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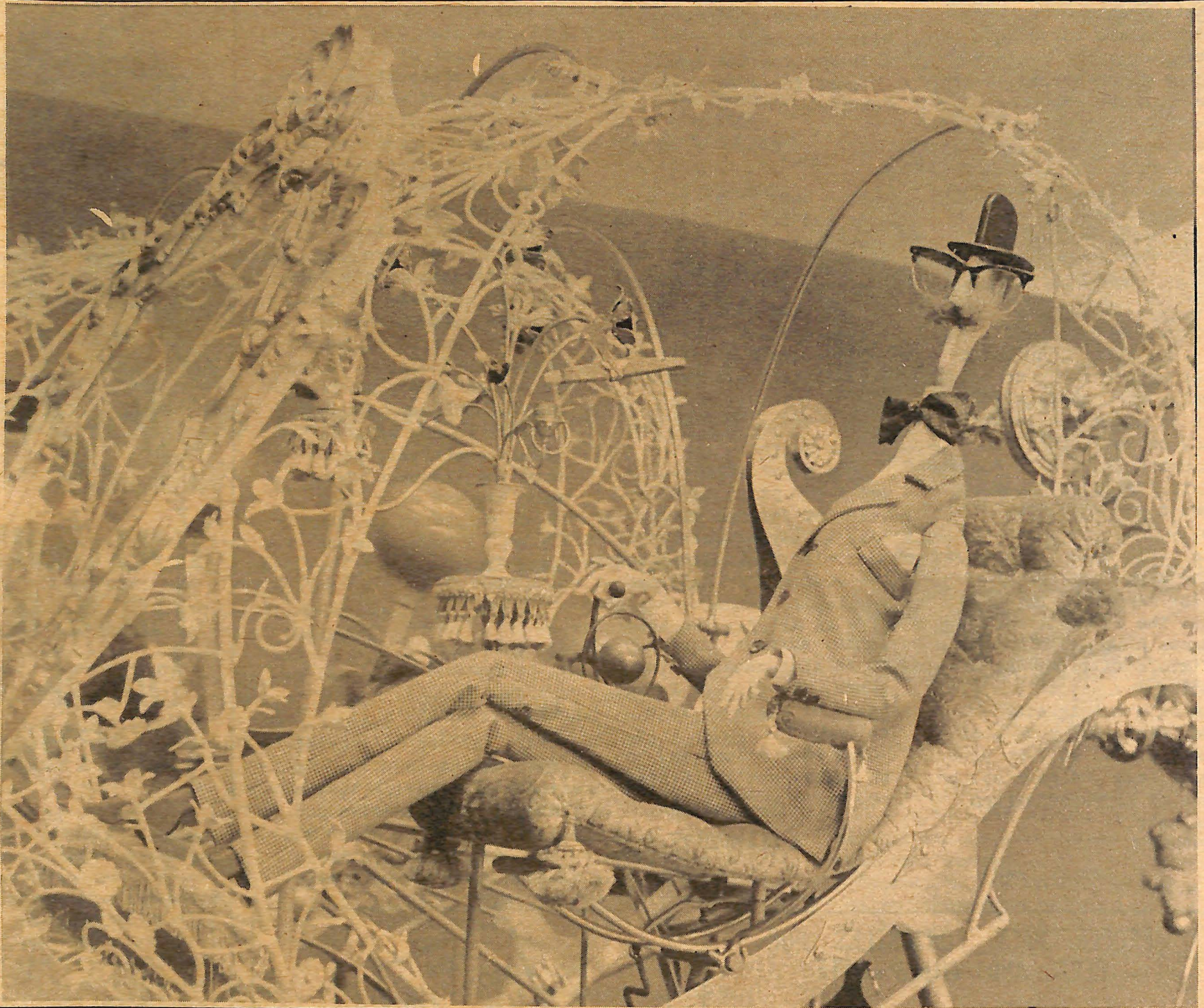


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Mt. St. Vincent University

Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Shame on the staff of the Picaro for departing from your usual course of accurate reporting. I make particular reference to "Killers Maul Frankstiens" in the December 11 issue. While Anne Derrick's writing style is very refreshing she is badly informed. The faculty soccer team members were all carefully picked docile pacifists.

Furthermore, her suggested outcome of the second game would lead the faculty to believe there was a serious break down in the computer. Assuming the necessary repairs can be made, the faculty looks forward to future athletic encounters.

Sincerely,
James French
Dept. of Business

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter as a warning to all males at the Mount. There is an offensive conspiracy on the part of the plumbing system in Rosaria Hall. It begins in the men's washroom, specifically the urinal on the left. It is attacking boots and pant legs, shooting piss deposited by us back at us. The many attempts to drown this perverted pipe fixture in water and aerosol spray has only added to it's vulgar actions. So, men, seal your boot leather and roll up your pant legs and beware, the age of plumbing system is near.

Lester Leek

To the Editor:

I am a first year student at MSVU and am new to the Halifax area but after being here for only 5 months it has become obvious to me that there is a very serious dope problem in Halifax. It is impossible to purchase hash, and even grass is becoming hard to find.

If any students know where I can cop some of the good stuff I wish they would leave a message for me c/o the Picaro office.

Thanks for the space.

Yours for a dope filled future:

A soon to be Ex-Addict

P.S. - Your paper is not to bad but it's obvious that the people who put it out don't smoke enough dope.

P.P.S. - If this situation doesn't improve I may buy a classified ad to sell all my pipes.

To the Editor:

Your paper stinks. Why don't you print anything relevant for the students like a list of the ten most eligible medical and law students at Dal, or a swingers guide to night life in Halifax. or have center spreads like they do in that magazine for women, Playgirl or Penthouse or whatever it's called?

You have a long way to go before you'll interest me.

A Dissatisfied
Reader

To the Editor:

Please help me. You are my last chance for freedom. I am locked in the Student Union Book Depository. No one ever comes here. The door has been locked for a looong looong time. I am running out of books to read and I think I need glasses. Please find someone to open the door.

The Prisoner

To the Editor:

I empathize with your nullification of negativity, positively endearing charms of your periodical make it difficult to abuse such quaint non ifferisms, dictionarily vocalizing, that is. Therefore keep up the excellent elaborations of non ethics and pro scuttle syllabifications of civilized verb, predicate, noun thingies. Excellent inanities, worthy of lobotomized limadoolians, lepra-chaunized into a mental green smallness of wits. Letters to the editor should positively pantomime the language where possible and sing like Harpo Marx when in doubt.

I hope I have made myself clearly, yes?

Piliver Pillshotworth-
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PLEASE NOTE

All letters to the editor must be submitted to the Picaro office by the Wednesday preceeding publication of the paper and must be signed. Letters which do not have a signi-

ture will not be printed. If you do not wish your name to appear with your letter that's Ok, but the Picaro must be informed as to who has written the letter. We also ask that letters be double spaced and typed, although hand written letters will be accepted. Please remember, if we can't read it we can't print it.



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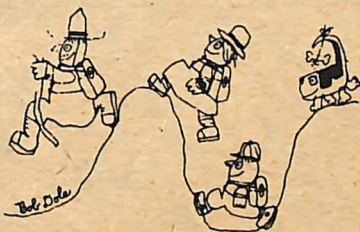
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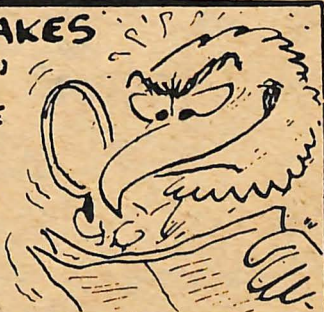
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THAT THEY ARE THERE
FOR A PURPOSE. WE
PUBLISH SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE, AND
SOME PEOPLE ARE
ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR MISTAKES !!!



STUDENT STORE
ROSARIA HALL

NSTCSI Organizes Theatre Boycott

by Irene Chamberlain
Staff Writer

There is an attempt underway to cut the high cost of entertainment in Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Teachers College Student Institute has organized a theatre boycott in the hope of convincing theatres to cut their high movie prices.

The theatre boycott is aiming at two goals. First, to have fixed student ticket prices throughout the province. Hopefully the price will be \$1.25 for all movies, including the so-called "special movies". The second aim is for old age discounts to be implemented immediately at \$1.00; this also includes "special movies".

The general idea of the boycott is good. Theatre prices are ridiculously high, occasionally going up to \$4.00 for special movies. Unfortunately, few students are willing to stop attending theatres, especially if a popular movie is playing. The theatre boycott is

failing due to lack of student participation.

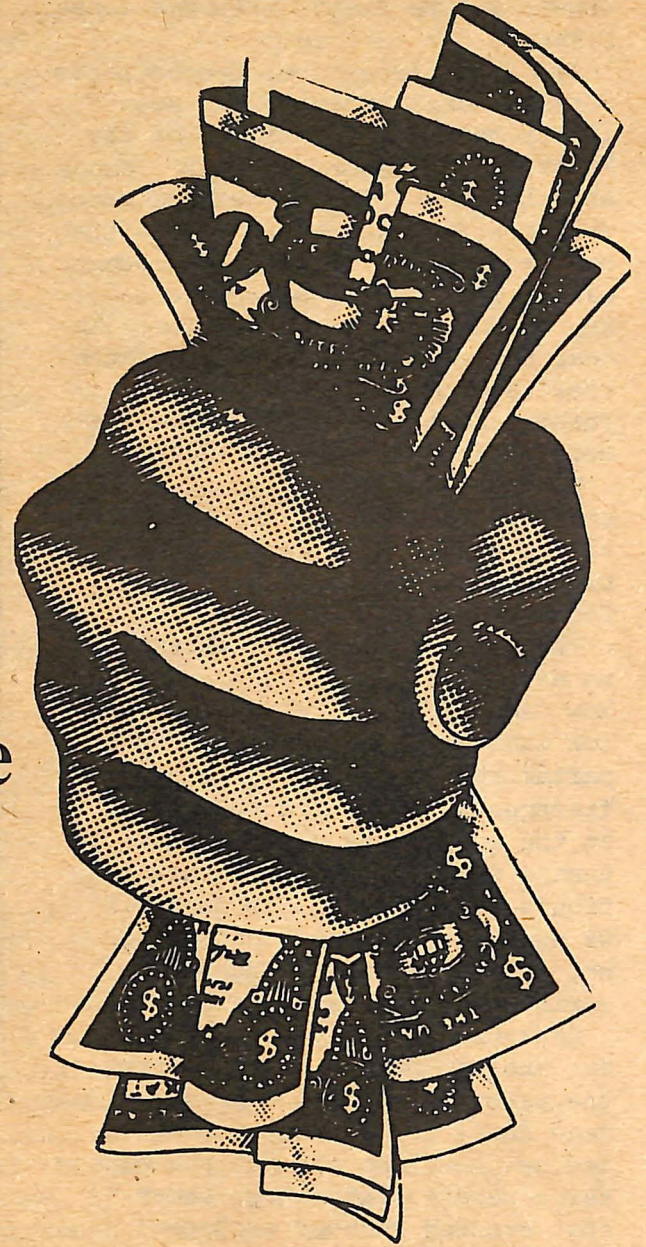
Mr. Lynch, District Manager of Famous Players in the Halifax region, has stated that theatre ticket costs will remain the same. At present, there is a \$2.00 youth price for students 14 to 17 years, with older students falling into regular price rates.

Mr. Lynch further stated that he felt most universities have high entertainment costs and that students may be incorrect in their priorities. Mr. Lynch stated that those forming the boycott should get a few more facts.

The boycott is due to end January 18. Ronald Porter, Vice President of the Nova Scotia Teachers College Student Institute, stated that if no changes are made, Truro students plan to picket the theatres in their area.

In the Halifax area, there seems to have been no apparent changes in Student attendance at the movie houses.

Most Student Councils feel that they can do little to influence the boycott. Ms. Lois Hartnett, MSVU Student Union President stated "There's not a hell of a lot we can do". St. Mary's Council isn't taking "too serious an attitude to it." Dalhousie Student Council



TRYING TO CUT DOWN ON THE TAKE.

brought the issue to their meeting only last Sunday.

Generally, the student councils and students agree with the boycott on principle, but few are willing to stand up and take an active part to help make the boycott successful.

Journal To Operate As Collective

The staff of the Saint Mary's University Journal will operate the newspaper under a collective for the remainder of the 1973-74 term. The former editor of the Journal, Pauline Vaughan, was fired by staff shortly before the Christmas break. Vaughan was dismissed after publishing two articles, one concerning the Board of Governors and a confidential council meeting over which there was staff controversy. It was further indicated that there was a personality conflict between Vaughan and several staff members. Following Vaughan's firing, there was a commission of Inquiry set up by the Canadian University Press (CUP) to investigate the situation.

The commission recognized the violation by staff of CUP principle and ignorance of these principles and their importance to campus journalism. It also recognized the inexperience of the staff in their reaction to intimidation.

Vaughan submitted to the commission a list of demands including her immediate reinstatement as editor and payment of salary owed to her. She also wanted payment of commission from advertising. Vaughan further requested an apology to be presented in the first issue in January. Another request Vaughan made was that a training session be set up with compulsory attendance by staff.

Vaughan also wanted council to constitutionally recognize CUP's statement of principle and freedom of pens on Campus. She also re-

quested that the Journal be suspended from CUP if they choose not to follow these recommendations.

The commission recommended all of Vaughan's demands with the exception of her reinstatement and the printed apology.

Members of the Journal staff told PICARO that they were not adverse to the recommendations of the committee. The Journal staff doubt that they will have an editor-in-chief for the rest of the year and will operate with departmental editors. Staff was also unsure of who would take responsibility for the paper at this time and stated that policy decisions would be made at staff meetings with a majority vote.

The next issue of the Journal will be out sometime this week.

NON-RESIDENT CAFETERIA RELOCATED

The non-resident student cafeteria has been relocated to the student lounge in Rosaria Hall. Our once famed billiard table has been replaced by steam tables, counters and drinks.

The day-hop cafeteria is open from 11am - 3pm, Monday through Friday. It offers the students a larger and more comfortable area in which to eat.

The students using this facility seem happier with the new location. Residence students can also use this cafeteria, by crediting their meals on their meal cards.

The cold foods (ie. sandwiches, etc.) are available from 11 until they run out. The hot foods are offered from 11:30 until 1, or until they become cold. Snacks and drinks, hot or cold, never run out.

Mr. Bill Wingate, manager of Saga Foods, is contemplating the idea of having Rosaria lounge open as a snack bar for a few hours each evening, Monday to Friday. There would be light refreshments for students in need. Students are asked to voice their opinions.

If students have any ideas for a new location for our billiard table please contact the PICARO.

From The Editor's Desk...

The Great Xmas Conspiracy; Now What?

Immediately before Christmas break there was a conspiracy under way at MSVU. Several students organized into a group to insure that Mount students would have a Christmas party, and the event became known as "The Great Christmas Conspiracy".

The "conspiracy" was deemed necessary as Administration had seen fit to rent the facilities of the Mount, ie - the Rosaria Hall lounge and the Cafeteria, to outside groups and Mount students were left without facilities for their Christmas party. The rentals were made in May or June of 1973 so it would appear that Administration was rather short-sighted on this occasion in looking after, what should be their main priority, student needs.

However, the party was held by the Rosaria entrance to the Evaristus tunnel despite administration and, strangely enough, Saga Foods employees.

The protest from administration is easy to understand. After all, how degrading to the Mount's "image" for outside groups to see students partaking of alcoholic liquid refreshments and letting off steam at the end of term. Or, perhaps that's wrong, perhaps administration's main concern was that all we sweet, young, innocent things not see those older drunks wondering around Rosaria Hall.

Saga Foods employees however, are another matter. Just before the party started an employee of Saga Foods seemed very intent on seeing the piano outside the cafeteria remain stationary. Later that evening another employee of Saga Foods requested that students remain inside the Student Council Office and out of the halls. That same employee also made threats that food prices would rise if we weren't "good" girls and boys.

A check with Bill Wingate, manager of Saga Foods revealed that his employee had been acting enti-

rely on his own and had no authorization for what he said, but perhaps Mr. Wingate should remind his non-student staff that they are here to serve the students.

Saga Foods presently has a very large and unjustified say in student affairs as they are charged by administration to set up and operate all student bar services. Although complaints about this unsatisfactory situation have

been made to administration by the Student Council on behalf of the Union, there has been no positive action by administration on behalf of the students to date.

There was also a rumour, springing from unknown sources, around campus on the day following the student party. The rumour was to the effect that students had crashed the parties being held by the outside groups. While persons from those outside groups did crash the student party, student remained at their own party unless they were invited by someone at the other parties to attend.

The students' Christmas party was a success, but there were a few students who expressed fear that something "wrong" was taking place, and indeed, there was. It is "wrong" that students pay large sums in tuition and boarding fees and then be denied use of their own facilities. Surely the amount paid in fees by students entitles them to use of the facilities at this university. Administration should first consider student requirements before they rent to outside organizations.

There is an old cliché that contains a large element of truth, there would be no university without the students.



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staff this issue: paul, anne, pat, irene, laura and we're wondering where the fuck all the rest of you people are, we still have six issues to go. if any of the arcup papers read this be informed that we're trying to make arrangements for the arcup conference for the 8, 9, 10 of february so any suggestions, etc. would be appreciated. hello to sue, terry and rick at the bruns and we hope terry's cold is better. ha ha, those germs are everywhere.

thanx for contribs to: lois, pat sherbin, anne derrick, clair culhane, john macewen.

ps - is anybody else smug?

Is This University For The Students?

Student Union President says "Students Deserve Better"

by Lois Hartnett

In many ways Mount Saint Vincent University is unique. One of the ways in which this uniqueness is expressed is in the total disregard that is shown towards students by their administration. If we assume that the University is for the students...it could be that we are wrong.

In September of this year many resident students found themselves being shuffled around the residence because the University had seen fit to rent the residence space to a convention. In this case the students seem not to have been considered by the Administrative Assistant's office, which was responsible for having made these totally unsatisfactory arrangements. At that time it was stated that this was an unfortunate mix up and that it would not happen again.

In October of this year I met with Mr. Merrigan, the Administrative Assistant of the University and with Mr. Bill Wingate of Saga Foods. At that time both of them made certain promises to the Student Union; few of them have been kept. We were promised prompt billings, and itemized statements and to date neither of these things have been done.

The Student Union has not received bills from administration for any of the events which took place here since September. Mr. Wingate has never given us an itemized statement of where our money goes. I wonder if they could do business with any other company on those terms...I would think not.

When the Student Union followed the proper procedure and requested permission from the administration to have a beer and chips night for the students it took four weeks to get that permission. Our second request went to two committees before it could be O.K.'d and we received permission only on the afternoon that the event took place. All this so that the students could use their own lounge.

When we have an event we pay for the beer, after that we have no control over the sales, profit or wages of those selling it. We receive no itemized statements from Saga Foods. They have a virtual monopoly on this campus and to my mind, Saga Foods abuses it greatly. They should have no authority over students whatsoever. Saga Foods are hired to run the dining hall, not to tell us where and when and how to have a party. Mr. Wingate seems to have assumed a great deal of authority that he does not in fact possess.

The last weekend that all the students would be here before Christmas was the weekend of Decem-

ber 14,15 and 16. On all three of these occasions the facilities of the University, including the STUDENT LOUNGE, were rented to outside groups, so the students decided to have a party in the tunnel. It was suggested by a member of administration that we move. We were hassled by Mr. Wingate, though the affair was none of his business and we were told that we were interfering with those outside groups. No one cared to ask if they had not been interfering with us. After all, we are only the students.

The students had their party, first in the tunnel and then in the Student Council office. Mr. Paul Brinton, an employee of Saga

If the University is so concerned about its public image in this respect, they might have cleaned the washrooms after the Royal Bank and the Public Service Commission had their functions, they were not particularly tidy.

On the Saturday after the Student Party, the Student Lounge in Rosaria Hall was locked, students could not use the Student lounge because the faculty were going to have a party there. Well, why did they not use their own lounge? It is infinitely better than any lounge that the students can claim. Again the students were locked out of their own facilities.

I have never known students on this campus who organized an event not to behave in a responsible fashion. After our party in the tunnel we cleaned up and that included scrubbing the floor and arranging the room as we had found it. The next day we cleaned Rosaria Hall. Floors were scrubbed, walls were washed and our office cleaned and vacuumed. We did not behave at any time in an irresponsible fashion, yet we are treated in a way which would suggest that we can do nothing for ourselves, and that only Saga Foods can serve our beer and run our bars.

I think the students of this University deserve better. The Students have always been co-operative. If the food is bad we eat it. If the lines are long, we stand in them. If there is no non-resident students lounge we lay out the money to provide one. If we are asked to co-operate on administration policies such as their policy on posters and notices, we co-operate. If we say that we are going to do clean up after an event, we do it.

Yet Administration gives us nothing but lip service. They make promises that are not kept and when we ask why not the excuse is always the same...there must have been a mix up; I don't remember saying that and so on. Why should we keep on listening and believing? Why should Saga Foods still owe the Student Union hundreds of dollars and never send us an invoice? Why should Saga Foods monopolize every event on this campus? Why have we still not been billed for events which took place in September?

There is no point in talking to Mr. Merrigan or Mr. Wingate, they made these unkept promises. So, where do students turn? It seems to me that it is high time the Student Union took a firm stand on these issues. There is only one way to get MSVU Administration to consider you, DEMAND. Stop asking, that is an exercise in futility.



Foods, stated that the students should not be in the hallways and requested that we move. We did not move. The following day the Dean of Students suggested that our office was a mess and would we clean it.

Two things should be mentioned here. How many other people on this campus pay rent for their office space? The Union pays rent and we are of the opinion that if we want to have a party in our office we should be able to. Secondly, would any other person on this campus be told to clean their office in case someone might see it? I doubt it.

Calendar Details Achievements of Can. Women

by Dorothy Wigmore

"It is to these women, whoever they are--farm wives, doctors, office workers, artists, home-makers, factory workers, lawyers, teachers, nurses, musicians---and wherever they are across this far-flung Dominion who will in their own way work towards the ideal of free and happy womanhood and thereby a free and happier world, I dedicate this book."

November 1944
"New Worlds for Women"
by Dorice Nielson

Dorice Nielson, the only female member of the 1940-45 Parliament, was a member of the Unity Progressive Party from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. During her term as an MP she protested against the RCMP's interring of people under the War Measures Act, introduced a medicare bill, and drew crowds of 8,000 to 10,000 in Toronto when she spoke about poverty in Canada.

Nielson, who has taught at the university of Peking since the mid-fifties, is one of the women mentioned in a calendar about women, released by the Women's Educational Press in Toronto.

The calendar, similar to others produced about the war in Indo-China and the Third World, is full of details and pictures about the struggles and achievements of Canadian women, with all but 18 days of the year commemorating various women or their achievements.



Five Saskatchewan women worked through the summer on an Opportunities for Youth grant to produce the calendar.

"It's a useful book with a message," Gwen Gray said in an interview. "We did it to offer something that can reach a lot of people, and to give people an idea of what women have done in Canada."

Many of the women investigated "were dealing with some of the same issues we're doing today, such as day care and co-operative living," she added.

Colleen Pollreis, another woman who worked on the calendar, began

listing women who were firsts in their fields.

"Women started most of the arts in Canada," she said. Gweneth Lloyd, who arrived in Canada from England in 1938, began the Winnipeg Ballet. She wrote four ballets in three years and five in 1942 alone.

Celia Franca, another English-woman founded the National Ballet of Canada soon after she arrived in 1950. She travelled across Canada to find and train dancers, Gray explained. The troupe was well known by 1953.

Then there was Emily Howard Stowe, the first woman licensed to practise medicine in Canada. She had to study in the United States as did many nurses at the turn of the century, Pollreis said. Stowe's daughter was the first female graduate of a Canadian medical school.

Suffragettes and the fight to give women the vote were an important part of the research for the calendar.

"When the vote was passed, women never got much credit for it. It was usually the benevolent legislature, which is totally wrong," Gray said.

Some Saskatchewan women found a gathering place in the Women's Homemaker Clubs started by the extension division of the University of Saskatchewan in 1911, she explained. This spread across the province and into Manitoba becoming a meeting place for women to discuss women's rights and voting.

It was their efforts, and the efforts of women like Nellie McClung,

that finally obtained the vote for women, said Gray and Pollreis.

McClung and the women's group she belonged to, held mock parliaments to discuss franchising women. McClung (who was recognized recently by the Canadian Post Office with a special stamp) played the premier and had men appear before her, asking to be given the right to vote.



Other groups did this to emphasize the ludicrousness of the situation.

Information began coming in at the end of the summer about women's activities in other areas of Canada and it will be kept for future calendars, Pollreis said.

The calendar can be obtained in most bookstores or ordered from the Women's Educational Press, 352 Bloor St. W. Toronto.

ASSISI ELEVATOR EMBARRASSING STUDENTS

There are many mysterious things in this world, things which cannot be explained by human knowledge or reason: The election of Richard Nixon, the Caramel in a Cadbury Bar, the success of Henry Kissinger the failure of the Edsel and the Assisi elevator. Yes, the elevator in Assisi Hall stops mysteriously on second floor. Why? As a reminder to gentleman callers that this is the last stop before evil intent is assumed, to let benjy know that the next stop is his or is it simply a chance to give the faint of heart a chance to get off. It is a minor irritation to some who think that their male friends need a push, and also to those who are in such a rush to get to their rooms that a ten second stop cuts deeply into their schedule.

Many sources of information have been exhausted, still no explanation for this pressing problem exists. Imagine the woman hours wasted on second floor while the elevator lingers, imagine the embarrassed gentleman callers who are pushed out at this point, imagine the

embarrassment of the anonymous piano player when they discover that they are being listened to by an elevator full of people. Yes, it is a mystery why a stop is made there and is one of the more serious problems presently facing the students on this campus. Congratulations to the concerned students of Assisi who brought this matter up. More interest of this caliber is needed to improve the Mount.

**PICARO STAFF
MEETING
WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm

**PICARO OFFICE
ROSARIA HALL**

More Action This Year at CUP

by Paul Zwicker
Staff Writer

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute was this year's headquarters for the 1973 Canadian University Press (CUP) Conference. Approximately 43 papers sent 200 delegates to the seven day proceeding.

CUP is an organization of Canadian University and College newspapers, as well as some members in the alternate press category. The head office, located in Ottawa, distributes a news service to member papers and there is also a national Ad agency. CUP also helps member papers maintain closer contact with each other and keep in touch with happenings across Canada.

The conference is concerned with election of officers; drawing up the CUP budget; admitting and expelling of members plus the amendments to the constitution and by-laws; and other bureaucratic necessities.

Besides these administrative proceedings there are a number of seminars on various aspects of Newspaper production, ranging from news writing to layout techniques. These seminars are conducted by outside professional people as well as student and executive members from CUP. At this year's conference, photography seminars were held by a photographer from the Toronto Sun and the well known Canadian writer Margaret Atwood spoke to delegates at a woman's caucus.

There were two dominant themes prevalent at this year's conference: the appointment of officers and the move to regionalism prevailing in the membership.

The appointment of officers for next year was hampered when this year's President Bob Beal resigned due to poor relationships in the National Office. To remedy this situation, the whole national office was asked by the delegates to resign. Elections for officers to fill out the remainder of this term and officers for next year then became necessary. After many hours of screening and voting, all positions were filled.

To complete this current term, Cam Beck of Burnaby, B.C. was elected national president. Cam Ford also of Burnaby, was elected vice-president. Pauline Vaughan, from the Journal in Halifax was elected Bureau Chief and Al Maki was re-elected as business manager.

Elected to serve the 1974-75 term were Keith Reynolds of the Carillon U. of Saskatchewan as president and Doug McCorquodale also from the Carillon as vice president. Mick Lowe from the Gauntlet at the University of Calgary is next year's bureau chief and Paul Mitchell from the Eye Opener at Ryerson will fill the newly formed position of business manager.

Continuing its trend from last year the move towards regionalism became a very prominent issue this year.

photo by P. Zwicker



DELEGATES CAST VOTES DURING ONE OF THE MANY PLENARIES AT THE CONFERENCE.

Emphasis was put on the regions this year and there is presently a move underway to build stronger relations between member papers in the four CUP regions. The addition of regional field workers and the setting up of regional bureaus were moves to facilitate more opportunities for improving of in-

dividual papers along with a better rapport between regional papers.

The PICARO had three of the delegates present at the Conference; Laura Purdy, editor-in-chief; Irene Chamberlain, Photo Pool editor and PICARO staff member; and Paul Zwicker, staff member of PICARO and Photo Pool.

Continuation of Store Depends on Students

Unlike Spiro Agnew, the big car industry and the British pound, the Mount Student Store has survived the past fall remarkably well. Of course, no outrageous profit has been reaped but the level of business has been sufficient to enable the Store to maintain itself. Over the months a relatively large variety of goods have been stocked and hopefully the store is catering to the student body satisfactorily. There is now a good choice of magazines, as well as the usual milk, cigarettes, candy and sundry items.

The store continues to depend upon the students in order to survive. Money is owed to the Student

Council as it was they who advanced the funds for the initial stock in September. Above and beyond this there is still the necessity to keep the store's stock replenished. Often, if the store does not have certain popular products, it is merely because the wholesalers have run out, or do not carry that specific item at all. The store always welcomes any suggestions as to what is desired by the students, and will endeavor as far as possible to supply the required items.

The Store, located in Rosaria Hall is open Monday to Friday from 11 am to 6 pm.

Christmas Musical Raises \$500.

The Glee Club of MSVU presented their Christmas Musical in the Mother House Gym on December 8, 1973. The proceeds of the intake, which amounted to \$500.00, was donated to the Hearing and Speech Clinic on South Park Street.

A delightful evening was spent by young and old alike. A singsong and a presentation of the Atlantic Swells Barbershop Chorus preceded the musical, "A Ball of Snow".

The musical was compiled by

Stewart Dunsworth and John Brown. The co-directors of the show, Sister Margaret Young and Bob LeBlanc, were pleased with the result of the musical and with the audiences overall enjoyment of the evening. The musical was a big hit and drew a full house, for one of the few times ever at the Mother House.

Congratulations is given to all the members of the Glee Club and also to the outside talent who participated to make our 1973 Christmas Musical a great success.

One has to be ashamed to be a Canadian visiting Quang Ngai today.

by Clair Culhane

The Canadian Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital, a project which is supposed to have been such a great success (according to Paul Gerin-Lajoie, President of CIDA) laying the basis for further humanitarian aid, is an empty shell of a building. Renamed a Public Health Centre, two nurses sit knitting in the front office, three patients idly wait for x-rays, and upstairs half a dozen men wander from one empty office to another, as half of the 80 bed ward space is now converted into a Board Room. The chart on the wall shows 208 T.B. new cases investigated in October, which, if true, compares with approximately 150 seen each morning in January 1968. But saddest of all, is the sight of the emaciated patients transferred back to the Old Provincial Hospital where relatives are barred from caring for them because of their contagious state. They are slowly starving to death as there are no facilities to feed them under the auspices of the Ministry of Health. It was to rescue them from this hopeless situation that the Canadian project was originally initiated.

Stories circulate about the difficulty encountered in even getting suspected cases to go to the Canadian hospital for x-ray's, which meant that it was known that American personnel congregated there, and within the political context of Quang Ngai, that automatically meant C.I.A. personnel.

Only an imbecile would deny that the war in Vietnam is not still "big business". The thousands of Americans, in their sports outfits clutching brief cases, rushing around in the mad, stifling, traffic jammed streets are certainly not there for their health. They are the same ones who are seen reaching for the military embarkation card issued on Pan American planes.

They show no signs of being disturbed by the frenzied atmosphere of the streets of Saigon where beggars no longer beg, but dig their nails into your arms, and they spit at you if you refuse alms - where children pitch rocks at "Ba My" (American Women). When hunger is a constant, gnawing pain, people do nasty things at all ages and in all countries. That is what wars are all about.

THE VIETNAM WAR IS NOT A PAST TENSE TOPIC as Thieu's troops are parachuted deep behind PRG lines in areas where even ten years ago German and French journalists were

touring and reporting these areas as fully liberated. On October 15, the PRG embassy in Hanoi announced that they had reached the end of their patience and had that day issued a formal declaration that they would now take the initiative and attack ARVN bases. The nine month pattern of defending themselves against the 30, "Nibbling operations" was now at an end; no more battalion-sized regiments are to be permitted to penetrate deeper and remain longer in PRG territory. In the mean while, the western press true to form, warns of the "threatened invasion from the North" as it chooses to ignore the concise statement issued from PRG headquarters.

What can a Canadian do to help these people, whose fate is so closely linked to the profits made by our own industrialists. Sympathy and understanding, teach-ins and conferences, petitions and collections are still necessary - but no longer sufficient. The most effective way we can help the people of Indochina is to end the arrogance of our government officials who manipulate our foreign policy to suit their own designs. Canadians must now look forward to a long, cold bitter winter ahead with unheated homes as Mitchell Sharp insists on shipping one million barrels of crude oil everyday to the U.S.A. to fuel the B-52's and 6th and 7th Fleet as they continue their misadventures in foreign lands.

Canadian foreign policy is no longer a nebulous topic, best left the hands of politicians (as if it ever was...) those men sitting in Ottawa care as little for the disadvantaged Amerindians and Inuits, as they are for the Canadian families struggling on welfare to make ends meet, as they are for the people of foreign lands who provide the cheap labour which swells the year end dividend sheets.

To care about the Vietnamese people is to care about our own people. When we begin to take actions at home, dismantling the helicopters and cranes being used to divert our northern waterways to meet the needs of American interests, we will also know how to interfere with the equipment and material scheduled for foreign shores, there to be used against fellow human beings.

And when we have replaced the present selfish values of our society with those of a carefully organized set of standards, then it may be possible to return to Vietnam and say "Yes, there really is peace now." But not before.

Oppression of Political Prisoners Extensive in South Vietnam

by John W. MacEwen

In spite of the signing of the Vietnam Ceasefire Agreements in January 1973, oppression in South Vietnam is as extensive as it was prior to the ceasefire date. Reports from neutralist Vietnamese sources and from Western medical workers and observers who are or were in South Vietnam, indicate that about 100,000 to 200,000 people are imprisoned by President Thieu's government for political reasons. Amnesty International reports that there are also several thousand political prisoners held by the Vietcong. Information about the Vietcong's political prisoners is rather scarce in North America.

Reliable evidence concerning the oppressive policies of Thieu's government, however, is abundant. Sources of information include testimonies by American officials before Congressional Committees,

minor way, with the Vietcong. Such prisoners were often seized on the basis of false intelligence reports or during massive, almost indiscriminate arrests.

Several weeks often elapse between the capture of a political suspect and the five minute hearing which determines his sentence. During this waiting period, savage torture has been used on many political detainees in order to extract information from them or to force them to sign "confessions" stating that they are members of the Vietcong.

Appalling treatment of political prisoners continues after they have been sentenced and incarcerated within the squalid, overcrowded prisons of South Vietnam. Many of these prisoners are usually fed only small quantities of dirty fish and rice each day. Thousands have been shackled, savagely beaten, or tortured in other ways by prison officials or by the convicted criminals, who are often recruited



"Do we stand by...and leave the South Vietnamese to a long night of Terror?...abandoning our commitment in Vietnam here and now would mean turning 17,000,000 South Vietnamese over to communist terror and tyranny...To the people of South Vietnam: You shall continue to have our firm support in your resistance to aggression...It is your will that will shape the future of your country."

-President Richard Nixon announcing Haiphong blockade, May 8, 1973

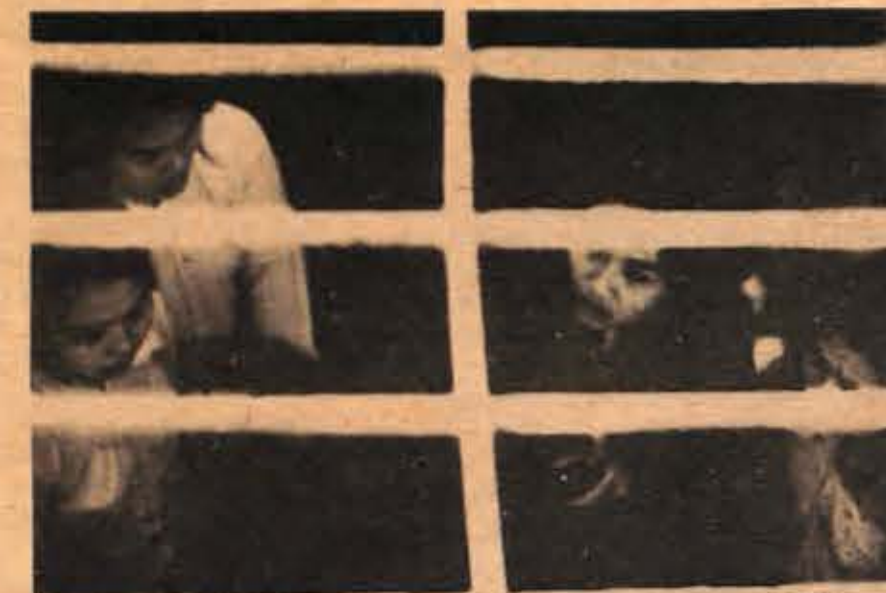
reports from American medical workers in South Vietnam and others who have gone to South Vietnam to investigate the plight of political prisoners. Evidence is also available from statements by released political prisoners and letters smuggled from prisons.

These sources indicate that among the political prisoners of Thieu's government are Buddhist priests, pacifists, labour leaders, members of non-violent social action groups participants in non-violent demonstrations and other people who have expressed publically a desire for a coalition government in South Vietnam, democratic liberties for the South Vietnamese people, or an end to the conflict between the Vietcong and Thieu's government.

The sources mentioned above also reveal that many of Thieu's political prisoners were only suspected of disapproving of their government's policies or of cooperating, in a

guard duty. Medical care for injured prisoners or for inmates who are ill from malnutrition or disease is almost non-existent. The murdering of prisoners may be increasing and the re-classification of political detainees as common criminals is occurring constantly.

Some of the small minority of Thieu's political prisoners who are Vietcong members may be released through prisoner exchanges. In the immediate future, however, most of Thieu's political prisoners can only be helped by certain Vietnamese relief groups and an international outcry. There is some evidence that Thieu's officials can be influenced directly by international opinion. According to several Frenchmen who were imprisoned by Thieu's police for two years, the abuse of prisoners decreased when the international outcry against oppression in South Vietnam increased. Thieu's government has made a strenuous effort to



Women in tiger cages. Five women are confined in a single cell. Caustic lime is thrown by guards from above as a disciplinary measure.

conceal the existence of its political prisoners from the Western World. It appears that Ngo ba Thanh and several labour leaders were recently released in response to international pressure.

Canadians who are concerned about oppression in south Vietnam can contribute to an international protest against it by sending letters and petitions to; the leaders of the Canadian opposition parties, Mitchell Sharp, Minister of External Affairs; President Nguyen van Thieu, the Canadian Red Cross and other groups in the United States and Vietnam working for the release of political prisoners.

Amnesty International and many Vietnamese people think that these letters will be beneficial. It is hoped that even if you are not so optimistic, you will write a few letters in case they do help to relieve some human suffering.

For more information contact J.W. MacEwen, 20 Towerview Drive, Halifax, 477-3714.

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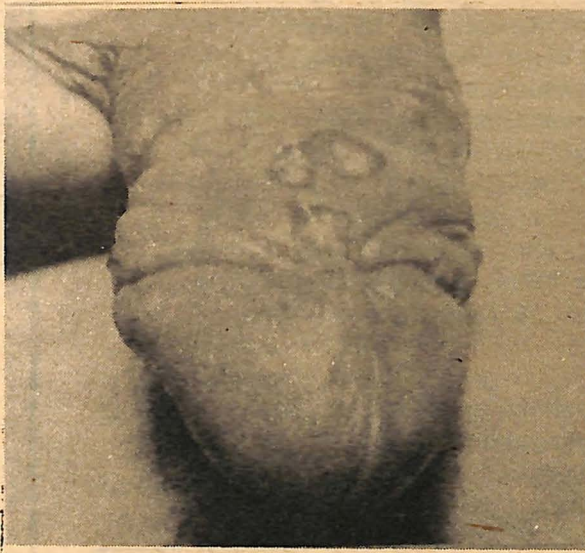
Claire Culhane, who has just returned from her second trip to Southeast Asia, will be in Halifax on January 17 to speak on "Canada and the Indochina War - Neutral or Accomplice?" She will also relate first hand observations of Canadian Aid Projects and interviews with former Political Prisoners in South Vietnam. The talk is accompanied by the showing of a documentary film on the 1972 Christmas Bombing of North Vietnam. 8 pm, McInnes Room, Student Union Building, Dalhousie University.

Would You Know If You Have VD ?

by Anne Derrick

Despite the fact that so few people nowadays are willing to openly discuss venereal disease, this common social disease has reached epidemic proportions and is inescapably now a part of our society. An astonishing number of people are ignorant about the facts of VD and if they should suspect that they are afflicted they are often highly reluctant to seek medical aid. Too many doctors tend to have a contemptuous attitude toward those who have contracted the disease, and many clinics offer inept advice and disinterested help. Surely only with increased understanding and education of our society can we ever hope to put an end to this dread spectre.

Gonorrhea has reached epidemic proportions, affecting 140,000 Canadians per year. Despite popular misconception, it is virtually impossible to catch gonorrhea from toilet seats, towels, sheets, etc. as the bacteria dies within seconds outside the human body. The bacteria grows in the mucous membranes. The vagina, cervix, mouth and throat are all lined by such membranes. The bacteria may be transferred through sexual intercourse by the infected person's genital organs to the membranes of the unaffected partner's organs. Men have a 20% - 50% chance of contracting the disease from a single sexual exposure to an affected person. The chances with women are probably more than 50%.



CHANCROIDAL ULCERS

Most men who have contracted a gonorrhea infection of the penis will first notice symptoms 3-5 days after the infecting act of intercourse. However, this varies as sometimes symptoms will occur as early as one day following or as late as 2 weeks. A thin, clear mucous discharge will be emitted from the opening of the penis. A day or two after this the discharge will become heavy and thick. It will be white, or a yellowish-green. The lips of the meatus (the opening) will become swollen and tender. Urination will be painful, and 30%-40% of infected

men will also suffer from enlarged and tender lymph glands in the groin.

If treatment of this condition is delayed beyond a few days after the onset of the symptoms, the infection will spread and the entire penis will become painful. However after several weeks the discharge will become lighter and the pain will disappear. However bacteria is still present and the man can infect any sexual partners. From time to time the pain and discharge will reappear and last for a few days. The infection may spread to the lower pelvis and the anus. In 20% of the men that leave the affliction longer than a month, the bacteria will spread further and affect the testicles. In time scar tissue is formed, preventing the transmission of sperm from the affected testicle. The possibility does exist that sterility may result in both testicles. However modern antibiotics lead to rapid recovery; most men nowadays submit themselves for early treatment.

From 50% - 80% of affected women do not notice any symptoms for the first weeks or even months of their disease. The infection will begin in the cervix, from which pus will be discharged, but this cannot be observed. There may be pain with urination, and pus may accumulate within the urethra. With the progression of the infection, the discharge may become heavier and may be accompanied by low backache. glands situated deep in the labia majora may become infected and very tender. During menstruation, the infection travels rapidly and attacks the inner walls of the fallopian tubes. Scar tissue is left in 20 - 30% of the infected women, leaving them sterile.

It is possible to contract oral gonorrhea through oral genital contact. The symptoms are usually a sore throat and low fever a few days after contact.

If a pregnant woman has a child while she is afflicted with gonorrhea, the bacteria may enter the baby's eyes as it passes through the mother's infected cervix. If this is not immediately treated, the child may be blind.

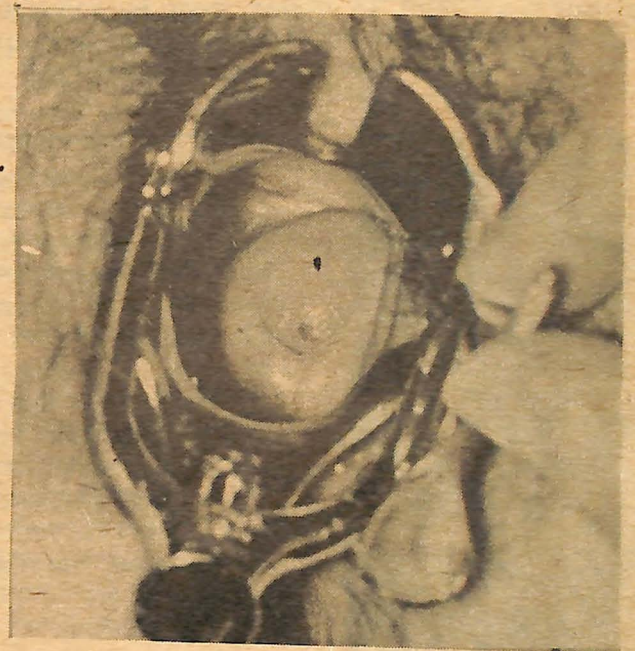
A person suspecting that they may have gonorrhea should submit themselves to a clinic or hospital to have a thorough examination. Antibiotic treatment will not necessarily cure some diseases which cause similar symptoms and therefore no treatment should be accepted until a sample is taken for testing. The doctor should also be asked to explain his findings and diagnosis. The drug to be administered should be identified and the dosage prescribed, and a written record should be made of this information.

Syphilis is not as common as gonorrhea; in 1971 100,000 cases of primary and secondary (that is

infectious) syphilis were reported in North America. In this same year there were 2,000,000 cases of gonorrhea. However the fact that the incidence of syphilis is not as high does not negate its seriousness, syphilis can kill.

Syphilis is transmitted from the infected person by sexual intercourse. Wearing a condom will not protect the man as the bacteria can enter through the parts of the body which are not covered by the sheath. Within a few hours after entry the syphilis organisms reach the bloodstream and are transmitted to all parts of the body.

The primary symptom of syphilis, a sore called the chancre appears at the spot where the syphilis or organism entered the body. This occurs about 3-4 weeks after contact with the infected person, but it may be evident as early as 10 days or as long as 3 months. In men this sore usually appears on the



PRIMARY SYPHILIS

glans (fleshy top of the penis) or around the meatus. Women rarely show evidence of this chancre although when it appears it will be on the cervix, or inner vaginal walls. It may also appear on the clitoris, vaginal lips or the urinary meatus. Oral-genital contact with an affected person will often result in the formation of a chancre on the lips, tongue or tonsils.

The chancre is at first dull red and small. It does not bleed easily and it becomes covered with a scab. The lymph glands in the groin may also swell, this is more common in men than in women. From 1-5 weeks after its appearance the sore will heal by itself. For awhile the infected person will display no symptoms but the bacteria is still present and other exposed people run the risk of becoming infected.

If the primary symptoms are not treated the disease will progress to the secondary stage. 6 weeks after the development of the chancre (from 2 weeks to 6 months) a generalized skin rash will appear. The characteristics of the rash will

STUDENT COMMENT

QUESTION;

DO YOU HAVE ANY BEEFS ABOUT THE MOUNT THIS YEAR?

differ, the only thing they have in common is the fact that the rash will not itch. Usually the rash is raised bumps on the chest, back, legs, face, palms and soles.

The bumps are rubbery hard, and they may cause the hair to fall out if they result on the scalp. In the warm moist areas of the body the rash will be broad based flat-topped, rounded growths that will eventually break down revealing a dull red surface oozing clear fluid. This fluid is extremely contagious to other people. The lymph glands in the armpits and neck may become enlarged but not painful. 25% of the cases exhibit a general deterioration in health, frequent headaches, loss of appetite nausea, constipation, and a low perspiring fever.

Without treatment all symptoms of secondary syphilis will disappear within 2-6 weeks and the disease will enter its more dangerous stage. This is called latent syphilis. 25% of the people suffering will exhibit symptoms of secondary and primary syphilis, during the first two years of the hidden form. After 1 more year the person is no longer infectious to other people, except in the case of the pregnant mother and her unborn child. 2/3 of the people affected will be undisturbed by the disease for the rest of their lives. However the remaining third develop serious complications. In benign late syphilis, an ulcer called a gumma will develop in the skin, muscles, digestive organs, liver, lungs, eyes and endocrine glands. In cardiovascular late syphilis, the major blood vessels in the heart are affected and this may lead to death. In the third form, neurosyphilis, the spinal cord and the brain are affected causing paralysis and insanity. People suspecting that they may have syphilis must submit themselves for a complete examination as the disease affects so many parts of the body. In primary symptoms, no ointment should be put on the sore until the doctor has had a chance to examine it. The patient should have laboratory tests made, examining the fluid from the chancre and the blood.

If the disease is tackled at the very beginning, the chances for recovery are almost certain. It should be remembered that the longer it is left the more damage is being done and the harder it will be to treat.

Venereal disease is not a matter to be treated lightly or with narrow minded distaste. A person that suspects that either she or he is affected is responsible to warn all recent sexual partners of the possibility of infection. A visit to the doctor for a complete examination and diagnosis will prevent much discomfort and even serious illness and even death.

The symptoms of VD are highly deceptive as they can be thought to

1. Beth Hamilton - Senior Arts

"I object to compulsory examinations. I think that they are an infringement on professors and students because other means of evaluation can be just as, or more effective than examinations. ie. seminars."

"I'm hoping for two graduation ceremonies this year; one for degree students and one for diploma so we could invite more guests."



2. Jo Marchand - Business 1

"The food in the Snack Bar is tasteless. I don't have time to go to the cafeteria because of classes."

"I don't think there is any communication between the different societies and student body."



3. Marion Orman - Business 3

"I think the food in the Snack Bar and cafeteria is terrible and the prices are ridiculous for the quality of food they serve."

"You'll never convince me that the food in the Cafeteria is nutritional."



4. Laurie Graves - Business 3

"The Special Bus should run at 8:30 instead of 9:30 and the last bus should go back to Dal instead of Dartmouth."



indicate the presence of some other ailment. It is not worth the risk not to be certain.

For further information and check-ups you're advised to contact the nurse in Rosaria Hall, or the Med-Aid Centre on the Victoria General Hospital grounds, 422-6662. Med-Aid is open Monday through Friday, 9-5 and one evening each week, usually Wednesday or Thursday. The Victoria General Hospital Out-

patient Department also operates a Clinic but they're reportedly a bit cold towards patients so unless you're capable of maintaining a super cool attitude about the whole thing it might be wise to avoid them.

If you suspect you may have VD and don't wish to go to the nurse or the clinic then contact a private physician.

STUDENT

ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

Wed. January 16, Rosaria Lounge
Beer and Chips-- \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

Wed. January 23, Rosaria Lounge
Beer and Chips - \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

Sat. January 26, Evaristus Gym
Bash - Band is Tentative -

Thurs. January 31, Cafeteria
Winter Carnival Dance

Fri. February 1, Cafeteria
Mount BALL

Sat. February 2,
Canada Brass

Sat. February 2, Rosaria Lounge
Malt Shop - 7:00/9:00

Sun. February 3,
Skating party on Pond - Hot soup and hot
drinks will be provided

Wed. February 6, Rosaria Lounge
Beer and Chips - \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

Sat. February 9, Evaristus Gym
BEATLES NITE (TAPES) - \$1.50 - 8:30/12:30
Beer Mugs Free

Sat. February 16, Evaristus Gym
Bash - Band is Tentative -

Wed. March 6, Rosaria Lounge
Beer and Chips - \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

Sat. March 9, Evaristus Gym
Bash - Tapes - \$1 - 8:30/12:30

Sat. March 16, Cafeteria
Home Ec Society Dance

Wed. March 20, Rosaria lounge
Beer and Chips - \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

Sat. March 23, Cafeteria
Bash - Shanty - \$1.75 - 9:00/1:00

Wed. March 27, Rosaria Lounge
Beer and Chips - \$1 - 7:30/11:30
MOUNT STUDENTS ONLY

ELECTIONS

Nominations for the following positions will open
on Monday, February 4, 1974.

President
External Vice President
Internal Vice President
Executive Vice President
Academic Vice President
Faculty Representatives

Nominations are open from Monday, February 4, to
Friday, February 8.
Elections will be held on February 20.

AWARDS

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Forms for the awards can be picked up at the
Seton Desk. They must be returned to the Stu-
dent Council Office by February 18.
Any student may nominate any other student for
any of the three awards; council pin, silver V
and gold V.



WHAT NEXT?



COULD THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR NAMES FOR
GLEE CLUB PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING TUESDAY. THE PRO-
GRAM WENT VERY WELL LAST TERM BUT MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE
NEEDED TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL. MEETINGS ARE
HELD EVERY TUESDAY IN SAC 306 FROM 12:45 UNTIL 1:45.



WE CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

If you would like advice or information on
any of our helpful services, why not drop
in soon. We'll be pleased to help you in
any way we can.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS
mondays 6:00pm rosaria hall



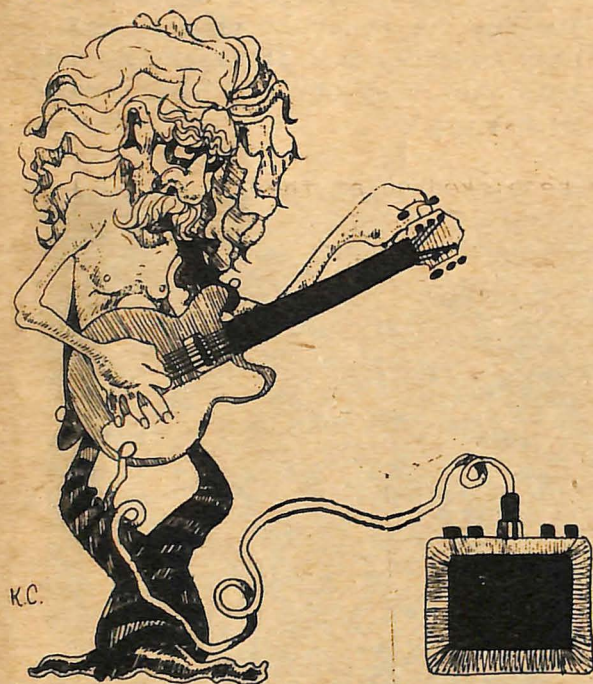
ROYAL BANK
serving Nova Scotia

by Lois Hartnett

Before we begin to look at what came to be known as "the British Invasion", it might be useful to retrace our steps and look more closely at some of the things I've already mentioned.

The fault I find with many books which attempt to look at rock from an historical viewpoint, is that they do not see the music in terms of the society. In fact popular music has always given a good indication of the state of society. Social patterns are reflected in the music. This fact can be easily borne out by a look at one facet of popular music, protest music. In the sixties most music was protest music of one form or another. This reflected the mood of society, or at least of the younger generation.

The music of the late forties and early fifties reflected the mood of a much older and more complacent generation. The songs were trite and uninteresting, the issues were love, marriage and motherhood. When Rock began to develop it was considered a degenerate form of music and was made for delinquents by delinquents. Rock had a very bad reputation.



THE RISE OF ROCK AND ROLL

However, the emergence of rock 'n roll indicated a growing feeling among youth that the adult society was not what they wanted or expected from life. The music was a form of rebellion against those norms and against that early fifties complacency. It also indicated a growing awareness of the Victorian attitudes toward sex. Rock began to treat sex in a very different way than previous music had. This of course was more true of the Rhythm and Blues music than it was of white rock. Rhythm and Blues has traditionally been a more realistic music, dealing with the realities of life than with the myths of it.

Although it was not until the latter part of the fifties that R&B became very popular in North America, it certainly was the form which had the most influence on rock. In spite

of the fact that middle and later fifties music was not particularly good, it was still the music with which the young identified. It was the vernacular language of the young generation. The teeny bopper's guide to hip. With the music began the development of the sub culture which reached it's apex during the sixties and which is now inhabited by the dated, the passe, and the ho-daddy hippie.

The sub culture has diminished once again, and the music has again begun to appeal largely to a pre-teen and teenage audience. However, the long play album has been able to maintain quality where the singles market has been regressing. In other words the LP has become the most important record being made, and the 45 is a boppers item.

The sixties music was often divisive, negative and pretentious, but amidst the Barry McGuire's and the Phil Ochs, there were the Dylans, the Beatles and the Stones.

Of course it is no longer regarded as the delinquent music. The last time there was a blast from the censors it was a comedy. Louie Louie by the Kinsmen was supposed to be dirty if played at the wrong speed. The United States Government tried to prove it and failed. The Ballad of John and Yoko was banned in some places because it was supposedly pornographic and because Lennon declared... "Christ, you know it ain't easy." Well, we've come a long way, censors are not so picky these days. the Rolling Stones sing Starfucker on radio throughout North America and no one gets to upset. So the times have changed, and the music changes with the times.

But the question remains what made the Beatles so popular, what happened to the folk movement, why Rhythm and Blues now and what about Woodstock and Altamont? Was all this simply leading up to Donnie Osmond and the Jackson Five or was it leading to other things?

TIPS ON BUYING RECORDS & STEREOS

Dylan has a new album out on Columbia. It is my guess that Columbia has issued this album because Dylan has left them. Columbia may begin to issue a lot of Dylan things so buyer beware. Columbia has never been known for charitable practises concerning their departed stars. The current album, called simply Dylan, is terrible.

not intentional, but it does happen. The Harvest album by Neil Young drew many complaints, also some records on A&M. If this happens to you, write the company and state your grievance, they are very cooperative. Record Stores are not sympathetic in this respect. So go direct to the company.

BUYING STEROS

If your thinking about stereo set, shop carefully, many cheaper sets are a rip off, additional parts cannot be purchased, replacement parts are hard to find and the life expectancy of the machine is brief.

Try a Lloyd, they are well made and the parts are easy to get. The sound is also extremely good. And they are reasonably priced. Don't lay out a lot of money on Quad just yet, there are still a few bugs in the system that should be worked out.

RECORD STORES AND RECORDS

Although Sam the Record Man has been widely publicized as being a large business that can offer you great savings, it's a bit of a myth. The savings are mostly on records that most people wouldn't want anyway. Their good sales are few and far between. The worst place to buy records is off a rack in Simpsons or Eatons, the prices are unreal. Bob's Music Center is the worst record store I've ever seen. The variety is poor, the prices are high and the staff is not particularly helpful or knowledgeable. The best place to buy records is the Folk Lore Centre; for hard to get items. Or the Warehouse for current lp's. The best sales I've seen, believe it or not, have been at Woolco, placing second to the warehouse.

Another point of interest...most places which sell records store them and display them incorrectly. Records should always be kept lying flat, not standing on edge. Therefore the number of records which may be warped when you buy them may be very high. Sensitive Stereo equipment quite often cannot cope with warps, so check before you buy.

Another small point, some record companies have been known to ship albums which are defective. This is



REMEMBER, YOU NEED A GOOD
SOUND SYSTEM TO HEAR THAT
SHIT KICKING MUSIC

THEATRE

by Pat Sherbin

If you've decided to support the student boycott of local movie emporiums (a stand which isn't too difficult to take considering the quality of the shows which they offer to the Halifax public) there are some alternative forms of entertainment if you can hold on for a couple of weeks.

Both Neptune theatre and Pier One are, at present, in rehearsals for their first productions of the new year. Neptune is putting together a modern-dress version of William Shakespeare's supposedly first-published play "Love's Labour Lost". Director Robert Sherrin hopes that by using modern dress and an abstract set the audience will be able to concentrate more on the words and the complicated plot.

Prohibition '74 Starts Jan. 30

Having successfully survived a semester of toil, we are once more being rewarded with a Dal-Mount Winter Carnival. The name of this year's Carnival is Prohibition '74. It begins January 30 and runs to February 3.

Although plans are not finalized, Susan Pittman, External VP working with Dalhousie on the carnival committee, has given us an outline of the upcoming weekend.

In the past years, the Mount paid \$1,000 towards the cost of the Dal-MSVU Winter Carnival. Past councils have felt this amount to be too large a proportion of their budget. This year council will not be paying the \$1,000. Instead they will be paying a proportional sum for advertising costs which will be far below \$1,000.

On January 30, there will be a concert at Dalhousie. Check the posters and the next issue of PICARO for the band playing.

On January 31, there will be a formal ball at Dalhousie. On the same evening at the Mount there will be a dance in the cafeteria from 9 - 1pm.

On Friday, February 1, there will be a Casino at Dalhousie. MSVU student council will be sponsoring on the same evening, aside from the carnival events, a formal dance. The ball will be held in the cafeteria from 9 to 2 with Canada Brass.

The afternoon of February 2 will feature a big beer bash at Dalhousie. Later, from 7 to 9 pm, there will be a malt shop in Rosaria Hall with taped greaser music.

At 9 pm, buses will be leaving from Assisi Hall, taking Mount students to Dalhousie for the night's entertainment which will feature 4 bands.

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, will feature a toboggan party on the

(And with a cast of more than 20 it probably saves a lot of money by not having to put them in the flaunt Elizabethan costumes).

The production opens January 24 and if you find yourself humming a few bars of Strauss Waltzes while watching the play, it might be because one of the lead characters (Berown) is played by Stuart Wilson, who portrayed Johann Strauss Jr. in the television production, "The Strauss Family".

In the cast, there will also be a number of other familiar faces including Barry Baldaro, a regular member of the CBC stable of comedians; Doug Chamberlain, in a number of Neptune productions and young Alex Bruce, son of freelance writer, Harry Bruce.

Original music for the play was composed by Milan Kymlicka and is

being recorded in Toronto by Canadian jazzmen, Moe Kauffman, Terry Clarke, Don Thompson and Rich Jomme.

The production will be at the Neptune Theatre until February 9. Neptune is still continuing its policy of allowing students in for a \$1 on standby basis.

Pier One is also in rehearsals for the 12th century drama "Abelard and Heloise". It's a love story but not along the lines of Segal's maudlin and soupy ideas of love. (Segal really should have said he was sorry). The Pier One publicists say that Abelard and Heloise provides a good study of the 12th century mind in the story of an older scholar who falls in love with a young girl. It starts February 7 and runs for three weeks.

The Second Stage, which was a good alternative to the "established" theatres in Halifax has probably reached its last stage. The company was run with the help of Local Initiative Program grants but they're no longer getting LIP service so that they find it impossible to start any new productions this year.

The company is still apparently looking for money so that it can stay together but at least up until this week they weren't having too much success.

Motherhouse hill and a skating party on Evaristus pond. Hot soup will be served by the council.

The next issue of PICARO will have dates, times, places, and band names. All Mount students who wish to help with the event are asked to contact Susan Pittman at the Council Office in Rosaria Hall.

photo by P. Zwicker



STUDENT PHOTO DISPLAY IN ART GALLERY

A collection of photographs taken by Mount students will be on display in the Art Gallery from January 15 until February 3.

The idea for the display came from the gallery's director, Mary Sparling. She proposed the idea to Photo Pool's Editor, Irene Chamberlain, who agreed it was an interesting idea. Chamberlain offered the services of Photo Pool to take care of collection, selection and mounting of photos.

There was just a week after Christmas break to ready the pictures chosen for display. The members

of Photo Pool worked long hours preparing the display. The photos were mounted at Dalhousie University with the help of the Dal SUB photo department.

There was little student participation in this display. This was unfortunate and Photo Pool thanks those who did enter their photos.

Everyone is invited to come to the gallery and to have a look at the display which is showing on the Mezzanine level of the Gallery starting today.



NEWMAN CONFERENCE

CHRISTIANS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT is the theme for this year's Atlantic Regional Newman Conference, planned for January 18, 19 and 20 at the University of Prince Edward Island. The conference will be a meeting of students, faculty, etc., from universities throughout the Atlantic Provinces, and will focus on the meaning of Christian life and the responsibility of Christians in today's world.

Transportation will be provided for anyone interested in attending. A fee of fifteen dollars will be charged to cover accommodation, etc. For further information please contact:

Mary Anne Goodwill
Room 401, Assisi Hall
Phone: 455-9086

PANTOMINE CIRCUS

Lotte Goslar and her Pantomine Circus will be performing in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on January 25 at 8:30pm. The show, which consists of unique dance numbers and mime theatre, will be in town for only one night. Tickets to Lotte Goslar's Pantomine Cir-

cus are available at the Dal Central Box Office, phone 424-2298. Admission charges are \$4.00 and \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 and \$1.00 for students.

PASSPORT PHOTOS

Passport photos are available from MSVU Student Union Photo Pool. Three shots for \$3.00. Photo Pool is located in the PICARO office in Rosaria Hall. For more information, contact Irene Chamberlain.

DAL FILM THEATRE

Dalhousie Film Theater, on Jan 18, at 8:00 pm, will be showing "Inside China," a series of documentaries on modern China. On Jan.20 at 8:00 pm, Dal will feature "The White Haired Girl", a Peking style opera based on an old Chinese folk-tale.

The films are shown at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The membership fee, for students is \$1.50, whereby the cost of admission for each film is \$.50. For non-member students the admission fee is \$1.50.

XMAS GIFTS

All those students who donated gifts for the underprivileged families are thanked for their co-operation. Many families spent a happy Christmas due to your generosity.

PHOTO DISPLAY

Student pictures are being displayed Jan.15 in the Mezzanine level of the Art Gallery. The display is open for all. Photo Pool selected and mounted the photographs being shown.

RYAN'S DAUGHTER

The Sociology Department is sponsoring a film, "Ryan's Daughter", in Seton Academic Center. The movie is scheduled for January 16, at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$1.00.

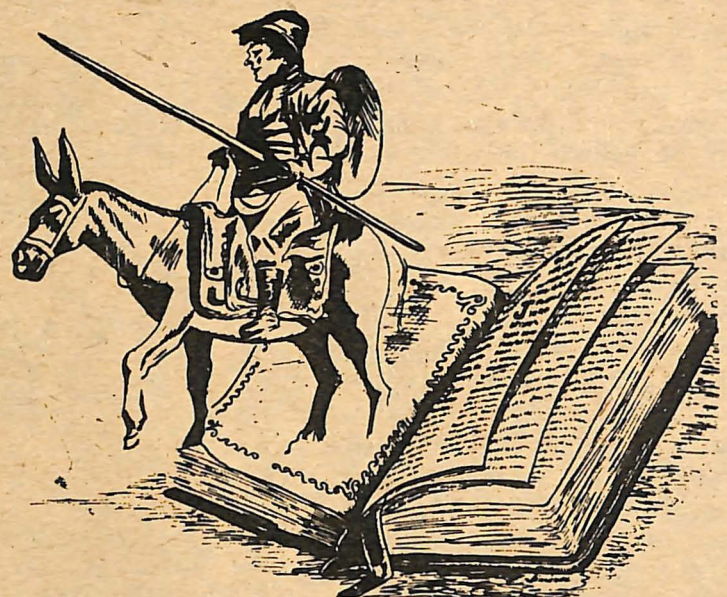
OPEN HOUSE

MSVU is having an open house on January 27. Many of the departments will be showing displays relevant to the courses in it. All are welcome.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Pregnant? Need Help?
Call BIRTHRIGHT. 9:30-11:30 am; 7:30-10:00pm.
422-4408 or 422-4409.

The PICARO is in need of a typist. The job will pay according to the responsibilities taken by the person. Inquires can be made at the PICARO office, across from student council office.



A Note From Antiquity

The following was printed as the editorial in Volume 1, Number 1 of PICARO. The first issue of PICARO appeared in October of 1965.

For those of you who have never taken a course in Spanish Literature, an explanation of the newspaper's name is in order.

"Picaro" is the term applied to the hero of early Spanish literature. He is a person who roams about the countryside, retaining the ideas and philosophies expressed by the people he encounters. From these various ideas, he divulges his own philosophy.

The term is relatively appropriate for a news-

paper, since the objective of any newspaper is to give an overall picture of the times, the events and the people who create and supposedly solve the problems that arise.

By no means do we of the PICARO intend to solve any problems, but we do intend to express our views, and those of the university. How much roaming about the countryside we do is tentative. However, we hope that through the media of this paper, we can give an accurate picture of what is going on here, and the people and the events that make up the life of this school.

At some moment I did answer yes to Someone or Something, and at that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that my life in self-surrender had a goal. — Dag Hammarskjöld

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CREDIT COMPANIES DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN

by Pat Noonan
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One woman had charge accounts in several stores. After she was married she asked that her accounts be changed to her new name and address. One store immediately closed her account, and the others sent her application blanks to open new accounts in her husband's name, based on his credit rating.

Another woman in her forties, the head of her family, wanted to buy a home for herself and her children. She was told that to get a mortgage she would have to ask her seventy-five year old father, living on a pension, to cosign it.

When a couple applied for a home loan, the wife, was told that in order for her salary to be counted as part of the total family income she must sign an affidavit stating that she would practice birth control and planned to have no more children. This, despite the fact that the woman had worked steadily for thirteen years, was earning \$475 a month and her only child was eight years old.

The mother refused to sign the pledge, and since her husband's earnings were not enough to qualify them for a loan, they lost their new home.

A 1971 survey of savings and loans associations asked how these organizations would credit the salary of a twenty-five year old wife with two school age children, a woman who worked full time as a secretary. Of the seventy-four that replied, twenty-five percent would count none of the wife's earnings, over half would count half or less; twenty-two percent would give full credit.

Another study was done on bank loan policy. A man and a woman, each earning \$12,000 and each sole support of a family with almost identical financial and personal qualifications, visited twenty-three banks to borrow \$600 for a used car. More than half the banks refused to lend the woman money without her husband's signature, or approved the loan only as an exception to their usual procedures.

Several suspected that the woman's marriage was in trouble when she said she did not want to ask her husband to cosign and recommended marriage counselling.

These and other stories add up to the claim that banks, savings and loan associations, credit card companies, retail stores and the government all discriminate against women in extending credit...women in all stages of life...whether single, married, divorced or widowed; with or without children, rich or poor, young or old.

Most of the complaints come from married women. They resent the fact that credit cards are issued in the names of their husbands regardless of the woman's financial qualifi-

cations. A woman who has worked before her marriage and continues to do so after, discovers that marriage cancels out her former responsibility toward money and bills. She is a non-person. Her credit cards are cancelled. She can get new ones in her husband's name, but her past record is not taken into consideration. Suddenly she is a dependent who cannot be trusted unless Daddy signs for her. Often she suffers from a drop in credit rating and this usually results in loss of credit in her own name.

But no laws exist in any province which prohibit credit being extended to married women. The differential treatment is largely the result of policies and practices arising from the legal responsibility of a husband for his wife's debts.

Another area of discrimination



is that of loans and mortgages. A married woman's financial status often means little or nothing when she and her husband apply for a loan or a mortgage. Many banks and lending institutions have simply refused to take into account a wife's income. Consequently, the families have been denied credit because the husband's income alone is not sufficient. The decision is often based on theoretical future events: the lender conjectures that the woman might get pregnant and/or stop working. Once again, married women become financial non-persons.

Many women presented briefs of complaint to the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. This led to the recommendation "that the National Housing Loan Regulations be amended so that for purposes of the gross debt service ratio either husband or wife may be deemed to be the purchaser, and up to 50 percent of the income of the spouse of the purchaser may be included in computing the annual income."

Such changes have been enacted by the federal government but many other loan and credit granting

agencies have some catching up to do.

If married women have complaints, widows and divorcees find a new complication. Whether or not they have worked in the past they have difficulty getting credit unless they have established their own credit record - a feat that is almost impossible, since a married woman can seldom get credit in her own name. The present rate of marriage breakdown is increasing the number of women who are making independent financial deals.

There has been some progress made in the area of job discrimination. Recent work legislation ensures that women must not be treated differently at work because of sex.

But these work improvements only draw more attention to the issue of credit discrimination. More than three million Canadian women are

working fulltime. They make up one third of the work force (and half of them are married). They see the contradiction. If they are good enough to work, why aren't they good enough to get credit?

Credit personnel are very unpopular in women's circles. Maybe the anger is misdirected but they see credit grantors as people who stereotype women. All women are credit risks...all women get pregnant...all women quit their jobs.

Being refused credit for reasons connected to sex or marital status has been a radicalizing experience for many women who never believed that women liberation stuff before. Individuals have become angry, but very little large scale organizing has been done locally. But as more and more women exchange stories, the demand for change increases.

Some groups have kept a file of cases where women give reasons for the credit refusal. It doesn't take long to get a list of the places accused of credit discrimination. Boycotting is still an effective weapon for women because of their consumer power.