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"Touched" to touch on touchy subjects

by Joan Stevens and Betty Moore

With Mount Saint Vincent University being Nova Scotia's newest nuclear free zone, the production of *Touched* is a play that should be seen by all concerned students and community members. The play's theme is war: how it affects those left at home, as well as subtly dealing with the topic of inevitable nuclear disaster.

What is survival; what constitutes living? One thing is certain: no one is the same after nuclear weaponry is utilized. The question is, how does it affect those who are not targets but the beneficiaries? It is perhaps an understatement that they are glad to be alive, but what is the quality of life for these people.

The play *Touched*, directed by Barrie Dunn and Caitlyn Colquhoun, deals with these questions and lets the audience answer. It is a provocative and timely look at man's loss of innocence and the implications for the individuals therein.

Touched is set in 1945 during the hundred days that elapsed between victory in Europe and victory in Japan. It follows the fortunes of a group of women in

a working-class suburb of Nottingham, England. The author, Stephen Lowe writes, "I grew up on the usual pulp of heroic war films and comics... While therefore I gained a fairly graphic picture of the life of a soldier, it occurred to me while talking with my mother that I had hardly any picture of the world of those who stayed at home—those whose battles had been fought in the landscape I had grown up in."

Touched is timely on many levels. As well as dealing with nuclear war, it deals primarily with struggles of women—an adamant concern of MSVU's. It also falls in directly with the 40th anniversary of VE day (victory in Europe) which is in May.

The talented cast, including Pat Goyeche, Karen René Toupin, Marc Neima, Nancy Moar, Maureen Banks, Nicholas Hamblin, Michael Corkum, Belinda Trenholme, Rebecca Kneen and Sharon Quigley, have put in many hours of rehearsal. All feel that the power of the play has deeply affected them and as a result, has had profound effects on their performance.

An extremely dedicated and hardworking technical crew of

stage managers, set designers and constructors, lighting and sound technicians, and prop masters round out the unit.

Touched is playing Thurs., Mar. 14—Sat., Mar. 16, at 8 p.m. in Seton Auditorium C. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for

general public and are available in the Art Gallery.



Touched, a play about the sacrifice and suffering of those left at home during WWII, is being staged in Seton Auditorium C Thurs.- Sat. at 8 p.m. The play, directed by Barrie Dunn and Caitlyn Colquhoun has subtle undertones of nuclear war. [see story, page 9].

Corner Store profits hand over fist

by Wendy Levy

Despite budget cuts and rising tuitions, there is one place on the Mount campus that is making money hand over fist for students: the Corner Store in Rosaria Centre, owned by Student Council.

Manager of the store, Brenda Bourgeois, deserves much of the credit. She feels the financial success of the store originates with the whole philosophy of the store.

"You can run it like a business or you can run it like a service," said Bourgeois. "This year we decided to go back to the original philosophy of the store and run it like a service. This means we provide the best possible prices on the products that students want."

Bourgeois became manager in January of 1984. Since then the store has undergone many changes and improvements. New pop coolers are now in place and the store layout has

been rearranged for easier access to products. Also, a new coffee machine, cash register and microwave oven have been acquired.

To stress the philosophy of providing a service, students may now purchase Metro Transit bus tickets at the store. This contributes to the flow of customers as does affordability which results directly from Brenda's mark-up scheme. Bourgeois says there is no set mark-up. A preset price on some products includes a profit margin.

Bourgeois estimates a 200 to 300 dollar a day increase in profit, compared to last year. During September of 1984 the store's net profit was \$3800.

This profit benefits students in many ways. Those who work in the store gain both experience and money. Bourgeois said, "The whole student body gains because any profit made is directly controlled by Student Council."

Student Council President, Teresa Francis, is pleased with the management of the Corner Store and amazed at the profit that it is making. She supports the philosophy of running the store as a service to students.

Teresa estimates that the store will turn a profit of nine to ten times more this year compared

to last year. She concluded that this is the result of many factors including management.

"Most of the money goes into the general student union fund," said Francis. "However, this year we used some of it to buy things for the student store. Generally, the profit goes to more services for the students."

The VCR in Vinnies was purchased from Corner Store profits.

Although money is tight, profits at the Corner Store show that Mount students have that little extra to spare. Next time you get the munchies drop into your store. The more money it makes the more students will benefit.

Nuclear Free Zone declaration closer

by Steve Jennex

MSVU is one step closer to being declared a Nuclear Free Zone. The motion, originally introduced on Feb. 8 by councilors Peter Murtagh and Frank DeMont, has now been passed by the Senate. The next hurdle, according to Murtagh, is clearing the Board of Governors.

The motion, that Murtagh calls "a consciousness raising experience" is a social statement he hopes will spread. "I'm quite

pleased with the reactions we've gathered," says Murtagh, "but whether the motion will have a rippling effect, I don't know."

Provincial Young Liberals supported the move at a recent convention, but Dalhousie University Student Union Executive Vice-President Rusty James recently expressed doubt that Dal would follow the Mount's example.

In a speech to the Senate outlining the motion, Murtagh con-

demned the government's move in allowing cruise missile tests in Canada. The move, says Murtagh, indicates that Canada is a partner in the arms race that threatens lives and drains the economy.

"The cost of one nuclear submarine," says Murtagh, is greater than the combined education budgets of 23 third-world countries with 160 million school age persons."

Summer in Britain

Students will be pleased to hear that a few places are still available with the group who will be attending Oxford University this summer from June 29 to Aug. 11.

At the very minimal cost of \$1,850, students can enjoy a round trip Air Fare to London, and 6 weeks in Oxford and Grasmere, studying Wordsworth and the Romantic Poets for a full credit through the tutorial system at Oxford University. The tutor, Jonathan Wordsworth, a descendant of the poet, will combine both lectures and tutorials in his comfortable study at Saint Catherine College, Oxford University. The students will enjoy the privilege of private rooms at a Residence in Norham Gardens, only a short walk through the parks to the College.

After four weeks at Oxford, the students will be taken to Grasmere, in the idyllic country-

side of the Lake District where they will attend the Wordsworth Conference for two weeks. Here they will share twin-bedded rooms at Thistle Grove Guest House, including a full English breakfast each morning. They will be privileged to hear scholarly papers on the Romantic Poets, read by international Wordsworth scholars. These two weeks combine vacation with scholarship. Papers are given in the mornings and evenings. The afternoons are spent on guided mountain climbing tours, picnics, boating, and visiting the homes of Wordsworth, Coleridge, Ruskin and other Romantic Writers.

Anyone wishing to join the group should immediately contact Jean Frost, Secretary, English Department, Room 303, Seton Academic Centre, or Sister Geraldine Anthony, 443-4450, Ext. 220.

St. Matthew Passion to be performed

The Halifax Chamber Choir, St. Matthew's Church Choir and the Le Marchant St. Thomas School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul Murray, will present a complete performance of Bach's sacred masterpiece **St. Matthew Passion** on Sun., Mar. 24, 1985 at St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington Street at Spring Garden Road, Halifax. The orchestra will be Symphony Nova Scotia, Boris

Brott, conductor. The performance will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Part I) and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Part II). The audience is invited to bring or purchase Bach's lunch for the extended intermission. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from choir members or St. Matthew's Church office 423-9209.

For further information call 429-0649 or 428-3999.

Video Day

On Tues., Mar. 19, 12-7 p.m., Don McNeil Room, the Chaplaincy Office will sponsor a series of **talks on tape** on various dimensions of life and faith.

12:15—Christian Sexuality—Human sexuality is a subject which has often been poorly and inappropriately addressed by the Church. This half-hour program reviews modern conceptions of sexuality from a Christian perspective.

1:00—Youth Ministry—The special situation in which young people of the 80s find themselves presents a unique challenge to the modern church. An internationally renowned youth minister, Father Don Kimball, outlines that challenge.

1:45—Whatever Happened To Sin?—A noted Canadian Theologian, Dr. Emero Steigman, examines modern concepts of sin, evil, punishment, forgiveness, and divine love.

2:30—Modern Morality—Why is everything that is fun bad for you? An overview of how people choose between right and wrong.

3:15—Canadian Spirituality—Is Canada a christian country, and does Canadian spirituality with its roots in both European and Native realities differ significantly from the spirituality of other nations? An overview.

4:00—Individual's Journey of Faith and the Church (1 hour)—By Rev. Edward K. Broxton,

Director of the Catholic Student Center at the University of Chicago. He is a former visiting professor in the Chair of Ecumenical Relations at Harvard. Was a resource person for the pastoral letter on higher education and campus ministry in the U.S.

5:15—What is Prayer?—Prayer and praying have mystified and fascinated faithful people since the dawn of human kind. A theologian looks at the way creation responds to its creator.

6:00—Women in Society—Feminists insist that women have a great deal of ground to gain before they achieve equality, and chauvinists complain that they have already gone too far. This progress presents a clear and honest picture of the current status of women in Canada.

Lenten Celebration

A celebration of reconciliation (Penitential Service) will be held at the Chapel in Evaristus, Mon., Mar. 25, at 9 p.m.

Tracing history

Learn how to trace your family history at the Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, Thurs., Mar. 21 at 7:00 p.m. **Genealogy for Beginners** is free and open to the general public.

United Nations dinner

Stephen Lewis, Canada's Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations, will be speaking at a dinner commemorating UN International Youth Year in Halifax on Thurs., Mar. 28.

Mr. Lewis is former leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, having been appointed to his present post in the autumn of 1984.

The dinner is a fundraising activity of the Dalhousie/King's Model United Nations Society, which is preparing for an excursion to the National Model UN to be held in New York in April. The United Nations Association of Halifax-Dartmouth is co-sponsor of the event.

Tickets are available for the 7 p.m. dinner at \$28 (adult) and \$20 (student) in the lobby of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, weekdays between 11:30 and 1:30 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at DJ's Tannery, Spring Garden Road and Hall of Frame, Quinpool Road.

For further information, contact the Dalhousie SUB inquiry desk, 424-2140.

At the Gallery

More than 100 photographs of people, places and activities taken between 1870 and 1920 will be included in the exhibit "An Atlantic Album" at Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery from Mar. 15 to Apr. 7.

This unique visual commentary on some of the social history of the period was taken from centres across the Atlantic Region which participated in the highly successful touring exhibition "The Past in Focus: A Community Album Before 1920", when people contributed photographs from their own family albums and scrapbooks to illustrate their world as it was then.

Handwoven and embroidered garments made by the Inuit Women of Pangnirtung, on the east coast of Baffin Island, will be on display at Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery from Mar. 15 to Apr. 7.

Women's Work from Pangnirtung shows how a small group of women have adapted their skills of making caribou or sealskin clothes for their families to fashion out of cloth traditional garments, which feature stunning embroidered depictions of Inuit life. Included also are handwoven woollen garments and tapestries.

Deborah Hickman, former head of the Weave Shop in Pangnirtung, will give an illustrated talk "Tapestries by Northern Light" at 3 p.m. on Sun., Mar. 17.

Screening

Wormwood's Dog & Monkey Cinema of Halifax proudly announces the upcoming screening of the Academy-Award nominated feature documentary **The Times Of Harvey Milk**, to be shown at Wormwood's cinema from Mar. 15 - 17 at 7 and 9 each evening. Admission is \$3.00.

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The Times Of Harvey Milk tells the shocking story of Harvey Milk, an openly gay San Francisco councilman, whose charismatic career in office was abruptly ended after one year. Harvey Milk was murdered by an ex-cop and fellow councilman, Dan White.

Wormwood's Dog & Monkey Cinema is located at 1588 Barrington St., Halifax. For more information, call 422-3700.

Mount library

Yes, we charge fines for overdue. The fine for a late book, periodical, or document is now **20¢ a day**.

A book needed by another borrower may be recalled before its due date. At the same time of recall, library staff will set a new due date—the fine for late recalled material is **50¢ a day**. Late reserves are fined, as well.

Please be considerate to others with whom you share the libraries resources. Return all materials on time.

Women's politics workshop

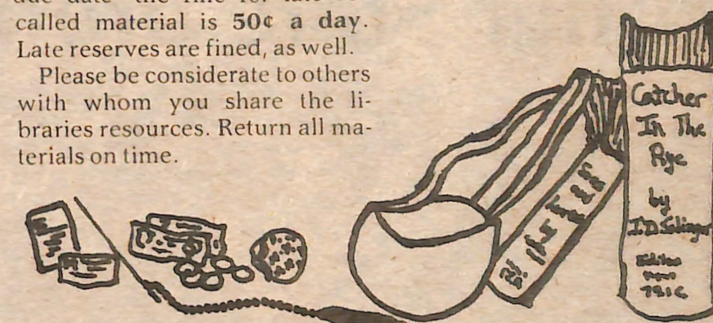
The Centre for Continuing Education at Mount Saint Vincent University is offering a Saturday workshop on Mar. 23 to give women valuable tools for organizational success as they define it. "Women, Power and Organizational Politics" will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on campus under instructor Janet Willis, who is chair of the

Women's talk

On Your Own, a program for women, will be held at the Woodlawn Mall Branch of the Dartmouth Regional Library, 10 a.m. Tues., Mar. 19. Society attitudes are changing. Yesterday's pitied maiden aunt can be today's admired independent woman.

Many women still feel they need a man. "Not so!" says Janet Hull, the captain of a sailboat during the summer, and life insurance salesperson in the winter.

Ms. Hull will talk about the ways in which single, divorced and widowed women can have a dynamic and full life on their own. All Dartmouth Regional Library programs are open to the public and free of charge.



Student Orientation Committee SOC it to the Frosh!!! Get involved with Orientation '85. Apply at the Student Union Office before March 22.

Duckworth speaks at Mount Women's Rally

by Lori Howlett

The true woman is yet a dream of the future said Dr. Muriel Duckworth, peace activist and defender of women's rights, at the International Women's Day Rally at the Mount on Fri., Mar. 8. **Women Are**, the theme of the rally, was attended by approximately 150 people.

"We know that 75 per cent of the peace movement in Canada are women," said Duckworth, "and we know that the world



Cherle Gaget charmed the Women's Day Rally with her harmonious version of "Harried Housewife" in which she sang, played the guitar and harmonica.

has to turn around on an axis which is a women's axis."

Duckworth, who was awarded the Order of Canada in 1983, the Persons Award in 1981, and honorary degrees from the

Mount, Concordia and McGill Universities, mentioned three women of the past in her informal speech, whose fight for the



Acappella soloist, Tricia Learner, sang a melody dedicated to the hardships of women in Africa.

rights of women had a great influence on her own life. "It is exciting and heartwarming to recognize yourself and the women's movement of the here and now in these courageous and imaginative women of another century and another place," she said. "They are a part of us and we are a part of them."

Duckworth also expressed concern over current women's issues; issues such as the firing of the five lesbian women at the

Canadian Forces Station, Shelburne. "It outrages me; I think it outrages a lot of people that these women have no protection

under human rights," she said. Urging the audience to write to the Minister of National Defence supporting the five women, Duckworth noted, "The charter of rights and freedom, which is coming up on Apr. 17, has to be amended to include the right of women and men who are homosexual to be full members of society."

Duckworth, who spent time in the USSR with a National Film Board crew during the shooting of a film on women in the peace movement, also expressed concern over the undermining of the women's program of the secondary state and the women's Studio D of the National Film Board. Again Duckworth urged the audience to write, this time to the Prime Minister, regarding these issues. "These must go on," she said. "They are very important to the lives of Canadian women." She added, "We must speak as women, for women, and for all humanity."

Also present at the rally were a panel of eight women including Angela Dwyer, representing the Liberal party; Sheena MacKinnon, the New Democratic Party; Christy Heron, the Progressive Conservative Party; Dr. Pauline Jones, Academic Vice-president of the Mount; Debbie Pottie Matheson, President of

the Alumnae Association; JoAnne Adamkowski, President of the Campus Association of Part-time University students (CAPUS); Teresa Francis, President of Student Union; and Ann Hanrahan, External Vice-president of Student Union who was also chairperson of the rally.

Each woman expressed their

views on women's rights and the importance of having a day, other than Mother's Day, to celebrate women.

Clearing By Noon Plus Two, a group of six women who write and sing their own songs, opened and closed the rally with ballads of feminism, peace, and hope.



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The International Women's Day Rally featured entertainment by Clearing By Noon Plus Two in the Seton Auditorium, Mar. 8.



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Editor's Corner

Ethiopia: Starvation or Sensation?

Everyone is jumping on the bandwagon to Ethiopia as long as drought and starvation are first and foremost in the news. What many people seem to forget, is though media coverage dies, the needs of those in underdeveloped countries like Ethiopia do not.

The worst drought ever recorded on the continent has led to famine in 24 African countries, not just Ethiopia. The crisis proportions which developed in 1984 will last at least for the next ten months, but will media coverage of the situation last as long?

The credibility of the media as a news source influences people's beliefs and actions. The media has the power to motivate people to help those in less fortunate countries by reporting accurate information about the desperate circumstances.

But, when a sensational news scoop about the holding back of food supplies in Ethiopia reaches public ears, the desire to contribute money to these countries is destroyed. Doubts crop up in people's minds about where their donations are headed. And, when the scoop is based on a misunderstanding of the food distribution procedures, it takes further coverage to clarify the situation. By the time people are set straight once again, thousands of Ethiopians have already died. Negative and incorrect media coverage gives people a good excuse not to become involved.

It is also unfortunate that a group of rock stars can sacrifice one day to record a song for Ethiopians and receive free publicity when there are individuals in Africa who dedicate their entire lives to the service of the undernourished and have trouble getting the media to take notice of them.

The fact remains that people have to be constantly reminded of the situation in countries like Ethiopia before they will take action. Recognizing the need, though, is not the same as acting. People must be motivated to help, so definite goals must be communicated through various organizations, via the media.

Some international agencies are too generalized and people don't know where their money is going or who they are helping. There is also a lack of incentive to keep up donations when no identifiable person will be hurt if money is not received.

The most recent interest in Ethiopia has been sparked through campaigns and projects which incorporate specific goals. When people contribute to Adopt-a-Village, they are informed of the village's step by step progress; those that sponsor African children receive regular reports on them; and those that organize airlifts know when their supplies have been received.

As long as realistic short-term goals are set and these goals are made public, there will be a positive community response. If goals can be achieved, people feel that their contributions are making a visible difference. People need to receive feedback to remain interested in a project. Two-way communication can be sustained by the accurate reports of the media and could prove to be the most important motivator for those who want to help meet the needs of those in African communities.

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Letter to the Editors

To the Editors,

This letter is regarding the article which appeared on the front page of the Picaro, Mar. 7, with regards to John Turner.

While the overall essence of the article was well presented, there were some serious omissions left out by the reporter. First I must mention that the Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, of which I am a member, met to choose a date for a leadership convention to be held next Feb., and not to choose a new leader as the article stated.

I would also like to bring to your attention that of the 1400 registered delegates at this annual meeting, 305 were youth. The Nova Scotia Young Liberals met to discuss policy and ways to rebuild the Liberal Party, and not to "discuss what they perceive as mere token membership in the party."

I must also state that only one out of twenty resolutions put to

the floor was critical of the senior party executive. Out of the 305 registered youth delegates only two spoke in favour of this said resolution while ten youth, including myself spoke against it. The resolution was soundly defeated.

As a former Table Officer of the NSYL I wish to add that we also had the senior party pass a constitutional amendment to give youth and women more delegate positions at party leadership conventions. It is also important to note that two of the three people on the Operations Committee, the committee that oversees the day-to-day operations of the Liberal Association, are young Liberals.

One day soon the Liberal Party like the phoenix (except it won't take 500 years) shall rise up once again in all her glory.

Gerard Bedell
Nova Scotia Young Liberals

This little chip went to market

by Joan Vickery

In 1966, a therapist named Eliza had a practice that put her colleagues to shame. Eliza could help solve any type of problem with unwavering patience 24 hours a day from an office at MIT. The other scientists in the building were astonished at the unrelenting pace at which Eliza could grapple with an overpowering workload until her identity was revealed. This super shrink was a computer, armed with a program designed by scientist Joseph Weizenbaum.

It was then that the quest for injecting computers with human reasoning starting to gain notoriety and serious consideration by the scientific world. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a phrase that was snagged 25 years ago by scientist John McCarthy to pinpoint the work being done to crack the human code of analysis and problem solving.

In 1985, Eliza's talents would certainly be dwarfed by the AI programs that assist in diagnosing medical problems, design semiconductor chips, analyze mechanical problems in vehicles and do psychological testing. Even the mellifluous sounds of a full orchestra are not safe from this mechanical revolution. Inventor Ray Kurzweil was disenchanted with the weak sounds of a regular synthesizer, so he produced one that could effectively re-create the sound of instruments with each sound being stored in the memory.

Even with a \$10,000 price tag, the Kurzweil 250 synthesizer is intelligently playing tunes for many musicians.

Despite miraculous advances in this field of computer development, the thinking machine remains elusive. Creating expert machines has loomed as the newest toy on the scientific scene.

This is accomplished by dumping the sum total of the expert's knowledge into the computer so it can be later retrieved when the machine encounters a problem solved earlier. If no answer lurks in the memory banks, the computer ventures an educated guess based on rules it has swallowed.

If a doctor is selected as the expert, then possible situations with various solutions are fed into the computer with the differing nature of the patient in mind.

This regurgitation of knowledge is not enough for diehard technocrats who want that thinking machine. So intense is the race that ethical and moral considerations are often put aside in the name of saving employment costs and the untiring talent of hardware. What if the diagnosis is wrong and the patient dies? What happens if the doctor chooses to ignore the response and the same thing happens?

The fact that the computer is only as smart as the person who programs it still prevails, much to the chagrin of technical scientists slogging it out by day, with dreams of super computers dancing in their head.

Operators and inventors of expert systems are creating a widening rift between those in the know and others who cannot cope with even the simplest of computer concepts. Universities are graduating students as rusty as the hardware they leave behind, due to cost of new equipment.

COBOL, FORTRAN and BASIC, although still useful are essentially being ignored in the race for software supremacy. The possibility of being able to communicate with computers in English is not far away, the only problem being the computer's present inability to untangle the complexity of human communication.

At this stage in the development of smarter machines, people still have the option of rejecting the solution coughed up by the machine. How long will this last? For most, the ease at which decisions can be reached is so rapid and efficient that the intelligence of the computer will not be questioned. Once someone takes the painstaking effort to be technically educated to communicate with a thinking machine that they will cease to do it for themselves. But the smart aleck machines are proliferating and familiarity with them will be a must if we intend to secure a job in the age of electronic media.

Keeping up with the Joneses is getting harder than ever, especially when the road is littered with machinery that dares to think and might soon be able to talk back.

Cuts from council

by Janet MacBeth, communications officer

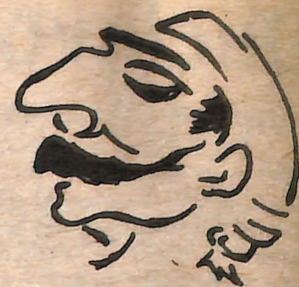
Awards Banquet: Tickets for the Awards Banquet to be held on Mar. 30 are on sale now at the Student Union Office. Nominations for Award Certificates, Council Pins, Graduate Awards, and individual society awards are closed.

I.D. Cards: I.D. Cards will be taken this Fri., Mar. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You need proof of age and proof of registration. Remember: you need an 84/85 Student Union I.D. card to vote in the Spring Elections.

SOC: Student Union is looking for returning students to be on a Student Orientation Committee (SOC). If you want to SOC it to the frosh next year, apply at the Student Union Office before Mar. 22.

CFS: Judy Guthrie, CFS Atlantic Fieldworker, addressed the Council meeting on the subject of what stores should have Student Saver Discounts, the problem with student housing, and the new federal government summer job creation program—Challenge '85.

As a result of this talk, a committee has been struck to develop job proposals to be submitted to the Federal Government. If the proposals are accepted, the Student Union will be able to hire students for the summer. The committee is composed of Peter Murtagh, Anne Marie Coolen, and Frank DeMont.



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The effects of nuclear war on campuses

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A nuclear bomb drops on your city. Within hours great firestorms rage across the land, producing large amounts of smoke. The billowing clouds of dark smoke block out the sun and the temperature falls below freezing. Few who survive the initial blast will live through the months of cold, hunger and disease.

This is the picture experts described when talking about nuclear winter.

Life after the bomb is not a pleasant thought but it is the object of research going on at universities across the country. Defence department sponsored research is being carried out on Canadian campuses aiming to find out just what the effects of nuclear war will be, not to prevent it, but to prepare to fight it.

At the University of Toronto's aerospace studies institute two defence department funded projects are trying to determine the effects of dropping a nuclear bomb on a city. Assessments determine the "survivability factors" of people, military equipment and buildings.

Dr. I.I. Glass of the aerospace institute is currently researching "dusty-gas" flows while his colleague Dr. Jorn Hansen is testing the strengths of materials to work towards increasing the chance military equipment will survive a nuclear blast. Both professors' research is funded through the department of national defence.

Glass admits the studies he is conducting on dusty-gas could be used by the military to determine the effects of a nuclear blast but says that almost all research is open to abuse. "There is almost nothing that exists that can't be used for destructive and constructive purposes," he says.

While Glass likes to downplay

the military applications of his research, the \$137,080 contract he is completing states flatly that the purpose of the research is to "evaluate the blast loading and vulnerability of military and civilian hardware which may be exposed to blasts from munitions or accidental explosions."

He says the work is being done primarily because little is known about dusty-gas flows and that his experiments will only result in numerical data. Glass and his partner Dr. J.J. Gottlieb use what is called a dusty-gas shock tube to study the flow of dusty-gas.

Gottlieb says that when an explosion occurs in a flour mill, dust is thrown into the air. If raised to the proper temperature, he says it can become volatile. If this dust is ignited or shock waves travel through it, the effect of the explosion is magnified.

In the event of a nuclear blast, the radiation creates similar conditions and the explosion's power is enhanced. "It is more damaging to buildings, vehicles or people," Gottlieb says. He says this does not happen with a conventional weapon detonation.

The other defence department funded project at the U of T aerospace studies institute is called "The Development of a Finite Element Capability for the Analysis of Structural Systems Subjected to a Nuclear Blast Environment." The research conducted by Dr. Jorn Hansen involves using computers to determine the points at which materials will break when subject to intense heat and pressure. The contract also calls for the researchers to find a way to increase the strength of the elements going in to making things like ships.

These two contracts make up only a small part of the military research now being carried out in Canadian universities. The Department of National Defence

pumps millions of dollars into more than 30 Canadian universities every year for military related research.

According to some documents released by the federal supply and services department—through which the DND issues contracts—in one year universities' scientists received 459 military research contracts. These contracts issued between early 1983 and January of 1984 meant \$15 million for Canadian universities. Since 1977 universities of Canada have received \$123 million and 4,800 contracts from the defence department.

Even these figures can be misleading though as they only represent contracts issued through the supply and services department. Other government bodies are less open about the research projects they sponsor. Both the Canadian commercial corporation and the defence industry productivity programmes fund military research at universities.

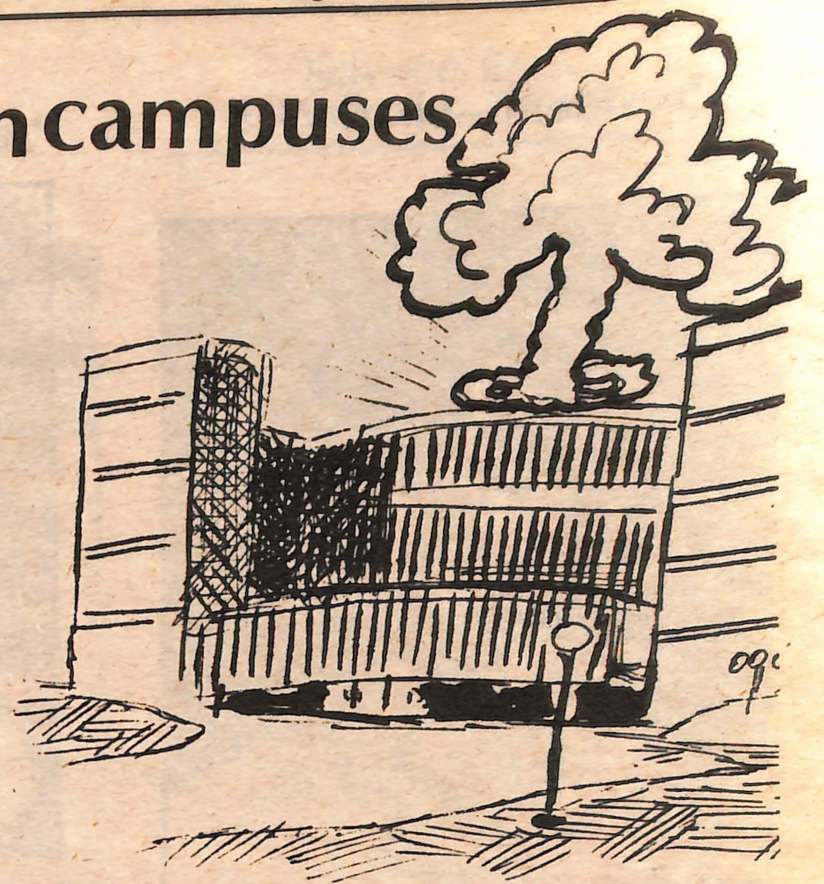
Both refuse to release information on the number of contracts they issue or the amount of money involved.

At McGill University in Montréal the defence department has spent thousands of dollars to research fuel-air explosives. Fuel air explosives have been classified by the Stockholm International peace research institute as "inhumane and indiscriminate weapons" and are considered more powerful than conventional weapons. At the University of Manitoba antidotes for nerve gas poisoning are being developed, while in Halifax at Dalhousie University experiments were carried out on radiation induced nausea.

Defence contracts find their way on to university campuses through a number of different channels. In some cases the military will contact a certain university or professor. In other cases the professor will contact the defence department about research they are doing in hopes of finding funding.

At the U of T, David Nowlan, the vice-president of research and planning, oversees the contracts and negotiations. The U of T research board, a sub-committee of governing council, is an advisory board to Nowlan. The University also has a policy which prohibits secret research from being done on campus.

Nowlan stresses this aspect of their policy. "The military has just given up on universities as far as confidential research goes," he says. "To work on classified research would be a decision which would have to be made at the highest level of the university." The defence department's chief of research and development, Dr. Derel Schofield, says he does not know of any classified research going on at Canadian universities. But he admits, "That doesn't mean any isn't going on... It is possible that there are other routes that defence related work is going on at Canadian universities."



There is evidence to suggest that research of a less than public nature may be going on at some Canadian universities. This may be seen through a number of indicators, one being the conflicting figures coming out of the department of supply and services on exactly how much the defence department is spending. Two students, using the Access of Information Act and other publicly obtainable documents, have yet to find numbers that match and speculate that secret research could be going on.

John Bucher, McMaster graduate student council president, and University of Waterloo student Ahab Abd'el-Aziz tried to nail down exactly how much money is being given to universities by the defence department—but they have run into discrepancies. For example, the 1981-82 directory of federally supported research in univer-

sities states that \$3.5 million of defence department funds went to post-secondary institutes that year. But supply and services documents obtained by the students through the Access to Information Act show more than \$30 million was spent that year.

When the two students confronted the government with these differing sums, they say the government responded by saying the higher figure must be mistaken.

The first figures were not just for the defence department but showed the amount for all the contracts given, the government said. New figures were supplied to the students.

This time, the students discovered the new sums differed little and in many cases were the same. "It could have been a bureaucratic fuck up," says Abd'el-Aziz, "but it has happened so often that there is something more to the figures."



The Birch Five Nuts found another purpose for the Multi-Purpose room last Tuesday. To promote Nutrition Week the Mount residents organized a rollerskating party and offered free apples and juice.

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President—Shari Wall



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"You can make '85-'86 a year to surpass all; If, for President, you elect Shari Wall."

You have probably seen this rather flippant statement on large yellow posters all over campus in the last few days. Now I have the opportunity to explain to you why I feel confident in saying this.

I have had two years' experience on the Council at the Mount, serving as Home Economics Rep and as Executive Vice-President. I have worked on the Awards Banquet, Leadership Conference, Trivial Pursuit Tournament, and Constitution Revision Committees; and I have chaired the Elections and Applications Committees. I have also represented the students of the Mount at a CFS Conference and at five SUNS Conferences. I have also been active in the Home Economics Society, Residence Council, and have served as a Resident Assistant—all while maintaining a Mount scholarship and a place on the Dean's List.

This experience and conversations with fellow students have led me to develop a platform which I shall now present to you:

1. I feel that since many students do not feel well informed as to what is occurring on campus, we must put more emphasis on COMMUNICATIONS. I propose to a) purchase two electronic display boards to publicize meetings, activities, and announcements; b) establish several large calendar-type bulletin boards so students shall be able to see in advance, at a glance, what events are upcoming; c) utilize THE PICARO to a greater extent by publishing a weekly schedule of events and by publishing the minutes (or a condensed version of them) of Student Council meetings; d) establish regular meetings—or at least an orientation session, with Student Councillors and society executives.

2. ENTERTAINMENT at the Mount has improved greatly since I came here in 1981; however I feel we are not targeting the entertainment to meet the wants of many part-time, mature, and younger, as well as poorer students. I propose to offer additional "alternative programming" events, such as coffee houses, speakers, films, and recreational events.

3. EXTERNAL ISSUES, such as problems with housing inadequacies, student unemployment, and government underfunding (increased costs for students) must also be addressed. I feel that the organizations of SUNS and CFS are, or have the potential to be very powerful lobbying groups. The Mount has to become more involved. On a more internal level I propose to hire students to work on campus whenever possible. For example, I would like to see several Office Administration students hired to help make I.D. cards during Orientation.

4. With respect to the SERVICES presently offered by Council, I propose to investigate the existing drug plan and to explore the alternative of a combination insurance-health plan. I also would keep the Council Office open over lunch hours and I would be keeping some evening office hours.

These are my concerns at this time. If you have any problems or questions, I am always interested. Please take the time to become informed about the candidates and vote wisely on Mar. 19 and 20.

Best of luck with your assignments and (heaven forbid!) exams!

Thank you for your support this year.

President—Robyn Osgood



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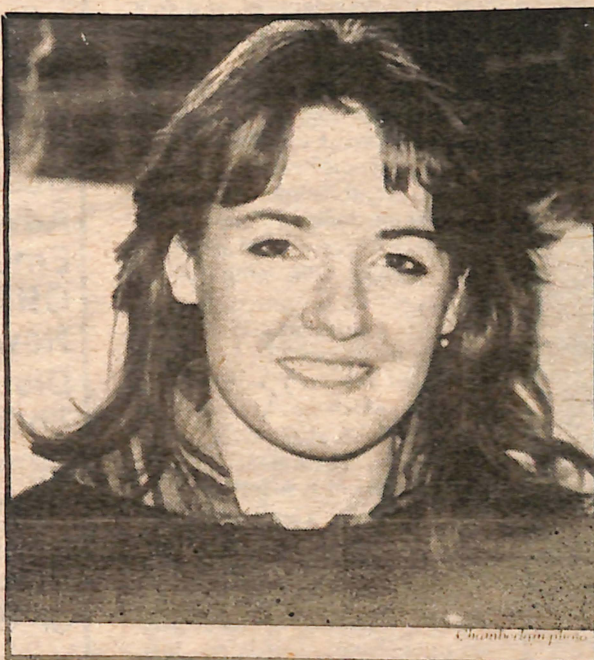
The issues that affect you as a Mount student are also issues which affect me. As President I will encourage Council to implement solutions. Off-campus housing for example. Despite the fact that a large proportion of this school's population is not full-time female students, most housing is only available to this group. Off-campus co-operative housing could provide living space for both female and male students as well as mature part-timers. As President, I will urge Council to look into this.

I will also encourage Council to take a serious look at the role it plays in the lives of mature students. I enjoy Double Deckers and brewery tours as much as anyone but there doesn't seem to be very much participation by mature students. I am not blaming the Entertainment Committee, rather I am suggesting that Council offer other social opportunities for mature students.

And, as President, I will beef up the communications network. Setting up specific "Council News" areas in residences would be one way of keeping people informed. Schedule containers on the Dal/Mount shuttle bus could also carry Council news. As editor of the Student Union Handbook and having written for the Picaro, I have the knowledge and experience to make the vital changes that will keep you informed.

I have worked with Council during my three years at the Mount. I was Treasurer and President of Assisi Hall during my years in residence. I sit on the Awards Banquet Committee, the Leadership Conference Committee and the Professional Development Committee of the Public Relations Society. I am also a founding member of the Co-op Education Society and I have worked with Parks Canada and IBM Canada Limited during my three work-terms.

I am making one promise—I will work long and hard as your Student Union President. Give me the opportunity to make things happen in 1985/86. On Mar. 19 and 20, vote OSGOOD.



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Election candidate

President—Frank DeMont



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In today's universities there are many important questions we must address. Questions such as UNDERFUNDING of post-secondary institutions. This is the one that denies Mount students of classroom space, study and eating space, funds to adequately equip our library and computer center. Where do we get this money, you ask? From the governments. Both federal and provincial. If elected President of the Student Union, I will, in co-operation with the Students' Union of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Federation of Students, work tirelessly to put an end to this problem. Now I don't know if I can end this problem, but with the experience I have gained in the last two years I feel I can make a big improvement.

Another issue we must address is that of school spirit or lack thereof. As some like to call it, APATHY. I don't believe that MOUNT students are apathetic, I feel they are just unaware of the issues at hand. To resolve this I propose that the Picaro run an article written by myself addressing the concerns of the students, administration, faculty and staff. For administration, faculty and staff??? Why? Because many of their concerns affect us, the students. Further, I would put up a suggestion box in a convenient location, but I would also ask for your suggestions on particular subjects (such as UNDERFUNDING).

I have many more concerns to address in the campaign, so look forward to reading my pamphlets in the near future. Thank you and please consider the issues and I think you will realize that the best vote is one for me.

Home Ec. Rep.—Wendy Kinney

Hi! It's me again. Believe it or not I enjoyed this year so much I am back for more. I hope to serve you as Home Ec. Rep. again. If I didn't meet you this year, I'll hunt you down and get to know you next year. I'm hoping to make next year even better than this one was and I am looking forward to serving you again. Please get out and vote.

Child Study Rep.—Johna Thorne

Arts Rep.—Garfield Hiscock

Business Rep.—Jeff Whitman

Students speak out

President—Alice Sandall



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Hi, I am Alice Sandall, candidate for President of Student Union. I am currently the Academic Vice-President of the Student Union and as such, feel I have the necessary experience to be President.

If elected as president, I intend to attack the problem of apathy at the Mount. I feel this can best be solved by having an extremely visible President and Council. I also feel it is necessary for the president to visit the residences so people can get to know her and so she can hear their concerns.

I would also like to take student concerns over unfairness in the distribution of student loans and bursaries to our Minister of Education. It is my belief that Student Union need strong, decisive leadership, which I can offer.

Make sure you exercise your right to vote on Mar. 19 and 20.

Senate Rep. (full-time)— Susan McGinn



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Hi, I'm Susan McGinn, a first year Child Study student from Charlottetown. I'm running for full-time senate representative on the 1985/86 student council. As your senate representative, I will continue to maintain an open line of communication between you, the students, and the administration. In this way, I will ensure that the administration is made aware of the concerns of the student of Mount Saint Vincent University.

If you have any suggestions or questions, I can be contacted through the Student Union office, Rosaria.

Science Rep. Ann Johnson



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Hi, my name is Anne Johnson. I am a third-year Biology major and I am running for the position of Science Representative on Student Council.

The Science Society has not been recognized in the past as a major influence on campus. If elected, I hope to change this attitude with the help of the Science Society and to make our faculty a major contributor to life at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Some of the ideas and activities in the works will interest not only Science students but all students (and possibly professors???) here at the Mount.

Activities such as car rallies, beer gardens, pub nites, dances, movie nites, sports days, and of course our infamous pizza parties will be open to all those who wish to participate. Invitations will be issued to Dal and SMU Science Societies as well.

These are just a few of my ideas and concerns, and believe me, there are many more where these came from.

So on Mar. 19-20 be sure to get out and vote Anne Johnson for Science Rep.

External Vice-President Jan Thomas

Hi! I'm Jan Thomas and I'm running for the position of External Vice-President. The External Vice-President is the liaison between the Mount and other universities and student organizations such as SUNS and CFS.

In the three years I have been here at the Mount, I have tried to be as involved as possible in student activities. I have been a member of the residence council of Evaristus Hall, a Resident Assistant, Athletics Rep and I'm presently a member of the Science Society and Student Leadership Conference Committee.

Based on my previous experience, I intend to work on keeping the lines of communication open between the students and council. I plan to work towards getting electronic display billboards which are to inform students of events and activities within the university for bettering our means of communications. I feel that the students should become more aware of the university's involvement in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and Student Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS), what they have to offer and how we can benefit from those organizations.

If elected I will do the best I can to serve the student body. All I need is you, your student card, and an X by Jan Thomas.

Academic Vice-President—

Anne Marie Coolen

Executive Vice-President—Jim Hines

Residence Rep.—Tina Murphy

Non-Residence Rep.—Andrew Pattison

Senate Rep. (part-time)—Carol Brennan

Science Rep. Francyne Filion



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Hi!

My name is Francyne Filion and I am a candidate for the 1985-86 Student Union Science Representative. I have given this quite some thought and am convinced I could do a great job. First of all, I know what a Science Rep. DOES; he or she is a valuable link between the Student Council and the Science Society (alias Science students). There must always be a line of communication open. After all, without communication, what do you have? A person with a title not doing their job (just thought I'd put in I love to talk!). But, what would I do? Some of my ideas include:

- 1) An expansion of the Physics program, which at the present consists of Physics 100.
- 2) New equipment for experimentation and teaching.
- 3) Social events (dances, beer tours, etc.) to raise money for new equipment.
- 4) A strong and active Science Society.

I have already tried out these ideas on many Science students, and reactions have been favorable. I realize that getting new courses in might quite possibly take more than just one year, but that's the great thing about being in first year; I'll be back the following year!

Did you know that this year there really wasn't a Science Rep.? (175 people had no one to represent them!) You could count on me to be in there for the year.

Elections are on Mar. 19 and 20 this year, and I would sure appreciate your support!

External Vice-President Peter Murtagh

Hi! My name is Peter Murtagh and I'm seeking the position of External Vice-President. I feel I can bring fresh ideas to this post and I would like to solicit your support in attaining it.

My experience includes serving on Senate, the Library Committee, Budget Review committee, Elections committee and the 1984 Leadership Conference Committee.

My society involvement includes participation in the Business Society where I've participated in fund raising campaigns and the annual Business Conference; active participation in the Political Studies Society; and participation in the Debating Society through which I represented the Mount in the Atlantic Regional Debating Championships.

If elected, I will work for improved communications within CFS and strengthen its National lobbying efforts. This will help take the mystery out of this organization as it works towards taking the bite out of threatened Federal cutbacks.

We must tackle the student housing shortage. I support the establishment of an off-campus housing co-op. With an 0.2% vacancy rate in Halifax, the need for this service is crucial.

We must have direct input into Government decisions affecting students. By establishing regular meetings with federal, provincial and municipal politicians we can lobby directly for issues of student concern.

My combination of experience and enthusiasm makes me a viable candidate for this position. With your support I will spend 1985-1986 working to improve our university community.

Toronto doesn't know what P.R. is

by Greg MacDougall

Is there anyone who knows what public relations really is?

Oh, I've heard enough one liners to fill ten books, including one by some guy called Edward Bernays, a pioneer of the profession, talking about the 'engineering of consent'. But after a recent trip to Toronto over the Spring break members of the Mount's public relations society found Bernays' definition of consent is anything but complete.

During our mission to the big smoke, we dropped in to visit David Scott-Atkinson Only Incorporated, Public and Industrial Relations, The Globe and Mail, Inside Canada Public Relations Group, Burson Marsteller,

Tisdell Clarke/Continental, Parsons Associates, the Public Relations Practitioner for McMaster University, The Canadian Press, and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, only to discover that not one of their definitions of public relations was the same.

For Inside Canada Public Relations, P.R. is common sense communications used as a marketing tool. David C. Scott-Atkinson said a P.R. practitioner is a generalist with strong media relations. Parsons Associates are concerned with creative communications including graphics, advertising and marketing. At Burson Marsteller they consider themselves as problem solvers, leaving the definition of public relations up to the individual.

Tisdell Clarke/Continental's president sees P.R. not only as a part of marketing but also includes corporate counsel, financial communications, strategic planning, investor relations and labour relations.

The common denominator for all groups is the emphasis they place on advertising, marketing and communications, all which are considered entry level areas by the Mount's Public Relations Department.

With the Mount's perception of P.R. as a much broader function of advertising, marketing and communications leading to top management advocacy, this pioneering mission to Toronto forced students to brainstorm with the most noted public rela-

tions practitioners in the country.

Topics of discussion included the definition of public relations, consulting, competition, wages, employment and clients. With nationally acclaimed editors and reporters the group discussed the media's perceptions of public relations, the need for hard news copy and poor media relations.

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Challenge '85 not in sight

OTTAWA (CUP)—There are still no application forms available anywhere in the country for Challenge '85 student summer job creation program, announced by the Conservative government more than a month ago.

The government wants to give out \$205 million, mainly to employers as a subsidy or grant to hire students for summer jobs, but has been slow in organizing the program partly because of an attempt to "harmonize" job-creation with the provinces.

Federal bureaucrats in Ottawa said because the program is new, it has taken much more time to set up, and will not be organized by the time students get out of school.

"It seems unlikely things will be in place by mid-April," said Allan Lennon, national co-ordinator of the employment and immigration union's campaign against cutbacks in the ministry.

Under the program, employers have to obtain applications through their local employment development branch and ask the federal government to give them money to hire students for the

summer.

Lennon said the application forms are not ready because the federal and provincial are having problems agreeing on the forms' content. To make up for the delay, Flora MacDonald, employment and immigration minister, announced new deadlines for applications: March 29 in B.C., Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Ontario and March 22 in all other provinces.

NDP MP Howard McCurdy said the new deadlines mean the distribution of money will be hopelessly delayed.

"The minister has sounded the death-knell by moving the application deadline back to the end of March, just three weeks before thousands of students become actively unemployed," McCurdy told the House of Commons March 6.

Brian MacDonald, a project officer in the employment ministry, admitted in an interview that "human beings being what they are, they will wait until the last possible date to send in their applications."

"Ninety or 95 per cent of the applications will come in the last

few days," MacDonald said.

Lennon said the employment ministry claims it can turn around an application—assess it and grant or refuse money—in 48 hours.

"But two years ago (the ministry) also said 48 hours and it took eight weeks to four months," Lennon said.

MacDonald said the process will be quicker this year because applications will be handled by regional offices unless they involve four or more people.

Still, Lennon said, "You've got to assess it. Is this a worthwhile endeavour?"

"Challenge '85 has been a bureaucratic botch by the government from the beginning," Lennon said.

"When the government does approve the funding for corporations' requests to hire students, students can apply for the jobs through Canada Employment Centres for Students. But employment officials have said it will be mid-July before all the applications are processed.

Students vote for contraceptive coverage

TORONTO (CUP)—University of Toronto students will decide in a March 13 and 14 referendum whether they want to subscribe to a health plan that would include contraceptives.

"I think voting for the drug plan is a wonderful opportunity for students to show they are truly progressive," says Cathy Blacklock, a student council member for Trinity College who proposed the idea.

If students support the plan, they will pay an extra \$37 in incidental fees. They will receive coverage on all prescription drugs, including birth control such as intrauterine devices and the Pill, and supplementary health care that could pay for wheelchairs, crutches and den-

tal work if they sustained injuries in an accident.

The university already dispenses basic drugs, such as aspirin and penicillin, to students without charge.

Some student council members expected opposition to contraceptives on the plan but the council passed the motion to hold the referendum with a strong majority.

"There had been some concern about putting IUDs on the plan but that fell through quickly," says Nye Thomas, a student council external commissioner.

"No one really disagreed with putting the question on the ballot and letting the students decide."

One student council member,

Kevin Perkins, says he thinks the plan will especially help financially strapped students.

"When student's money is tight or in an emergency or for special needs, it is often difficult to finance drugs on a student budget. (The plan) would provide good insurance not just for unexpected prescriptions but also in the case of accidents."

Dr. David Smith, the university's health services director, says students will likely use the contraceptive service the most.

The University of Waterloo and Guelph University also include contraceptives in their student healthcare plans, but McMaster, Carleton, Western and York Universities offer drug plans that exclude birth control.

ARCUP drags on

by Katrina Aburrow

The Mount Saint Vincent Picaro and Saint Mary's Journal had their turn co-hosting the third ARCUP Regional Conference at Saint Mary's University Mar. 9 and 10.

The two-day conference gathered student newspaper staff from throughout the Maritimes to discuss the Atlantic Region of Canadian University Press's executive reports and elect new committees to take over next year's executive positions.

The usual agenda of political proceedings dragged out most of Saturday and Sunday with executive screenings and constitution reviews.

The highlight of the conference were lectures that featured two of Halifax's prominent journalism professors.

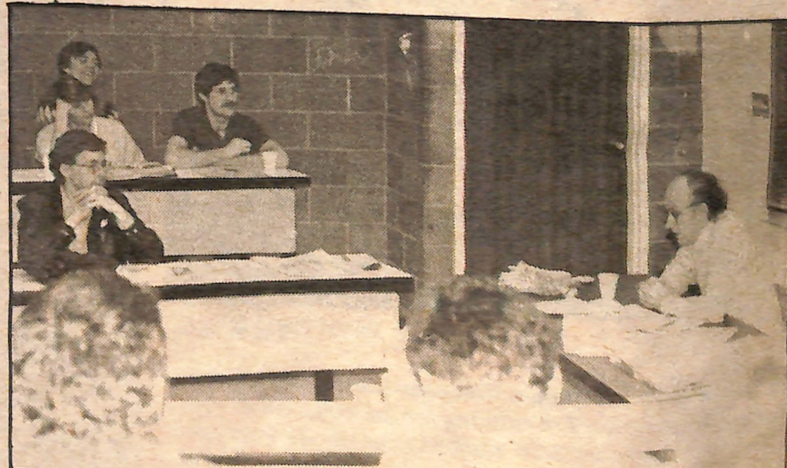
The lecture "Breaking in a New Reporter" given by Dr. Robert Lake, a professor from Mount Saint Vincent University, dealt with the orientation needs of new staff members. He suggested a formula which is helpful in orienting a new reporter by having examples of stories and contacts that a new reporter can use. He said that editors from student newspapers shouldn't be concerned with the inverted pyramid style of reporting because university papers don't present problems with article length. They can experiment with how information can be presented.



Bob Lake, professor of Mass Communications at Mount Saint Vincent University, advised Maritime student news staff how to break in a new reporter.

Walter Stewart, a professor from King's College, spoke about the "Myths of Journalism", perpetuated by readers as well as journalists. He addressed seven different myths which future journalists coming from CUP's student newspapers can prevent.

Aside from the speakers, the conference moved slow as the executive screenings went until 12 a.m. It took a half hour to pass one motion concerning a welcoming letter to a new French member paper. Sunday, the conference was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. but didn't start until 12:30 a.m.



Walter Stewart, professor of journalism at King's College, was a guest speaker at the 3rd ARCUP regional conference Mar. 9 and 10. Stewart delivered his witty spiel on the seven myths of journalism.

Jock talk causes Savage controversy

by S.D. Moore

After a battle among student councillors over whether a student or professional should be hired for the position of Vinnies Pub disc jockey, Paul Savage, a professional from C-100 FM was hired.

In September, 1984, the position of disc jockey was advertised on Campus but only a few students applied. Auditions were held over a three-week period at the pub on Wednesday nights and David Cushing was hired. He held the position until the beginning of the second semester when his academic commitments forced him to give up the part-time work.

"It was then too late in the school year to have more try-outs and none of the other people who had applied in September were qualified," said Henry Moulton, entertainment director. "They just didn't have enough experience in operating the turntables or selecting the best music for the students."

At this time of year, students have a very heavy work load. "Even if a student could have been found to fill the position, there was no guarantee he or she would be available each Wednesday night because of mid-term exams and year-end assignment commitments," said Moulton.

When Savage mentioned that he was interested in the job, Moulton thought since a professional would only cost \$20 more than an amateur, it was worth a try. The additional publicity and promotion for the Mount generated by a professional, influenced Moulton's decision. He put forth a motion to Council and it was approved, although not all councillors were in agreement.

Savage is no stranger to the Mount campus. He has been involved with previous promotions for the university with guest music groups through C-100 FM.

Moulton decided to try Savage

in the position before starting an advertising campaign. "I thought I'd test it first, then advertise," he said. "As it turns out, I haven't had to do any extra advertising thanks to the controversy that has been stirred up."

Moulton said that attendance at Vinnies has always been good on Wednesday nights but that it has increased since Savage started. "The quality of the material presented has improved immensely," said Moulton. "The end result has been better entertainment for the students because Savage knows what he is doing."

Moulton agrees that university jobs should go to students but if no qualified people apply, there has to be an alternative.

Council has now passed a law that makes the disc jockey an appointed position. Therefore, in September, the job will have to be filled by a full-time student. "I hope it works out okay," Moulton said.



C-100 Disc Jockey, Paul Savage, is Vinnies Pub's new rock jockey Wednesday nights.

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Branch of understanding

First Prize Short Story Contest Winner receives a dinner for two at Mother Tucker's Restaurant and two Neptune Theatre tickets.

by Barbie Dunbar

The fiery sun beat down on the desert path relentlessly. There is no hiding from the intense heat of the wilderness in the hottest months of the year. It had not rained for four months. The desert animals were all abandoning their homes in desperate attempts to discover the lifesaving water they so frantically yearned for. But for some it was already too late. Even the cacti were using up their last precious resources. If the heatwave was affecting the natural inhabitants of the desert, a human being would not have a chance of surviving in the open.

But one man was trying. The gunslinger had been walking alone in the desert for two days. He had not seen anyone since taking his present path, a seldom-used stagecoach run. The canteen he had taken with him had only been half full as he had not had time to replenish his water supply before he left town. It was now empty.

Running his dry tongue over parched lips, he grimaced and stumbled. Regaining his balance, he determinedly forced himself on. To stop now would be fatal, and he was not yet ready to give up.

Plodding on, he was vaguely aware of his surroundings—the burnt, brown clumps of desert brush, the dusty earth and the odd snake that slithered across his path. Usually receptive to anything different, the snake ignored the man as it sought comfort.

Once more, the desperado staggered and had to stop in his tracks as a wave of pain went through his body. He knew it was getting worse and he also knew there was no relief near. He rested and as his breathing again became normal, resumed his trek onward. His destination was unknown, even to himself. He only knew that he must keep going, no matter what.

Suddenly he stopped. The ground was rumbling. To a trained cowboy, that could mean only one thing—a stagecoach was nearby. His eyes darted back and forth as he quickly decided what to do. Now he could hear the coach fact approaching. He resolved that the best thing for him to do would be to get out of sight and let the stagecoach pass by. As quickly as he could, he moved toward a cluster of scorched cacti and hid himself under them. He reached down and took his gun from its holster just as the stagecoach came into view. Alert now, the gunman watched as the coach drew nearer.

The horses pulling the stage were lathered with sweat and dust clung to everything, including the two men sitting on the box. One had the reins in his hands, the other a gun. The driver signaled the horses to slow down. They stopped almost in a direct line to

where the man was hidden. The man with the gun jumped down from his perch and opened the door of the coach.

Out stepped a young woman, untidy and weary. Behind her were two children, a boy of about eight years and a little girl. The young woman and the man spoke briefly. The man pointed to a group of cacti a few feet off and the woman took the little girl by the hand and headed in that direction. She told the boy to stay close to the carriage.

The driver immediately took a bottle from the box under the seat and the two men drank the liquid inside. They ignored the child, who went to pat the horses, kicked the sand and pretended to be a cowboy in a duel. Before he could shoot his adversary, his attention was taken by a spider crawling at his feet. He followed it for a few moments before crushing it under the heel of his boot. He then picked up a withered limb from a small shrub and chased a rodent until the animal eluded him.

The fugitive saw all this from his hiding place. He wished they would hurry up and leave him alone again.

The boy was now running around, slashing the air with the branch. Twice he ran past the cacti concealing the man and each time the man's breath quickened. The pain in his body was constant now and the bleeding more profuse. Gritting his teeth, he continued to watch.

The men finished the bottle and were preparing to get on their way. The young woman and the little girl were walking back to the stagecoach. The boy was still beating the air with his branch. The young woman shouted for him to get back on the coach.

The boy stopped and looked toward the man's hiding place. Slowly, he started in that direction. The outlaw's grip on his gun tightened as the boy came closer. He would use the gun if he had to; he had done it many times before.

But the boy, unafraid, stood directly in front of the gunman and looked at him. The boy took in every detail of the man's appearance, from the paleness of his face to the red, bloodsoaked shirt.

The boy moved his head when he heard the young woman calling him. Turning back around, he held out the branch. The gunslinger stared at the boy but did not move. The boy held the branch out even further toward the man. Finally, he dropped it down beside the outlaw, trotted back to the stagecoach and climbed in. The outlaw watched the trail of dust it left in the desert sand, the branch the boy had held out to him lying on the ground at his side.

Playhouse Auditions

Seton 345

Wed., Mar. 20 7-9 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 21

Fri., Mar. 22

Sat., Mar. 23

Sun., Mar. 24

7-9 p.m.

4-6 p.m.

2-5 p.m.

2-4 p.m.

The Mount Play House is
Coming

It's a Party

Let me entertain you . . .

The following bands are playing in Metro this weekend.

Odeon—The Bongos

Misty Moon—Trooper

Palace—Tres Hombres

Lucille's—See Spot Run

Middle Deck—Bleeker Street Band

Lower Deck—Gerry McDaniel

Village Gate—Ryser

Dick Turpin's—Notework

On Stage . . .

MSVU—"Touched", Seton, Aud. C

Neptune—"A Moon For The Misbegotten"

Theatre Warehouse—"Fool For Love"

On Screen . . .

Wormwood—"The Times of Harvey Milk", Mar. 15-17

"Country", Mar. 18-21

"The 400 Blows", Mar. 14-17

"Not A Love Story", Mar. 20

At Vinnies . . .

Fran Doyle, Mar. 15, 3:30 to 6

Media coverage peeves Airlift organizer

by Katrina Aburrow

Peter Dalglish, organizer of Halifax's Airlift to Ethiopia, is peeved by negative media coverage of his groups' efforts to distribute food, medical supplies, and equipment in the Haraghe region of Southern Ethiopia.

World University Services of Canada (WUSC) of MSVU sponsored a lecture on Feb. 21 where Dalglish discussed these concerns during a slide show. During the presentation he stressed his optimism for the lives already saved and told those present that there is hope.

The media has accused UNICEF and other organizations of deliberately withholding food, yet the provisions in the warehouses are watched 24 hours a day by an armed guard. There is a blackmarket for medical supplies and food but a thief must face machine-gun fire to obtain any goods. Despite these precautions, the Airlift has continued to receive criticism.

"It is very frustrating to deal with media who can only see the negative story," said Dalglish.

The warehouses have plenty of supplies stored but these supplies must be rationed to sustain the present aid. The Halifax Airlift supplied enough provisions for three months which means approximately one-third of them should be remaining. The goods used have already spared 10,000 lives and in the village of Degabur, one of the most desperate, there hasn't been a death in three weeks.

"Although the amount of people affected by drought in Ethiopia in Dec., 1984 is 7.7 million", said Dalglish, "we're feeding 10,000 who weren't previously being fed which is a small success story." Dalglish also feels "the real story is the courage it takes to get through to the starving people and the incredible co-operation between organizations to reach this goal."

He praised the excellent work of similar groups such as UNICEF, OXFAM, the World Lutheran Federation, and Save the Children of Great Britain. These groups provide dedicated professionals who are committed to their careers in Africa.

The people shown in the slides represented what the workers saw in the Southern Region. The slides also depicted children who were happy and proud even though they suffered from malnutrition and diseases. The mortality rate for children is 40 per cent while most of them do not live until the age of five. Either malaria or cholera strike up to 35-40 per cent of the children while about 60 per cent have amoebas or worms.

Malaria is easily treated through the use of antibiotics because most of the population has never used these drugs. Many of the children have orange hair (if they have any at all) due to vitamin deficiencies. Although some of these diseases can be treated, Dalglish said there are some memories or images which can not be forgotten.

He described his memory of a young boy found digging a hole three feet into the desert floor in search of water for his near-dead camel. Although it would take a hole six miles deep to strike water, he continued to dig with bare hands. Dalglish tried to help by giving the child a bag of oranges which he then gave to his camel so that it could survive. He also described an old man who struggled for 150 miles carrying a small boy to a feeding station. Both situations point out the determination and spiritual strength the Ethiopian people need to survive from day to day.

Dalglish hopes Adopt-a-Village, a proposal which follows the idea of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, will be as successful for Ethiopians as the Airlift. The Adapt-a-Village program plans for a city or province to target a community and bring in products requested by the people already there. The province or city can try to provide the village with specific needs such as a water truck, well-drilling equipment, and a mobile four-wheel drive medical unit.

The Maritimes have agreed to provide for the village of Degabur in the Ogaden Desert in Southern Ethiopia because it lacks the essentials for sustaining life. The primary needs of this village will be identified by Dr. Klaus Hornetzo of the World Lutheran Federation and Walter Msinang who is the head of WUSC in Ethiopia. Four other villages are also available for

adoption: Kelafo, Gode, Warder, and Kebri Derer.

As a university we can help Degabur and challenge other institutions to do the same. The project could then become more personal and meaningful much like Peter Dalglish's slide presentation.

entation.

The media should recognize that the aim of the Airlift is to motivate us through genuine interest in approaching a solution, not guilt. A positive attitude fosters hope in an otherwise bleak situation.



Quebec students spared tuition increase

MONTREAL (CUP)—Québec university students won't see an increase in tuition fees next year, no matter who's in power in Québec City.

The Parti Québécois minister of higher education, science and technology, Yves Bérubé, announced last week university tuition fees will remain at about \$570 a year, the rate they have been since 1969. Québec has the cheapest tuition in Canada.

And Québec Liberal party delegates decided in their annual congress March 2 that maintaining the tuition freeze will be part of their electoral platform.

The youth wing of the Liberal

party showed its strength at the congress, also persuading the party to support welfare parity for Québec residents under 30 and achieve this in the first two years of its mandate. Currently those under 30 receive \$156 a month, while those over 30 get \$430.

A provincial election in Québec is expected this spring or next fall. Québec Premier René Lévesque hinted recently it will most likely be in the spring.

Bérubé's announcement on the freeze may have been a response to the new Liberal stance, as a way of holding ground in the P.Q.'s battle for

public support.

Pierre Antcil, former Liberal youth president, who fought for the new policies, said: "I know that the freeze of tuition fees is an important issue for students and social aid parity is important for young people. I hope they put their X in the right box

though it wasn't done for that reason."

The Liberal congress also committed a Liberal government to open special employment centres for youth, co-ordinated with federal centres, and to create a "consultative council for youth".

In his statement on tuition fees, Bérubé said "a rigorous examination of the whole problem (of higher education financing) is needed and because of this reflection has scarcely begun; I am not in a position to recommend, for the next academic year, changes in tuition fees."

Students billed for barfing

LENNOXVILLE (CUP)—Students vomited so much on a recent Bishop's University carnival bus trip that the seats had to be ripped apart for proper cleaning.

The 28 students on the bus trip to Newport, Rhode Island, caused \$1600 worth of damage to their bus. Apparently, they completely demolished seats and spit on and verbally abused the driver.

Bishop's student council and the bus company claim that the bus driver was "pushed around" and physically tossed into his seat on one occasion. They said people from the men's

and women's buses vomited everywhere, including on an unsuspecting border guard.

Tom Golber has organized the trip for three years but did not accompany the revellers this year. "I ran the bus trip for three years and the first time no one is there to supervise the trip they all went bonzo."

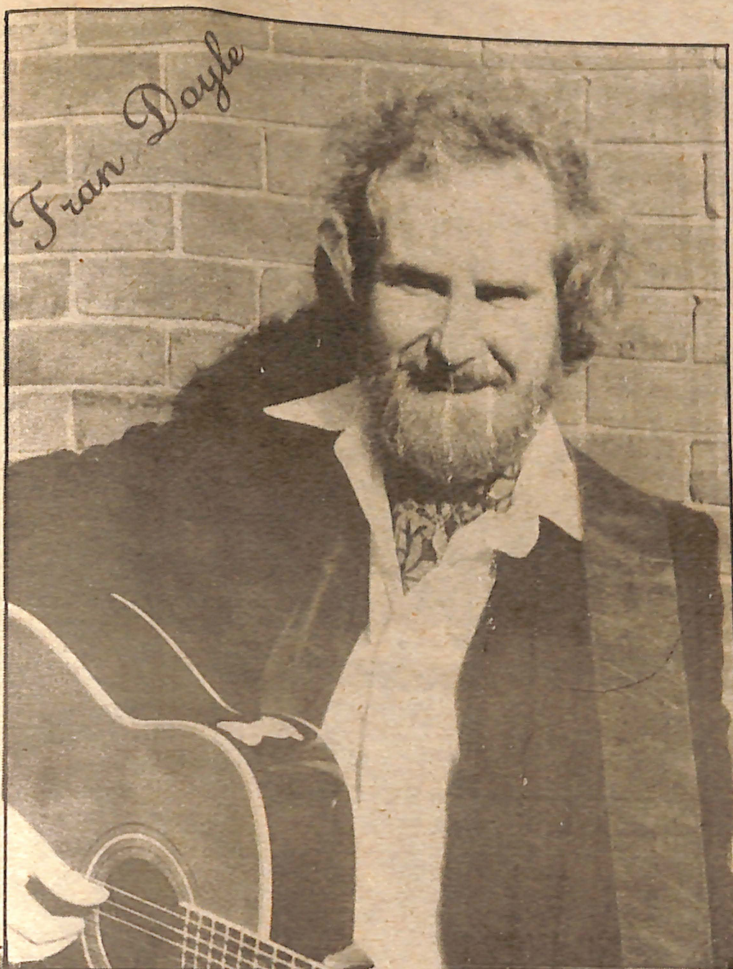
If he'd been on the bus when it got back, "I would have turned the bus around and taken them to the police station. I'm not into this vandalism baloney."

All students on the trip have been billed for \$60. They will not get grades or transcripts until they pay.

All the Wile by David Wile



"... and of course all these old houses have dumbwaiters."



Fran Doyle plays the St. Patty's Day party in Vinnies Pub Fri. from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Go Green.



Local professional pianist, Peggy Gillis, tickled the ivories in Vinnies Pub last Friday afternoon.

Towler Photo



The Business Society and Olands co-hosted last Friday's "Wear your sunglasses at night" dance in the Multi-Purpose Room. Over 430 tickets were sold for the C100 Video extravaganza.

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Basketball Mystics win big!



MSVU women's basketball team won NSAC 47 to 43 on Nov. 7. Chamberlain photo

by Dan Chamberlain

The Women's basketball team scored two impressive home wins last week. Thursday, the Mystics defeated NSAC 47-43. It was a game either team could have won. With 33 seconds remaining, Marci Bishop sunk two foul shots to ensure the victory.

Alison Sarty led the Mystics with 19 points. Kathleen Hernon and Marci Bishop contributed 11 points each. Other Mount scorers were, Kathy Hodgeson and Camilla Doyle with three points each.

NSAC's attack was led by Margot Vanderbiet, 11 points and Donna Noble, 10 points. Kate Broadbent hit for seven points. Ronda Bellefontaine, Diane Dunlop, and Kim Smith rounded out the scoring with four points each.

Sunday's game was a rematch with UCCB. UCCB won the last game by a point. The Mystics got

their revenge—whipping UCCB 75-41.

Kathy Hodgeson scored a game high 19 points to pace the winners. Nancy Rudback chipped in 16 points. Kathleen Hernon and Marci Bishop contributed 13 points and 11 points respectively. Cathy Cantwell and Alison Sarty scored six points each. Camilla Doyle scored four points.

Cindy Martin scored 12 points in a losing cause.

Also scoring for UCCB were Louise Sutherland eight points, Michele MacNeil eight points, Ann-Frances Batherson six points, Colette Riggs six points, and Kelly Nicholson one point.

The Mystics will be competing in the NSCC (Nova Scotia College Conference) basketball championship tournament Mar. 15-16 at the Mount.

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Mount Mystics finish season

The Mount Saint Vincent Mystics hockey team clinched second place in the Nova Scotia College Conference Hockey League with a 7-3 victory over Nova Scotia Teachers College (NSTC) at St. Mary's Arena, Sun., Mar. 3.

The second place finish eliminated the Mystics from post-season play. Nova Scotia Agriculture College, winner of the conference, will meet the University of College Cape Breton, Mar. 15, for the provincial championship at Truro.

In the mystics' final game, forwards Bill Conrod and Barry Higgs were credited with goals in the opening period to give the Mystics a 2-1 lead over NSTC.

The Mystics were shut down by the NSTC defence until 12:25 of the second period when Mike Merrick tipped the puck past a sprawling NSTC goaltender. The NSTC forwards rallied at 13:36 to end the second period scoring.

The third period was dominated by the Mystics with the high-scoring forwards blasting

four goals into the NSTC net. Two of these goals gave Merrick a hat trick while the other goals went to Conrod and Higgs. The Mystics' acrobatic goaltender Grant MacLean blocked 12 shots before NSTC scored the final goal at 13:59.

The Mystics finished the regular six-game schedule with a .500 record. Mount's Athletic Officer June Lumsden and Mystics' coach Orlando DiMattia are pleased with the hockey team's success and are looking forward to the 1985-'86 season.

Nova Scotia College Conference Hockey League Standings

Legend: GP—Games played; W—Win; L—Lost; Pt—Points

	GP	W	L	Pt
NSAC	5	5	0	10
MSVU	6	3	3	6
KING'S	6	2	4	4
NSTC	5	1	4	2

Jumping into fitness

Remember all the energy and vitality you had when you were a kid? You can get that fit feeling back again by exercising like a kid.

Try skipping. It's an easy exercise that does wonders for your blood circulation, legs and aerobic capacity. If you haven't skipped since childhood, work your way up to the proper method. Hop on the spot without using a rope. Hop about 25 times the first day, adding ten hops on each successive day. After about a week, start using a rope. For

the first few days, twirl the rope in one hand while you hop beside it. Then, when you're confident you've mastered the proper rhythm, try the proper method.

Many people give up when they try real skipping. But, remember, you can't perfect the technique in only one week. If skipping is still difficult, go back to imaginary skipping.

Keep thinking of the fitness benefits of skipping. It's fun and so easy that even an adult can learn how to do it.

Men's team beats Misfits

by Dan Chamberlain

Paul Henderson's 30 points powered the MSVU Men's Basketball Team to a 65-54 win over the Misfits in an MSVU Basketball League Game, Sun., Mar. 10. The Mount led 27-21 at the half.

The Misfits tied the score 47-47 with 5:41 remaining in the



Chamberlain Photo

Men's Basketball team

game. Two minutes later, the Mount was enjoying a six point lead. A lead never lost. Tom Sneddon, Bruce Mansoor and Brad Ruggles hit double digits for the Mount, (14, 11 and 10) respectively.

The Misfits countered with Bruce ("Dash") 16 points. David Conley 14 points, Tim ("Flash")

Schedule

Women's Basketball
Provincial Championships at
MSVU, Mar. 15, 16

Men's Basketball
Semi-finals at MSVU, Mar. 17

Draw winners

The staff at the Athletic Office would like to thank everyone who participated in the 500 draw drawn on Mar. 7. The money will help send our teams to the Nationals. The winner of the grand prize of \$500 was So-

hani Ramnerine. Fifty dollar prizes went to Mike Hernon, Rob Frederick, Gerald Flynn, Tom Sneddon, Dwight Isenor, Carl Hiltz, Audry Murray, John Glover, Neita Castle, Elsie Conol and Muriel Giles.

Home Ec. fashion show coming

by Kim Messenger

The Home Economics Society of Mount Saint Vincent University will be holding its annual fashion show Mar. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR, Rosaria Centre.

Fashion '85 will feature designs from students attending MSVU as well as Nova Scotian designers; among who are: Alice Dalton, Hilda De Weever, Barbara Dykens, and Susan Rainsford. Philip Drake, CAT Designs (Catherine Arseneault Toth) and Ambiance, the three maritime finalists in the Clairol-Fashion Awards, will also be represented in the show.

Tickets will be sold in the MSVU Art Gallery and at the door the evening of the show. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. Door prizes will be awarded during the show and there will be a wine and cheese reception to follow.

Please note also that the Home Economics Society will be presenting Judy Johnson, from Ambiance, to speak in the Gold Room Fri., Mar. 15 at 12 p.m., every one is invited. The Mount Saint Vincent University fashion shows are well recognized and have been well received in the past. We urge you to come and view fashions in 1985.



In intramural sockey-hockey, Old Vincent came out on top after playing in a 5-game tournament. Indoor soccer will be next on the agenda. Intramurals are held every Monday at 4:30. Courtney Photo