

# the Picaro

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## The new library will offer convenience

by Nancy Coates

"It is anticipated that library usage will go up by 100 per cent because the new library will be more attractive, more conveniently located and better equipped," said Lucien Bianchini, Head Librarian at the Mount.

The library will be more than double the size of the current facilities located in Evaristus Hall. It will include a computer linkage system called Novanet when it opens its doors in November, 1988. This system will enable Mount students to access reference files of Dalhousie University, St. Mary's University, the Technical University of Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia

College of Art and Design. It is hoped that the system will be expanded to include reference files of universities throughout the province in the near future.

"The most practical result of the system is that students will know immediately whether a book is available at all," said Bianchini. This will eliminate pointless trips to other libraries. "If you go to another library looking for a book, you go with the knowledge that the book is there," he added.

The number of new books available at the Mount library will partially depend on the success of a donation drive being undertaken by the university in early March. As part of the cam-

paign, members of the university community will be asked to donate money to the university library.

"People who contribute \$50 will have a book plate placed in one of the books purchased so they'll have a kind of permanent recognition for their contribution," said Glenda Thomson, public relations manager for the university.

Other sources of funds for new books are the university budget, free government publications, donations and grants. In 1986/87, the library received a \$30,000 grant for library acquisitions for the tourism and hospitality program.

The new library will more

than duplicate the seating accommodations and offer more privacy to the students than the current facilities in Evaristus. The 500 individual study-carrels in the new library will be padded on the sides to absorb noise.

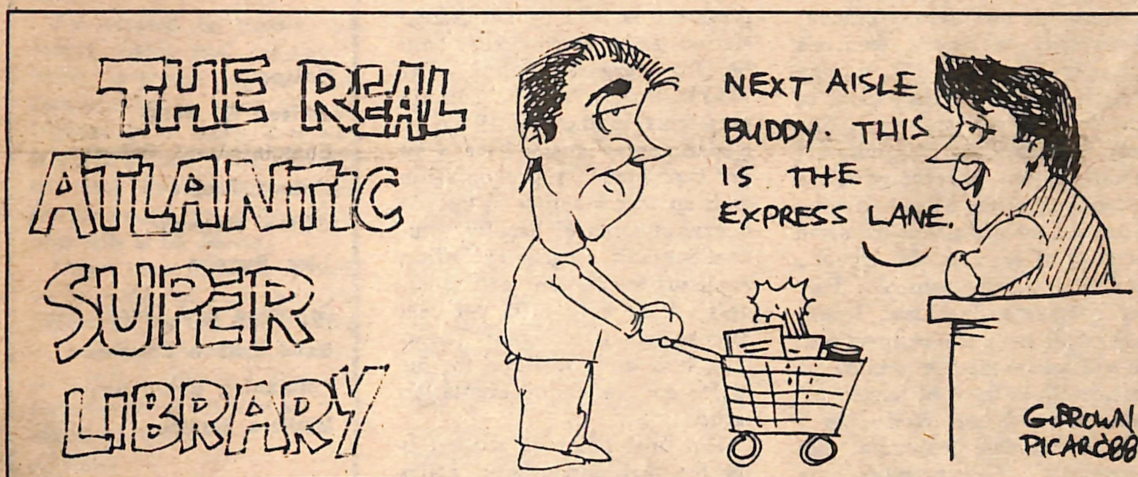
About 100 of these carrels will be equipped with microcomputer systems. The microcomputers will be linked to other data bases to allow students to access public information in the computer centre or off-campus. Facilities for learning and applying statistical principles and formulas that are now available in the computer centre will also be accessible from many carrels within the library.

The library will be conve-

niently located within the E. Margaret Fulton Communications Centre next to the Seton Academic Centre. Bianchini anticipates that an above-ground tunnel, connecting the two buildings, along with the increased resources will encourage students to use the library more frequently.

Students may look forward to the opening of the new library in November, 1988 along with future advances to the library as funding becomes available. The building has been designed to allow easy addition of floors.

"You are not looking at something that is finished, you are looking at the first phase of a new facility," stated Bianchini.



## Semi-Annual CFS conference addresses student issues

by Sandi Boutillier

Student aid, summer employment programs and effective lobbying were the key issues addressed by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) at November's semi-annual meeting, held in Ottawa.

Said Paul Card, a Mount student and the CFS National Executive Representative for Nova Scotia, "One of the main goals (was) lobbying. We were trying to push the government on a number of issues, such things as student aid—revamping the student aid program, which we see as inadequate—and (the establishment of) an advisory council on post-secondary education."

Some lobbying efforts have been successful. Card noted that Secretary of State, David Crombie, has put in place an advisory council on student aid, and Liberal critic, Bill Romkey, has

proposed the establishment of one for post-secondary education in the form of bill C-228. Just this month, the bill received a second reading but was not supported by the Conservatives, according to Card.

One of the problems in accepting such a bill is, within some provinces, the desire to establish such an advisory council is just not there. Said Card "one of (those provinces) is certainly Nova Scotia. The will to establish something like this doesn't exist and that's where provincial organizations (such as the Students Union of Nova Scotia—SUNS) and CFS come in..."

The semi-annual meeting also involved revising old policies and setting new ones. Here, said Card, representatives "decide what direction the federation is to take, what campaigns, what lobbying efforts...things like

that."

Card emphasized the importance of reminding students that issues brought up previously in other parts of the country affecting post-secondary education are still valid concerns. Says Card, "we don't want that (concern) to stop...we don't want (students) to say okay we've done it, now we can forget about it for three or four years." Says Card, "(We need to show people that) we're still interested; we want answers and we want action."

Although the lobbying sessions in Ottawa may not have produced any tangible results yet, CFS representatives certainly gave politicians something to think about. Said Card, "When you can have most of (the House of Commons') Question Period dedicated to post-secondary education, we must have made some kind of impact."

## Winter Carnival brings Olympics to MSVU

by Judy Gray

All the fun and excitement of the Winter Olympic Games doesn't have to be missed by anyone who can't make it to Calgary. You can experience the same glorious spirit of competition during our own Mount St. Vincent Winter Carnival.

"Welcome to Mount Olympia" will ring out over our campus as the 1988 Mount St. Vincent Olympic Games begin. In keeping with the spirit of the Olympics, a torch run will open the week-long carnival. The last torchbearer, Mount student union President Jan Thomas, will complete the opening ceremonies in Vinnies Pub.

"I would really like to see people get into the spirit of the Olympic Games," said Lisa Stutt, co-chairperson of the MSVU Winter Carnival. "I hope everyone will enjoy themselves so much that this spirit will continue to be a part of the Mount."

The members of the carnival committee have been working since November to make this year's Winter Carnival a success. They have notified all Mount societies and residences; formal challenges are being issued between these groups. In fact, anyone who wants to get a group together can sign up for the events at either of the two special carnival booths. These booths will be in Seton and Rosaria and a carnival committee member will be there to answer any questions you have.

Brochures will be available at the booths describing each event

and giving specific places and times. There will also be T-shirts on sale, as well as tickets for events such as the 50-50 draws held every Friday up to and including the week of Carnival.

Vinnies Pub is sure to be packed Carnival Week as a new addition to the old Carnival favorites is added. The Copycat Entertainment Machine is designed for anyone who likes to be in the spotlight. Using a selection of 2,000 popular songs, a person can sing into the machine's microphone and the result that comes over the speakers sounds like a prerecorded track.

The Olympic theme is also carried into the video dance. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite sports attire, and yes, brief summer wear is welcome.

All the stars born in Vinnies can continue their stage debut in the lip-sync/variety show which has a first prize of \$50.

Selected committee members will judge each event and a trophy will be presented to the team which has shown the most Olympic spirit throughout the Carnival.

Everyone can look forward to their old favorites as well. The traditional ski trip and skating party are still on the agenda.

Considering the amount of preparation put into this Carnival and the dedication of its committee members, "The Carnival is going to be a very good time and we anticipate it to be quite successful," says Stutt.



## Sermon on the Mount

Last Friday afternoon, I sat in Vinnies laughing at (with) Lambert and James, a Newfoundland based comedy duo. The pub was fairly packed and I had downed a few Ten Pennys when a student councillor tapped me on the shoulder and handed me a small lapel pin.

I thanked him, not thinking much of the gesture until I had attached the gift to my sports jacket. It wasn't the expense of the item or even the act of being given the pin which was so memorable (not to detract from the gesture), but the significance of the pin itself. It was the Canadian flag.

I started to ponder what exactly it meant. Yes, being a Canadian is an honour. An honour which I see being taken for granted all too often. Can there be a nation more diverse in terrain, culture, opinion and colour? I can't think of any competition.

We all complain of temperatures in winter. I believe, having spent winters in Winnipeg, Regina, and the Kokanee region of B.C. and Nova Scotia, that it is this season which builds the character of the Canadian. The basic freedoms of democracy are offered in other nations, such as our American counterpart. However, there is something in the American culture, perhaps the boggling misuse of world power, which separates American ideology from Canadian. Please don't misinterpret these generalizations as the base of my argument, I realize there are many Americans who exist without an overbearing aura of conceit.

This however, is where the difference lies. Canadians are able to wear their national pride in complement to their personalities, not as the overriding factor as is often the case with Americans. One need only visit Europe wearing a lapel pin similar to the one given me by Rand Tilden to glean the overwhelming attitude of that continent's populus toward Americans.

To get to the point, I'm proud to be a Canadian and that pin will stay with me as long as Canada represents the ideals in which I believe.

Yes, please God (or the Supreme Being by any title you may wish to give Him/Her) do keep our land glorious and free.

Jeffrey G. Mann  
Editor

## Editor should resign

To the Editor:

I am sorry to hear you do not sleep enough and are drowning in confusion; maybe that explains your errors in attempting to correct, no, to point out errors in Dorothy Doucet's letter (The Picaro, January 14, 1988, p. 2). The Latin word sic which you use to do so must not be followed by a period. Your period after sic would indicate that sic is an abbreviated word, which it is not. I would suggest to you that it is dangerous to throw stones at people when sitting in a glasshouse! As far as spelling is concerned, you seem to be in that precarious position. And: your use of sic in Doucet's letter smacks a bit of squealing...Should the editor of a students' newspaper point to the errors of her/his sister-students? Or should she/he use her/his office to correct such errors instead of trying to ridicule well-intended people?

I'll take the opportunity of this letter to comment on the "Spoo's Guide" you publish in the same issue of The Picaro.

You seem to see this semester in a strange light: First of all, the human figures peeping out of the calendar pages are all male (Peeping Toms??); furthermore the guide is misleading. In March, which you declare "totally devoid of anything," women at the Mount will be celebrating International Women's Day. Is this a fact you should ignore? Also, a conference on "Language and Sex: Differences in Tone" is scheduled for March 25-26, at the Mount. Notices have gone up, attentive reporters could have discovered them.

Last not least, I find your "Art's Pond" (p.6, same issue) offensive. Certainly you must know that matters pertaining to birth control are quite serious, as is safe sex? Your joke is worthy of "jocks" and out of place in this university's student paper. Maybe you should resign and then sleep it off...

Marguerite Andersen, Ph.D.  
Distinguished Chair in Women's Studies

## Letter full of holes

To the Editor:

The letter "The missing yearbooks" (1/14/88) contains several blatant errors. The yearbook is financed through external advertisements solicited by the yearbook staff and a small portion of student union fees. Once student fees have been paid, there are no additional charges. Graduation fees are not, nor have they ever been, used to pay for yearbooks.

The 1986-87 yearbook became the victim of unforeseen delays in the production process. The only reason why graduates will not receive their books once they are delivered to the Mount is if the registrar's office does not have their current address. As for past graduates, there is no rea-

son other than address changes for them not to have received their yearbooks. Copies are available free of charge with proof of graduation from the council office.

These facts are public knowledge, as the curious alumnae who have phoned the student union office have been told. Perhaps "Disillusioned" should follow their example. Then again, maybe not, since the people who have phoned usually give their names.

Sincerely,  
Moir McDermott  
1987-88 Yearbook Editor  
Katrina Aburrow,  
1986-87 Yearbook Editor

## Men do belong at the Mount

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Ms. Doucet's letter, printed in the January 14 edition of the Picaro. I was happy to see a letter of concern submitted but, unfortunately, I cannot find any venue for agreement in regard to Ms. Doucet's statements.

If I read correctly, Ms. Doucet claims Mount Saint Vincent University to be "a women's university" and uses "discrimination" at the Mount as the crux of her argument. She also insinuates that Dr. Margaret Fulton is not in favor of male attendance at the Mount. Having attended the Mount for the same number of years as Ms. Doucet, a period which spans Dr. Fulton's tenure as President, I cannot recall any such insinuations. I will admit that Dr. Fulton is extremely in favor of female advancement in the World but I would not dare insinuate that such a free-thinker is discriminatory in her views.

Leaving the dubious support of Dr. Fulton behind, let us now look at her arguments that supposedly support her statements of "discrimination", "oppression" and "under-representation of women in key positions". She points to the position of Chef and Accountant (MSVUSU) as examples of her key positions. Both of these positions have employers other than the Mount. Chef René Van-nieuwenhuizen is employed by an outside catering company, Versa Services, and Keith Campbell is employed by MSVU Student Union. Mr. Campbell is a retired CA who is extremely qualified for his position, as is Chef René. As for getting people from either the Home Ec Program or the BBA Program to

apply, Ms. Doucet exhibits a serious lack of understanding on how these careers are arrived at. To write your test for your CA's you need an MBA (which is not offered at the Mount) and there is no possibility of getting your Chef papers at the Mount either.

The question of under-representation in key positions also lacks credibility. The office of president is held by Dr. Naomi Hersom and was previously held by Dr. Margaret Fulton. The MSVUSU has had 17 female presidents in the last 19 years. Departmental chairs have a 60 per cent female representation with another majority in the positions of Dean of Faculty. Student Services, Registrar's Office, Athletics/Recreation, and Business Office have a 95 per cent representation or higher. Therefore, it is quite difficult for me to see an under-representation issue.

The final point of interest is the fact that, supposedly, males can go elsewhere. One of the Mount's largest programs is the PR Degree program. The Mount is the only institution in Canada that offers such a degree in English. Therefore, these males cannot go elsewhere.

All in all, Ms. Doucet's arguments have serious deficiencies. She is against female discrimination but favors male discrimination. Haven't we moved sufficiently forward in our thinking to look past the sex of a person? When is she going to realize that the World is for both sexes and that she cannot live on an island? Although, from listening to comments regarding her letter, I find that many would like to see her stranded on her own, personal, deserted island!!  
Samuel R. Samson  
Supporter of Equality for All

## the Picaro

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

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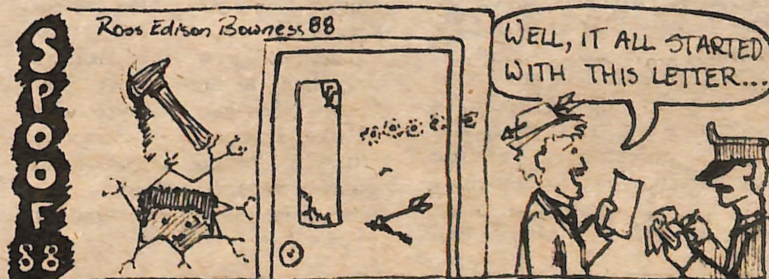
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## Men do belong at the Mount

To the Editor:

In the January 14 issue of The Picaro, a letter appeared written by a student named Dorothy Doucet. Apparently, Doucet is a student, and here I thought only the administration bought that crap that men are inferior beings and shouldn't be given the opportunity for higher education at the Mount.

Doucet will be extremely disappointed to discover that the "real world" is comprised of both men and women, and as our society progresses, sexism like hers is becoming increasingly intolerable.

She complains of men dominating "key" positions (cook, bookkeeper, librarian). What happened to the female president, vice presidents, administrators, etc., not to mention the 85 per cent female faculty and student body. Underrepresentation? Discrimination?

I can't study public relations (or tourism, or child study) at any other university in Nova Scotia, while Doucet is free to be an idiot virtually anywhere. Is that fair? As for interfering and oppressing, I don't believe men do that at the Mount. But if the alternative is allowing those like Doucet to be in charge, so be it.

I'm pleased to report that among males and females I know, everyone agrees that Doucet is out to lunch. But it's frightening to think that she might be serious. There's already too much discrimination in this world, sexual or otherwise, especially at the Mount.

I don't know how the outside world would deal with those like Doucet, but she can take comfort in knowing she might never have to deal with it. I think Dr. Hersom's job is opening up in a couple of years.

S. Verret

BPR

Male, and proud of it...

P.S. How do Home Economics students like knowing their de-grees qualify them to be cooks?

To the Editor:

I would like to make a few comments on Dorothy Doucet's letter to the editor which appeared in the January 14th issue of the Picaro. Ms. Doucet refers to many positions at the Mount that are held by men. What is wrong with men holding these positions? They have to work just as hard to maintain these positions as women at the university do. Ms. Doucet says "the accountant and bookkeeper for the student union is a man, the supervisor of Audio Visual Services is a man, as are the majorities of the department heads at this university." Later, she asks why women can't do these jobs, as these courses are offered at the Mount. The answer is that they can, but the courses taught here in accounting will not make you a Chartered Accountant. The home economics courses offered here do not qualify you to be a

Chef.

I was informed by Dr. Rosemary Sampson that the departmental chair positions are determined on a rotating basis between the people in the department.

Another point made by Ms. Doucet "the main point of this letter is to make people aware that female representation at the Mount, in many areas is low. This is not to suggest that all important positions are occupied by men"—has Ms. Doucet been to Evaristus lately? The last time I walked through the hallways of Evaristus I only noticed 2 offices that were occupied by men, all the rest contained women. What do the President of the University and the President of the Student Council have in common? They are women. What do the Registrar's Office and the Business Office have in common? The employees are all women. Ms. Doucet neglects to mention these facts.

Ms. Doucet's comments about men holding positions at the Mount are uncalled for. These men earned their positions like anybody else. It is not right to discriminate against someone because you have been discriminated against. I was always told 2 wrongs don't make a right. If the Mount was to stop letting men enroll they would lose a lot of their funding from the government. Also, the Public Relations degree program is only offered at the Mount, so if we kicked all the men out of the PR program, where are they to go?

I would like to make one more comment. Ms. Doucet says "let's work towards a day when women in Canada will be able to study and grow as human beings in an atmosphere which does not allow for the interference and oppression from men." How does a person grow without the experience and knowledge of society, which is made up of both men and women, to benefit from?

In closing I would like to say to Ms. Doucet that I am proud to be a man and men are here to stay at the Mount.

Sincerely,

Richard Collins, 4th year BSc.

To the Editor:

It is with great interest that I read Dorothy Doucet's letter of Jan. 14, and as a Mount alumnae I wish to comment on it. Ms. Doucet raises a valid point—many important administrative people are men. However, the president, academic v.p., both deans, the business office manager, continuing ed., the personnel officer, finance and planning, etc. are all women. I am sure that the men and women in these positions are the people most suited for them. (Though I have heard a nasty rumour that female profs make less than their male counterparts).

To address the second point of Ms. Doucet's letter, the Mount was established so women could receive higher education and (in Ms. Doucet's words), "study and

grow as human beings in an atmosphere which does not allow for the ... oppression of men". In my opinion the Mount has accomplished this goal. Now that women have access to the same quality education as men—should not the Mount open its doors and admit men?

If the Mount were to refuse men admittance, it would be guilty of the same discrimination that women encountered earlier in this century. The Mount does not have to give up its status as a unique institution, dedicated to and for women, to prove itself equal.

Krista Johnson, B.Sc., 86

To the Editor:

This is a response to Dorothy Doucet's letter which appeared in the Picaro January 14, 1988.

"What do the head librarian, the chef and the head of the psychology department at the Mount all have in common?" Yes, they are all human. "And the list does not stop there."

"The accountant and bookkeeper [sic] for the student union is a 'human', the supervisor of Audio Visual services is a 'human', as are the majority of department heads"...

But hey, this is only my personal view. However, the following excerpt is Dorothy Doucet's view, a response within her own original letter.

"Let's work towards a day when women in Canada will be able to study and grow as human beings. Let's make that atmosphere Mount Saint Vincent University."

Gosh Dorothy, do you mean that women in Canada aren't human beings because they cannot study and grow in an all women environment? In other words, you are stating that there are no female human beings in this university. Silly me, and I thought everyone at the Mount is a human being. Come to think of it you have offended alot [sic] of people with your letter.

Shame, shame, shame!

A Human Student

Jack Wall

To the Editor:

Attention: Ms. Doucet

Welcome to 1988, in the real world women are aceling [sic] in "high up positions" everywhere. You mentioned discrimination at the Mount...against women. Obviously you got your facts wrong, maybe against men. Have you ever put yourself in a male student's shoes, (or have you not yet realized that women are allowed to wear shoes and are not usually barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen.) Most if not all the men I know here are here for the education, and if they didn't have a choice they would not be here. Can you blame them with attitudes like yours floating around the campus? They can't play hockey unless they have \$100—does any student? How about volleyball,

they have intramurals, lucky them. Oh I know they have a basketball team, but that's all. What about the men who came from all across Canada for the specialized programs, they had to find apartments. They have no chance to live the typical university residence life, that's discrimination Honey!

As for the positions occupied at the Mount—have you ever heard the expression "the best for the job"? Or are you one of the "Wo-Men" planning to become a Major in the United States Army because you are a woman and want to be equal? Maybe, just maybe these men deserve the jobs. And I have to laugh about your correlation of the Home Economics department and being a chef—check your information. I'm a Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management student majoring in Food and Beverage and I'm going abroad to do my chef's papers, "no can do" at the Mount.

Wake up and smell the coffee. Women like you are giving the rest of us, who still believe in chivalry (look it up if you don't know what it means), a bad name. I hear that some schools in South America are still segregated. Maybe you should apply!

Lisa Frechette

BT&HM student...and a "gasp"

Bartender!

To the Editor:

In response to the letter printed in the Jan. 14 edition of The Picaro, "Men do not belong at the Mount," we would first like to say that as women attending this institution we do not share the feelings expressed by Ms. Doucet in her letter.

Furthermore, we feel that such attitudes can only hinder the progress made towards equal rights within this century. Women have been fighting for equality, not superiority. By banning men from this university, we would be doing a great disservice to those of us who want to live in the real world.

We will not always be university students. We will, eventually, go out and become working members of society; a society which includes both men and women. University is a place for learning and we should strive to learn all skills required for our future. This includes inter-personal skills necessary for dealing with the opposite sex on an equal basis.

With reference to Ms. Doucet's comments on the low representation of females in the Mount as work place, we feel that the best candidate for a position should be hired, be it a male or female. The fact that Ms. Doucet seems to expect that, for instance, the chef should be a woman, gives credence to the belief in stereotypical gender roles. This undermines what women have been proving for many decades; that they are fully able to achieve anything they work towards.

Therefore, we do not feel that it is necessary to "...work towards a day when women in

Canada will be able to study and grow as human beings in an atmosphere which does not allow for the interference and oppression from men." We know that we are already there!

Sandi Boutilier

Louise Vande Wiele

To the Editor:

This is the last straw! Ms. D. Doucet's January 14 letter to the Editor depicts a naive and backward approach to the educational advancement and integration of women in the workforce.

In my five years of study at the Mount, I have heard several claims of a similar nature by fellow students who I refer to as pseudo-feminists.

Ms. Doucet makes reference to a low representation of females in management positions at this university. She also points out that the Mount should be exclusive in educating females only, lest we fall prey to "the interference and oppression from men" who, she says, can enroll at any other university.

To Ms. Doucet and others who dare to make public such neolithic beliefs, may I remind you that the Women's Movement does not wish to repress the rights of men (to jobs) in order to increase the number of jobs for women! By "chucking the men out", the university would deprive males of enrolling in such exclusive programs as Public Relations, Child Study and Tourism & Hospitality Mgmt. Is it fair to say "he shouldn't be allowed that privilege because he is a man?" Chucking men out is in itself a statement of defeat. If women are academically equal to men and vice versa, then what are people like Ms. Doucet afraid of?

The days of "boys' clubs" and "men only" prejudice are numbered. For all that women have fought over the years, isn't it hypocritical to advocate the exclusion of men from this university? Even if it gives women a few years' protection from Ms. Doucet's dreaded other sex, and an advantage-by-number head start in the job market...the expulsion of men from the Mount would help us hide away from, rather than face our inherited insecurities.

As for making people aware of the low representation of employed women at the Mount—better look again. There's Naomi Hersom, Judith Scrimger, Jan Thomas, Mary Sparling, Jean McKay, Bonnie Broderick, Marie Kelly, Carol Hill, Patricia DeMont, Janet Veinot-Nash, Barbara Crocker, Lorraine Johnson and a score of others who, I suppose, got where they are because they were best suited for their positions.

I say thumbs up to Mount Saint Vincent for providing and concentrating on the higher education of its female population. It is nice to have the support...Thumbs up too, for having faith enough in women to let men study with us...encouragement that speaks for itself.

Carolyn Archambault  
B.P.R.



# Lynn Snelgrove, cornerstore manager is following the rainbow to success

by Moira McDermott

"Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what's on the other side?"

Although staff of the Mount Saint Vincent Cornerstore play songs which are more pop-oriented during their shifts, the "Rainbow Connection" may be the best tune to play while Lynne Snelgrove is present.

"Rainbows symbolize optimism, I guess that's why I have always been fascinated by them," explains Snelgrove, the 1987-88 cornerstore manager.

However, optimism alone cannot run a small business. A native of Newfoundland, it was there that she was first exposed to the business environment. Snelgrove often matched receipts with invoices and organized her father's paperwork. He was a Coca-Cola distributor.

"I've always liked business," says Snelgrove. Originally accepting a part-time job in January for the money, she soon discovered other benefits. "It's amazing the amount of people you can meet. Plus, the job is relaxing with a laid-back atmosphere. I also find that doing something besides schoolwork helps balance my time better."

After the former manager approached her with the idea of trying the position, Snelgrove applied to Student Union and was given the job. "I was taught

cash and payroll, but the rest I picked up on my own," says Snelgrove.

Her ability to learn quickly proved invaluable once fall classes began. Although an assistant manager was to be appointed on September 15, the decision was delayed by council until the last week of October. Snelgrove credits her staff with helping to keep the organization operating smoothly until the assistant manager position was finalized.

"It is a student business, and when you are a full-time student yourself, you don't have time enough to do everything yourself. Each staff member plays basically the same role. We're all equally responsible for the operation of the store."

Cornerstore employee Jeanie Doyle is happy working for Snelgrove. "She's very straightforward, but she doesn't make anyone feel that she is above them, rather, she is one of us."

Snelgrove speaks lightheartedly as she recalls past "goof-ups". "The bank on campus is not open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so we often run out of change on these days. Sometimes the cashiers call their friends in residence to bring them change. Once we had to go to McDonald's for coins."

Although these incidents happened to other staff members,

Snelgrove is not immune to mishaps. "When I first started working, I was having trouble with the cash register. I couldn't figure out what was wrong with it, so I called security to come and lock the store. It was then that a friend of mine discovered that the register wasn't plugged in."

operations of the store and maintaining fresh stock, but she is not responsible for the building itself. She is particularly upset over the uncontrollable heat in the summer and the silverfish living in the store.

"I think that things should be done in the store. It was origi-

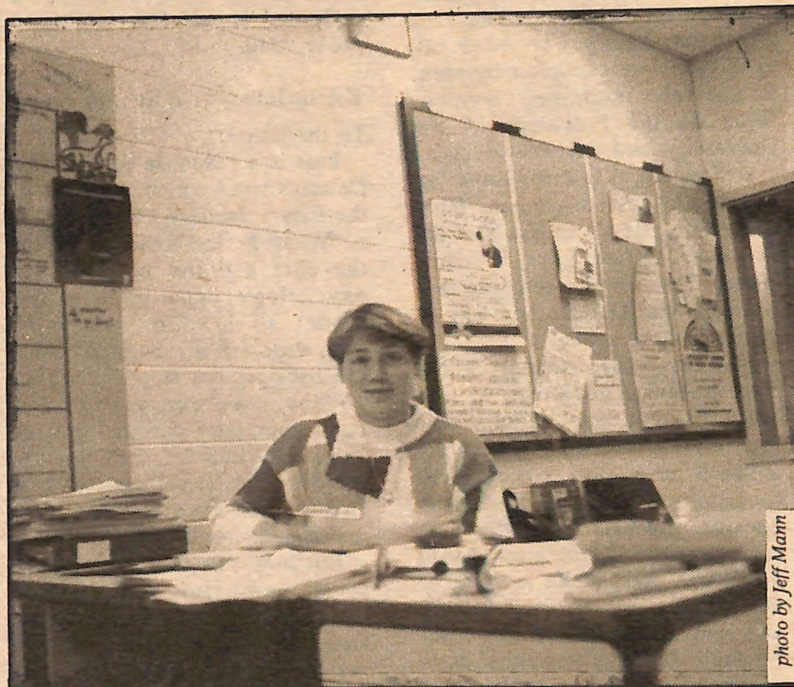
union has changed. Unless we show a profit, they do nothing. If we show a profit, they take it and use it somewhere else on campus."

Snelgrove has made some changes. In order to cut losses, she has reduced store hours to those proven most profitable in a survey done by her predecessor, while maintaining reasonable hours to provide a service to her customers. "I have also rearranged the store to change its outlook, to function better, and to create more space," she added.

Changes have been taking place within herself as well. She is currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics degree and plans to become a dietician. Her long-range career goal is to open her own consulting firm. She views her experiences at the cornerstore as an integral part of her future.

"I have learned to try to meet other people's needs, to take suggestions constructively, to manage money better, and how to be a friend and a manager at the same time."

With a long-range ambition of purchasing an ice cream cooler for the store, she says, "I still haven't done it all but I'm constantly trying to broaden my horizons." Perhaps the ice cream cooler will be Snelgrove's pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow.



Cornerstore manager, Lynn Snelgrove

Snelgrove isn't as amused when discussing store maintenance. As manager, she is responsible for the daily

nally meant to be a student service, but now it is a business." She continues, "It's not the store that has changed, rather, student

## Education in BC: survival-of-the-richest

VANCOUVER—High unemployment and poor student aid are making access to post-secondary education in BC a survival-of-the-richest game, say critics.

Students in all three BC universities will be hit by a tuition hike next year, and though the universities say the increase is needed to balance their budgets, students will be forced to pay for the shortfall in a constant struggle for more provincial funding.

Students at the University of British Columbia (UBC) will have to pay five and a half per cent more in fees next year, a move the administration claims is necessary to keep tuition at a constant 15 to 16 per cent of the university's total operating budget.

The increase will cost an average arts student \$75 a year more, for total tuition of \$1,455 a year. Engineering fees will rise \$100 to \$1,884.

UBC now has the seventh highest full-time arts undergraduate fees in the country, and the fourth highest for engineering.

Tuition will also rise again at

the University of Victoria (UVic), where the board of governors are proposing to build yearly tuition increases into the university's overall operating budget, as at UBC and Simon Fraser University (SFU).

That means full-time undergraduate students will be paying roughly \$17.50 more per course next year, about 20 per cent of UVic's \$71 million operating budget.

UVic charges the highest engineering fees in Canada (\$2,258), and SFU the third (\$1,880).

But whether the universities' operating budgets are cut back, or they get more provincial funding, students will end up paying the difference under the present system, say student representatives.

"Every time there's an increase in the operating budget, there's an increase in tuition," said an Canadian Federation of Students (Pacific) chair, Rob Clift. "Does that mean every time there's a cut to the operating budget, there's a cut to tuition too?"

"Students are regarded just too much as an easy source of revenue," said UVic student society

president, Pam Frache.

Frache and two other board of governors student representatives are proposing UVic reject the tuition-operating budget structure, and vote to increase tuition fees by the rate of inflation, only if required, on a yearly basis.

Frache said she and the two board representatives lobbied the provincial government for a tu-

ition freeze last fall, but were told by the Advanced Education Ministry that once government has allocated its funding, it is up to the universities to set the yearly tuition levels.

Frache also cited a 1981 study saying women will more likely be affected by tuition increases, as they are only half as likely to earn the same wages as men.

Although BC's minimum wage

rose to \$4 per hour last year, he said, "the wages students are being paid are not going to keep pace (with rising tuition)."

Clift said a successful tuition freeze campaign will hinge on the support of the general public; especially the middle, lower middle-class, and poor students who are already excluded from post-secondary education.

## SMU student receives hearing device

HALIFAX (CUP)—One more hearing-impaired student at St. Mary's University can make and receive calls on their home phone this week.

A local service club donated a \$700 Telephone Device for the Deaf, (TDD) to the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students, headquartered at the University.

"I don't think people realize the importance (of TDD's). And some hospitals, police and fire stations don't have them," said rehabilitation counsellor Barry Abbott.

The device has a printer and keyboard and an answering machine which plugs into a regular telephone.

The centre also loans devices which print out television dialogue, trains sign-language interpreters to attend classes with students and finds volunteers to take class notes for those who can't.

Abbott says Canada is 30 years behind the United States in its programs for hearing-impaired students.

He cites statistics which show that some 350 American hear-

ing-impaired students were studying at university level in 1955, just before note-taking and tutoring programs were set up. In 1985, the number had risen to 11,000. Abbott knows of only 17 hearing-impaired students in Halifax.

The Atlantic Centre is one of three "Centres of Excellence" set up by the federal government in 1985. The other two, at the universities of Alberta and Western Ontario, are researching deaf education and communication with the speech impaired, respectively.



# Famine strikes Ethiopia, aid is needed

by M. Affleck

Ethiopian hunger relief is only a band-aid solution to a recurring problem. Annual rains have failed again, leaving five million people to face another famine which could be as catastrophic as the last. Dr. Andrew Lynk, who worked in a Sudanese refugee camp as a member of the Save the Children Fund, says "famine is a man-made problem and war, drought and pests are its trigger."

Lynk was speaking at the first of an eight-part lecture series on underdevelopment held at the Pearson Institute on the Dalhousie Campus.

It is estimated that current food resources will only feed the Ethiopian population for one more month. The necessary 900,000 tons of aid from western nations will take at least six months to arrive, if it ever arrives at all.

Recent rebel attacks on food convoys could be hazardous to Ethiopia's current efforts to get food assistance from developed nations who are already suffering from what aid agencies call

"famine fatigue". One convoy which was destroyed last October could have fed 45,000 Ethiopians.

Food production seems to be of minor importance to the Marxist government led by Col. Mengistu. Even though small farms account for 85 per cent of exports and 80 per cent of employment, the government spends 40 per cent of its budget on state-owned farms which barely contribute to the total food production. The government insists that state farms are the hope of the future.

In contrast to the food production statistics, the population is booming. The current population of Ethiopia is 45 million and grows by 1.2 million a year. World food organizations feel that even if there was sufficient rainfall this year, Ethiopia would have had a food deficit of 500,000 tons. If food production remains stagnant, the deficit could reach 2 million tons by 1990, nearly twice the

amount delivered to Ethiopia in 1985.



height of the famine, it spent \$55 million on a lavish celebration of its rise to power. Upon hearing that thousands of emaciated Ethiopians were approaching the capital, Mengistu ordered police to form a human chain around the city to keep the crowds from disrupting the celebration. It is estimated that 60,000 people died during the two-week festival.

While the government is not attempting to hide current conditions as it did from 1983 to 85, it still feeds the soldiers and urban population first, and then the peasant farmers.

This policy will have to change if the threat of recurring famine is to be alleviated. Lynk points out that famine relief is five times more expensive than development programs.

Many countries will provide millions of dollars in grants and loans to Ethiopia if its government implements reforms. In the meantime, major donors have no

choice but to try to obtain more food and money, and hope that it will arrive in time to stop mass migration to famine camps which, three years ago, were breeding grounds for epidemics.

Even though Ethiopia is Africa's poorest country, it

maintains the largest army. Currently, the country is fighting three wars, one of which is the

longest running conflict in history and it shows no signs of ceasing.

The Mengistu government clearly demonstrated its indifference to starvation when, at the,

## Free Trade may open Canada to American satellite campuses

TORONTO (CUP)—Free Trade might encourage more American universities to set up satellite campuses in Canadian cities according to Ontario's minister of industry, trade and technology Monte Kwinter.

While Kwinter said the increasing number of American institutions offering degree programs in Canada is something to watch, he said he hopes the high tuition of the programs will continue to act as a deterrent.

"Where we do have the control is that our universities are all state-financed," said Kwinter, adding that Ontario's student assistance program also helps to defray the cost of a Canadian university education, but not a foreign one.

Kwinter spoke at the University of Toronto to outline the Ontario government's opposition to the recently signed free trade pact.

The minister said an economic union between Canada and the US won't work because the cultures are so similar and Canada is already dominated by the States. He pointed out that 42 per cent of all Canadian industry is already American-owned, and 95 per cent of all prime television shows, music and films are American.

"We have a severe problem and we have to be extra vigilant to make sure that we don't get

swept away by it," Kwinter said. "There's very little to differentiate us if we want to maintain that Canadian identity."

A graduate of Syracuse University and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kwinter said he knows the American way of life but said "there is a quality of life in Canada that people cherish."

He said the free trade pact does not give Canadians any more of an economic advantage than they already have, while it gives the United States a coveted continental energy policy.

"What we have done is given them the right to proportional access to our energy," said Kwinter, adding Canadian oil producers will no longer be able

to charge different prices to domestic and industrial consumers.

Kwinter said there is a common misconception that an iron curtain lies across the border to the United States and if Canadians could only raise it, 250 million more people will buy their products.

"At this point in time 80 per cent of all trade of goods and services between Canada and the United States is duty-free," said Kwinter, adding the number of tariff items decreases with each round of GATT (General Agreement on Tariff and Trade) talks.

## Annual show in preparation

by Sandi Boutillier

From Feb. 11 to the 21st, the MSVU Art Gallery will present its 14th Annual University Community Art, Craft, Baking, Hobby and Talent Show.

Everyone in the Mount community—students, staff, faculty, alumnae, administration—is encouraged to enter their artwork. This can include baked goods, homeknit sweaters, paintings, drawings and even your bubble gum wrapper collection—anything goes.

The gallery will be accepting exhibits from Jan. 25 to Feb. 2.

Enter up to five items; the gallery will guarantee to show at least one.

The gallery will also host noon-hour presentations from 12:30 to 1:30 pm during the week of the exhibit. Performances can include plays, skits, poetry readings, workshops—anything goes. "We had a lot of talented people sign up for the talent shows last year," said Judith Shiers, gallery office manager. "Everything from poetry readings, a workshop on small business and even Vagon music. (If anyone wants to know what

that is, they'll have to stop in to see me!) This just goes to show we really mean it—ANYTHING GOES!!" Register your act at the gallery if you want to get involved.

Marie Kelly, alumna and Coordinator/Physical Plant will open the exhibit on Feb. 11 at 12:15. At 12:30, the Speech and Drama will perform an act from its newest production. Said Shiers, "Even if you can't think of anything to enter (in the show), you can still participate by your presence at the opening."

## Ongoing events

In an attempt to address the needs and concerns of non-traditional students, a meeting was held between student council executives and members, MANUS executives past and present, and Dr. McDonald of Continuing Education.

Under discussion was the possible creation of a new position, that of Non-Traditional Student Advisor. It is felt that such a person would be of great assistance in furthering the integration of non-traditional and traditional students, and in meeting the special needs of non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are all part-time students and any full-time student

over twenty-five.

The position will be filled by a non-traditional student who will keep appointed hours, week days and evenings, in the Manus Centre (4th floor, S.A.C.).

It is hoped that by next year the position will be established permanently and financed by an honorarium

"Students Directing: A Show of Leadership" is this year's theme for the 7th annual leadership conference. MSVU Student Union will host the conference, which is for both university and high school students, on Saturday, March 5th.

The workshops will deal with topics such as "How to make decisions", "How to handle a professional interview", and "Making Budgets Work".

A \$10 (\$8 for meal plan students) conference fee covers attendance to the four workshops and a luncheon. Anyone interested in registering for the one-day conference or wishing further information should contact Student Union Office, 4th floor Rosaria Centre.

There will be a meeting on Friday, Jan. 22, 1988 at 3 pm in the Student Council Office. Your attendance is very important. Please check your mailboxes.



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2 pm

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**Monday, Jan. 25**

1 pm - 9 pm

3 pm

4 pm

7:30 pm

- Blood Donor Clinic (MPR)
- Torch Run: Students will gather in front of Rosaria Hall.
- Opening Ceremonies (Pub)
- Opening Remarks
- Details about Contests taking place throughout the week.
- Scavenger Hunt begins
- Copy Cat Machine

- Skating Party (Birches)
- Movie Night (Don MacNeil Rm)
- "Dirty Dancing"

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**

12 Noon

6 pm

6:30 pm

8 pm

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**

9 am

2 pm to 4 pm

8:30 pm

- Snow Bowl (Meadows)
- 5 people per team

- Crazy Contest (Pub):
- Toilet paper eating contest
- Pudding eating contest
- and other crazy events!

- Tobogganing Party (Motherhouse Hill)

- Schooner Campus Comedy (Pub)
- Admission: \$1

- Bus leaves for Martock ski trip (Rosaria)

- Volleyball Tournament (Gym)

- Pub Night (Wet Only)
- Wear your craziest scarf.
- Olympic Trivia

**Thursday, Jan. 28**

4 pm

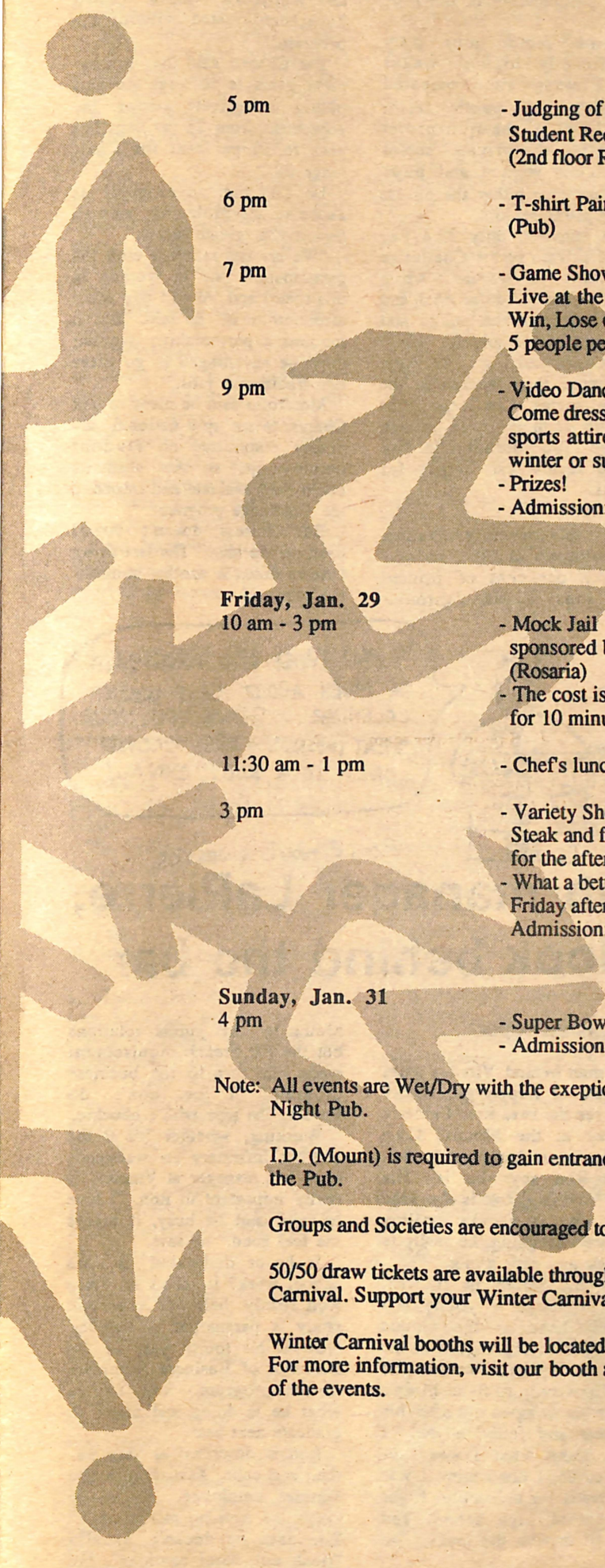
- Scavenger Hunt Ends (Pub)
- all are welcome

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  - 9 pm
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\$4 at door

Friday, Jan. 29  
10 am - 3 pm

- Mock Jail sponsored by the MSA's (Rosaria)  
- The cost is \$2.50 for 10 minutes
- 11:30 am - 1 pm
  - Chef's lunch in the Pub
- 3 pm
  - Variety Show (lypsync - Pub)  
Steak and fries will be available for the afternoon \$3  
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Admission: \$1

Sunday, Jan. 31  
4 pm

- Super Bowl party (Pub)  
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# No increase in funding for employment

OTTAWA (CUP)—Jean Charest says students can thank a lower unemployment rate and a booming economy for the government's zero per cent increase in funding to the summer job program, Challenge 88.

The federal minister of youth announced January 12 that funding for the job creation program will remain frozen at the summer '86 and '87 levels of \$180 million.

Charest also announced that \$4 million more of that money will go toward the high school drop-out component of the program. "Those who have benefited the most from the program are college, CEGEP and university students, so that's why we are concerned about the secondary level students, especially potential drop-outs," said Charest, adding that college and university graduates represent only six per cent of total unemployed in Canada.

Student leaders are angry and disappointed with the announcement. "I can't for the life of me see why we should be pleased. Funding for summer employment has been decreasing since 1985 and this latest 'no increase' erodes benefits students hoped to gain from a lower unemployment rate," said Tony

Macerollo, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Last summer's jobless rate for returning students of 12.5 per cent was the lowest since 1981, down slightly from the summer '86 rate of 13.3 per cent. However, rates were up substantially in Saskatchewan (from 12.7 per cent in '86 to 15.6 in '87), and in Quebec (from 14.8 to 15.8).

Charest said the Challenge program reflects regional disparities, with more grants going to regions where unemployment is highest.

But Macerollo said students do not make enough money through the Challenge programs to offset education costs. The average gross earnings for a student on a Challenge grant last summer was \$2,141, but education costs can run over \$6,000, said Macerollo.

"I don't care how many times they tell us how low the student unemployment rate was, I'd like to know how many of the students who did get jobs through this program were able to return to school on those wages. And if they did, let's see what their debt loads look like," said Macerollo. He also disagrees with Charest's solution to the high school drop-out problem.

"A big factor for drop-outs is that they don't see university or

college as options and financial barriers play a major role in that."

But Charest argues that Canada requires a skilled labour force and that the biggest problem for youth today is the school-to-work transition.

"I can't envisage a distant Canada where every young person goes to university. The great majority require a minimum level of training to enter the labour force. For certain people, post-secondary education is necessary. But as the system is designed now, we need to develop a skilled labour force," said Charest.

"They are trying to overshadow the whole purpose for the Challenge program with these extra millions for WOW (Work Orientation Workshops, the component for potential drop-outs)," said Macerollo. "The emphasis for the program has been and should be to help students earn money to go back to school."

But Charest says CFS is asking too much. "I don't know where CFS ever got the idea this program was supposed to give students all the money they need to go to school and we don't pretend that it does," said Charest. "We are simply trying

to create jobs that otherwise wouldn't exist."

CFS also criticized the government's emphasis on private sector participation in the program.

Private sector jobs pay significantly higher wages (\$2,772 average gross compared to \$2,099 in the public sector and \$1,770 in the non-profit sector) but the private sector hires fewer women and pays them less than either the public or non-profit sectors.

Last summer, only 39.4 per cent of private sector Challenge jobs went to women, while women were hired for 55.8 and 61.6 per cent of the public and non-profit sector jobs.

Men grossed, on average, \$302 more than women in the private sector Challenge jobs over the summer, even though average job duration in the private sector was longer for women.

And a government evaluation of the program in 1986 showed that 83.3 per cent of private sector jobs funded through

Challenge grants would have been created anyway, without government subsidization. 45.9 per cent of jobs in the public and non-profit sectors would have been created without the program.

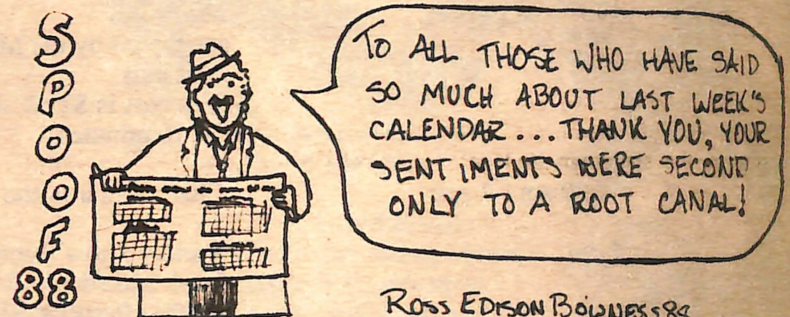
But Charest said the government plans to increase its emphasis on private sector involvement from 28 per cent last year to 30 per cent for Challenge 88.

He said the government is aware of the problems women face in the private sector.

"We are not satisfied with the participation rate of women in this sector and we will pay more attention to it," he said. "But it requires a partnership; women must be encouraged to go after non-traditional jobs."

Macerollo said he plans to ask Charest to set up a national advisory committee on student employment so that students could help evaluate and improve the Challenge program.

But Charest doesn't sound keen on the idea. "The last thing Ottawa needs is another committee," he said.



## Pub manager LaPierre, a look behind the bar

by Yvonne Cooper

The man behind Vinnies Pub; pragmatic or happy-go-lucky? Do we see the real Ron LaPierre everyday at the Mount? Can anybody be as happy and content as Ron says he is? His friends say so. "Ron is the kind of guy who is always smiling and always laughing, he really is laid-back and easy going."

Born and raised in Halifax, Ron is no longer a young boy with his head in the clouds dreaming of being a pilot in the Canadian Armed Forces. He started university at Saint Mary's in 1981 but dropped out after his first year and found a job. "I wasn't doing what I was supposed to do, I don't think I was really ready for university. I was right out of high school and didn't fit in with the jocks," he says.

After two years in the real world, Ron realized that in order to get anywhere he had to go back to school. "It wasn't the money, I just knew that I needed more," he says.

In 1984, Ron came to the

Mount to take public relations but the PR French requirement made him turn to the business program. "I just don't do French," he says with a chuckle.

Working, whether it's at the Halifax Infirmary on weekends or as bar manager at Vinnies, is really important to Ron. "I love to work and be busy, it makes me feel good," he says.

Is he as dedicated to his school work? It seems so, since Ron firmly believes academic study is paramount to success. Now in his fourth year of the Bachelor of Business Administration program, Ron enjoys what he is doing and plans to graduate next year.

Ron is described as very patient and calm. According to one Vinnies employee, "He really keeps his cool no matter what." Ron says he doesn't usually "freak out about anything", but there are certain things that annoy him. "I know my roommate gets up five minutes before I do just to rip off all the hot water," he says. Ron sees himself as outgoing, hard-working and friendly.



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## Manitoban goes underground after council changes

WINNIPEG (CUP)—The University of Manitoba's student newspaper, the Manitoban, has gone underground after the student council fired its staff and installed a new editor.

The underground paper, called the Toban Gazette, recently got a unanimous pledge of support and a \$5,000 loan from Canadian University Press last week. Its first issue was published January 7.

CUP, a national cooperative of 50 student newspapers, has offered to provide an independent mediator between the University of Manitoba Students' Union and the former Manitoban staff, who were fired by UMSU Dec. 7.

"CUP's main interest in this is to ensure there is a student-run, open, free, democratic newspaper at the University of Manitoba," CUP National Bureau Chief Michelle Lalonde said.

CUP members voted to expel The Manitoban, now run by council-appointed Managing Editor Mark Mignacca, from CUP unless a settlement is reached by January 15. Accord-

ing to the motion passed at the conference, the settlement must include the reinstatement of the former staff under a democratic structure.

New Manitoban Publishing Board Chair Bob Ceilen originally turned down CUP's offer of mediation. "The decisions are made," he said January 4, "We can't see any problem with the direction we're going with."

But after one week of deliberation, Ceilen has reconsidered. "I talked to Bob Ceilen yesterday (January 13) and he said they had reconsidered and they'd like to try arbitration," said CUP's Lalonde. "Both sides seem willing to go for arbitration so that's a great step."

Lalonde added that the deadline may be extended one week (to January 22) if the arbitration seems promising.

CUP's arbitration commission consists of a representative of the former Manitoban staff, a representative of the publisher (UMSU) and an arbitrator agreed upon by both parties.

Ceilen said the Manitoban staff were fired because the paper "was not living up to expecta-

tions."

"We were constantly being barraged with complaints (about the Manitoban's content). If you don't try to alleviate student concerns, you shouldn't be there," he said.

Ceilen also said the new Manitoban would work harder at recruiting new student volunteers and be open to more diverse student opinion.

But former Manitoban business manager Cathryn Atkinson said UMSU executives did not tell the staff about what Ceilen called the Manitoban's "restructuring" until after the Council decided to take over the paper. She also believes the new structure will not solve what UMSU perceives to be the Manitoban's problems.

"I don't know that the council paper will represent what the students want either," she said. "It's a flimsy excuse. Most of the people who have been decrying our beliefs are upset because they have their own ideas about how the world works."

She said although UMSU council members and other stu-

dents have accused the Manitoban of having a "left-wing radical bias," the paper does not stifle political debate.

"When people come to work for the paper most of them don't come with a political agenda," she said. "In the course of our learning about our jobs, most of us learn about the way the world works and make choices."

The Manitoban's troubles this year started when the paper ran two headlines with the word "fuck", and students complained to the council about a series of cartoons they considered anti-Christian. The Manitoban staff apologized for one of the headlines and decided to approve cartoons by staff vote.

The staff also voted to boycott advertising from the Department of National Defence, which led to accusations that the paper was run by "subversives".

Lalonde said the Manitoban was not very different from student newspapers at other universities, adding that no student council has the right to interfere with the student press.

"Students should get angry when the council can fire students," she said. "Councillors are not elected by the students to be censors. They were elected to operate the student government, not the student paper."

Toban Gazette photo editor Tim Krochak agreed. "Why are they (UMSU) concerned about us instead of worrying about how many classes are being cut?"

But new Manitoban editor Mignacca, who has never worked

for the paper but edited a small U of M arts newspaper, said UMSU's decision was justified. "Something had to be done," he said. "I as a student and other people were very embarrassed (by the Manitoban). I believe a change was necessary."

He said he had not been involved at the Manitoban because he was "a little intimidated" by the "cliquish" attitude at the paper. But he is determined to publish a good paper, "as if this were the Winnipeg Free Press." "We'll gel as a unit and publish a quality newspaper," he said.

Under the new structure the UMSU-appointed managing editor hires the other 14 paid Manitoban staff. Mignacca said he had offered positions to some of the fired editors, but had been turned down.

"I got a call last night," former Manitoban sports editor Brian Hunter said. "I told them right off the bat I would never backstab the staff."

Hunter is taking up his old position on the Toban Gazette. "A lot of us could get jobs elsewhere," he said, "but we're fighting for a principle."

CUP funding will allow the Toban Gazette to publish once a week for six weeks. After that the paper will be dependent only on advertising.

But CUP members hope arbitration or pressure from students will work to get the former staff back onto the Manitoban under a democratic structure, free of council control.

## Boycott of military ads leads to shut-down

VANCOUVER (CUP)—A routine boycott of military ads has become one of the unresolved issues in the shutdown and restructuring of the student newspaper at the University of Manitoba.

On October 13, staff of the Manitoban voted 8 to 5 to boycott recruitment ads from the Department of National Defence, a policy held by at least a dozen other Canadian student papers.

By early December, however, student council voted to restructure the paper and fire its staff, citing a number of grievances. These included the boycott policy, "dark and depressing" comics, editorial content, use of profanity, staff structure and operations of the publishing board.

A large majority of former staff members then began a separate underground paper, the Toban Gazette.

Student council President Kevin Janzen says the Manitoban acted wrongly by making the October boycott effective immediately, instead of getting ratification from its publishing board first. "They broke their own constitution by doing that," said Janzen.

Donne Flanagan, a former staff member now working for the underground paper, acknowledges the mistake, but adds that the Manitoban corrected it within the few days and ran the remaining ads.

Flanagan and other staff members say the real issue is whether the paper can democratically determine boycotts and other policies without council interference. He argues that the restructuring

is like the federal government moving to control and censor the CBC or the Globe and Mail.

While council President Janzen says he supports the paper's right to reject ads which are sexist, racist or homophobic, he calls the military boycott "in very bad taste," and objects to the loss in ad revenue.

Janzen argues that recruitment programs can make post-secondary education more accessible by providing a salary to students in exchange for military service after graduation. He also says that Canadian troops are peace-keeping forces.

Flanagan disagrees. "We have

a responsibility in terms of promoting an occupation that is potentially a matter of life and death," he says. "It is a big fallacy that Canadian forces in the NATO alliance are essentially for peace-keeping. By that token, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact can argue the same thing," he continues.

In addition, Flanagan objects to DND's direct support for the Canadian arms industry, whose components are bought by repressive regimes in the third world.

Former staff members further object to DND advertising because the department will not hire gay men and lesbians.

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## Lambert & James insult Mount crowd and the crowd loved it

by Ross Bowness  
Cheryl O'Connell

Gee, that's funny, but shouldn't I feel insulted?

The Pub was once again the scene of those Newfoundland cod-suckers, Lambert and James. Yes, the insults were there, but the large crowd took it well, knowing that it was all in good fun. The duo seemed to enjoy playing at Vinnies and couldn't help but like the audience, who responded to every obscenity

with laughter. Now then, don't get the wrong idea, they weren't out to tear anyone apart, but to make serious issues seem funnier and funny issues seem hilarious.

Bob and Fabian (Lambert & James) proved that there is a reason for Canada's acceptance of Newfoundland. Who else could make us laugh as much or feel so good.

But, back to the review and praise be damned! The guitar playing was very good and the songs were funny or they were

not - depending on content. The singing was there and they had control over their voices, but not one person was really listening for that, they just wanted to be entertained.

Audience participation was included in the show, and "freebies" were given to the people who best sang portions of songs while Lambert & James strummed nearby. The alteration of popular tunes was also a big part of the act. Lines such as "You're sixteen, you're pregnant,

it's not mine" were flying freely and the many different variations of the "Rodeo Song" proved to be very popular with the strange inhabitants of Vinnies. One version of the "Rodeo Song" is called the "gay version" and it includes exaggerated accents and motions. This could be part of the reason why Lambert & James are banned from playing at Dalhousie by the gay community.

Lambert & James play Canada-wide with no actual preference to the crowd they attract, however

they do like the Mount for its abundance of women and its notorious reputation of having one of the friendliest and most fun-loving populations. They have

played together for five years and have treated many to their brand of humor, from university campuses to conventions to concerts. They have even been the opening act for groups like the Beach Boys, Streetheart, Parachute Club, Chris de Burgh and Kim Mitchell.

When asked why they started the act and worked so hard to develop it, Lambert replied, "If you could make \$3,000 a week wouldn't you do it?" There is going to be a Lambert & James album in the future and the recording of it will be this February at Musicstop in Halifax. Hopefully it won't be too long before Vinnies Pub is once again the stopping point for Lambert & James.

## So...you think you're funny

by Karen Seaboyer

So, you think you're funny, eh? You've used all kinds of one-liners on your friends in class and laughed about them again in the pub. Here's your chance to let that Eddie Murphy spirit rise from deep within your soul and show it to the world. You can win amazing prizes at the same time. Get ready—It's Schooner Campus Comedy 1988!

Hosted by local entertainer, Tony Quinn, Schooner Campus Comedy will determine the three best class clowns at the Mount and send the winner to Yuk

Yuk's Comedy Cabaret (above 42nd Street restaurant) for the Maritime finals February 10. Metro personalities, including Q104's Ray Plourde, will comprise the panel of judges.

Mount students can compete for a round trip flight by Air Atlantic, cash prizes donated by Oland's Breweries Ltd., and the opportunity to compete for a grand prize of an all inclusive trip for two to Montreal. Each contestant will receive a souvenir for being a part of this crazy winter carnival event.

So get up to the Student

Union office on 4th Floor Rosaria and register. There's only a few days left to sign up for your chance to be a star. Get this: Last year's winners have appeared on the Maritime Yuk Yuk's circuit and the New Brunswick regional winner was a

guest of the Ontario finals held in Massey Hall, Toronto. This year it could be you!

Give it a shot! If your talent just isn't making people laugh, then make sure you come out to enjoy the show Tuesday night in Vinnies Pub.

## Love and Rockets rise from the underground

by Christine Gallant

Love and Rockets' newest release, "Earth-Sun-Moon", is an underground sound come to the surface. This album is a bit stranger than their single, "Ball of Confusion", which went gold in Canada.

Guitarist Daniel Ash predicted "Earth-Sun-Moon" would be going out on a limb. Along with bassist David J and drummer Kevin Haskins, the trio seems to write and perform without any commercial considerations. All three members were formerly the instrumental backbone of Bauhaus, who developed a large cult following in the U.K. and U.S. Their classic single "Bela Lugosi's Dead" is still on the U.K. independent charts after six years and they have been the source of inspiration for many post-punk groups.

The underground sound is the essence of "Earth-Sun-Moon"—experimental and against the grain. Their music does not fit into one category, drawing from the sounds of the sixties to the eighties. Their distinct sound allows for a diverse but coherent collection of cuts. "No New Tale to Tell" is gaining popularity in Canada. The new album also includes the acoustic-flavoured "Welcome Tomorrow" and

the boogie feeling of "Lazy". Many of the lyrics are typically obscure, with the progressive sound of sax, flute, potent guitar and vocal harmonies.

The album was produced by Love and Rockets, in line with their non-commercial approach, and is claimed to have something for everyone, everyone into the alternative music that is.

Love and Rockets will be touring Canada and the U.S. this winter.

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## Mount volleyball team cleans-up

by Jasmin Uthoff

The Mount Saint Vincent women's volleyball team was undefeated in the NSCC tournament held at the Mount Jan. 16.

Of the three visiting teams, TUNS, UCCB and King's College, King's proved to be the Mount's strongest opponent. Roberta Mentis, 21, the Mount's volleyball team captain says, "Winning the game against King's was crucial for us. They will be our rival this year to the

bitter end."

While beating both TUNS and UCCB in two straight games, it took the Mount three games to defeat King's. In this match, the Mount won the first game, while King's came back to steal the second game. The Mount pulled together during the third game and hustled to victory.

The team, comprised of five rookies and seven returning players, has been practising for almost three months and coach

June Lumsden is pleased with its progress. "I'm very proud of the girls." She is confident that the team will win the provincial championship for the sixth consecutive year and continue on to the national championship. "We have a reputation to keep up!" says Lumsden.

The next league game is on Jan. 28 at 6:30 pm and a NSCC tournament has been scheduled for Feb. 16. Both of these games will be held at the Mount.

## Rookie leads basketball squad

The Mount Saint Vincent women's basketball team played host to Nova Scotia Agricultural College January 13 and posted a strong victory with a 67-18 score. Leora Pye and Amy Doucette paced the Mystics with 10 points each. High scorer for the Rams was Jean Baillie with

6 points.

Leora Pye came up with another big game for the Mystics leading the team with 14 points in their victory over the Nova Scotia Teachers College 65-38. Patty Stewart paced the Hawks with 20 points.

The Mount Saint Vincent men's basketball team lost to the Nova Scotia Teachers Col-

lege 91-68. Rod Blake for Mystics was most impressive with 29 points followed by Kevin Nettle with 10 points. Other scorers were: Paul Henderson 9, Mark Forward 8, Mark Langley 6, Paul Forward 2, John Doody 2, and Ray Burns 2. Kelly Rambeau and Blaine Seamone were top scorers for the Hawks with 22 and 20 points respectively.

## Volleyball Statistics

Tournament Outcome:	
MSVU def TUNS	15-7, 15-8
MSVU def KINGS	16-14, 9-15, 15-4
MSVU def UCCB	15-4, 15-2
KINGS def UCCB	15-6, 15-12
KINGS def TUNS	15-1, 15-2
TUNS def UCCB	10-15, 15-12, 15-8

In exhibition play the Mount defeated Champlain College from Montreal, Quebec 15-2, 15-6, and 16-14.

League Standings:	
MSVU	6-0
TUNS	1-2
KINGS	2-2
UCCB	0-5

## Ongoing events

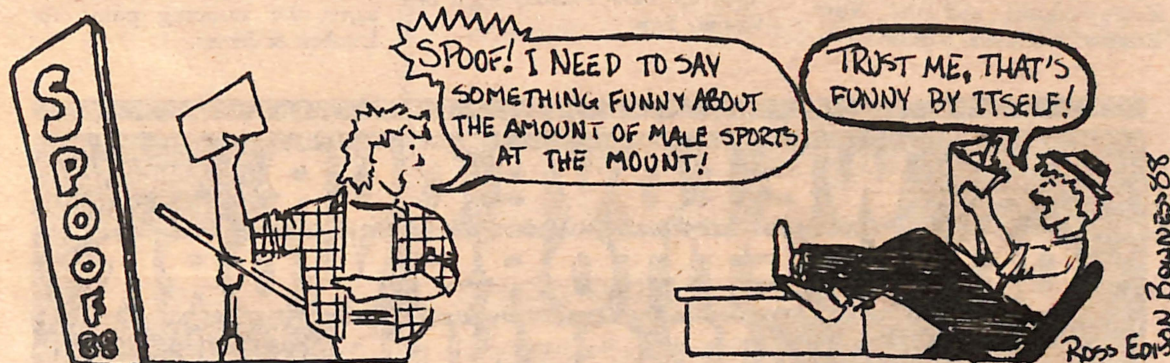
Men's Basketball Game MSVU vs TUNS Thursday, Jan. 21, 8 pm at TUNS' Gym. Come down to support your team!!

Nova Scotia College Conference Badminton Tournament: Sunday, Jan. 24, 9 am - 5 pm. Come and see the action.

"NO BUTTS ABOUT IT" A Smoking Cessation Program Wednesdays at noon. Meetings held in Athletics Office. Contact Pat DeMont for further information.

Winter Carnival 5th Annual Volleyball Tournament: Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2 - 4 pm. Any team of 6 or more players may enter. Register at the equipment control center next to the gym.

Women's Volleyball Game MSVU vs TUNS. Thursday, Jan. 28, 6:30 pm in Rosaria Gym. Come out to watch it.



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