It has 64 member universities and colleges representing over 450,000 students. On the students behalf, CFS voices concerns to governments and provides many services on campus.

Brian Chadwick, chairman of services for CFS said you must have someone at the national level to keep funds flowing, as well as lobby and point out disparity concerning student loans.

CFS runs Travel Cuts, a student run travel agency, as well

as Student saver, which offers discounts at six to eight thousand stores across Canada giving 10-25 per cent discounts on goods and services.

"This summer, two people are being hired specifically to go in the Atlantic region and solicit discounts," said Chadwick.

The Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) CFS offers, enables students to work and travel abroad. SWAP is the process of expanding to include France and Australia on its list of countries.

At the forum on March 12, concerns were voiced whether the Mount's membership to CFS will interfere with the Student Union on Nova Scotia (SUNS) which represents its members at



Frank DeMont works at the polling station in Rosaria. Voter turnout was approximately 17 per cent.

Craig Photo

the provincial level.

Mike MacLean, SUNS representative for Nova Scotia said, "This does not in any way weaken SUNS. If we join CFS we will be both member of SUNS at the provincial level and CFS at the federal level." CFS is a relatively

new organization. It began in the spring of 1981.

Currently, Mount students contribute one dollar in Student Union fees. A vote join CFS will mean an increase of three dollars.



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## Porn talk

Mary Brown will give an overview of current aggressive pornography in film, discuss perceived community standards and international concerns and how these relate to current criminal code provisions.  
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7:30 p.m.

Halifax Main Library,  
5381 Spring Garden Road  
Program Provided By:  
Mount Saint Vincent  
University  
N.S. Association of Women  
and the Law  
Halifax City Regional  
Library

## Property program

The Woodlawn Mall branch of the Dartmouth Regional Library will present an information program on **Property Settlement and the Marital Property Act** on Tuesday, March 20 at 10.00 a.m.

## Playwright reads

Canadian playwright John Gray will give a reading at Mount Saint Vincent University at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, in Seton Auditorium "A".  
Together with Eric Peterson, Gray was the author of the runaway success **Billy Bishop Goes to War**. His other works include **18 Wheels** and **Rock and Roll**.

He was called Canada's most gifted writer of musicals by Gina Mallet of the Toronto Star in 1981 and in that year received the Governor General's Award for literature.  
The reading is free of charge and open to the public.

## Arms race

Dr. Michael M. Cohen will speak about Social and Economic Aspects of the Nuclear Arms Race at 11 a.m., March 18 at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis. Dr. Cohen is a member of Physicians for social Responsibility and an international authority in syndromology. He approaches this topic of nuclear arms in the same way he approaches the study of disease: a slide/lecture presentation followed by discussion, with concrete suggestions for prevention and cure. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## At the gallery

At the Mount art gallery Fri., March 16 at 12:15 p.m. and Sun., March 18 at 2 p.m. the film **Challenging Directions** features three contemporary artists challenging conventional definitions of art; Noel Harding, John Scott and Michael Snow. This is the 10th in a 13 part series produced by TV Ontario. Free admission.

Two exhibits continue at the Mount art gallery until April 8th, **The Cult of Personality: Portraits by Lynn Donoghue**, a young contemporary Toronto artist and **Rags**, drawings, fabric, and clothing by Nova Scotian designers. A colour videotape accompanies the Lynn Donoghue exhibit in which the artist discusses her work.

The work of more than 30 Nova Scotia designers, representing a cross section of craftspeople working in fabrics, will be shown at Mount Saint Vincent University Upstairs Gallery from March 15 to April 8.

Organized by Sandy Miller, the Mount's Exhibitions Officer, "Rags" is neither a trade fair nor a fashion show. Miller says, "It's a very valid activity for a public art gallery to be involved in because of its application of contemporary design. The gallery is interested in good design in all its forms."

Some exhibitors come from an arts/crafts tradition, while others are involved with commercial fabrics. The exhibit includes hand weaving; silk painting and dyeing; woven, crocheted and knitted sweaters; functional fashion as well as art garments. Call 443-4450 for further details.

## Symphony Challenge

The "Symphony Challenge" boat show draw held Sunday, February 26 at the Halifax Metro Centre, was won by Dr. Arthur Shears, 1775 Rosebank Ave. The prize is a foul weather outfit donated by Helly-Hanson Ltd.

But other ticket holders for Symphony Nova Scotia's Draw 888 raffle still have a chance, along with Dr. Shears, to win the grand prize, a C&C 24, valued at about \$29,000 and fully equipped for sailing; or, nine other prizes that include a Laser sailboat, a windsurfer, radio navigational equipment, weather instruments and a cruiser coat.

These prizes will be given at the final draw on Sat., June 2, during a Royal N.S. Yacht Squadron reception. In addition, an early bird draw for a Panasonic video cassette recorder will be on April 13. Tickets, which are \$100 each, are still on sale at the Symphony office, 5639 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, and are partially tax-deductible. Only 888 tickets will be sold over the next three months.

## Caribbean lecture

Rickey Singh, former editor of Caribbean Contact, will be speaking on "Future Perspectives for the Caribbean", Wed. March 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Burke Education Centre, Saint Mary's University. For further information call 429-9780 ext. 497.

## Fiesta!

Language, laughter, and a lot of good food await you at this year's Fiesta! It's a unique and enlightening variety show, featuring skits, music, and a draw.

Bring a few bilingual friends, or several dictionaries, though, because this show is presented not only in English, but in French, Spanish, and German.

To top it off, an international feast will follow the show, and it's a buffet guaranteed to add a few pounds (but what a way to go).

A draw will follow the afternoon's performance, and prizes include dictionaries, and gift certificates for meals in popular restaurants.

The Fiesta, sponsored by the Modern Languages and the Speech and Drama Departments, will take place Friday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Rosaria Center.

See you there!

Le département des Langues Modernes et de "Speech and Drama" vous invitent à une fiesta le 16 mars. Ça serait à 14:00 heures à la Multi-purpose Room, à Rosaria. Il y aurait un spectacle de variétés en plusieurs langues (français, anglais, espagnole et allemand). Parmi les performances on conte des séances, de la musique, et des annonces. En plus, on promet un buffet international qui garanti vous faire gagner du poids. Une loterie sera tirer. Les prix sont des dictionnaires et des certificats de repas à des restaurants reconnus.

Encore une fois, venez avec, ou sans, vos dictionnaires de langues. On vous verra tous là vendredi.

## Nutrition month

Nutrition Month—A film, "Health and Lifestyle" will be shown in Vinnie's Pub on Wednesday, March 21, twice at lunchtime, starting at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome—bring your lunch!

Nutrition Month Pub—Wednesday, March 21, 8-12 p.m. Free veggies and dip, and popcorn. Drop in!

## Slide show

A slide presentation featuring the Grand Canyon will be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Lower Water St., Halifax on Thur., March 15, 1984 at 8 p.m.

The presentation, given by Piet Mars, will describe a walk through the Grand Canyon and also feature tubing, rafting and hiking in the beautiful Rockies of B.C. This program is sponsored by the Canadian Hostelling Association—Nova Scotia.

## PR society news

by Margaret McKee

The Public Relations Society held its weekly meeting on March 12. Here's the latest news from the Society: A Reception for all P.R. students, alumnae and faculty will be held in the Don MacNeil Room on March 23 between 8 and 10 p.m. The P.R. Ring will be shown and orders will be taken from 1984 graduates and alumnae. The results from Jon White's employment survey of P.R. graduates will also be released. Refreshments will be served. A seminar on how to "Dress For Success", with a Representative from "Colours", will be held within the next two weeks. The tentative date is March 21 but watch this column and the Seton 304 for confirmation.

A ski trip to Martock is being organized for March 20. The Society is planning to hire a bus to take 40 students to the hill for some night skiing. The estimated price is \$17 for transportation, ski rentals and a lift ticket. If you're interested contact your Representative or a member of the Executive.

Elections for the Society will be held March 28. Voting will take place outside Seton 304 from 10 to 3 p.m. Nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Second Year Representative, Third Year Representative and Fourth Year Representative can be found on the bulletin board in 304. Results from the elections will be announced at the Elections Bash on March 30 in Vinnie's Pub.

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# Student summer employment opportunities

by Janet Bragg

The annual search for summer employment has begun and there are numerous job opportunities to be had through the Canada Employment Centre (CEC).

Some students have been frequenting their on-campus CEC since as early as October, said Judy White, supervisor of the Halifax centre.

Although the Metro student employment centres will not open their offices until early April the supervisors have been working since February to secure job opportunities for students.

There are programs being offered that students do not seem to be aware of according to

White. Some of the deadlines for career-related jobs have already past but there are still deadlines that can be met.

The Odd Job Squad allows students, who may not have the skills needed to fill a permanent position, to gain experience which could lead to future employment.

This program allows the student to contact the employment centre on a daily basis to see if there are any odd jobs to be done. Students can continue to work through the summer, phoning the centre when they need work. However, often times they find after completing a job they may be hired on for

the duration of the summer.

For students who are interested in venturing out on their own, there are a couple of programs that may be of interest.

The Youth Entrepreneurial Skills (YES) Program, which is co-sponsored by the Department of Development and the Royal Bank of Canada, enables students (ages 16-24) who wish to plan and operate their own small businesses to obtain an interest-free loan. The loan of up to \$2,000 is available from May 1, 1984 to the repayment deadline of Oct. 1, 1984. A grant of \$250 is offered if the loan is repaid on or before October 1, 1984. Students who receive

these loans can contact the sponsors for counselling if the need should arise. It is expected that up to 30 businesses will be approved.

A conservation program, which will create jobs for both students and unemployed workers over the age of 50, is Environment 2000. It is designed to tackle environment problems such as the cleaning-up of rivers, lakes and streams and involves environmental projects. Project proposals will continue to be accepted until funding runs out. To apply students should contact Environment Canada Regional Offices and Forest Research Centres.

Last summer over 8,000 students registered with the metro centres and it is expected the centre will help find employment for even more students this summer.

For those students who are planning to return to university in the fall they should register with the centre if they have not already done so. Supervisor of the Dartmouth centre, Donna Davies said some students fail to realize that if they were unable to find employment during the summer months and were not registered at one of the centres they will not be eligible for bursaries and may have a difficult time securing a student loan.

## Marketing spurs enrollment

by Margo Turpin

Open Campus Days end today, but the efforts to market Mount Saint Vincent University continue year round and are proving to be very successful.

Enrollment has increased approximately 11 per cent since September, 1982, with this year's enrollment an almost even split between full-time and part-time students.

Almost all students are attracted by the special areas of study offered at the Mount, the small community atmosphere and a very personal approach used by administration.

Susan Tanner, admissions officer and Alice MacKichan, admissions assistant and past president of the Student Union, are both involved in the Mount's efforts to interest high school students from the Maritime provinces. This year the high school visitations will be extended to Newfoundland, where early in April, Tanner and MacKichan will visit 16 schools. These visits are followed by personal letters, and information concerning programs and registration which are sent to interested students.

"We keep a computerized list of all students who have inquired about the university by mail, or during the campus tours, or high school visitations. There are about 1000 people on this list right now. We answer between 100 and 200 requests

per month," says Tanner. A newsletter compiled three or four times a year also provides information to these potential students.

Tanner also notes that over half of those who have been on campus these past few days had already been in contact with the university. The Open Campus Days have been an opportunity for students from the Maritime provinces to visit the classes, stay on campus, and talk with present students.

"We also encourage guidance counselors to visit the campus at least every two years," says Tanner. The Mount organizes a workshop to help these counselors obtain information. In the past, guidance departments from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have shown interest in this workshop, but Tanner hopes the national organization for guidance counselors will hold their conference at the Mount next year, giving them the opportunity to see the institution first hand.

The staff of the Centre for Continuing Education are particularly interested in those who wish to attend university after having been out of school for five years or more. Dr. Mairi Macdonald, director for the centre says that women in the Halifax County area are the key people that the staff deal with, al-

though the number of men interested in part-time study is increasing.

The Centre relies on advertisements and brochures to support their approach, and encourages those who are interested in continuing their education to come and visit the university. The staff of both the Centre for Continuing Education, and the Life Planning and Learning Centre all offer professional advice on returning to school. This service is offered because returning to school is often a very frightening experience.

The staff is also involved in community groups which helps to keep people in the area informed about the Mount's programs. Their numerous speaking engagements prove to be an excellent way of giving information, encouraging participation and eliminating fears.

"The big thing that seems to work for us (the Mount)," says Jean Hartley, associate director for the Centre, and director of summer school, "is our reputation, and word of mouth. People find out about us from co-workers and friends."

The success of the Mount's program has resulted in a withdrawal rate of only 2.5 per cent for this year. The Mount is providing stiff competition to the seven other universities in the province.

## Memorial University co-op students will have to wait

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—The federal government may have liked it, but bureaucracy was slow to digest a student-proposed grant.

Co-op program students at Memorial University will have to wait until later this year to take advantage of a quarter-million dollar government job-creation grant because the proposal has been stuck in the bureaucracy for six months.

The student association sponsored proposal would fund 64 jobs for commerce and engineering students in non-profit organizations.

Despite enthusiastic agreement from employment minister John Roberts, the proposal didn't fit into either Canada Works or Career Access programs. The proposal was sent to individual members of parliament and then back to Robert's office. From there it went to the Prime Minister's Office, which

handles money not going through any specific department.

The PMO shuffled it back to Newfoundland MP's, who couldn't find funds for it, and sent it back to the bureaucracy.

Student association president Deb Thiel said she is angry and frustrated over the shuffling. "Why weren't we told the truth about the state of our proposal two months ago, so that something could have been done to get the \$250,000 before the current term started?"

"I would also like to know why they couldn't find a program, especially when they kept telling us how much they loved the idea."

The PMO has arranged a meeting with the employment department and Newfoundland MP Bill Rompkey's office to work out the problem.



Caught in the emotion of victory, MSVU Student Council President elect, Teresa Francis, realizes her success after results were announced in Vinnie's Pub last Wednesday night.

## Peace workshops launched

by Peter Halley

Peace workshops were launched at MSVU in September, 1983 when some interested students decided that the nuclear war issue should be further discussed and publicized.

The students were first introduced to the potential dangers and obvious horrors of nuclear war in history 337, taught by Dr. Francis Early in the winter session of 1983.

It was in this class that Dr. Early presented a movie entitled, *Hibakusha*. The movie's Japanese translation is "Survivor of the Nuclear War".

"It was this movie that aroused our interest," said Shirley Marshall, a MSVU student and active member of the peace workshops.

Approximately eight to 10 students decided to introduce the workshops that are still being held every Monday at noon in room 316 of the Seton Academic Center.

These hour-long sessions are open to those interested in attending these weekly meetings.

Each session involves discussions about the nuclear arms

race and any area related to the topic. Such films as *Waking up from a Nuclear Nightmare* have been presented as well as slide presentations and appearances by guest speakers.

The intent of this group is to express their personal interest in the nuclear war issue, as well as inform the public.

"For example, last year there were nine submarines in Halifax harbour with nuclear warheads each capable of destroying 126 cities," said Marshall. "We try to let people know that these things are under their noses."

Next year plans exist for a new history course at the Mount. The course will involve the nuclear arms race from the Cold War period to the present.

Basically, the workshops are an extracurricular activity. The students involved are interested in learning more about the nuclear arms race. They do not choose a formal leader as such; it is a group effort.

"We would like to see a lot more people taking part in the workshops," said Marshall. "The meetings are very interesting and involved."

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## Equality and peace—close and far

The fact that even MSVU female faculty make approximately 12 per cent less than their male counterparts of equal qualification was a stroke of irony expressed by Judy Erola during last week's rally that seemed to capture the essence of the rousing meeting. Sitting in that crowded auditorium among so many active supporters of the women's movement made the firm establishment of the equality of women seem so close, so real. Furthermore, the quest for nuclear disarmament and world peace which arose as the other major themes of the rally evoked an emotion among the crowd that made these developments actually seem possible.

Yes, it is in these types of groups where women can find a collective energy, energy to instill in one another, especially in their leaders who may face discouragement. As Alexa McDonough said, her membership in the provincial legislature reveals daily that the equality of women is still "a long way off".

And women like Muriel Duckworth must be supported; a leader in the peace movement, she faces depressing daily reports of cruise missile testing and the arms build-up, yet continues to motivate people to protest the nuclear madness.

While the charismatic Erola spoke of the affirmative action policies that are intended to improve the position of women, the statistics she later quoted on women in the workforce showed that male-dominated professions remain primarily so. But as she continued, "We must content ourselves with being pioneers, agents of the avant-garde." So true, for women of our generation may never actually experience true equality, yet we must make it happen for the future.

Francine Cosman addressed the audience on the positive note that "... a time will come for equality," when rallies and protests will become a thing of the past. Realistic women know that that day will not come without continually supporting local women's groups, organizations and opinion leaders, and thinking from a feminist perspective.

If every woman and man who attended that rally last Thursday took with them even a part of the energy and emotion generated during the session, we could make such meetings less ironic and even more meaningful. Yes, we would be that much closer to the establishment of equality for women and an end to the arms race as well.

B.A.J.

## Student Council elections results

<b>President:</b>	Teresa Francis	204
	Karen MacDonald	60
	Mike MacLean	122
	Abstain	10
	Spoiled	122
<b>Executive V.P.:</b>	Shari Wall	315
	Ken Coolen	53
	Abstain	31
	Spoiled	138
<b>Non-Residence Rep.:</b>	Dave Cushing	113
	Alice Sandall	79
	Abstain	19
	Spoiled	49
<b>External V.P.:</b>	Anne Hanrahan	
	Yes	346
	No	19
	Abstain	35
<b>Office Admin. Rep.:</b>	Carol Anne Ross	
	Yes	40
	No	1
	Abstain	1
<b>Child Study Rep.:</b>	Johna Thorne	
	Yes	38
	No	2
	Abstain	4
<b>Business Rep.:</b>	Jim Hines	
	Yes	52
	No	9
	Abstain	4
<b>Science Rep.:</b>	Johanne Arseneault	
	Yes	31
	No	3
	Abstain	4
<b>Senator:</b>	Peter Murtagh	
	Yes	381
	No	28
	Abstain	85
	Spoiled	111

## Letters

### To the Editor,

Four members of the MSVU Science Society and two members of the Biology faculty attended the AUUBC (Atlantic Universities Undergraduate Biology Conference) held at the University of New Brunswick from March 2nd to 4th. Karen Alexander presented a paper for the second year in a row. Having been the winner at the 1983 AUUBC, she was not eligible for an award this year. However, her paper was well presented

and well received by those in attendance.

### Winners were:

Second Honourable Mention:  
Greg MacDiarmid  
(Mount Allison)

First Honourable Mention:  
Kelvin Conrad (Acadia)

WINNER: Steven Fleming  
(Acadia)

Everyone involved in the conference had a great time.

Yours truly,  
Laura Boutilier,  
Treasurer, science society

## PODIUM

### The encyclopedia is cheaper

by Dale Rushton

Talk about a trauma! I am \$5,464 in the hole, for an education I was told would develop my values, expand my mind and make me a better citizen.

I have an assignment due at 9 a.m. Friday. The topic is public relations. The dilemma is, if I choose my own topic, write it in my own style to express my own argument, I'm guaranteed a 50 at the maximum.

Should I choose however, to discuss the professor's views, I will walk away with an 80 and a smile. The 80 is easy; I just close my mind and open the textbook.

What kills me is the complete failure of our education system to recognize and develop the student's individual personality. Lately, I have been waking in the middle of the night in a cold sweat, having dreamt I was Dave Wright's co-anchor. I do not want to be that way.

I want the responsibility to be the director in charge. I have a personality and the curiosity necessary to pursue a career in public relations. What I lack is the basic skills to enhance my talents.

The word "university" rings through my mind... University... Universe-All-Everything-Open. How can a universe be open while the minds of our universities are closed? In Einstein's view, this would mean a contracting universe and hardly reflects the ideals of Aristotle.

Anyone who forces educational values on an individual as harsh as our system now does, is in my opinion no better than an encyclopedia salesman who's caught his foot in the door. Come to think of it... the encyclopedia is cheaper.

I have to wonder. Did I spend \$5,464 on my mind, or did I buy a mold?

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# Speaking of . . .



Francene Cosman, on behalf of the advisory council on the status of women, said "A time will come for equality" in her address at last week's International Women's Day Rally.



Muriel Duckworth, active in the peace movement, holder of an honorary degree from the Mount, will take a message from Halifax women to Soviet women within the next few weeks.



Mike MacLean, speaking at the rally last week, said, "When you are fighting a cause which presently does not have backing, one must have courage. Yet generally, courage for such an uphill fight will not exist unless you also care."

## Liberals plan use of youth newspapers

OTTAWA (CUP)—A secret Liberal party film shown to party faithful in Halifax reveals that youth will be key targets in the upcoming federal election.

According to Southam News, the Liberals plan to make "better use" of youth newspapers, including those at colleges and universities. The party will buy advertising space and give student journalists greater access to cabinet ministers for interviews.

The 30 minute film implies the Liberals will use tax-payers' money to woo several major electoral groups—youth, women, urban middle class and ethnic voters.

But David Graham, an official with the newly created youth ministry, says he knows of no plans to woo the youth vote.

His statements contradict recent Liberal party moves. The federal throne speech in December introduces a new Youth Ministry, and according to influential Liberal senator Jacques Hebert, the ministry was a "simple and inexpensive" way to appease young people and gain their support.

Gordon Ashworth, a spokesperson for the Prime Minister's office, which produced the film, confirmed the youth ministry will sponsor ads in student

newspapers and inform student journalists of issues concerning their readers.

A January meeting between employment and immigration minister John Roberts and 35 student journalists from across the country, flown to Toronto at tax-payers' expense, was not an example of Liberal campaigning for the youth vote, Ashworth said.

Roberts, a potential Liberal leadership candidate, said at the time the meeting was intended to publicize established programs dealing with youth unemployment.

## Millions to be spent on adult education

MONTREAL (CUP)—Quebec women heard promises for improved job training and adult education programs Feb. 28, two years after the changes were called for.

Education Minister Camille Laurin said the government will spend \$35 million more next year on adult education, ensuring it will no longer be a "marginal" part of the school system.

College and high school adult programs will be more accessible, with an increased emphasis on literacy and the technical skills needed in today's jobs, said Laurin.

School credits will be offered for experience gained outside the classroom, a change that will particularly benefit women because work in the community and the home will be recognized.

At the same time, employment minister Pauline Marois announced new job training programs to help women get jobs in traditionally male-dominated fields.

Marois said companies which

integrate women employees will receive special government grants.

Other proposals aimed at women include expanded day-care facilities and the right to deduct baby-sitting costs from income tax while returning to school.

The new government adult education policy comes two years almost to the day after a government commission recommended major improvements.

Laurin admitted the extra cash is designed to make up for the millions of dollars cut from adult education in 1981.

But Quebec education minister Camille Laurin says the PREC would open up CEGEPs (Quebec community colleges) to a new group of students. Just before the Dec. 5 parliamentary hearings on PREC, Laurin said the choices currently offered to vocational students are "insufficient", and a "new clientele must be welcomed".

"What can the colleges offer the unemployed or the worker who needs retraining, or the

high school graduates who don't continue their studies? And especially what are they proposing for the numerous CEGEP students who quit before finishing?" asked Laurin.

Laurin says the new certificate program would not detract current diploma students, but Julia Newell, academic dean at Dawson College in Montreal, disagrees.

"The problem with the certificate is that it is too similar to a regular diploma," Newell says. The only major differences between the two is the certificate requires two fewer English courses and three fewer humanities courses.

"The real problem with (the certificate) is that it looks really good to the students," says Pat Powers, a Dawson teacher who sits on a committee studying PREC. "It shows that CEGEP education is only to get a job . . . I don't know where they're supposed to make it easier to get a job than a student with a (diploma)."

A PREC pamphlet distributed



Francis Early reads a message from the Canadian Voice of Women at the Women's Day Rally held at MSVU on Thursday, March 8.

at Dawson last year says the certificate program "would have you slide through Dawson with the minimal skills necessary for a 'job' . . . You are supposed to be packaged to fit the job description".

The Parent Report, the document responsible for the founding of the CEGEPs, organizes the system so students in profes-

sional and academic programs could mix through complementary courses which would help students get a broader education and experiment.

According to Laurin, the policies in the Parent Report are only experimental although they've been used for more than 15 years.



# The Bruce Curtis case

*The trial of this Annapolis Valley native is a terrifying tale of how wrong things can go when the law is more concerned with getting convictions than with justice.*

by Jennifer Wade  
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On a January evening a middle-aged man sits in the living room of a Halifax home, telling an incredible story of a 20-year-old boy from Middleton, N.S., who, while on a ten-day holiday to the U.S., accidentally became involved in the murder of his friend's parents. The man is composed, coherent, and obviously very concerned. The story is of his son, Bruce Curtis.

Bruce Curtis grew up in Middleton, the "heart of the Annapolis Valley". He excelled in his school-work, and completed his high school at King's-Edgehill, the private school in Windsor. There he had the misfortune to meet a boy call Scott Franz, who fabricated wonderful stories about living on an estate in New Jersey. A friendship of what appears to be alter egos formed between the two boys, based on a mutual interest in computers and backgammon. In 1982, both graduated and registered to go to university. That, however, was not to be their destiny.

The story from here is best told by Bruce Curtis' sister, Dr. Anne Curtis, M.D., in a letter she wrote this past August from her home in London, Ontario, to her Member of Parliament.

Bruce, now 19, has been imprisoned in New Jersey, U.S.A. for the past year and has recently been found guilty of aggravated manslaughter and given the maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, 10 years before eligibility for parole. Bruce is a shy, retiring, studious young man, brought up on a farm in Nova Scotia and has never been in any type of trouble before. I will outline in the following paragraphs the bizarre series of events leading up to his accidental shooting of a friend's mother. I am writing because I feel there has been a great miscarriage of justice in the conduct of the trial, described as a "legal lynching" by the defence attorney. There is currently an appeal in progress, and I feel the matter should be brought to the attention of the External Affairs Department so they can review the matter. A Canadian citizen has been the victim of blatant abuse of the U.S. legal system and I think that if the Canadian authorities were to show interest in the matter there might be less bias in the conduct of the appeal.

In June of 1982 Bruce graduated from King's-Edgehill School . . . in Windsor, Nova Scotia. He was enrolled in the science program at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, to begin in September. In late June he was telephoned several times by a friend from school, Scott Franz, who lived in New Jersey, urging him to come for a visit.

June 29, 1982 he flew to New Jersey and was met by Scott and his stepfather, Mr. Podgis. Only later did we discover that Mr. Podgis was an extremely violent man who beat both his wife and stepchildren. Mr. Podgis was in a rage that Bruce's plane was late and what ensued was a week-long nightmare in which the boys were afraid to come home except late at night when Mr. Podgis was asleep, for fear of violence. Mr. Podgis kept 12 guns in his home, always slept with one under his bed and had shot at family members in the past. In fact, he shot at Scott while Bruce was visiting.

On July 4, 1982 Mrs. Podgis let the boys into the house late at night when she felt it was safe and made up a bed on the sofa in the living room for them to share . . . Unnerved by the constant tension and threat of violence, Scott felt they should be armed. Scott therefore loaded 2 rifles. (Bruce had never handled a gun before and didn't know how to load one.) They slept head to toe on the sofa with the guns between them. In the morning they were planning to drive the family van to Nova Scotia to wait for the situation in New Jersey to "cool". (Bruce didn't have a return plane ticket as Scott had told him when he invited him that he would be driving to New Brunswick to make arrangements for starting at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, and could put Bruce on the Saint John ferry.)

The morning of July 5, 1982 Scott got up and told his mother he was going to take a shower upstairs. He took his gun with him because his stepfather had shot at him the last time he'd been upstairs. Bruce was still dozing on the sofa when he heard several shots ring out upstairs. Panic-stricken, he grabbed the gun beside him and ran for the back door. Mrs. Podgis, also hearing the shots, ran from the kitchen. Bruce and Mrs. Podgis collided in the narrow corridor from the kitchen and back door to the living room, running in opposite directions, and the gun discharged. Mrs. Podgis sustained an abdominal wound running obliquely downward from the right side to the left hip. Meanwhile, upstairs, Scott had shot his

stepfather in the head.

Scott testified at the trial that he decided to go to Texas to discuss his next move with his sisters there. He enlisted Bruce's aid to clean up the house and move the bodies into the van. Scott drove the van (Bruce had never driven and didn't know how) to Pennsylvania where the bodies were left in a park and on to Texas where they were arrested.

Scott pleaded guilty to the first degree murder of his stepfather and agreed to testify against Bruce (who was charged with first degree murder of Mrs. Podgis) in return for special consideration in sentencing.

After several delays, Bruce finally came to trial in Monmouth County, New Jersey, March 14, 1983. Since the prosecution's chief witness was Scott, who had been upstairs with his stepfather at the time Mrs. Podgis was shot downstairs, attention in the trial focused on the death of Mr. Podgis (with which Bruce was not even charged)! A ballistic expert testified that the gun Bruce had carried was extremely unsafe, and likely to go off if bumped or dropped and the prosecution obligingly demonstrated this by accidentally discharging the gun while attempting to show the jury how "safe" it was. Bruce had written 3 entries in a literary journal he kept (he is an aspiring short story writer), weeks before coming to New Jersey. One of these was inspired by his grief over the suicide of a girl he had known when he attended school in Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia. The entries themselves weren't damaging so the prosecution didn't enter them as documents but rather had Scott read portions aloud and "interpret" them, alleging that these interpretations were based on discussions with Bruce after they were imprisoned. This was a blatant fabrication on Scott's part as Bruce followed his lawyer's advice and was resolutely silent on all issues remotely concerning trial material. Furthermore this "evidence" concerning the journal was introduced only after the prosecution had rested their case, and then had a weekend to consider their failure to establish intent. Scott knew his hope for a lighter sentence lay in a successful prosecution of Bruce. That at the 11th hour he should suddenly "remember" damning conversations with Bruce does not surprise me, but that the prosecutor should actively solicit and promulgate such blatant fabrication shakes my faith in the "justice" system to the core. One is forced to question whether the prosecutor feels he has any responsibility to establish the truth, or whether he views it as his job to obtain convictions, regardless of the facts of the case. In any case, the journal and Scott's interpretations were eventually ruled inadmissible on the grounds that Bruce's state of mind in the spring when he wrote them couldn't be used to try to establish his state of mind at the time of the shooting. Nevertheless, the newspapers exploited the sensationalism of this non-admitted material to the full. The jury was not sequestered, and one can only speculate on whether they read or were influenced by these accounts.

Through all of this, Bruce's story, that of a quiet, well-behaved boy catapulted into a home where violence was the norm, too young and inexperienced to take the initiative and escape, running from the sound of gunfire carrying a loaded and extremely unsafe weapon which he had no idea how to use, and colliding with Mrs. Podgis running the other way through a narrow corridor, was completely obscured. Surely someone who intends to kill does not aim for the left hip. Imagine his terror to now be caught in a house with two dead bodies. His "friend" Scott was still armed and testified at the trial he considered killing Bruce when he found his mother was dead. Not knowing what to do Bruce went along with Scott's plan to drive to Texas.

In commissioning the jurors, the judge didn't even mention the definition of accidental homicide, which the defence claimed was the true nature of the shooting. In rendering his verdict, the judge said he was dealing with "two murders"—though Scott was supposed to be sentenced for first degree murder and Bruce for aggravated manslaughter. The sentences were the same. What of Bruce's blemishless past? Scott had been sent to King's-Edgehill because of discipline problems, including being charged as a juvenile with stealing the family van and using it to run away from home. Is there no consideration for a clean record?

My brother faces the prospect of spending 10, or even 20, years of the prime of his life in prison for an accidental shooting. Overcrowding is so severe that 22 inmates live in an area built for 6—6 in beds, 16 on mattresses on the floor (5 of them in the bathroom). Conditions in Monmouth County Correctional Institution are so deplorable that the public advocate's office is pressing a class action suit on behalf of the inmates for violation of rights.

My parents are using up their life savings for legal costs in Bruce's defence.

I trust that I've made it clear that the conduct of Bruce's trial made a mockery of justice. Worse still, the



Bruce Curtis 1982

sentencing manifestly ignored the circumstances, and even the verdict! As I stated, an appeal is in progress and I want the External Affairs Department to be made aware of the deplorable treatment a Canadian citizen is receiving at the hands of the United States Government . . .

## Trial

The account of Bruce Curtis' trial given by his father is shattering. The story is one of officials seemingly perjuring themselves, of a judge issuing prejudicial rulings, and a prosecution lawyer concerned less with justice and two boys caught in a tragic situation than with his own career. Mr. Curtis' account is substantiated by the Appeal Brief.

The father repeats that it was his son's very sheltered background, his growing up in a small town in the Annapolis Valley, that prevented him from knowing what to do. "After a week of mounting tension and disorientation, culminating in two people being dead," he says, "Bruce was beyond rational thought and just went along with whatever Scott suggested."

The fact that the Curtises are a close and caring family is obvious, and their anguish about this tragedy is obvious too. That anguish, unfortunately, could only have increased on hearing recently that prison psychiatrists are attempting to have Bruce Curtis speak to them before the impending appeal. The family is worried about his talking, but they realize that if he does not, that might be held against him too. This family, who once trusted the system so completely, can no longer afford to do so.

Meanwhile, Bruce Curtis awaits his appeal doing a bit of studying and assisting a teacher to teach English and math in the correctional centre. And he does a bit of writing himself. His sadness and loneliness is expressed in this passage from a short story, "Night Walker," which he wrote in prison:

Lying on my back with my hands as a pillow, I gaze into the night. This area of the Bay is magnificent. To spend a few hours here is to experience and feel nature. It captures me when I am alone and surrounded by it. The stars, cold and distant, twinkle and wink to reassure me that whatever is performed under their light is of little consequence. The stars, perfect companions, call forth the soul from my numbed interior. Cold, sparkling suns, they draw my soul from its prison within me and give it life. Mutely, I pour out the burdens of my heart and a silent communion transpires between us.

The whole terrifying tale prompts several questions. Why, when the police had approximately 200 reports on the Podgis household, was this family allowed to harbour approximately a dozen guns? With so many warning signs, why could the law not have intervened long before this tragedy occurred? And the main question: how could what is legal be so far removed from what is just?



## Mature and part-time students —

## Left hanging by unyielding education system

by Arnold Hedstrom and Bart Heine  
for Canadian University Press

It's 7:30 a.m. Monday morning and like any student who has a nine o'clock class to catch, Robin Meeking is stumbling out of her Vancouver home.

After her two-hour class, there's no time to waste. It's right to the library to do research for an almost due term paper.

At 3 p.m. her afternoon lecture ends, and it's off to a full-time job at a computer centre. Robin usually works during the day, but she's changed shifts with another worker in order to attend the University of B.C.

Midnight comes fast, and 6:30 Tuesday morning comes even faster. That's the time she has to get up to make it to work for her regular shift.

On Wednesday, the routine starts all over again.

Robin, like a quarter million others in Canada, is a part-time student, and must juggle her steady job, private life and courses.

Susan, a twenty-five year old single mother taking computer courses full-time at the University of Calgary, also faces unique pressures. Looking for a chance at more meaningful work and some self-respect, she also represents a new growing population of students. Mature students (over 25 years old) are entering post-secondary schools in increasing numbers. They are upgrading their skills to compete in a rapidly changing economy, and many are women attempting to break out of low-wage job ghettos that entrap them.

**"After a day on campus, she picks up her kids, makes supper, cleans, and spends time with her family."**

Susan's schooling is complicated by three children ranging in age from two to seven. The two youngest spend the day at a daycare facility and the oldest is looked after by a friend.

After a day on campus, she picks up her kids, makes supper, cleans and spends time with her family.

"I don't get any homework done at home. The kids keep me busy and I'm too tired to work by the time the housework is done."

Susan depends on government grants and loans to sustain her while studying.

Robert, a 40 year old computer science student at the University of Calgary, used to be a real estate salesman. But he said he "could see the end of the boom coming," and he was tired of selling.

Robert is going back to school as a matter of survival in Canada's changing job situation.

They all face an education system that discourages and discriminates against their kind. But some part-time students are working for change.

Meeking, for instance, is the B.C. director of the Canadian Organization of Part-Time University Students, and is working to improve the situation for part-time students on campuses. Changes in Canada's education system are needed to meet the needs of both part-time and mature students, but institutions and governments are slow to recognize the new realities of today's education consumers.

Course scheduling and the availability of student services pose problems for part-time students. Meeking says getting all the required courses for a basic arts degree is difficult at UBC because evening courses are offered in some professional faculties only.

"You can take all the courses except three or four and then you get stopped short," she says. The only alternative is to take a year out to study full-time.

Many campuses limit childcare services to the daytime. Restricted by limited funds, bookstores, counsellors, administrative offices and food services cater exclusively to the day students on most campuses.

What Meeking hopes to do at UBC and on other campuses in the province is work for changes to help part-time students achieve total equality with full-time students.

"You can't solve all the problems overnight. It takes lobbying and allies," she says. The attitudes of governors, education ministries and students themselves must first change.

Part-time enrolment has increased dramatically in the last decade—more than twice the rate of full-time enrolment growth. Statistics Canada predicts 50 per cent enrolment will be part-time by the year 2000.

The increase in part-time enrolment parallels the

surge of "mature" women entering post-secondary schools part-time—250 per cent increase between 1970 and 1979.

This new type of student often cannot go to school full-time for financial reasons, or because of family responsibilities.

The federal government recognized part-time students' need of government support only last year.

The Canada Student Loans Act now allows eligible part-time students assistance to the tune of \$2,500 at any one time, a move the Canadian Federation of Students sought for many years.

The loan accrues interest after one month and must be repaid in two years.

A federal NDP brief also applauded the move, but called it "token recognition"—a cash flow aid that does little to help a potential student without the funds to attend, even on a part-time basis.

"Many part-time students are just that because of the increasingly prohibitive costs of obtaining a full-time university education," the brief states, pointing to studies that show part-time students tend to come from families where parental income and educational attainment are lower than full-time students.

The pressures faced by single parents in balancing childcare with studies make part-time schooling attractive, but their need for financial assistance is often high. Some provinces offer special assistance to single parents, based on a course-load of three. But in one province even that is being eroded.

In Alberta, special consideration now given to single parents may soon be restricted. Currently, students can qualify for maintenance grants up to \$15,000 a session, loans up to \$4,300 a year and cheaper day care, if they are enrolled in three courses.

But the Alberta Students' Finance Board wants to increase the course-load to five.

Single parents take longer to complete their education with the smaller course-load, the Board says, making their accumulated loan too difficult to repay.

Susan dropped her course-load to four from five this year to cope with her family commitments. And she is worried the new regulations will mean she cannot continue with her education goals.

"We have more pressures than other students, so to cope we should have the option of taking fewer courses she says.

**"We have more pressures than other students . . ."**

Lorna Cammaert, faculty association president at the University of Calgary, agrees that women with children at home must deal with a major transition in going back to school. Cammaert strongly recommends they should go to school part-time while learning how to mesh school and home responsibilities.

However, she added that with the increased enrolment on university campuses combined with government cutbacks part-time students are at a disadvantage.

"Part-time students stand behind full-time students for preference. Part-time students find that their choices (of available classes) are limited. As well, part-time students have trouble getting financing," Cammaert said.

In a society where new technologies are rapidly making current job skills obsolete, the preference shown to full-time students must soon change. Reentering school is a stressful experience for mature students, especially those with children to care for, but their growing numbers show a need for redirecting university and government resources.







**Frank DeMont**(B.A., 2nd year)—"I think there should be a certain time when men are allowed in residences. However, there would be difficulties in implementing it: difficulties with administration and with the Sisters of Charity. I think there should be a plebiscite concerning this subject for the girls in residence."

## Campus Comment

Zinck Photo

by Frank Zinck  
and David Wile

**Question:** "Should men be allowed in residences at the Mount?"



**Helen Graham**(B.P.R., 4th year)—"I don't think that they should be allowed in residences. When you come to the Mount you expect these rules, and the Mount is a predominantly Catholic university."



**Debbie Johnson**(B.P.R., 1st year)—"They should be allowed. This is the 20th Century. If you were given the privileges then you wouldn't abuse them if you knew the consequences."



## Youth unemployment likely to hit more than 20 per cent

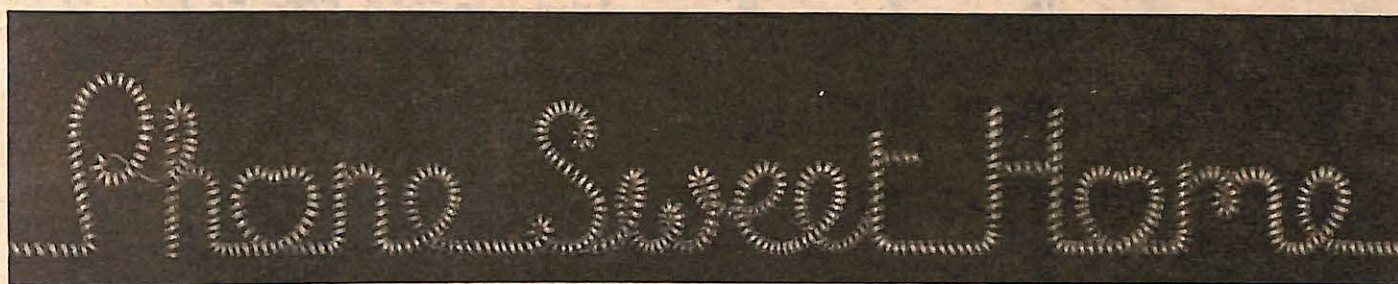
**OTTAWA (CUP)**—Despite chronic youth unemployment, likely to hit more than 20 per cent for the third year in a row this summer, the federal government added only \$150 million for employment programs in its recent budget.

The government already puts about \$1 billion toward employment programs and the extra \$150 million, slotted for the Youth Opportunities Fund, will only lead to a minute decrease in youth unemployment says the Canadian Federation of Students.

Federation chair Graham Dowdell welcomed the increase, but said the government still lacks an overall strategy for putting young Canadians to work.

The government claimed to put new emphasis on solving problems for youth in its December throne speech, when the establishment of a new Ministry of Youth was announced. But the Feb. 15 budget had little to offer young people, and Dowdell says Youth Minister Celine Hervieux-Payette has not been accessible for discussions on youth unemployment.

Payette says her ministry plans to focus on "less privileged youth" and not post-secondary students.



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Congratulations to the Ford Bronco II winners in the Long Distance "Phone Sweet Home" Contest.

We wish them many years of great driving. And to the other students who participated - our thanks. It was good to hear from all of you. And remember, there are other people who like to keep in touch with you - back home. So "Phone Sweet Home" regularly! Good luck in your exams, and have a super Summer.

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# Top Girls—a top notch performance

by Nicholas Hamblin and Elizabeth Finck

A Japanese courtesan, a female heretic pope, a female warrior and a Victorian aristocratic traveler were among the visitors to campus this weekend in the MSVU Speech and Drama's production of the thought provoking play **Top Girls**.

Written by Caryl Churchill and directed by Barry Dunn the play was about women and success. The production was an overwhelming success and was apparently enjoyed by the 350 or so who braved the weekend weather to attend. **Top Girls**, performed in the round by a troupe of Mount actresses, all of whom had several diverse roles to perform, examined women's plight involved with achieving success in a "man's world".

The play opened with a lavish dinner scene where the audience was introduced to several women, both real and fictional, of fame and infamy from different eras of history. These women were the guests of Marlene, the central character of the play, played by Alena Alberani, who was celebrating her success of being promoted to the position of managing director of the Top Girls Employment Agency.

The witty and humorous conversation in the first scene pointed out the sacrifices and hardships faced by women from different historical eras in attaining a level of success in a "man's

world". These women were the embodiment of particular elements of Marlene's character, as well as a foreshadowing of the story that was to unfold.

Marlene, a clever young girl from a small British town, finds that to attain success she must alienate herself from her maternal and familial roles.

The latter part of the play dealt with the contrasts and conflicts of Marlene and her sister Joyce who were dissatisfied with the restrictions of their respective domestic and professional lives. Marlene, the cool professional woman, was unhappy with the portion of her personal life she had to sacrifice to attain a level of success and status. Her sister, Joyce, was unhappy and dissatisfied with the restrictions and limited life she led as a mother, and small-town housewife.

The characters in the play were full of color and life. Their personalities and imperfections were carefully portrayed by the cast. Alena Alberani, as Marlene, gave a steady and convincing performance of the role of a cool, shrewd business woman and a woman torn between her position and sacrifices.

Karen Toupin in the role of Joyce, and also of Isabella Bird, a Victorian Traveler, gave a very emotional and humorous performance respectively in both roles.

However, perhaps the most in-

teresting and pleasing performance was that of Pat Goyeche in the parts of Dull Gret, the embodiment of a village madwoman who in being so was also the symbol of their village's spirit in the fight against evil. Goyeche was also very good in the role of Angie, the illegitimate daughter of Marlene, her performance was entertaining and at the very least dynamic.

As well, Katherine McLeod was very convincing and able in her roles of Lady Nijo, the Japanese courtesan and as the Top Girl, Win.

Dilly MacFarlane was a natural choice for the parts of Patient Griselda, Nell, and Jeanine. With her English Honours background she slid into the roles like they had been written especially for her. MacFarlane's performance appeared as if she had known the characters her entire life.

Vita Marie Clark gave a very pleasingly humorous and sincere performance of the characters Kit, Angie's child friend, and of Shona, a young woman trying to falsify her career experience to break into a sales position with immodest reparation and status.

Mary Martindale Knickle was very impressive in her role as Pope Joan, the heretic female Pope who had to pose as a man for her entire life in order to attain the highest position in the church.



*Top Girls, an alternative view of women and success, enjoyed a successful three-day run last week.*

The play was performed in the round, and while this format had its advantages it also had its detractors. At all times at least one-third of the audience were facing the backs of some of the principle actors. Viewing the play from a different quarter of the auditorium gave a completely different perspective of the play. However, the round format was very supportive in creating the atmosphere needed to carry out most of the scenes

with flexibility.

All in all, **Top Girls** was a thought provoking and pleasing performance for both the cast and the audience. Barry Dunn and the Mount Speech and Drama Department should be very pleased with the outcome. For those who never had an opportunity, or never made the effort to get out and see **Top Girls**, you really missed a fine performance, one that the Mount community can be proud of.

## Light penalties for record counterfeiting

by Karen Toupin

You casually hand over ten dollars for the latest Police or Duran Duran album and probably believe the artists are getting rich off your money. If you have just bought a counterfeit, this is not true.

The illegal recording industry is a \$1.5 billion a year business worldwide. However, it may be more serious in Canada than anywhere else because of our light penalties. Our countries have imposed laws that charge convicted album counterfeiters with a \$50,000 fine and a jail term; Canada does little. Canada's Copyright Act has not been changed since 1924 and counterfeiters here are fined \$10 per album, the maximum being \$200.

"Because of Canada's lax laws, we are becoming an exporter of these recordings instead of an importer," said Don Rodgers, Atlantic Promotional Director for A&M Records. This type of crime is on the rise because counterfeiters from other countries are now coming to Canada.

A counterfeit album is made by copying an original recording and photographing the existing graphics to make what appears to be an exact replica. However, the sound quality is poor.

Other types of illegal recordings include bootlegs and pirates which involve recording either a live band or existing album then adding new graphics to the package.

Counterfeit recordings are offered to record retailers at low prices. Often the packages are so well reproduced that the retailer finds it almost impossible to tell the difference—let alone the consumer. Together, these illegal recordings cost the Canadian music industry \$50 million a year.

Home taping is also costing the music industry a bundle. It is technically illegal, but done by almost everyone. Home taping, however, is next to impossible to control.

Record companies have introduced a variety of techniques to stop people from making illegal recordings. They monitor record store inventories, laser etch albums to make them difficult to reproduce and put stickers on album covers which contain symbols visible only under a laser beam. The record companies are also upgrading the quality of pre-recorded tapes by using metal cassette tapes. This encourages the sale of pre-recorded cassettes; thus, discouraging home taping.

Even with all of these different techniques counterfeiters are still getting their produce on the market. A&M of Canada is in the middle of a \$1.5 million law suit against a distributor who illegally reproduced the Police **Synchronicity** album in Mexico and distributed it in Canada. A&M advertised that their version of **Synchronicity** was an audiophile recording, which means that it was recorded on a superior grade of vinyl that is transparent when held to light. When consumers buy a counterfeit, the quality of the album is lower; thus, discrediting the reputation of A&M.

"I really don't think there is any more that record companies can do," said Rodgers, "If we really want to stop counterfeiting, we need a law with some teeth in it."

The future doesn't look bright for the record companies. The government doesn't feel changing the Copyright Act is a priority.

"There are undoubtedly counterfeit records and tapes being sold here," said Gordon Gale, the director of criminal law for the Attorney General's office, "but, I really don't think it is a problem."



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## St. Thomas newspaper in the red

FREDERICTON (CUP)—The student council at St. Thomas University effectively shut down the student newspaper, the Aquinian, by preventing its publication unless there's cash in the bank.

The move culminates a year of fierce battles over the paper's budget and content. The paper

ran into debt and survived on money owed in advertising.

The motion, passed at council's Feb. 7 meeting, forces the Aquinian to gather enough advertising revenue in its account before it publishes.

"We had allotted the money they had asked for," said stu-

dent council president Barry Power. "They spent it and they should be willing to pull up their socks and do something for themselves..."

Aquinian editor Peter Boisseau said the staff hopes to produce a paper independently of council.



# "Not just a political scheme" says minister

OTTAWA (CUP)—Celine Hervieux-Payette is awfully defensive these days.

In almost all of her recent speeches, the new youth minister insists the creation of her portfolio, announced in December's federal throne speech, is "not just a political scheme." She can accomplish a lot for Canadian youth, she stresses, and her role goes beyond placating the growing number of unemployed young people.

"I wouldn't have accepted (leading the ministry) if there were no need for it," the 42-year-old former minister of fitness and amateur sport recently asserted at Carleton University.

Since she was made youth minister Jan. 10, Payette has swept the country to explain her role to young people. Though

she insists her ministry is needed, she has little to offer, especially to university students.

At the Carleton speech, she told students she is concerned with the problems facing higher education, but students must take a back seat to less advantaged youth.

"I feel I am here talking to the privileged of society. Your chances of getting a job are far greater than someone who has finished just a high school degree," she said.

Still, she stresses the federal government is examining issues in post-secondary education, such as reduced funding, accessibility and poor job prospects for graduates. But when pressed for details, she would not elaborate.

Several days later, at a press

conference in Victoria, she said the federal government wants accessible, high quality education but the provinces aren't co-operating.

"By provinces cutting their own funding and not matching the amount of money and effort that we are making, they are transferring a good part of the burden onto students' shoulders," Payette said.

The provinces and the federal government are currently negotiating a funding arrangement but Payette said nothing has been finalized. This year in B.C., the province held education operating grants at the previous year's level, despite increased federal funding.

Payette said she's concerned about the problem, but offered no solutions.

Though Payette is unable to explain the exact purpose of her ministry, her prime objective so far seems to be coordinating current federal job creation programs. But her main message is that youth must not rely on government, for job opportunities, and turn to the private sector.

At Carleton, she questioned the value of government job creation projects. "Is that the answer?" she asked. "If I remove \$3 billion from the economy to solve the problem, have I solved the problem?"

She's very fond of telling audiences the future relies on today's youth. "Youth have a place in society. We should be able to marshal their energies," she said at the recent Alberta Liberal Youth Commission convention in Calgary.

But she said current prospects for youth are grim because they are the last ones hired and the first ones fired.

Though Payette actively defends the creation of her ministry, a leaked Liberal cabinet document suggests it is largely a public relations gesture.

The youth ministry is "a simple and inexpensive way" of restoring hope to Canadian youth, influential Liberal senator Jacques Hebert wrote in a report presented to cabinet last July.

The Liberals insist youth unemployment is one of their main priorities, but the recent budget added only \$150 million to the current billion-dollar federal job creation programs.

Payette has been unavailable for comment since the budget was brought down Feb. 15.

## Fiery athletic director fuels controversy at Concordia

MONTREAL (CUP)—In classic style, Concordia University's controversial athletics director led a delegation of four men and one woman when it came time to answer charges of sex discrimination.

Not the kind of man to pick up on such subtle ironies, director Ed Enos told a January meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life the athletics department is improving its attitude toward women.

But the council, an administration body that funds athletics, was not convinced. Its investigation of the department, sparked by a 1983 Concordia Committee on the Status of Women report criticizing the huge funding disparity between men's and women's sports, still continues.

And sexism isn't the only charge Enos must answer. Another administration committee is investigating charges that athletes are paid illegally, funds have been improperly directed to members of Enos' family, and other irregularities.

Enos' reaction to the controversy is one reason why his promises of improvement may

meet skepticism.

"You can't take money from men's varsity sports and give it to girl's things," Enos said when it was revealed the 1981-82 athletics budget gave \$105,000 to men's varsity sports and \$22,000 to women.

His comment, recorded in a student-made documentary **Why The Difference**, is typical of Enos' style. He generates controversy, then reacts angrily to criticism.

Since **Why The Difference** was made, the Enos' administration has come under fire from all sides. Since last fall a series of articles in the student newspaper, the Link, accused Enos of nepotism, being heavy-handed and unfair.

With usual flair, Enos responded by ordering the removal of two November issues from the Link distribution points in the athletics complex. In January, he obtained a court injunction on the newspaper so it could not print "potentially libellous" stories about him or his family.

The Link is now muzzled, but the damage is done. The athletics

department is under unwanted public scrutiny.

The administrator responsible for athletics, vice-rector Russell Breen, appointed the university legal aid advisor Marcel Danis, a student association representative and a professor of recreation and leisure studies to investigate the department.

Danis was also involved in a late 60's investigation that confirmed athletes at Loyola College were paid. Enos was Loyola athletics director at the time and no positive action was taken.

Nine varsity athletes this year told the Link they were paid to play. The money came through department jobs they were supposed to do but did not.

The money to pay athletes was

diverted from a surcharge on students involved in intramural sports, according to the employees. The \$10 surcharge was created last year to improve intramural sports, but sports information director Bob Phillips admits the surcharge was imposed unnecessarily.

Enos denies that players had ever been paid at Concordia, while other department staff, including Phillips, say it was a common practice in the past.

As for funding of women's sports, Enos has traditionally argued men have more prestige. His actions reflect this.

Aside from the disparity between funds for men and women, women's varsity volleyball and field hockey teams were re-

duced last year to intramural clubs.

The field hockey club was temporarily cancelled last fall after one of its members, Marina Kolbe, openly complained about discrimination.

In the nepotism department, Enos recently hired his daughter, a non-student, to fill a part-time job reserved for students. Ten students applied. She was dismissed when the news was released.

Enos has also been accused of using Concordia funds to further his son's athletic career.

The Canadian Intervarsity Athletic Union is holding off its own investigation until Concordia's internal reports are available.

## Women's centre slated for broom closet

REGINA (CUP)—Another student council is attacking its women's centre, this time at the University of Regina.

The increasing reluctance of student councils to fund women's centres adequately comes at a time when sexual harassment and assault are more visible on university campuses. Women students across Canada have been subjected to rape, sexual assault, exhibitionism and harassment in campus washrooms.

Women's centre volunteers are fighting a recommendation from the council's student services committee to relocate the women's centre into a smaller office that lacks soundproof walls. The committee says council needs more space.

But centre volunteers vow to remain in their current location. Spokesperson Lida Perry says the new location is half the size, and lacks the privacy necessary for counselling and referral services.

Perry said she is optimistic council will not accept the recommendation because it failed to consult the women's centre and student union staff. Council has not yet met on the issue.

The committee based its recommendation on a report compiled by the women's centre which cited a lack of privacy and continual harassment from vandals who ripped down posters and notices listing hours of operation. The centre shares a phone line with the student union business office.

"The problems mentioned in the women's centre report to the committee would not be solved by moving our offices into a 'broom closet' in the back of the student union offices," said Sharon Kellar, another women's centre representative.

If the women's centre is forced to relocate, its current space will be used as a control room and lounge for a satellite dish, said Kellar.

## Brandon Sun censors student paper

BRANDON, Man. (CUP)—It's not often that one newspaper muzzles another.

But that's exactly what happened when the Brandon Sun refused to print the Brandon University student newspaper, the Quill, because it considered a letter to the editor potentially libellous.

The letter alleged that Brandon's ex-president Harold Perkins and his family had misused

government funds in directing their swim club. Perkins was recently fired by the university's board of governors for "gross professional misconduct".

The Sun, owned by long-time Perkins ally Lewis Whitehead, refused to print the paper until the offending letter was removed.

The Quill appeared one day later, a large white space gracing page four.

So the student union printed the letter itself and inserted the sheet into all 1,200 issues of the Quill.

"The Brandon Sun shouldn't have the right or responsibility to change anything in the Quill," said Helwer.

Stories on Perkins and the swim club appeared in the Brandon Sun and the Winnipeg Free Press the day after the letter appeared.

## All the Wile by David Wile



"I just don't trust anyone with a clammy handshake."



# Calgary stomps CFS winning streak

CALGARY (CUP)—Alberta is a province that eats student organizations.

Earlier this year it appeared Albertan students would reverse history and breathe much-needed life into the Canadian Federation of Students, but last week the University of Calgary dealt with a decisive blow that ended a five-in-a-row winning streak for the federation.

Students voted 1,632 to 898 against joining CFS in a March 8 referendum. Although federation proponents never had high hopes the 16,000-student campus would join the national student organization, the loss still serves to deflate the federation's momentum.

"The no side talked about a lot of things that were not true, inaccurate, false," charged Myles McDougall, a CFS supporter recently elected student society president.

"The university keeps its record as being a consummate non-joiner," he said.

The relatively quiet campaign saw a spark of controversy when Don Millar, Alberta's representative on the CFS central

committee, was caught ripping down "no to CFS" posters. Outgoing student society president Dave Singleton, an ardent CFS opponent, says he saw Millar in action.

Doug Tarrence, CFS representative for the University of Calgary graduates, was also caught removing posters.

Though Singleton was confident the no campaigners would win, he was surprised by the margin of victory. "I could say something like students know what they're doing. I could say something stupid like that," he said.

Ironically, it was Alberta's other major university that started CFS on this year's winning streak. The University of Alberta became the federation's largest full member when students there voted 56 per cent in favor of joining in an October referendum.

But students have since elected a new student society president who plans to run another referendum next fall. He wants to clear confusion caused when the October referendum was nearly overturned,

and the new vote may kill CFS on that campus.

Federation members said the U of A victory gave momentum to CFS. The momentum continued into 1984, and CFS went on to win four other small campuses.

But now March, the biggest referendum started on a dismal note.

Alberta's cold shoulder to student organizations is nothing new. In 1968 the U of A dealt a death blow when it dropped out of the Canadian Union of Students because the group was "too radical."

Albertan students participated in the Western Student Services formed one year after CSU's demise, but it collapsed in 1972, \$40,000 in debt.

The National Union of Students, which lasted until 1981, could never get much support in Alberta because of its perceived radicalism. And the Federation of Alberta Students was effectively killed in late 1982 when the University of Calgary pulled out of the organization.

CFS, Canada's newest version of the student movement, faces

trouble in Alberta because it is perceived as leftist.

It faces the opposite problem this week, as University of Guelph students take their turn at voting on CFS membership. There the left-leaning student council is urging students to vote no because the federation is too moderate.

Other referenda are scheduled at Fanshawe College (London) March 13, University of Alberta graduates March 14, Mt. St. Vin-

cent University (Halifax) March 14, and Memorial University March 26 to 27. It may also face a membership referendum at the University of Trent (Peterborough) this month.

CFS currently has 29 full members. Last week it gained one more valuable prospective member, the University of Ottawa. Prospective members must hold referenda for full membership within two years of joining.

## Professor's art called porn

CALGARY (CUP)—A University of Calgary art professor suspended last year for harrasing six women is under fire for his newest video, described as violent pornography by women's groups.

Gerald Hushlak, who will resume teaching in May, completed his controversial video after he was suspended last year. Entitled "Although an apple may be bruised, it can still be sweeter than most", the video is currently showing in a Calgary art gallery.

"This is nothing short of pornography," said Cherly Kehoe, a Status of Women Action Com-

mittee spokesperson.

Hushlak's work depicts bound nude women being pinched and bruised as an apple is slowly burnt with a candle. Bare hands crush and tear apart apples in front of a woman's midriff. Knives and hatchets slice and smash an apple as an unseen woman screams.

In other scenes, women salute an unseen superior; scissors slice apart a pair of red underwear as a drugged woman winces; and with the use of perspective, a stump placed between a woman's legs appears to enter her body.

"It (the video) has nothing to

do with violence," says Hushlak. "I have no need to abuse women."

Hushlak has given at least four different interpretations of his work over the past two weeks. Once he called it an experiment in cause and effect relationships, and another time he said it was his version of the Last Judgement.

"If you are offended by this," Hushlak says, "it is because you come to the piece as you are, with your own conceptions of society. If you're perverse, you see perversity. I can't help that."



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Basketball action Wednesday, March 7 saw the MSVU Men's Varsity team meet the MSVU Women's Varsity team. In a close game, the women squeaked by, 59-58 when the final buzzer sounded!

Craig Photo

## Exercise — winning formula

Courtesy of Fitness Ontario

Can you spot the difference between a fact and a fable? Hear are three commonly-held beliefs about fitness. Are they facts or fables?

1. "The best way to lose fat around the stomach is to do abdominal exercises."

For years, people have performed sit-ups to lose their "spare tires" around their mid-sections. But exercise which focuses on only one part of the body simply strengthens the muscles in that part. It doesn't shave off the fat in that area. Sufficient exercise will burn off fat from all parts of the body without favoring one area over another. Therefore, our first commonly-held belief is a fable.

Many people think that extra protein means extra muscles. Sorry, but there is no super diet for super performance. It's another fable. You need a balanced diet to maintain body fitness and exercise to increase strength and

maintain fitness.

3. "Exercise must hurt before it does any good."

Don't strain yourself. In fact, exercise which strains you always does more harm than good. If your exercise routine is too rigid, slow down or try easier workouts. Avoid painful exercise because there's no benefit—it's just another fable.

Before you begin exercising to take part in any physical activity program, consult your doctor. The advice you get will make your exercise program more beneficial and clear up some fables.

## S.A.F.E. — protect yourself

by Margaret McCurdy

Each woman's first responsibility is to protect herself says Constable Neil Logan of the Halifax Police Department.

Logan presented a "Woman Alone" program last Monday as part of International Women's Week.

Logan believes that no amount of money is worth your security.

Each woman should adhere to the four basics of personal safety; S.A.F.E. (secure, avoid, flee and engage).

"Securing your home plays an important role," said Logan, "But locks are only as good as the person who uses them."

A woman should always make herself aware of her surroundings and try to prevent anything from happening. Always stay in a lighted area and keep away from any spot where someone can hide.

If an attacker approaches you the best thing to do is to flee to a place where you will be safe. If you are being followed in your car, don't lead the pursuer to your home.

If you are unable to secure yourself, avoid the situation or flee. Your only other alternative is to engage in attack. A woman's purse is loaded with possible weapons and any means a person can use for self-protection is legal.

There is no particular part of the city that is safer than the rest. Your key to personal safety is your own state of mind. Always be aware, alert and most of all prepared. Only you can prevent anything from happening.

## Go socky-hockey

by Lisa Courtney  
Staff reporter

Socky-hockey intramurals hit the Mount with a blast Monday night, March 5. This version of floor hockey, using a rolled-up sock, is being played every Monday in March, 4:30-5:30. The Birches 5 West, Birches 5 East, Vincent Hall 1200 wing and the Combo, which consists of all other participants, are playing a round-robin tournament.

"We needed an extra boost to

get the girls down to the gym," said Joanne Burns, intramural co-ordinator. The games are 20 minutes long and the same rules as floor hockey apply. The difference is in the puck.

On March 5, Vincent Hall beat Birches 5 West and the game between Birches 5 East and Combo went unfinished. "The girls seem to enjoy it," said Burns. There is always room for more players, so why not come out?

## Fits tips from Tricia

One sport that has been receiving attention recently is the sport of weight lifting. As the name implies, weight lifting is simply the lifting of weights to a specific level. For example, during a "curl", the lifter wants to lift the weights to the level of the chest; a bench-presser lies on a bench and presses the weight straight up.

In Rosaria, we have weight lifting machines called "hydraulics" which may be used by both men and women. On each machine you'll find a small dial with which you can regulate the machine's level of difficulty. If

the dial is on one, then it is on the lowest level of difficulty; if it is on six, then it is set at the most difficult level.

Most women who work with weights today are either body-builders or body-toners. The difference between the two is very significant. A body-builder's aim is to build up the large muscle groups by using heavy weights but not a lot of repetitions. A body-toner is someone who works with weights with the sole intention of toning up the muscles. She will achieve this by using low weights and an average amount of repetitions.

## Mighty Vity to be at Vinnie's

by Shari Wall

Hi, I'm Mighty Vity here to remind you that March is still Nutrition Month, although I'm sure the pros think it's term paper month!

What are you doing next Wednesday night? Are you going to Vinnie's? That place is really fun on Wednesdays! I know, you're wondering why I'm promoting a pub for Nutrition Month. Well, next Wednesday, Vinnie's will be serving, at no charge, vegetables, dip and popcorn, courtesy of Sobey's, Dominion and Versa Foods.

Also on Wednesday at noon-time the film "Health and Lifestyle" will be shown twice at

Vinnie's. Bring your lunch and come down to watch it. The "Lifestyle" theme will also be evident in a display on fast foods.

Don't forget to check out the display in the library. This week it's on vitamins, and next week the information will be on weight control. If you have any questions, drop them in the box there.

Get informed; learn to separate the nutrition facts from the fallacies. For more facts, join me at the pub Wednesday, noon and night, or see Jill Smith, the nutritionist with Student Services.

Until Wednesday, Choose Nutrition Now!



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