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Highlights: Week of Reflection

by Marie Weeren

Lectures, films and discussions will highlight the second annual National Week of Reflection at the Mount from November 18-22. The December 6th Montreal massacre of 14 women in 1989 prompted groups from local universities to first hold the event, which is now national in scope.

The Mount's theme for the week is to show that violence against women is a serious, ongoing problem which can't be dismissed as something that only flares up occasionally in isolated incidents.

"If there's any lesson that the Montreal massacre can bring focus to, it's that violence is happening every day, and there's no telling when someone's going to be a victim," said Karer Casey, president of the Mount Student Union.

The Women's Studies Society and the Student Union have worked together on the project, which incorporates ideas of the Society with funding, creative input and personnel from the Student Union. The organizers

will be distributing a pamphlet giving times and places for the various sessions.

The week will raise awareness and educate students about social forces that are related to and perpetuate violence against women. A session on legal aspects will take a close look at how victims of violence are treated by the judicial and court system, as well as the police. Recent occurrences at UCCB and the dropping of the "Rape Shield" provision of the Criminal Code offer relevant examples of the problems that women can face.

A session on language and imagery will show how violence against women pervades society, and will include a screening of the film *Not a Love Story*, which deals with the harsh realities of pornography.

"When we think of violence against women, we often think of hitting, beating and rape," said Laura Fitzpatrick, a member of the Women's Studies Society and the planning group. "Language and imagery is something that's so powerful and so much a part of society that we take it for

granted."

A session entitled "Women and Ethnicity" will delve into how violence against women is demonstrated in different cultures. A university faculty member will speak, following a film which explores the issue.

Another topic will be the differences between sexual assault and sexual harassment. The Mount now has a part-time sexual harassment advisor. A self-defense course, tied in with a discussion on safety, will give students practical advice on protection.

The week will finish off on a positive, hopeful outlook with an informal social at the Mount art gallery. Men and women will be able to share their thoughts, creative works and feelings about violence against women.

"It's important for all students to get involved," said Fitzpatrick. "As the Mount is primarily a university for women it's particularly important for the Mount as a whole--it's an opportunity for women to get their voices heard and share their experiences."



The Mount Saint Vincent Women's Soccer team beat NSTC in overtime on Sunday (4-1) to take the NSCAA Women's Soccer Championships

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Sparling Wins Award

By Allison Gibson

During the province wide Cultural Awareness Week, October 21-27, Mary Sparling, director of the Mounts Art Gallery, won a Cultural Life Award for Outstanding Cultural Executive.

"There was very stiff competition," said Sparling. "I was very surprised to win."

The Cultural Life Awards Dinner honours individuals that have made major contributions

to the cultural life of Nova Scotia. Exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment are qualities that the five member jury considers, when deciding on the recipients.

Sparling has organized 300 exhibits in her 18 years as director of the gallery.

"Mary Sparling is known for giving young artists the opportunity to display their work," said Shani Pearson, former project manager for the Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia.

Sparling says that the gallery is dedicated to giving emerging regional artists a first time professional start.

"We place an emphasis on women, which is the emphasis here at the Mount," said Sparling.

Community outreach is also very important, said Sparling. "By making special exhibits at the gallery, we have something to show the community seven days a week."

"We are a cultural organization like Neptune theatre. We

are putting out culture 12 months of the year," said Sparling.

Contemporary art from Pangnirtung, Baffin Island is the exhibit that opened at the gallery during Cultural Awareness Week.

The exhibit focuses attention on the art work being done in the Pangnirtung community. A community whose history involves living life on the land.

The exhibit is being shown until November 17, 1991.



CLASSIFIEDS



Odessa Sound and Lighting Systems Limited, Halifax, Nova Scotia, need a part-time accounting assistant. Must be a student enrolled in Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting. Must have Word Perfect and Lotus 123 & knowledge of ACPAC Plus is an asset. Deadline: Friday, November 8, 1991. Submit resume and list of business courses taken to the Canada Employment Centre on Campus, Room 116, Rosaria Centre on or before the application deadline.

"Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia"'s next General Meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1991 8:00 p.m. at Hancock Hall, Dalhousie University, Corner of Coburg Road and Oxford St. For more information call 464-3456 or 465-2601.

Royal Trust Corporation of Canada located in Atlantic Provinces and Eastern, Western, and Southern Ontario are in need of Trust & Sales and Administration Investments, Financial Service, Product Sales, and Financial Administration. Must be Alumni or Spring 1992 Graduates of Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts (Major: Economics), Bachelor of Public Relations (Interest in Marketing). Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 14th, 1991. Interviews: Thurs., Nov. 28th, 1991. Submit ACCIS application form and transcript of marks to the Canada Employment Centre on Campus on or before the Application deadline.

Employment opportunities, Career Development, Training, Benefits, Education Subsidization and Enrolment Requirements are just a few of the several areas which will be covered by The Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre on Wed., Nov. 20th at 12:00 p.m. in Seton, Room 501.

Graduate fellowships are available for entering and first year graduate students majoring in science disciplines and interested in pursuing research careers in areas pertaining to global change. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and either entering or first year graduate students in appropriate disciplines. Selection is based on academic performance, GRE scores, recommendations, coursework, experience, and a statement of career goals by the applicant. Fellowship appointments are for one year and may be renewed. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 1992, and awards will be announced in May 1992. For applications or more information contact Sandra Beaulieu, Graduate Fellowships in Global Change Program, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Science/Engineering Education Division, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, or call (615) 576-7393.

The Metro Peace Centre, next to The Mic Mac Friendship Centre on Gottingen St., will be holding their monthly film and coffee house fund raiser on Thurs, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. NSLC required admission: \$5.00

All are welcome to a memorial service at Mount Saint Vincent University, to remember deceased alumnae as well as members of the university community and their families. The service will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6 in Evaristus Hall.

The Child Study Centre at Mount Saint Vincent University has openings in the day care and part day afternoon programs. Day care hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; part day afternoon hours are 1:30 to 5 p.m. For further information contact the Child Study Centre at 443-4450, Ext. 285.

PERSONALS

To: Urban Desperado
We are two of the "too many friends who are the same." We've figured you out. We know who you are and are considering blackmail if you don't own up! The other "Spuds"

To: Hey, you're the cute guys friend!
Missed you at the Pub! But I hear you need congratulating on an excellent grade. I'll see what I can do at this PUB!
Signed your friend.

To my favourite basketball player with the new glasses- they make you look even cuter. Don't worry, your butt is nicer than your friend's.
D

To the Concordia Soccer Man:
We think you are gorgeous and would love to meet you. Come to the Pub.
J & S

Dear Underwear Man,
I'm out of breath again but not from anything worth panting about. I spent last night running around Vinnie's in the hope that I would find you. You were a no show so this little piggy went home alone.
Writing in vain,
Vinnie's Girl, in tickle withdrawal.

The views expressed through The Picaro are not necessarily shared by Mount Saint Vincent University, the Student Union, or its Publishers.

There will be an information session held on Wednesday, November 6, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Weldon Law Building on University Avenue for all prospective applicants in the Metro area interested in applying for Dalhousie Law School for the 1992-93 academic year.

It's back! The Student Union is hosting the Highschool Leadership Conference in March. We need creative and fun people for our committee. See Tracy at the S.U. Ext. 123.

The Bruce-Grey Roman Catholic Separate School Board located in Hanover, Ontario are looking for teachers.

Must be Alumni or Spring 1992 Graduates of Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Child Studies (Education).

Deadline: December 2, 1991. Submit to the Canada Employment Centre on Campus on or before the application deadline: Application form; Resume; Transcript of marks; Practice teaching reports (if available).

THE PICARO

In the Spanish literary tradition of the picaresque novel, a picaro was one who lived by his wits as he roamed from one place to another.

A keen observer of life's experiences, his satirical stories stripped off the rose colored glasses and laid naked the unpleasant reality of society.

It was from this crafty vagabond character that our MSVU student union newspaper adopted its name. Our small, energetic society provides essential information and the news which directly affects you.

The Picaro is a member paper of the Canadian University Press, the oldest student press organization in the world. Members are unified by a strong conviction to the Statement of Principles which identifies the student press as an agent of social change striving to advance human rights while working against social injustices such as sexism, racism and homophobia.

As a staff member of the Picaro, you would also be a member of CUP. Be part of life at MSVU. Be a picaro. You could possibly represent our paper at a regional or national conference and/or have your articles printed in papers throughout the country.

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UNION OFFICE.**

NEWS

Students Angry About Response to Rape

SYDNEY, N.S. (CUP) -- Women's rights activists say the treatment of a Cape Breton student who reported a sexual assault has sent a dangerous message to other women.

In September, an 18-year-old woman at the University College of Cape Breton told the RCMP she was sexually assaulted in a campus residence by three men.

After an investigation, the RCMP charged the woman with public mischief for changing her statement during a second interview. The charges have since been

dropped due to a lack of evidence.

UCCB students are angry about how the university administration and police handled the incident.

"The RCMP handled the case inappropriately and unethically if they treated the girl they way (she said) it happened," said one female student.

The woman who laid the complaint said in a press release that the RCMP officer who interviewed her used words like 'bull' and 'baloney' as she made her statement.

American Psycho at U of T Library

by Michelle Huang

TORONTO (CUP) -- American Psycho, a book notorious for its graphic depictions of violence against women, may never take its place in a University of Toronto library.

The library committee recently bought the Bret Easton Ellis novel. But the committee will re-examine its decision after an employee expressed her opposition to the book becoming part of the library's collection.

The employee, Myra Emsley, said she flipped through American Psycho while unpacking the latest library acquisitions because she had heard of the controversy surrounding it.

When the book came out, many groups in the U.S. and

Canada protested its publication and sale, saying it promoted violence against women.

Emsley said she was particularly upset by the explicit scenes of torture and dismemberment.

"I was pretty appalled at the sexually violent nature of the book," she said. "It is particularly disturbing because of the sexual violence against women."

Emsley wrote a letter to the secretary of the library committee outlining her concerns and enclosed photocopied excerpts of the novel.

"It was so bad in my eyes that they had to read it for themselves," she said.

Renovations

by Jillian Newton

Renovations of the north wing of Evaristus Hall are estimated to cost \$3 million, said Paul Reyno, director of physical plant at MSVU.

"The renovations are needed to up-date the facilities," said Reyno, "and to create more classrooms and labs for the biology, computer, home economics, and hospitality and tourism departments."

A committee of faculty members, determines the needs of each department. With the help of Reyno, they "fit" their needs into the space and budget available.

"There has been good co-operation between departments,"

said Dr. John Sayre, chair of the mathematics department, "Since there is only a certain amount of room and money, each department has to decide what they don't really need in order to fit within the space limits and the budget."

Funds for the renovations are being raised through the capital campaign, "Learning and Leading." Faculty members have contributed \$150,000 towards the project. Corporations and government are also contributing to the \$3 million budget.

Although renovations have not yet begun in the north wing, the mathematics and computer departments, as well as public relations and daycare, were (temporarily) moved to the

Motherhouse in July and August, to allow for preliminary testing of the structure.

"There is always an upheaval when moving someone's office," said Reyno, "but it is not safe for people to be in that wing during preliminary testing."

The only available offices on campus are in the Motherhouse. Although it means a longer walk for faculty and students, there haven't been many complaints.

"We hope to have more direction signs installed to help new students and guests find our departments in Motherhouse," said Sayre.

Renovations are scheduled to be completed by September 1992.

Back of the Bus!

By Krista Grant

A small but enthusiastic group of Mount students met Friday to write letters requesting city council to reinstate the Dal-Mount bus service.

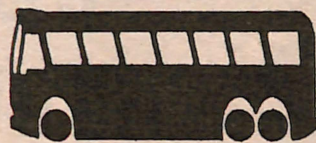
"As a member of the Mount community, a bus service is essential," said Ancel Langille, vice president of external affairs of the Student Union, who explained that the letters will be sent out after the new city alderman have been voted in on November 4.

Jane Schaller, a first-year human ecology student agreed saying, "The campus is essentially ignored. It is not safe on campus at all." Not having the Dal-Mount bus "forces students to walk around campus at night," said Schaller.

The bus, running for 10 years previous, went right up to Rosaria, Assisi, and Seton Academic Centre, removing the need for students to walk down to the Bedford Highway to catch a bus. "You could always depend on it," said Jeollette D'Entremont, a third-year arts student, "and know you would be here for your 9 a.m. class." Said D'Entremont, "I would take it all the time - definitely."

"Dal student union has said

it will support our cause", said Karen Casey, president of the Mount Student Union. If reinstated, the bus will go to the Dalhousie campus every half-hour and to the Mount campus every hour.



This year's budget cut out funding for the bus, an expense that cost the Mount over \$30,000 last year, with Metro Transit providing additional financing. If voted in by city council, the city

will provide the estimated \$29,000 needed this year.

Langille said if student support is strong the funding should come through. The city council will vote November 19, and Mount student union is hoping for a good turnout at the meeting, said Langille. He added, the student union is planning to rent a shuttle bus to get students to and fro, but the particulars are not certain yet.

Although only six students showed up to write letters, "Mount student support has been very good," said Casey. Two previous meetings on September 27, and October 7, had high attendance.

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To the Editors:

Last week's Picaro was the most pathetic drivel I have ever read. I think it is about time the staff take a look at the Dalhousie Gazette and the St. Mary's Journal to see real university papers.

Why was John Jarvis appointed Sports Editor of the Picaro? To twiddle his thumbs? Our Mount Mystics soccer team is vying for a berth at the Canadian College National Championships by playing in the provincial finals this weekend (Nov. 2-3) in Truro. Two of Halifax's city papers carried this fact. You would think Mr. Jarvis might have clued in to mention it. Or does he even know we have an Athletic department at the Mount?

As far as reading about Harold Crawley's hairy body, if that is some inside joke the rest of us don't know about, why don't we keep it that way?

Do we really need to see how Student Union would kill someone? Do we really need to see the faces of the Student Union in Vox Pumpkinuli at all? This may be a shock to them, but the readers may be interested in seeing other students' opinions on the back page (despite the moronic questions normally asked)?

A university paper should include news articles, interested stories, as well as information of "goings on" around other universities across Canada. It is not supposed to be a medium for the Picaro staff and the Student Union to enjoy a good laugh among themselves on issues that do not interest the rest of the university population.

If there has been trouble getting people to submit articles, maybe the paper should be printed once every two weeks. At least that way we wouldn't have to read it too often. The Picaro staff better shape up or ship out. Stop wasting our time and money.

Jocelyn MacLean

EDITORIAL

Letters to the editor must be signed to be printed. Letters to the editor should be signed to be sincere.

Occasionally, legal implications do arise. For this reason, a copy of the original document, signed in full, must be available. However, if the author wants to have his/her name withheld from printing, this will be done upon request.

Each week, the Picaro receives letters to the editor, expressing varying, valid opinions on the quality of the Picaro, on student concerns, and on general current issues.

Each week, we must print the paper without a few of these letters because the author has not signed their name in full, or left any indication as to how one would contact these individuals. This is disturbing as valid opinions are not being shared with the entire student community. Time, energy, and thought are expended to create these letters. The outward result is small.

How many of us are willing to go to work each day but refuse to release our names or connect it with our efforts? On payday, would we be willing to sacrifice our well-earned paycheque in order to remain in anonymity?

Why do people refuse to sign their names to their opin-

ions? It may be the case that to remain anonymous is necessary to ensure personal safety or to protect one's reputation. A rape victim, for example, wishing to share her feelings, may want her identity shielded. This is understandable. As in all aspects of life, exceptions do exist, but in general, to state one's opinion and then deny any such idea, weakens one's conviction, leaving that opinion worthless. To write a letter to the Picaro, sign it "A concerned student", and slip it under the office door shows, in my opinion, a lack of character. If someone doesn't believe in themselves, then why should I? If this is the extent of one's belief, why not keep a diary or a journal? Why expend the energy of walking up three flights of stairs to mysteriously slip such notes under the door. Here's a prime example.

On Friday afternoon, I was sitting in the Picaro office with another staff member. The door was wide open, the lights were on. Two students walked past the Picaro and into the Student Union office to hand letters to the office manager. The office manager then took those 18 long steps into the Picaro office to give us the letter.

They were great. The opinions were worthy of being printed. They were signed only by first names. They can't be printed. My

question once again is simple. Why do people refuse to sign their names to their opinions? Why couldn't these two individuals bring these letters into the Picaro office? Not only were they unwilling to let the student body know their feelings, they didn't want the Picaro staff to know.

When it comes time for these individuals to search for a job, will they sign their letters of application, "A person looking for a job"? When they die, will their tombstone read, "Probably a great person, but no one knew who she was." Though these comments may make light of the issue, it all deals with the serious ideas of taking full responsibility for one's actions and attitudes.

An idea that disagrees with someone else's, or even with the 'popular opinion' is not a reason for shame. An idea that criticizes someone else is not a reason to hide.

The Picaro receives criticism each week, both positive and negative. We look upon it all as constructive criticism, and consider all suggestions and comments. I do not, however, give much consideration to letters signed "Concerned Student", "Audrey", or "Monica, Jeannie, and Denice".

The ideas of all of these letters were valid in my mind until

I noticed that they were not properly signed. Therefore, these individuals had wasted their time by writing the letters, and wasted my time with unprintable text.

Life is too short to hide nameless behind a pen. Freedom of expression is one of our greatest privileges as Canadians. Why deny such a power because of petty fears or insecurities?

J.S. Mill, a political theorist of the nineteenth century, reflected on the idea of supporting one's own opinions. "It is the duty of individuals to form the truest opinions they can; to form them carefully and never impose them upon others unless they are quite sure of being right. But when they are sure, it is not conscientiousness but cowardice to shrink from acting on their opinions, and allow doctrines which they honestly think dangerous to the welfare of mankind."

If you have something worth saying, say it. Say it, write it, sign it, and bring it to the Picaro office. Life is too short to hover in anonymity and let this 'cowardice' overrule your life. I put my name to this newspaper every week with pride. I receive both positive and negative criticism every week. I learn from it. I am proud of it.

-Erica G. Colter
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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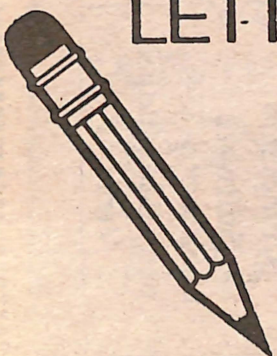
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Letters must be signed

Upon request, names may be withheld, but no unsigned letter will be printed

Letters should be typed and should not exceed 500 words



NEWS

Clark: Save the Nation!

by Scott Christensen

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark spoke at Dalhousie University last Wednesday morning before a crowd of almost 300 people to discuss the continuing national mood of urgency concerning the constitutional state of the country.

The senior cabinet minister provided background on the constitutional state of the country and the constitutional proposals process. He is currently on a nation-wide mission to "launch discussion to a process leading to decisions on Canada's future."

Mr. Clark, a former Minister of External Affairs, told the group gathered at the Weldon Law Building that there were two important questions which first had to be answered. He asked if in fact there was a real crisis in the country and whether or not Canada was worth saving.

"Never has the threat been greater," Clark said, warning that "there is no greater nation in the world worth preserving."

The constitutional propos-

s process, which will be hearing from individuals and groups across the country, has been established in order to deal with the heightened pressures at the centre of the country's attention.

At the forefront is Quebec, which has been trying to define itself and its people within confederation since the Quebec Act, and more recently since the failure of the Meech Lake Accord. Clark believes that Quebec's distinct society will survive, but he ponders as to what form it will take.

"If Quebec did decide to leave," Clark said, "it is with a very heavy heart that I would watch them go."

Aboriginal peoples and their relationship to the rest of the country was another "problem yet to be resolved."

Clark referred to aboriginal culture as intricate and complex and "understood only in folklore and romanticism. We must right our wrongs, not because of a sense of justice, but to look within ourselves as human beings."

Clark added that the native process was heading toward the

entrenchment of self-government as an inherent right, as opposed to a judicable right, a concept favoured by the majority of native groups.

Antiquated and worn-out national institutions were pinpointed as another source of frustration and anger among Canadians.

"If institutions are breaking down then people feel left out. The Senate, the way the House of Commons works and the Bank of Canada are all examples of this decaying process," Clark said.

He also expressed his concern for Canada to look to the future and its place in the international trading community.

"Marshall McLuhan's 'global village' has turned into one tough trading neighbourhood, where we all have to be prepared to live and compete in the world."

Before opening the floor to questions, Clark again expressed the favourable position Canada has made for itself throughout the world.

"We should try to make Canada as admired at home as it is around the world. The challenge is to find how we can lift each other up and not to let



ourselves down."

If we are unable to deal with these realities, Clark con-

cluded, "this country is very seriously threatened. The wolf is at the door."

Diamond Shines

by Lecann Thow

Brookes Diamond, one of the biggest promoters of entertainment in the Maritimes, spoke on the topic of promotion as a business. He was the keynote speaker for a conference on Media and Communication held for Mount Public Relations students last Wednesday.

"You don't necessarily recognize a good idea when it comes your way," Diamond said. "Ever-

thing new starts with an idea."

Diamond is a Maritime promoter with a hand in many different projects. He represents Maritime artists, promotes concerts and special events, sponsors trade shows and conventions and runs a record distribution company.

Diamond got his start more than 20 years ago at Dalhousie University. He was involved in organizing the Winter Carnival Parade. The next year he ran the whole event.

The chain of events that occurred at Dalhousie was what Diamond calls, "Stumbling upwards."

Now he sees what he does as sales. He "puts bums in seats." He tries to put lots of bums in the seats of arenas all around the Maritimes.

He believes that making something actually happen is the hardest part of anyone's job. "It is the greatest challenge of all," Diamond said.

"Sustenance is the key." Once you've got something going, you have to keep it going.

As an aside to the public relations students, Diamond emphasized the necessity of exactness and attention to detail. "We are image makers. Reputation and image are everything we've got. Guard them like a wolf."

Mr. Diamond spoke for half an hour followed by an informal question and answer period. Approximately 60 students were in attendance, as well as faculty from the PR department.

Polar Bear Swim

by Kim Griffin

Imagine yourself November 27 exposing your body to freezing temperatures in the ocean while raising money for the Children's Aid Society. Don't think about it, come join us and be a part of the Mount Saint Vincent Student Union Labatt Lite Polar Bear Team. The fourth annual Polar Bear dip will be happening at Black Rock Beach in Point Pleasant Park. It's an event to definitely be part of.

Each participant will be required to have a pledge sheet and sponsors for the swim. This year's goal for Mount Saint Vincent is set at \$5000 and Chairperson and seven year participant Ancel Langille believes it can be accomplished. "Participants don't even have to swim if they don't want to," says Langille, "you can simply dip and run if you want."

Last year's swim attracted not only swimmers but many curious onlookers. Langille also mentions the ATV coverage helps increase awareness regarding the swim. The Atlantic provinces get to watch Mount students having fun while raising money for children.

"I think sometimes we don't realized how fortunate we are," says Langille, "this is a perfect opportunity to make needy children happy on Christmas morning."

All money raised will be telecasted December 1 on the Christmas Daddy's telethon. The day of the swim students will meet at Vinnie's Pub and Student Union will provide the bus to and from Black Rock Beach. If interested in joining the Polar Bear Swim Team please contact Ancel Langille at Student Union.

MSVU Student Council Meetings:

Location: Former Royal Bank Space in Rosaria

	Sunday, March 1	1:00
	p.m.	
Monday, November 18	Monday, March 16	8:00
a.m.	a.m.	
Sunday, December 1	Sunday, March 29	6:00
p.m.	p.m.	
Monday, January 13	Note: All students are welcome to attend student council meetings. This five month schedule will hopefully give a variety of time frames for interested students who wish to attend meetings.	
a.m.		
Sunday, January 26		
p.m.		
Monday, February 10		
a.m.		

NEWS

Computer Overload

by Scott Murray

Despite the problems of aging terminals, overcrowding and students' adjustment to the new system, Mount Saint Vincent's computer labs are running successfully and efficiently after recent changes.

"They need new computers," said James Quinn, a second year public relations student, "they're just too old."

Wayne Stickney, Manager of User Services, said the computers are about 5 years old and are starting to wear. Age and stress levels cause the terminals to fail, and there have been more problems this year than previously.

A monitor at the Microlab in the Seton Academic Centre, Michael Carlos, said, "The computers are pretty old. A lot of them break down, but only for a short while, then they're up and running again."

However, Stickney said that he is content with the present reliability. "I'm happy with the quality." In fact, he is surprised there are usually only two or three terminals down out of 56, con-

sidering their constant use.

"The labs are too cramped," said Janet Lindsay, a Manus business administration student. Students usually have to crawl around each other getting to and from their terminals, she said. Although the labs are not always full, it tends to get crowded around "busy periods" such as mid terms. "The labs need more space and more computers," said Lindsay.

Class bookings and a small number of printers compound these problems. "But it was worse last year. I'm not sure what the answer is," Lindsay said.

Stickney said, generally, overcrowding is not a problem, although it does occasionally occur during "crunch time." The widening of the Microlab's centre aisle also helped. "Students don't have to crawl over each other as much," Stickney said.

Other recent crowd-controlling solutions include the addition of 30 terminals in the Margaret Fulton Communications Centre, new "faster" printing materials, and the addition of

the upgraded computers to the campus network.

"Now we have the same level of software in both buildings," said Stickney, "That helps a lot."

Carlos said, "students are having just a little bit of trouble adjusting to the new system."

The centre aisle of printers has been replaced by an improved system that has a higher print outs per printer ratio.

Both Quinn and Lindsay said they did not know the labs would be upgraded during the summer and have had to align themselves with the changes.

"It's easier to keep track with one printer," said Carlos "It's easier to upkeep." Students usually figure out how to use the printer by their third or fourth try.

"They have to go through trial and error," said Stickney, "if they want to do the fancy stuff." Quinn said despite having a few problems earlier on, the new system is not too hard to figure out. In fact he said, "It's a lot easier now."



Pictured from left to right, Linda Heseltine, Phoenix House, Shawna Peverill, fellowship recipient, and Pearl Piers of Air Canada

Pearl Piers of Air Canada presents the Air Canada Fellowship Award to Shawna Peverill, a public relations co-op student on a work term at Phoenix House. The Air Canada Fellowship sponsors a student in a non-profit co-op placement.

PR Mentor Program

by Bridget Oland

The Mount Public Relations society intends to give its graduating students the chance to adopt local public relations professionals as helpful friends and advisors through their newly-announced mentor program.

"It's intended to be a relationship where students can meet someone in the field and talk about issues," said Patricia Murphy, co-president of the PR Society. "To have somebody who is actually in the field is such a good advantage." Murphy said the idea for the program came up last year in a proposal by the previous society co-presidents. She and co-president Kent Brown picked it up this year and made some changes. With the help of Sue Darch, Rob Hawgood and Trudi Richards, they developed the program in close association with the local Canadian Public Relations Society and the International Association of Business Communicators. Members of these two organizations have been asked to be mentors.

At an information meeting

planned for early November, interested students will be asked to fill out a questionnaire outlining their interests in the public relations field. These will be matched with similar forms completed by participating professionals. "You can never satisfy everyone but we're going to try to match everybody," said Murphy. The program will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

In late November students will meet their mentors at a get-acquainted wine and cheese reception. From there it will be up to the student to keep in touch with their mentor. Each pair must meet at least four times through the year.

Brian Duplessis is the CPRS board of education rep. involved with organizing the program. He thinks the program is a good way for students to get a look at the public relations field through a relationship other than the standard boss-employee relationship.

"There may be limited opportunities for students to be able to talk about careers and what direction they should be

taking," he said. "This may provide an opportunity to have a sounding board."

Tracey McHardy, a senior public relations student, intends to take advantage of the mentor program. She said, "you finish school but you certainly don't know all that you need to know. They can give you guidance from experience." Murphy said other senior students informally asked about the program had similar opinions.

Students will not be the only ones to benefit from the program. Duplessis hopes positive effects of the mentor program will reach beyond the mentor and the student. "It may provide more potential employers with more knowledge of what the PR program can offer," he said. "And hopefully it will start to provide more direct links between professionals and Mount students in the program."

This is the 1991-92 Operating Budget of Student Union. If you have specific questions or concerns on any of the items you can contact Kathy Shay at the Student Union office.

Social Justice for Canada

by Dawn Mitchell

HALIFAX (CUP) -- As mistrust of the Mulroney government grows and its commitment to social programs wanes, Canadians are looking for ways to entrench social justice in the constitution.

"I think we are in a severe, severe crisis," said Alexa McDonough, Nova Scotia leader of the New Democratic Party. "And in order to hang on to what Canada means, and to be able to carve out any kind of future for ourselves, we have to see something worth fighting for. A social charter is one of the important ways of doing that."

McDonough said the recent study of Canada's competitiveness by Harvard business professor Michael Porter might spur Canadians into action.

"Michael Porter's frame of reference is not what is standing in the way of Canadians maximizing human potential, educational opportunities, and social actualization," said McDonough.

The report suggests the government examine how the country's social programs restrict its economic well-being.

"His terms of reference are what obstacles are standing in the way of multi-national forces and how to strike them down."

"It's scary, but almost welcome because it is so crass and so crude people might sort out more clearly what is happening here," she said.

Ontario premier Bob Rae -- the main political advocate of a social charter -- sees it as a way to halt the erosion of national standards and the federal government's commitment to social programs.

"For the clients I work with it's a matter of life and death," said Vince Calderhead, legal aid lawyer with the Metro Community Law Clinic in Halifax.

"Without basic values enshrined, all other rights are shallow and meaningless," he said. These values include the right to adequate shelter, clothing, food, education, and health care, he added.

NEWS

Bedford Highway Blues

by C. Michael Dunn

If Halifax City Council gets their way, the Mount may lose its front-line defence against noise--the beautiful line of trees along the Bedford Highway.

Since 1972, widening the Bedford Highway as a way to relieve traffic congestion, has been recommended by various municipal and provincial task forces. According to Fred Bradbrook, a City of Halifax transportation engineer, they always hit the same snag: the space between CN's shunting railway and the Mount's protective treeline is too narrow for a wider highway.

In the 1920's, the shoreline along the Bedford Basin was set aside for the creation of the present CN shunting railyard. At that time, the Sisters of Charity planted

a series of trees across the front of their property to act as a natural sound barrier.

These trees, now known as the Sister Mary Lua Arboretum, have shielded the Motherhouse and have seen Mount Saint Vincent Academy grow into a respected university.

Of all the tracks in the railyard, the pair closest to the highway are the most important. The cost to move the tracks was estimated at \$8-10 million, but CN will not pay. If a widening is to happen, it will occur on the Mount side at the expense of the arboretum. In October of 1990, the Mount, Sisters of Charity and other concerned groups, made a joint submission of recommendations to the Halifax Task Force on Traffic. In it, they argued their

case against the proposed highway widening. Their combined efforts led to an indefinite deferral of the project until other alternatives could be explored.

Some of the alternatives suggested by various parties included the development of a commuter train to bring people into peninsular Halifax from Bedford-Sackville. However, a provincial study conducted in the early 1980's estimated such a system's maximum daily use at only 440 passengers. As Fred Bradbrook put it, "Where the rails are, the people aren't."

Bradbrook mentioned another alternative: to complete the Dunbrack Exchange as originally intended. This would mean an extension would be built through Spryfield to the North-

west Arm where it would join up with the south end of Robie Street via a bridge or tunnel. However, costs and pressure from residents of Halifax's most affluent neighbourhood would likely be prohibitive. "You'd never get them to agree to a bridge", said Bradbrook, "but personally, I think they [the bridges] are beautiful."

An interesting alternative comes from concerned Halifax resident Robert MacLean, whose wife, Helen, is an assistant grounds keeper at the Mount. He suggests widening the Bedford Highway would only move more people to the real problem, more quickly. The real problem, as he sees it, is the bottle-neck created by the intersection on Kempt Road at St. John's Cemetery.

Congestion results when Bedford-Sackville commuters,

arriving via the Fairview Overpass, run into equal and opposite traffic delivered to the same intersection from Dartmouth, via the MacKay Bridge. MacLean proposes a proper interchange be installed at the sight to speed up circulation. This would remove the bottle-neck causing Bedford Highway congestion, thereby eliminating the need to widen the highway. This, in turn would remove the need to destroy the Sister Mary Lua Arboretum, which contains many rare tree species and others that commemorate Mount patrons, scholars and leaders.

MacLean has yet to make his idea known to city council, which is still indefinitely deferring their decision on the proposed highway widening and the fate of the arboretum.

Feminism and Theology

by Julian Liew

More positive feminine religious images--and more of them--are important for women, says Dr. Nel Noddings, author, ethicist, philosopher, mathematician and associate dean at Stanford University in California.

"Women need a religion where they can find their own images," Noddings told an audience of about 70, mostly women, Thursday evening at Seton Academic Centre.

In mythology, religion and philosophy, women have always been men's plague. Noddings said Pandora and Eve are but two examples. Pandora, in Greek mythology, released all of mankind's evils and misfortunes. While Eve, in the biblical tradition, led her husband Adam to disobey God.

Noddings has proposed to her classes that it is time to look at the story of Adam and Eve as myth. "Students react with shock," she said. They consider such treatment disrespectful of many people's religious beliefs.

Noddings has argued that the story should be taught in a manner that promotes understanding. "Myths can be treated with respect ... but they are not

allowed to escape criticism." Students should learn about the harm which literal interpretations of myths can cause, said Noddings.

For instance, Judaism and Christianity often interpret the story of Adam and Eve literally. Woman, the Serpent and the Tree of Knowledge are thus the causes of Man's Fall in the Bible.

But Woman, the Serpent and the Tree of Knowledge were part of many "goddess religions," which predate Judeo-Christianity. The Serpent, in these religions, was a symbol of "prophetic wisdom, renewal and immortality."

Noddings said that for the patriarchal religions of Judaism and Christianity to succeed, women had to be taught to reject their matriarchal religions. This, she said, is found in the patriarchal God's declaration of enmity between Woman and the Serpent. Christianity further carried this message through the portrayal of the Madonna crushing the Serpent under her foot.

Noddings cautioned that students must not assume that goddess religions are therefore better than patriarchal ones. "God the Mother could be as severe as

God the Father."

Rather, they should reflect on myths, parables and religious stories to discover their relevance to modern society. She said students have to bring these stories into context.

"I would like students to consider whether the parables direct us to justice or to something more fundamental," Noddings said.

Noddings also said Judaism and Christianity are not the only religions that are prejudiced against women. Eastern religions, such as Hinduism, also consider women as inferior to men. But all these "great religions" started as "liberation religion to men and women," she said. Students must therefore ask, "How and why did such deplorable changes occur?"

She said they must realize, though, that it is a "struggle to reform religion." Scholars do not have all the answers. Still said Noddings, "Students must ask, 'On what will we act?'"

She said all the great religions have been patriarchal. Men developed the doctrines, dominated the hierarchy and formed male-dominated images. As a result, women have suffered philo-

sophical and theological prejudice. In recent times, said Noddings, Darwinism reinforced male superiority.

Scholars, she said, "accept that Adam was God's primary creation." She asked, is man really "the endpoint of Creation?" Are humans truly "the apex of evolution?" She said one can still see "significant remnants" of "social Darwinism."

Philosophy has long relegated women to a secondary position or else completely ignored them and their activities. Noddings said Aristotle postulated that "woman is misbegotten male."

Philosophy has also long associated men with Spirit and women with Nature. The result, said Noddings, is that men have been preoccupied with "wringing Nature's secrets from her" and with the "exploitation of both [Nature and women]."

After her speech, Noddings did not attend an informal reception in the Art Gallery where she was to meet members of the audience for further discussions.

Noddings is the first of four guest scholars to lecture in a series sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies. The next presentation is on Nov. 19.

The Picaro

will not be published next week.

Submissions for the November 20 issue must be received by 5 pm, Friday, November 15.

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Rosaria
Centre

NEWS

Harold: One Last Time

By Erica Colter

Harold was alone in the night with the man who claimed to have a knife. Two of his CP's had already been hurt that night, leaving him alone in the parking lot.

"Is it worth it?" Harold repeatedly asked the man. "Is it worth it?"

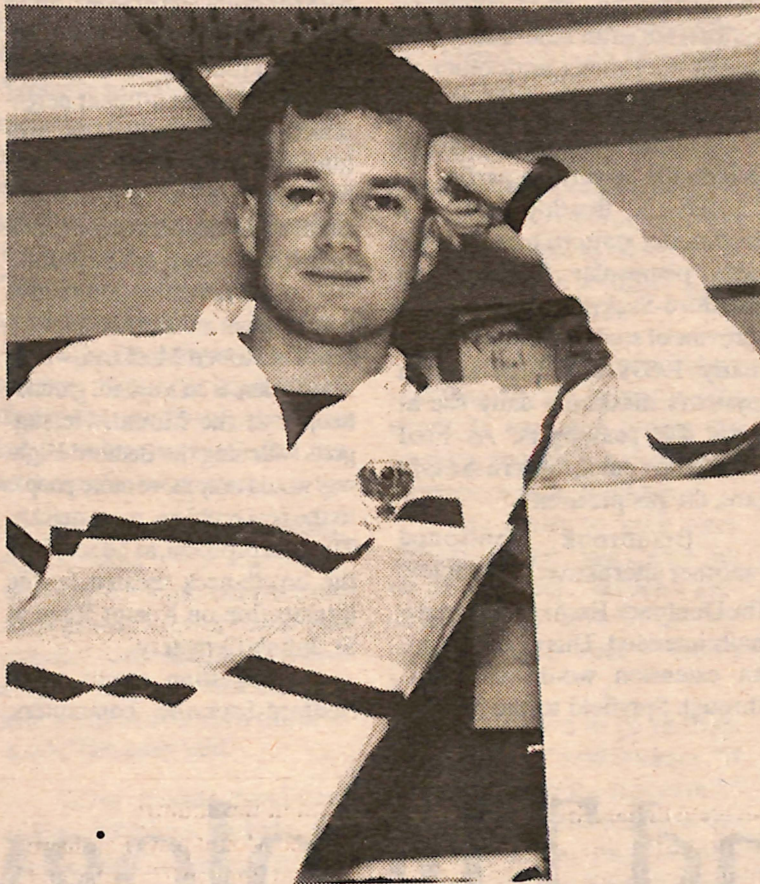
It was the final pub last year before Christmas and Harold had a haunting premonition all night. "Something is going to happen," he kept telling the other campus police. "Stay alert."

His warnings appeared to be in vain as 12:30 rolled around. The lights came on, patrons were being ushered out, and the evening seemed to end without a problem. The tranquillity, however, was shattered by the sound of beer bottles hitting the floor.

Two CP's were hurt and another officer was telling Harold that the instigator of the fight was outside and had a knife. Harold went to investigate by himself.

"Is it worth it?" Harold's persuasion must have been worth it as the bottom line of the evening was that everyone went home safely.

Harold Crawley, Chief of Campus Police since 1990, stands by his convictions. "Force is always the last resource. You should never need to hurt somebody."



As a member of MSVU's Campus Police force since first coming to this university in 1988, Harold's efforts have definitely been worth it. Scenes such as brawls in the pub and possible assaults have become commonplace. Harold recognizes them as part of the job, and has since developed a second sense to the possibility of danger. "When you have been doing this as long as I

have, you just know."

Harold, a soft-spoken yet perceptive individual, has recognized and met the challenges that are unique to the Mount's campus. The significant female population of this university has taught him a considerable amount about gender relations and concerns. "I have learned a lot about women and the problems they have . .

.this is the place where women can come and be equal and it's not always like that in the real world."

To help the student community interact safely with this real world, Harold developed and maintained the Mount's 'Walk Home Program', an agreement between the Campus Police and Mount students which ensures that no one has to walk alone to their residence or to their car. Harold is proud of the fact that he developed the idea and "became my own PR man."

"Everybody in this country has the right to walk alone. Some people are naive, they don't want assistance walking home." Harold recognizes this but asks for cooperation on the student's behalf.

"Let me know you are walking and I will walk with you."

Though many people still insist that they can walk alone safely, Harold and his officers try to promote the idea that they want to assure that everyone gets home securely. "I try to make it all that much safer."

Reflecting on his influence on the Mount population as he leaves his position as Chief, for academic reasons, Harold says, "I like to think I made a difference. It was the greatest job of my life."

Harold is currently involved

in the application process of the Toronto Police Department. The individual attention which he conveyed in his position as Campus Police should benefit the Toronto force, he feels.

"In the big city, individuals can be ignored. They need a good person to look out for their rights."

Does Harold have what it takes to venture out into this so-called real world? According to co-worker Steve Cross, "Harold Crawley is one of the most dedicated men I have ever known."

Steve's opinion is reiterated by Bill Aasvagen, another CP. "He's one of the nicest guys I have every met. He'd give us the shirt off his back."

The praise that campus police officers hold for Harold is two way. Harold has high regard for each individual with whom he has worked over the years. The success of the campus police lies on the individuality of each officer. "Everyone has special talents," he remarks, "I always had faith in them. I always trusted them."

As March Leech assumes the duties of being Chief, Harold looks back on his administration. His appreciation for his staff is extraordinary. "I'd like to thank my staff of CP officers," Harold concludes, the pride obvious in his voice, "I loved them all. They were the best."

The Pursuit of Thinness

by Lisa Frizzell

Many women see beauty as a status symbol essential to success. This often leads to unsafe dieting, agreed three experts in a presentation at Dalhousie University last Wednesday night.

"Women through the ages have had to conform to certain images both to achieve beauty and status," said nutritionist Kathleen Irvine during a presentation titled "Pursuit of Thinness: Body Image, Dieting and Self-Esteem". She said that media

throughout history have had a considerable amount of influence as to what society sees as beautiful. Advertising in particular promotes negative and damaging stereotypes of how women should look, making them feel that they have to conform no matter what the cost, said Dena Ellery, a representative of Media Watch. The media encourages the dangerous idea that "Thin equals sexy, thin equals success, thin equals everything you want to be," she said.

Women must conform to

what they feel is the standard, said psychologist Mark Russell. This standard is based on what society dictates and is generally unsafe.

"They actually have a body dissatisfaction based on an unrealistic view of how they should look," he said. "At least in part because of the media image, a lot of normal, healthy shaped people are feeling very uncomfortable with themselves."

Russell said that in order to sell, ads often make a refer-

ence to how you feel about yourself and your body. This promotes the dangerous message that by dieting people will get ahead in life. "I have one thing to say about diets," he said. "They don't work."

"It's really a myth that these miracle diets will work," said Russell. "A lot of the diets that are presented are unrealistic. You can't live on grapefruit forever."

Irvine said that diets are generally unhealthy, causing many physical, psychological, and nutritional difficulties. "For most

people it's a self-imposed form of starvation," she said.

Although in some cases dieting may seem to work, the amount of the weight lost plus a few extra pounds is generally gained back over time, said Ellery. "It's usually a quick-fix situation."

Russell emphasized that being thin does not necessarily mean being happy. "We have to be able to like ourselves...independent of things like weight."

SPORTS

Victory for Women's Soccer Team

By Picaro Staff

The Mount Saint Vincent University Women's Soccer team has been crowned the 1991 NSCAA Women's Soccer Champions.

The Mount defeated the Nova Scotia Teachers College 4-1 in overtime action on Sunday Nov 3. TC scored the first goal early in the first half on a corner kick. Try as they might, the Mount could not put the ball past the All Conference goalie from NSTC.

"We did everything we could. We shot every shot we could but it just wouldn't go for us," said Coach Patsy Pyke.

The second half went very much the same. "TC shut down our passing game and were first to the ball a lot," said Pyke. "We just kept up the pressure and most importantly we never gave up." That truly was the story of the game as Shelley Snair finally found the net with only 45 seconds left in the game to tie the game at 1-1 and forcing two 15 minute overtime halves.

"You always tell your players to follow every shot, rush the goalie and most importantly to never give up," Coach Pyke said, "That is exactly what we did. Darcie Moore took a shot at the

net which was blocked by the keeper, but she bobbled the ball and Darcie was right there in position to put a foot on the ball, pass it off to Shelley who had the whole net to shoot at. It truly was a thing of beauty."

In overtime play, Darcie Moore scored what proved to be the winning goal, Shelley Snair scored her second goal and Audrey Norman put the final nail in the game for the Mount.

"I still can't believe it," said Patsy Pyke, "and I'm sure most of the team feels the same way. We worked so hard, we really did deserve it. Shelley Snair had an outstanding weekend scoring four goals in the semi final game against Kings and the tie goal in the final game but I'm sure she will agree that it truly was and has been all year, a team effort. We have fourteen players who can and do go into a game anytime and play their best for the team. We have had a number of players score a lot of goals over the year so we are not dependent upon one or two players to do all the scoring. As I have told them all year, the ball starts at one end of the field and we work it through to the opposing goal and no one person can do that. It has to be a team effort. I believe that we have the



best team in the NSCAA and we just proved it this year. We are undefeated in league play and championship play."

The team is now on their way to the first ever CCAA Women's Soccer Invitational Soccer tournament at Fanshawe College in London Ontario. Presently the team is ranked

seventh in the country.

The Mount plays Fanshawe College at 2pm on Thursday and the number 1 representative from Quebec at 9am on Friday. The semifinals will be played on Friday afternoon and the final Championship game on Saturday.

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Pepsi Athlete of the Week

Shelley Snair

This week's Pepsi Athlete of the Week is Shelley Snair.

Shelley is a member of the Women's Soccer team. She scored the tie goal in the Championship game against NSTC plus another marker in overtime on Sunday Nov 3 to lead the team in their championship win. In the semifinal game she scored four goals against Kings to assure the team a birth in the final game.

Shelley is second year Psychology major from Sir John A McDonald High School.

SPORTS

Make the Minutes Count

As we learn more about the science of exercise, it seems that fewer and fewer of the old hard-and-fast rules apply. Experts have often advised that workouts of 20 to 30 minutes at near-maximum exercise heart rate were necessary to produce fitness benefits- notably, to enhance the health of the heart and lungs. Current research trends to support the idea that any kind of regular physical activity (walking, gardening, or anything that you pursue vigorously and regularly) can also keep you healthy.

Now research at Stanford

University suggests that workouts as brief as 10 minutes, if done often enough, can make you fit. One group of men in the study jogged at a moderate intensity for 10 minutes three times every day for eight weeks; during the same period, another group jogged continuously at the same intensity for 30 minutes a day. The second group experienced greater improvements in cardiovascular endurance, but both got a significant boost. The men in both groups lost similar amounts of weight- an average of four pounds during the

eight week experiment.

This should be especially encouraging news for everyone on tight school/work schedules. Turn your coffee break into an exercise break. Try 10 minutes of brisk walking before classes or work, 10 minutes of stair climbing or a quick run at noon, and 10 minutes of cycling in the evening. Remember, exercise, however you do it can add up for your benefit.

Stairmaster clinic- learn how to get the most out of your steps!!!

November 6; 12-1p.M. 5-

6P.M. Sign up in the athletic/recreation office.

MSVU 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The winners of the 2nd Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament were Carolyn LaMarche, Andrea Drake, Byron Fillmore and Nelson Angel.

Annual MSVU Bowling Tournament A Success

The winning team of the Annual MSVU Bowling Tournament held November 1 at the Bayer's Road Bowlarama consisted of Jodie Boone, Tammy Wilcox, Dale Nigel and Scott Pelton. Members of the second-place team were Simon Hurd, Alanna Mason, Andrea Drake and Ray Burns. High scorer was Dale Nigel with a combined total of 293. Congratulations to all the winners! See you next term!

Student Union 1991-1992 Budget

REVENUES:

STUDENT FEES	250,000
HEALTH PLAN	200,000
ORIENTATION REV	12,000
ENTERTAINMENT REV	10,000
WINTER CARNIVAL REV	1,000
PARENT CARE LOUNGE	2,400
HANDBOOK REV.	5,000
PROFIT FROM PUB	15,000
PROFIT FROM CORNER STORE	15,000
TOTAL REVENUES	510,400

EXPENSES:

SALARIES	90,000
SUMMER EMPLOYEE	850
HONORARIUMS	24,600
HEALTH PLAN	200,000
MEMBERSHIPS	14,000
AWARDS BANQUET	1,000
ENTERTAINMENT	12,500
ORIENTATION	15,000
WINTER CARNIVAL	1,000
ELECTIONS	200
WEEK OF REFLECTION	500
ALCOHOL AWARENESS	2,000
INTERNATIONAL WOMENS WK	200
GRAD WEEKS	5,000
CONFERENCES	7,000
I.D.	1,000
INSURANCE	2,400
AUDIT FEES	3,000
BANK CHARGES	1,000
HANDBOOK	5,000
RENT	8,400
TELEPHONE	5,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000
PHOTOCOPIER	13,000
PHOTOPOOL	1,750
MISC	25,000
OFFICE RENOVATIONS	9,500
SU FURNITURE AND EQUIPT.	7,300
PICARO	16,500
YEARBOOK	15,000
SOCIETIES	10,000
PUB RENOVATIONS	300
PUB FURNITURE AND EQUIPT	3,000
C.S. FURNITURE AND EQUIPT	1,000
SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES	4,000
PARENT CARE LOUNGE	2,400

TOTAL EXPENSES 510,400

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Entertainment

Halloween Hoot

by K. Redden

For all you unlucky people who couldn't attend the Halloween Pub the Business Society presented, I will tell you what you missed. There were the regular Wednesday night pub activities like dancing and socializing, but we also had some weird and wonderful costumes, a fortune teller and prizes. The prizes went to things like costumes, dancing and the Business Society members of the night. The prizes for best costume went to Marie Antoinette, a witch, the divided highway and of course, Alfalfa received the boobie prize. The Business Society members of the night were Todd Jackson and Melanie Haleleger.

The Business Society would like to thank all those people who participated and congratulations to all of the winners. I am sure everyone had a good time.

P.S. Elvis did buy a ticket--but he never showed up!



Dengu For You ?

**Tiblet Kidanu
President - MSVU
International Students
Association**

On Halloween night a group of Canadian and international students gathered in Rosaria to indulge in African food and music.

It was the MSVU International Students Association's first dinner party this academic year. Its purpose was to unite people from different cultural backgrounds. It was educational, interesting and definitely exotic!

International students from Bermuda, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Singapore and Trinidad came to the dinner. Some wore their traditional outfits.

"I had so much fun!" said Orie Rogo-Manduli, the evening's chef.

She'd also done a lot of work. Rogo-Manduli cooked from eight in the morning to eight at night. But she didn't mind the work. "I love to cook for people I like," she said. Some friends in Lourdes Hall were a great help in preparing the meal, she said.

Dinner guests were treated to chapati, a tasty, unleavened Kenyan bread; chicken and mince meat curries; dengu, a lentil curry dish; pilau, a spicy rice dish with peas; sukumawiki, a savory vegetable dish; and ugali -- Africa's staple food -- a chewy bread made from maize flour.

After dinner the students danced to the music of Samba Mapangula with Orchestra Virulunga of Nairobi, Kenya. One song, "Vunga Mafupa" was particularly appropriate. Translation: "When your teeth are still intact, use them to EAT WELL, for the day will come when you are toothless."

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Mc Innes Room, Dalhousie
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7:00PM

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Elvis Watch

By Leah Purdy

Elvis seems to have left the metro area. He was spotted last weekend at the Golden Pond Lounge in Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

One woman, who chose to remain unnamed said she recognized the King by his sideburns. "They were a dead giveaway," she said.

"At first I didn't think it was him 'cause he was wearing a flannel shirt and workboots instead of sequins. But then he hit on me and asked me to be his 'TeddyBear'. He even gave me his room key at 'Heartbreak Hotel'. All the signs pointed to Elvis," said our source.

If you think you've seen Elvis please let us know so that we may all pay homage to the King of Rock and Roll in a way that would make everyone who grew up in a retarded society that worships strange drawing men with sideburns PROUD!!

Elvis!!!!!! We love you!!!

I HATE

By Saddam, George and Brian

I hate EVERYBODY!!
I hate you and you and you too!!

Sometimes I wish
I could sit here

FOREVER

and watch
Santa Barbara!

You are emotionally immature
and will lead a long and lonely life.

I hate you!

VINNIE'S
PRESENTS:

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS

November 18 - Patrick Swayze Night

November 25 - Three Men, A Baby & A Little Girl

December 2 - Christmas Surprise

OTHER STUFF

VOX POPULI

What changes, if any, would you like to see in the Picaro?



Alex Taylor
3rd Year BA
I think a lot of people are concerned that certain articles are directed to Student Union and Picaro clan. We need more university information like sports, degree information and degree program events. There hasn't been anything in lately worth reading.



Nancy Carson
2nd Year BA
I wish they'd stop putting Harold in so much.



Lissa Gosling
1st Year BTHM
There should be more personals in it and I think you should be able to communicate with someone you don't know but would like to. There should be a colouring contest for Christmas. Other than that, it's great.



Natasha Hurley
1st Year BA
More jokes and coupons so the girls from Lourdes and Birches can do their grocery shopping.



Carla Cushing
2nd Year BSc
To be honest, I don't read it often. Maybe a few more serious issues - like what's going on in Halifax and news related stories.



Nelson
3rd Year BPR
Keep the Harold Crawley jokes to the back of the paper. National issues take precedent over Harold Crawley-nothing towards Harold personally.



Renee Powell
2nd Year BA
I find a lot of the same people get in everything. I don't mind the Picaro that much... I like it.



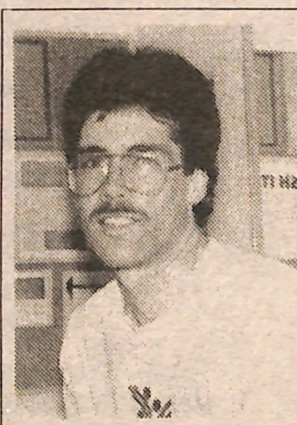
Michelle Allison
3rd Year BBA
More cartoons.



Lisa Allison
2nd Year BTHM
More student opinions and pictures



Puleng Phooko
BHEC
Get rid of it



Jim Mullens
3rd Year Business Cert.
More columns devoted to part-time students



Simon Hurd
3rd Year BBA
Change the staff. Or at least give the staff a bit of journalistic talent.



Angie Fullerton
2nd Year BA
I don't find it bad at all!



Mike Sutherland
4th Year BTHM
More personals. It [The Picaro] isn't that bad.



I love it. It's better than Cats. I want to read it again and again and again...

The Picaro appreciates the input of the students who participated in Vox Populi. The Picaro always welcomes comments and suggestions from any concerned students.