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Year end marked by Mayhem

by Elizabeth Curren
Staff reporter

The vote came down—seven for and six against, there were no abstentions. This vote which decided there would be no re-election of the newly elected student council was held in a packed council chamber Thursday night, March 24, 1983.

The issue of re-election arose when Shirley Baker, President of the Campus Association of Part-Time University Students and part-time student representative for Senate wrote a letter to Alice MacKichan, President of Student Council, outlining her objections over the way the election was run. The two main concerns of her letter were:

1) The part-time students in past years have not been permitted to vote for President and Vice-President of the Student Union. Therefore, they were not expecting to be able to vote for these candidates this year. As the two part-time student positions had no opposition there would have been many students who would not have seen the necessity of making a special trip to the Mount on Wednesday as a result.

2) Part-Time students were not aware that there was a polling booth in Seton on Tuesday evening. Although there were numerous posters around campus, nowhere was this information posted. It was only known after, from reading the *Picaro* on Wednesday, that this polling booth had been open for voting on Tuesday evening. Many of us have Tuesday evening classes, and had we known that we could have voted then, would have availed ourselves of the opportunity to do so.

Women still plagued by "A for a lay"

Ottawa (CUP)—A recent incident at the University of Ottawa has starkly revealed the need for a sexual harassment grievance committee there.

An international student who has having problems with a class approached a professor for help. He offered tutoring at his home. When she went, he made physical advances and when she protested, he didn't stop. He raped her.

The woman said nothing of the incident that occurred in early February, until one week later when she told two of her classmates. They were shocked and urged her to visit the women's centre on campus.

She went but refused to make a formal complaint for several reasons. She had recently become a

To understand excerpt number one fully it should be noted that the Student Union Constitution was re-written in spring of 1981 and passed in Feb. 1982. When it was re-written it gave all student union members the right to vote for the executive. Previously it said specifically that only full-time students could vote for the executive.

In an interview Baker said, "I think another election should be held to make it fair to all students." When asked about the low part-time student voter turnout (only 13 out of 1362 part-time students), she said, "There would have been a greater turnout if part-time students had known they could have voted for the executive and if they had known about the polls on Tuesday night."

MacKichan received Baker's letter on Tuesday, March 22 and brought it to council's attention at their regular meeting that night. A consensus vote was taken by secret ballot. The result was six for, six against, no abstentions. MacKichan said that the purpose of the consensus was to determine what the feeling of council was on the issue.

However, Leighton Wills, Executive Vice-President, said that the issue should not even have been brought to a vote. He said, "I don't think council has any option. I don't think we can run another election campaign after the vote has been counted. I think council is power tripping and is way out of their bounds." Wills

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Concerned Mount students crowd Student Council chambers for re-election question.

The Nova Scotia Bursary diet

by Hugh Marshall
Staff reporter

Dale Young, a first year Child Study student, is one of many who has been affected by the recent changes in the Nova Scotia Bursary program. Dale, who was relying on receiving the full \$1,700, has found himself in over \$1,000 in debt.

During the summer he was unable to find a job and therefore had to collect unemployment. He received \$98 a week. \$40 of this went to pay his room and board; \$40 was his expected contribution to this tuition. This left his \$18 to pay transportation costs, additional expenses plus his almost non-existent social life. To make it even worse he also had to make monthly installments on an outstanding loan.

"It was simply impossible, even with a job at minimum wage you'd have to be a hermit to save that kind of money."

So Dale has \$695 bursary to work with. "My first priority is to pay my oil, electric and phone bills which I haven't been able to pay for three months. I just can't afford to pay my second half tuition."

"Right now in my fridge there's a half a head of lettuce, a container of sour milk that says don't drink past March 18th and a couple of half bottles of preserves

that were a gift."

Dale is resentful of the recent budget cuts. He said that he was told by the Student Aid Office that he would get the full bursary amount if he sent them a letter from manpower and a letter from three employers stating he had been looking for work. This he did. He feels he should have been notified of the change in policy because he had been relying on the money.

The changes result from the provincial government's new set of criteria for the provincial bursaries, while in the past the Canada Student Loan and the bursary fell under the same heading.

The new set of criteria for N.S. bursaries is based on the following changes as printed in the March 17th issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette*.

- the elimination of maintenance allowance for students living at home.
- the reduction of the weekly miscellaneous allowance.
- the deduction of all scholarships at full value from assessed need.
- independent status is granted only if the student has no parent or guardian, the student is married or a single parent, or has spent twenty-four months in the workforce for periods of

at least twelve consecutive months.

— no allowance is allowed for field trips, graduation fees, typing fees or the like.

— all dependent students are considered to be living at home if their parents reside within fifteen miles of the university regardless of where they actually live.

Provincial leader of the Opposition A.M. "Sandy" Cameron believes that such changes should have come with longer term notice. "They should have allowed ample time for students to have input into the decision making" he said.

Education Minister, Terry Donahoe, in response to the March 4th motion in the house to restore the bursary program to its 81-82 level, said if the same guidelines were used for bursaries as student loans the province would find itself with "many millions of extra costs."

Peter Cavanaugh, Executive Officer of Student Unions of Nova Scotia (SUNS) feels that by decreasing bursaries the gov't is in fact limiting the accessibility of university.

"All I know is that I can't pay my tuition", said Dale "I just don't know how I'm going to make it."

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A Feast of Farce

The comedy asylum is celebrating the coming of spring in a big way, as they tour Wandlyn Inns throughout the Maritimes with their current production, **A Feast of Farce**.

A Feast of Farce is the comedy asylum's sixth production in thirteen months and their second Maritime tour. It is a show made up of two comic one-act plays: **The Lesson**, by Eugène Ionesco, and **Wooded And Viewed**, by Georges Feydeau. Both plays are characterized by their madness, farce, and absurdity.

The comedy asylum are Jenny Munday, Elizabeth Goodyear, Marshall Button and Yves Mercier. Many Maritimers will remember these four as the cast of **Private Lives**, from their very successful fall tour. The group has already begun plans for the complete 1983-84 season, commencing in October with an original Maritime musical revue, tentatively called **Maritime Mixed Grill**.

Reservations for **A Feast of Farce** have already begun to pour in. For more information, call your local Wandlyn Inn.

Summer Residence

Summer Residence Applications are now available at the Housing Office, Rosaria 116.

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Dal Produces JCS

The Dalhousie Drama Society will be presenting its spring musical, **Jesus Christ Superstar**, in the Dalhousie Student Union Building, McInnes Room, from March 30 to April 7 (excluding April 2). The performances will be directed by Glenn Walton. The production is the result of the hard work of over 75 students.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and senior citizens, and will be available beginning March 21 at the Student Union Building, and at the door. Don't miss this spectacular event as it promises to be an exciting and entertaining evening.

Letters

Seal Hunt, the facts

To the Picaro,

Just another article on the seal hunt right. Perhaps, but this one is a little different. Did you know that you are not getting all the facts on this controversy? It's true. The newspapers and the protesters fail to take into consideration what would happen if the hunt was stopped. I suppose they either thought it was irrelevant, or was not important enough to warrant comment. If so, they are dead wrong. I mean, what they are striving for is the preservation of seals. They must know what is going to happen if they did their homework.

Dr. Marguerite Flinn, an ecologist here at the Mount, explains it this way. If the seal hunt was abruptly ended, and no other control was put on the seals, the population would explode. There is a balance in the seal population right now. It is neither rising, nor falling. Since seals eat, their food supply would diminish. In fact, in time, there would be no food left for the seals, and they would die of starvation. This process would take ten or twenty five years. We should also know that a lot of the kinds of fish seals eat, we consume as well. Like the herring, cod, capelin and the mackerel.

Dr. John Terhune, from the University of New Brunswick, Saint John, goes to the hunt each year. It is his opinion that the manner of death is not cruel. This man is a zoologist, and an ecologist. Dr. Flinn stated that although she would prefer to see an eco system untouched by man, she knows that it would be disastrous for man to just walk away from this one. The following is a quote from "Science" February 19, 1982 edition, pg. 931. "Although the Northwest Atlantic harp seal population is thought to have increased following the introduction of seal catch quotas in 1971, and increase in mean age maturity is not yet apparent." We are not killing off the seal, nor are we altering its natural breeding habits.

Compared to the way man slaughters pigs, catches fish, and hunts deer, the killing of the seal is not cruel. So consider consequences of terminating the hunt. I just felt everyone interested should know these facts.

Gord McFadden



Reagan not an actor

To the Picaro,

In "The Picaro" of March 22nd, Staff reporter, David Cushing, in his article "A Noontime Jolt from Caldicott", said regarding scenes from the U.S. propaganda film "Jap Zero" starring Ronald Reagan, "(the scenes) ... are hilarious and at the same time scary, for they point out that it is only an actor that is in control of the U.S. defense policies. If that doesn't scare you nothing will."

The way in which Mr. Cushing passes off President Reagan as "only an actor" is shocking, if not irresponsible.

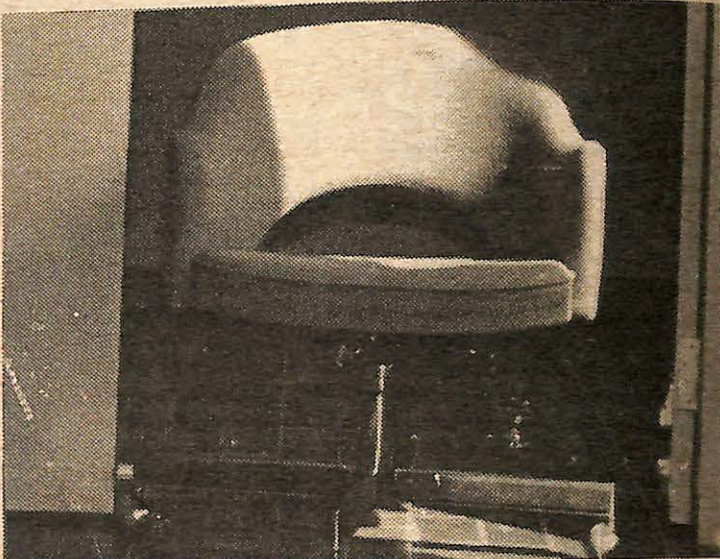
I wonder if Mr. Cushing is aware that Mr. Reagan has a B.A. in Economics and Sociology from

Eureka College in Illinois and has an honorary Doctorate also from Eureka. While at Eureka Mr. Reagan received letters in football, basketball, and swimming. He was also the student body president.

As well, Reagan was a radio sports announcer, president of the Screen Actors Guild, second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and Governor of California. This man, Mr. Cushing called "only an actor" was called by Dwight D. Eisenhower, "a man of great integrity and common sense." Too bad we can't say that for some of the Picaro staff!

Frank DeMont

Lost: One gold chair taken from board room. If found, please contact Neita Castle.



Dear Neita,

In regards to your missing gold chair, we the Boardroom Chair Liberation Army (BCLA) have captured and at present are sadistically torturing your gold chair. If you ever wish to sit in your chair again, please forward one white table and one weeping fig plant to the Picaro office. When the Picaro has notified us that they have received our demands your chair will be returned to the boardroom.

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Ivan DeSonOfaBitch
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Cuts from Council

P.C. Constitution passed

There is now a Progressive Conservative Campus Youth Association of Mount Saint Vincent University. The constitution for the Association was passed at the March 22 Council meeting so it can launch into full operation and activity in the Fall.

New Turntable

A new turntable will be purchased for Vinnie's because one has been missing since Wednesday after the Elections Bash. A D.J. cannot function properly without two turntables so a motion was made and passed to buy a new one.

New Pub Hours

Vinnie's will only be open from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., April 12 to April 21. The change in hours was made because of changes in everyone's schedule during exams. The pub will close April 21.

President's Roll

Before leaving, Alice MacKichan, President of the Student Union, hopes to start a tradition. The Council passed a motion for Alice to pursue the idea of having a president's roll made. This would consist of a plaque with the names of all past president's of the Student Union engraved.

Special Meeting Results

A special Student Council Meeting was held March 24 to make a decision on whether a re-election would be held because of a written appeal by the president of the part-time students association. The motion stating that a re-election should not be held was passed by a vote of 7-6-0.

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P.R. follows council's lead

by Hugh Marshall
Staff reporter

"I have no hard feelings, and I'm sure that it was all perfectly innocent" said Margaret McKee, candidate for P.R. Society President for the 83-84 academic year. McKee made the statement following allegations that her adversary, Anne Houweling, had been at the polls during the election.

Houweling, who is also running for the position of President was reported to have been behind the table at the polling booth for over five minutes.

Alice MacKichan, President of Student Council, said that according to the standards set for council elections if a candidate was in the proximity of the polls during an election they would be disqualified from the race.

MacKichan added that this is the policy for student council elections but it depends on the content

of the individual society's constitution. There are no provisions in the P.R. society's constitution for such a situation, therefore the decision lies with the society's executive.

Brian Allen, Vice President and Chief Returning Officer for the elections, said that the executive was unaware of the possibility of disqualification. He said that according to the P.R. constitution the decision rested with the executive and thus had been made.

Allen, McKee, Houweling and Christine Zwicker, the President of the P.R. society, had a meeting directly after the elections and decided the best thing to do would be to re-open the polls on Monday the 28th.

"Two technical points in the running of the elections make a re-election our only alternative" said Allen in a telephone interview Thursday night. "One was that

the posters were still around the day of the elections and the other that one of the presidential candidates was at the polling station during the elections."

"We (the executive and the two presidential candidates) discussed the situation and decided the only alternative would be to call a re-election."

According to Allen there was a lot of apathy in previous elections which made this years' election committee more relaxed and casual than they should have been.

Anne Houweling, the presidential candidate in question, said that her presence at the poll was purely innocent and was not done intentionally.

"I was only there for three or four minutes" she said "and only four people saw me there." Houweling also said she has no hard feeling towards McKee for bringing up the incident.

the part-time issue, "I'm sorry they were not informed but they did not take the initiative to be informed."

Some of the reasons for the elections committee's decision were, 1) a lot of part-time students come to the Mount Tuesday night and there was an advance poll on Tuesday night, polls have always been done this way 2) posters were up announcing the polls and there were notices in the *Picaro*.

The committee then took their "no" recommendation back to councils' emergency meeting held Thursday March 24.

Debate raged long and hard over the motion put on the floor by Leighton Wills and seconded by Reg Curren that there be no re-election. Issues debated were that ignorance of their (part-time students) right to vote was no defence and the right of council to even consider the action of re-election. Presently, there is nothing in the constitution covering what to do in an instance where a re-election is under consideration. MacKichan said that council does have the right to deal with issues not dealt with in the constitution by taking the issue to council and making a motion, this according to the student council lawyer.

Nick Hamblin, production manager of the *Picaro* asked why council did not make a point of informing part-time students of their right to vote for the executive after the constitution had been changed. MacKichan replied that she and council were unconscious of the change of meaning in the way the constitution was re-written and that she and Cathy Mc-

Phee (appointed Treasurer) sat down the night before the election and decided then that yes the part-time students had the right to vote for the executive.

At the beginning of council's Thursday night emergency meeting, Reg Curren Non-Resident Rep, moved that present student council members who ran in the elections March 16, 1983 not have the right to vote because of a conflict of interest. This motion was defeated, and Leslie MacDonald and Heather McLean who were both candidates were allowed to vote.

When it came down to voting on whether or not to have another election another motion was put forward by Kerri Moorhead, member of council, that the vote be taken by secret ballot. Those who voted in favor of a secret ballot were, Leslie MacDonald, Kerri Moorhead, Anne Houweling, Kathryn Dunster, Sue Tracy, Cathy McPhee and Heather McLean.

Reg Curren and Leighton Wills voiced strong opposition to a secret ballot. Elizabeth Henderson, Cathy MacDonald, Adele Walker and Jo-Anne Coffin were also not in favor of a secret ballot. However, the vote was seven for a secret ballot and six against. The result was seven against re-election and six for re-election, as stated earlier in the story.

Mike McLean, president elect, says about the whole issue, "It's hard to believe that a council who is supposed to represent the students and more importantly support the newly elected council would promote such a motion."

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is one of the few that has yet to establish procedure to deal with the problem. Campuses that have established such a procedure include Concordia University, McGill University, the University of Alberta and York University. The University of Toronto is in the process of creating one.

Yvon McNicoll, U of O superintendent of protection services, said in his six years at the university no rapes have been

reported on campus. Does this mean none have occurred?

"No, it doesn't mean that it doesn't happen," he said. "It means that we don't know about it."

Caroline Andrew of the women's studies co-ordinating committee says fear of reprisal has to be alleviated before students will come forward with complaints.

"It's difficult for students to report this sort of thing as there are so many other variables. Marks are a consideration as well as how it will affect the rest of their education."

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also said, "I'm disgusted and upset over the discussion Tuesday night. I think it should have been handled then and quickly."

After the consensus the issue was passed to the elections committee. The elections committee held an emergency meeting Wednesday, March 23. The recommendation from that meeting was a unanimous no for a re-election. Dale Rushton, co-chairperson of the elections committee said about

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Election Responsibilities left unfulfilled

by Craig Munroe
Staff Reporter

Just when you thought the Mount Saint Vincent University Spring Elections had been effectively and fairly administered, Shirley Baker, part-time Student Senate representative, speaking on behalf of the part-time students of MSVU, turned on the lights to a situation that was both serious and farcical.

The accusation that the 1,300 part-time students at the Mount did not know they could vote for the Executive positions on the Student Council, was indeed a serious one. As the outcome of a very tight presidential race could have, and probably would have been different had council decided to let them vote at last Thursday's special council meeting. The situation was explosive, delicate, and in some ways foolish.

Part-Time

First examine the part-time students. Granted they should have been better informed about the change in the voting procedure, and about the times allotted them to vote, but how many of them really cared. When only 13 out of 1,300 voted for their own representative, despite the communication problem, one is lead to believe their interest in the election was almost non-existent. There are some part-time students who feel that since they only come to the Mount once or twice a week in the evening to attend classes, they should not voice an opinion. But remember, if more part-time students had voted MacDonald than MacLean, next year's student council would be drastically different.

Then there is Baker's appeal. Why did she wait for two days to bring it to anyone's attention? The reason she gave at the council meeting last Thursday was she wanted to confer with the part-time executive first. A nice idea, but considering her complaint and recommendations, the sooner the proper authorities were notified, the better. But then again who were the proper authorities.

Council or Committee

The elections committee is in charge of administering the election, but only within the regulations already established. The Student Council had the final say in this situation as there were no regulations anywhere, for anything like this. This conclusion was debated however as some council members were unsure who had the final say. A confused council did not help the situation, but neither did a disorganized elections committee.

Committee

After Leighton Wills' resignation as chairperson of the committee, the committee did not operate as efficiently as it should have, even though the new co-chairpersons were placed in the position unexpectedly, and with little time before the commencement of the election. Yes, they did work hard and long hours, yes, they put up posters indicating the times the polls would be open. But these details were not posted until Monday March 14, the day before the advance poll. Although they can claim they did their job and provided the necessary details, they should have been posted sooner.

A point brought up at the council meeting last Thursday was the in-

formation was contained in the Cuts from Council in the Picaro, and in the Communiqué. Part-time students are, however, harder to reach than full-time students and more publicity would have helped alleviate the problem.

Council

Then of course there was council's handling of the situation. Their first problem was the question of conflict of interest concerning Leslie MacDonald and Heather McLean, both of whom were candidates in the election and had a very personal involvement with the outcome of the dilemma. MacDonald would have an opportunity to gain the presidency for next year, and McLean might have lost her position (although doubtful) had the election been rescheduled. The council denied any such conflict however by passing a motion at the beginning of the meeting stating each of them could maintain their voting rights. A decision by the council which could be questioned.

In actuality, the rational behind each of the votes cast could be questioned. Were the decisions reached based on the facts, or on the knowledge that the election results could be reversed by holding another election. MacDonald supporters wanting a re-vote, and Mike MacLean supporters wanting the first election to stand.

Assumptions

Underneath the already mentioned oversights and mistakes, is the heart of the problem, assumptions. Baker assumed nothing had changed in the election regulations, the part-time students assumed nothing had changed in the election regulations, although if they were interested, they could have discovered their rights by reading the constitution in the student handbook, or in the Picaro where it was printed last fall.

The elections committee and council also failed to check the regulations until it was too late. This was definitely an oversight on council's part as some of its members had been involved in the rewriting of the constitution.

Therefore the blame or fault can not be placed on any one individual. None of the groups involved carried out their responsibilities to the fullest.

Conclusion

When it was all over and the final decision was announced, the logical verdict had been reached. To let the part-time students vote would have been giving them total say in the election results as the knew the full-timers results. To hold another election in its entirety would have been unfair to the candidates as exams are fast approaching, and the time and money involved is quite sizeable. To hold an election without campaigning would mean the part-time students who did not take interest the first time around because they did not think they could vote, would not have a chance to hear the platforms.

It can only be hoped that the new student's council will reorganize election rules and regulations and make new policies regarding communications with the students, such as posting polling times two weeks before the elections, and increasing the amount of people on the elections committee so it might perform its duties more effectively.

Podium

Student council's record sadly marred

by Nicholas Hamblin
Staff reporter

Well it looks like elections are finally over at Mount Saint Vincent. Whew! The elections this year were not the usual apathetic mess we're used to. Instead student participation was high and an interesting campaign was held. While the unusual student involvement and enthusiasm was a welcome sight the headaches for some were just beginning.

It is unfortunate for a student council who handled themselves very well throughout the year be confronted with a situation for which there was no precedent to follow or no bylaw or allowance for in the constitution. The issue regarding part-time students and the disenfranchisement of their rights has left student council's record sadly marred. The problem was due to lack of understanding of the constitution and an alleged lack of proper communication by responsible persons to the part-time students association on the state of their rights. The students of Mount Saint Vincent have to realize the council did all they could to handle the situation in a fair and unbiased manner. More importantly the students must remember that Student Council 82/83 had a very productive year and represented the concerns of students in an effective manner.

While student council 82/83 had a productive year, several important things come to light from beneath the murky tangled mess which the student union endured. First, it should be a priority of the council elect

to straighten out the union constitutional problems and create a constitution that both student and council can read and interpret clearly in case of an issue of similar nature and magnitude.

The problem with the present constitution appears to be too many grey areas open to interpretation.

These grey areas must be resolved so the incoming council may have an opportunity to exercise it's duties in a legalistic and just manner. If these areas of contention are not resolved then similar situations have the possibility of arising from unclear policies and inadequate interpretation of the union's constitution.

Another area of gross inadequacy came to light in the mess which ensued the complaints of the part-time students. Elections, what are the rules, who is the governing body, the council or the elections committee?

The issues of elections at the Mount seem to be very much in question with both the part-time students complaint and the non-professional nature of the Public Relations elections. Since elections are important to the credibility of any elected body or representative this issue had better be resolved quickly and adequately before regular classes and fall elections roll again for another year.

Mike MacLean and the student council elect will assume their positions on May 1st. Let's hope that with the co-operation of last year's executive they will be able to iron out all the issues and areas left in contention that council were confronted with in the final days of their term.

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The walking Ox

by Craig Munroe
Staff reporter

Walking along a street in Ottawa on his way to a meeting with the director of a recreation centre, Harold Oxley notices a car slowing down beside him. One of the occupants of the vehical hurtles an object from the open window of the car. Oxley jumps back, unsure of what it is, only to discover a ping-pong ball. He places the ball in his pocket and continues his journey. Arriving at his destination Oxley is speaking with the director when a boy from the center rushes up to them. He is upset as the final game of a ping-pong tournament is about to commence and the center has run out of ping-pong balls. Oxley reaches in his pocket and donates the one thrown at him.

For public relation (PR) students, this is only one of the many unique and humorous stories passed on to them by Mount professor Dr. Harold Oxley. Now, after three years at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), the 55 year old Oxley has decided it is time to move on.

"I'm into the countdown years now," said Oxley, who is commonly referred to as Ox. "I only have about 15 years left for sure, and only ten of those are going to be productive. I want to get up and do something I want."

Not that Oxley did not enjoy his stay at the Mount. He feels he had a good rapport with the students and he found the Mount pleasant.

"Teaching is something I do with confidence, it is a respectable profession," he says. But he adds that he did not do all the things he was expected to.

"I taught, I did not do things I did not like, like research."

Oxley is now planning to do what he enjoys most, creative writing.

"I enjoy creative writing more than anything else I ever done. I do not have to answer to anyone when I am writing, except maybe a publisher. I am tired of answering to other people."

Oxley's immediate plans are to go to England and put the finishing touches on two manuscripts which he has already written. He has no plans for employment in the next two years and is hopeful he will never have to work again, just write.

Oxley was in fact not too concerned about finding employment when he landed a job at the Mount. He had come back to Canada from overseas and taken up residence in Kingston, Ontario. He started applying for jobs by mail but did not really think he would get one, believing no one would be interested in hiring a communications planner from Southeast Asia.

"I did not even know the Mount had a post open."

But they did and Oxley was just the man they were looking for, so he came to Halifax.

The credentials Oxley brought to MSVU were impressive. He received his Masters in 1961 and his PhD in 1969. He has travelled the world working in numerous countries since he received his first degree in 1952.

In that year he made his first overseas trip, something that developed into an annual event until he started working for the United Nations in 1969. During his years spent working abroad, Oxley did television, radio, and print freelancing.

Oxley says that he enjoyed freelancing because he did what he wanted and had no responsibilities. He finds offices and security boring.

Of all of the places he has trav-

elled, Oxley says that Japan is the one he liked the most. His first visit there was in 1955 and lasted for two years.

"It was the first place I'd stayed any length of time outside of Canada. It is kind of like a first love."

Oxley was impressed with the Japanese society as they did not try and make you feel like one of them, but you could build and maintain a mutual respect.

This type of environment just might be the perfect setting for Oxley as he is not much of a social person.

"I do not like being fully expected. I'm an outsider socially. I do not have much of a social life, I don't want one."

These statements were echoed by a psychiatrist who Oxley went to see last summer to discover what type of person he was and what he should do with the rest of his life. The results of his meetings were that he is diseased, deformed, and disintegrated. According to Oxley this is something to be proud of.

"I think integrated personalities are boring, and I do not want to be

community college graduates were out of work in November.

Fewer students were working in jobs related to their training in college. Only 67 per cent of the graduates got jobs related to their field of studies, compared with 85 per cent the previous year.

PROSTITUTION NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME

by Lynn Wilson
Staff reporter

Corporal William Joyce, head of the Delinquent Division of the Dartmouth Police Department; Chronicle-Herald reporter, Steve Thorne; and Alderman William Withers of Ward Four in Dartmouth were present last Thursday in Auditorium A to discuss the social aspects of prostitution.

Alderman Withers stated the problem of prostitution falls with-

one."

The psychiatrists also told Oxley that he would never be planned in one place because his personality is too split up. A good job satisfies one part of his personality, but starves another.

Even during his marriage Oxley could not settle down to one spot. Married in 1969, he and his wife started travelling one week after they were married. The marriage lasted for what Oxley calls "eight happy years", and produced two sons now living in England. A major reason who he is headed for England is to be closer to his children.

Although he enjoyed his marriage, Oxley does not think he will try another one.

"At 55 it is hard to imagine. A lot of people share my interests, but I don't think I could make the commitment. I did not marry until I was 42."

Other reasons for this feeling are what Oxley calls "personality plus". The plus representing the effects of a broken marriage, his interest in writing which is a solitary form of work, and that he does not think he could provide the attention that a woman wants.

Maybe the most noticeable characteristic of this Willowdale Ont. native is a cynical view towards many things and people.

"A lot of things pile up on you

after a while, not that everyone should be mistrusted."

Part of his cynicism is directed towards public relations. The reason for this is he feels threatened by PR because he admits he can not do it. In defence of this feeling, he became cynical towards the profession.

"I do not have the personality to practice PR. I am pretty good at meeting people one on one, but I'm terrible at speaking for another person, and even worse at speaking for a company."

Oxley does say however that the Mount PR program is good and is continually being improved. He added that you need a lot of intelligence to work in the profession.

So after a short stay at MSVU, the walking Ox is on the move again. His personality and a desire to be closer to his sons have him headed for England. He has no definite plans for the future until as he puts it, "I am morally old enough to die."

At which time you will find him in Jamaica where according to Oxley the best drink in the world is found, Appleton Estate Golden Rum. Unable to drink because of health reasons, when he feels it is time to call it quits, the Ox plans to go out in style.

Which is possibly the only fitting way to terminate such a unique and adventurous life.

College grads hit with high unemployment

Ottawa (CUP)—If you're a computer programming student in Ontario you're also out of luck if you're thinking about employment after graduation.

The most recent graduate placement report for Ontario colleges shows a province-wide employment rate for one-year programming students is a staggering 68 per cent.

Figures for Ottawa's Algonquin College graduates will not be available until later in March but placement officer Bob Gilham says they will not be encouraging.

At Algonquin, 156 students are enrolled in the computer program, with two-thirds sponsored by Canada Employment under the National Training Act. The federal government is 'retraining' students to make them more employable.

"The business programs were the biggest problem last year," says Gilham. The graduates have traditionally found work with the government and the government has not been hiring, he said.

Figures in the placement report were gathered by the Ontario col-

leges and universities ministry last November, seven months after students graduated.

Other one-year business courses fared better although the average unemployment rate for graduates from all the one-year business programs was a mere 33 per cent.

The figures are somewhat better for the two and three year business courses graduates. The longer courses had better placement rates with unemployment rates for the graduates of the two-year programs at 22 per cent and for the three-year programs, 26 per cent.

For trades students, the one-year program had a 57 per cent unemployment rate. Again the rates were lower for graduates of the two and three year programs.

In applied arts, two year commercial arts grads had an unemployment rate of 35 per cent. The best placed students were in advertising with a seven per cent unemployment rate.

But the health science students had the brightest prospects with about 80 per cent of the graduates finding jobs.

Overall, about 24 per cent of



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in federal jurisdiction. The bylaw established in January, 1983 transferred the problem from the Halifax area to the Dartmouth area. Because this bylaw did not achieve the approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs it was removed.

Under Canada's Criminal Code, prostitution is not illegal. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that solicitation for the purposes of prostitution must be pressing and persistent before it is a crime. Further legislation from the federal government is needed to combat the problem said Withers.

Thorne stated that we are faced with the worst of two worlds: the proliferation of young women and the inability to control health. The problem of prostitution becomes an issue when it increases in visibility.

The problem is a result of a broader social and economic problem. Young homeless women feel

they have no other alternative and are easily swayed through the ability to make \$100-\$200 a night.

Thorne stated that there are two possible answers. We, as society, can provide homes to homeless women or we can stamp out the pimps. Whatever method we choose it must combat the cause not the result, fight the disease not the victim said Thorne.

Joyce stated most prostitutes come from lower socio-economic, problem families. The girls succumb to people being nice to them.

High schools and residences for girls from broken homes are key targets. The public walking the street, however, is also a victim. For every person who leaves the profession there is someone to take her place.

Morality has an underlying influence in legislation concerning prostitution. Legislation may decrease the visibility of prostitution, however, it will not eliminate it.

Have Another No

From The Peak, SFU

In the third floor of the city hospital, a middle-aged man quietly loses the fight against lung cancer as the rush-hour traffic threads its way home. Meanwhile, downstairs in the giftshop, a young woman asks the cashier for another package of cigarettes.

Such a scene illustrates the inherent paradox that characterizes cigarette smoking. While tobacco accounts for annual sales of over 2.8 billion dollars in Canada, it also claims the lives of approximately 100,000 Canadians annually from smoking and smoke-related fatalities.

According to the United States Surgeon-General's report, *Smoking and Health*, the average pack-a-day smoker is twice as likely to die before he reaches the age of fifty than is a non-smoker. The smoker's life expectancy is 8.1 years shorter than his non-smoking counterpart. Smokers are forced to pay an average annual cost of 66 percent more for life insurance than non-smokers.

The Hall Report on "Canada's National-Provincial Health Program for the 1980's" states that diseases that result from smoking cost the federal government 75,300 dollars in health costs per smoker between the ages of 15 and 65. Death that results from smoking costs the federal government 79,920 dollars per smoker in the same age group.

These staggering figures, however, are not included in the corporate profit-loss statements, nor are they mentioned in the battery of life-style advertisements with which tobacco companies assault consumers.

The Third Report of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1977 stated that "Tobacco smoking is a form of drug dependence different from but no less strong than in other drugs of addiction."

The Surgeon-General's report states that "one of the most reliable correlates of cigarette smoking is the use of other drugs." Smokers consume more coffee (caffeine), more alcohol, more marijuana and more aspirin than do non-smokers.

Smokers tend to possess more neurotic traits including psychological tension and more psychosomatic symptoms. In addition, smokers tend to be hospitalized more often than non-smokers and are, as expected, beset with a higher incident of specific diseases such as hypertension, pneumonia, coronary artery disease and lung problems. Ten thousand Canadians die each year from lung cancer alone.

The report also cites various experiments that conclude that smokers have greater anti-social tendencies, including belligerence, psychopathic deviance, misconduct, rebelliousness, defiance and disagreeableness.

Though these findings may seem quite extreme, Mr. G.F. Lewis, Associate Professor of Anatomy at McMaster's Medical Centre, explains that results such as these are common knowledge amongst the medical community. The general population, however, does not have access to such knowledge.

Lewis feels it is the responsibility of the medical profession to step in and make people aware of the effect of smoking.

"Smokers consume more coffee (caffeine), more alcohol, more marijuana and more aspirin than non-smokers."

"Nobody who's in a position to do something is doing it," he said. "We've got to stimulate doctors and nurses to take some lead on the anti-smoking front." Lewis, a former smoker himself, is currently writing a book entitled *Smoking and You*. Last week, as part of National Anti-Smoking Week, he appeared on the Tom Cherington program "No Bull" as well as on CFRB and CHUM-AM.

"Smoking is a disease condition," he continued. "People who smoke are genuinely sick. Given what we know, you could identify smoking as a death wish. It is the number one medical problem."

Doug Wilson, Unit Director of the Family Practice Teaching Unit at the Med Centre, and another ex-smoker, agrees with Lewis.

"I don't think family doctors are taking responsibility for cigarette smoking," he said. "If we treated smoking as a disease and not only advised patients to stop but invited them back for some help in smoking, there would be fewer smokers."

"The family physician is in a key position," he said. "We have the knowledge of smoking's effects and we have the preventive techniques. I personally see it as our responsibility."

A particularly frightening trend that is becoming apparent in today's smoking habits is the number of young women who are now smoking. In the past, more men than women smoked. But now, not only have women caught up with men, but in certain age groups they have surpassed them. Recent survey data on adolescent smoking habits reveal that by ages 17 to 19, smoking prevalence among women exceeds that of men. The rate of initiation of smoking among young men is declining, whereas it is not for women. The average age at which women begin to smoke is now virtually identical to that of men.

The American Cancer Society projects that by 1985 lung cancer, which is causally related to cancer and is presently the number one cancer killer of men, will replace breast cancer as the number one cancer killer among women. Ironically, nurses constitute the largest occupational groups of female smokers.

"Female smokers in their teens and twenties have difficulty stopping because they're afraid they'll gain weight," said Dr. Wilson. "If they stop smoking and then gain a few pounds, they go right back to smoking."

Many birth defects are a direct result of the mother continuing to smoke while pregnant. "Our neo-natal ward is filled with children suffering from the effects of mothers who smoke during pregnancy," said Lewis. "Their growth and development is impaired if not yet retarded. They may also suffer from a lighter birth weight."

**"Smoking is a disease condition,"...
"People who smoke are genuinely sick."**

"There is no placental barrier for carbon monoxide and nicotine," he explained. "The fetal blood has 15 times the affinity for carbon monoxide than a mother does. That's a killer, crippling dose. At birth the child must go cold turkey. It has been programmed from birth to smoke."

In this age of increased information flow, is it possible that people can remain unaware of the harmful effects of smoking? Or is it that they would rather not confront the facts?



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Lewis feels that this ignorance, whether intentional or not, cannot be justified in light of the indisputable fact of death.

"Anti-smoking efforts by the government can be compared to a drop of water from a faucet and the amount of water flowing over Niagara Falls," he said.

Tobacco companies spent over 80 million dollars in advertising last year. The Ontario ministry of health has budgeted approximately \$600,000 in 1981-82 for anti-smoking campaigns.

"The government is in the process of making profits from tobacco sales," he said. "There is a lot of money be made in taxes as well as in trade. Our trade ministers couldn't care less about sending to foreign countries what we at home recognize as garbage."

On January 18, the Ontario government finalized a deal in which \$7.4 million worth of tobacco will be exported to China in the upcoming year. Henry Pauls, an official of the ministry of agriculture, commented that the sale is part of the effort to diversify and enlarge that the sale is part of the effort to diversify and enlarge

This is indicative of the attitude that the government holds toward tobacco consumption. It is lucrative crop, and considering the keen international competition for trade, it is easy to overlook the adverse health effects of tobacco in favor of exploiting its huge earnings potential.

"I don't think family doctors are taking responsibility for cigarette smoking."

Tobacco is an important agricultural and economic crop that is produced in almost all parts of the world and used in nearly every country. It was successfully introduced for cultivation in Jamestown, Virginia in 1611 and soon after into Europe, Asia and South Africa. Today, total world acreage produces over 12 billion pounds of tobacco annually.

People have been unaware of the unique nature of the tobacco leaf for centuries. In the seventeenth century, pipe smoking gained wide acceptance as a pleasurable, relaxing activity. In the eighteenth century snuff became very popular and in the nineteenth century chewing tobacco was commonly used. Throughout this time period, tobacco was seen as one of the harmless pleasures in life, and was even indulged in by some for alleged health benefits.

When the automatic cigarette rolling machine was perfected in the 1880's, the smoking fashion changed accordingly. Plug (chewing) tobacco became scarce toward the end of the Civil War because of the difficulty of storing it. Growing public concern over the health hazards of spitting out germ infested tobacco also led to the acceptance of cigarettes.

During World War 1, men took up the habit of cigarette smoking at a rapid rate. By 1925, approximately 50 per cent of adult males in Canada and the United States were cigarette smokers. By 1950, the prevalence of cigarette use among men approached 70 per cent in some urban areas. The onset of widespread cigarette use among women lagged behind that of men by 15 to 30 years.

In 1954, when reports linking cigarettes to lung cancer first appeared, less than one percent of cigarettes produced were filter-tipped. The average "Tar" delivery of cigarettes was approximately 35 gm. The average nicotine delivery was over two mg.

With the drop in tar and nicotine, there was a correspondent drop in the prevalence of cigarette use, suggesting that the consumers were becoming sensitive to the growing concerns over health.

As people became more aware of the dangers that

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cigarette smoking presented, the tar and nicotine levels continued to decrease. In 1977 cigarette production technology experienced important changes. The development of tobacco sheet reconstitution, improvements in cigarette filtration and cigarette paper, the genetic manipulation of tobacco strains and increased use of plant stems enable significant decreases in tar and nicotine to occur.

Cigarette use had continued to drop. According to the Surgeon-General's 1979 report, only 32.3 percent of the American population smoked cigarettes in 1979. Although Canadian figures are slightly higher, this was the lowest recorded value in 45 years.

In 1981, low tar and nicotine cigarettes commanded 50 per cent of the cigarette market. Last year, Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation utilized a budget of \$150 million to introduce a new low-tar brand, Barclay. These trends indicate a genuine concern on the part of the consumer to decrease intake of recognized hazardous chemical compounds.

But a typical one pack per day smoker takes in 50,000 to 70,000 puffs per year, each puff containing over 2,000 known compounds. Many of the compounds are established carcinogens, and there is as yet no unequivocal evidence for the existence of safe levels of the carcinogenic chemicals.

Evidence from studies done by the American Cancer Society indicates that smokers of low-tar and nicotine cigarettes have a slightly lower mortality rate from smoke-related causes than people who smoke an equal quantity of high-tar and nicotine cigarettes. However, those who smoked more low-tar and nicotine cigarettes than those who smoked high-tar nicotine cigarettes had high mortality rates.

"One of the biggest con games is the current advertising campaign to get people to switch to light cigarettes," said Lewis. "A person who used to smoke one pack of Marlboros might have to smoke three packs of Virginia Slims to get the same nicotine. But they are getting three times as much carbon monoxide. They're in fact getting sicker faster."

Dr. Wilson speculated on the reasons why people continue to smoke, when they know what they're doing to themselves.

"People still drink and drive, refuse to wear seatbelts and go on fad diets," he said. "Most people know the consequences. There is some behavioral component that is hard to understand."

Among the many paradoxes that exist in our society smoking ranks as the deadliest.





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Campus Comment

by Frank Zinck
Staff Reporter

In lieu of the new male president of the student's council this week's Campus Comment was; "Do you think that having a male student's council president affects the Mount's image or not?"

Mike MacLean is not the first male S.U. President. In 1979/80 Paul McNair held the position. This was not known by most of the students interviewed for this week's comment.



Cheryl McMahon: "Being a women-orientated university the needs of women can be best represented and understood by a female."



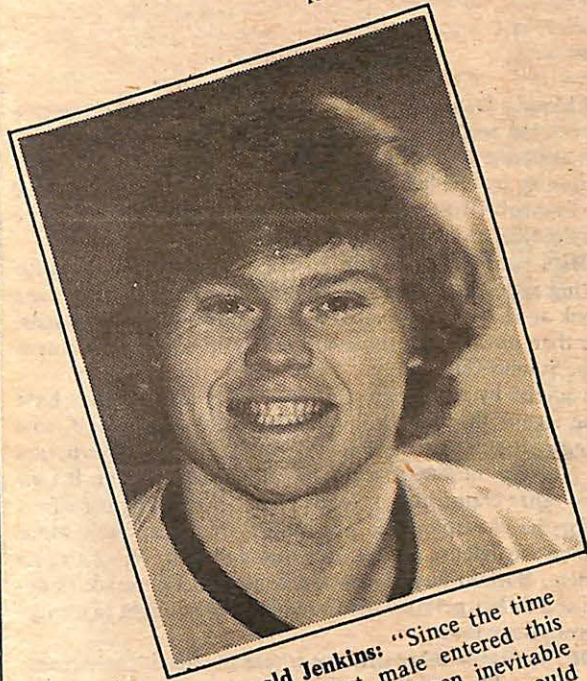
Joanne Peckham: "Having a male president on student council will not seriously damage the Mount's image providing he sets a good goal for the university and does a good job."



Jocelyn Ternan: "I feel for the sake of the men it is good that a male president should represent them but unfortunately it is taking away from the Mount's main goal."



Joanne White: "I feel that there should be a dominantly female student council because the Mount is female oriented."



Donald Jenkins: "Since the time that the first male entered this university it has been inevitable that an event of this nature would take place."

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"Pot Luck" successful

by Gord McFadden

The Science Society held its "pot luck supper and presentations" last Thursday. Approximately twenty people feasted royally on various dishes brought by members, which included lasaga, chili, rice and salads. There was wine, red and white, and soft drinks for those who preferred it. It was there anyway. After a scrumptious dessert of cheese-cake, pie or cookies, the presentations began. Dr. Wainwright spoke on mutations in cultures, and how to approach the unexpected results, namely the stabilization of mutant ratios when they shouldn't have. Dr. Kafer from the psychology department gave a lecture on individual behavior patterns, and Karen Wilson and Cathy Dick spoke on the Wreck Cove power plant emphasizing its cultural and ecological ramifications.

All in all a very enjoyable evening. The food was good, the conversation intelligent, and the company the best. This was the Science Society's last function for this year, and it says good bye to a good year, and is looking forward to an even better next year.

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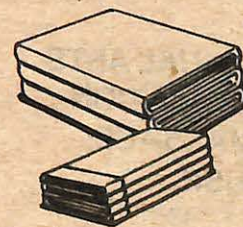
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Sheenan and Pothier mixed doubles champs

by Melanie Smith

Eight teams turned out to challenge each other for the coveted title of Mixed Doubles Champions of Mount Saint Vincent University last week. The competition was tough but the result was an evening of great badminton play.

Two divisions completed in the round robin tournament. The first division included those people who have pursued badminton as a recreational activity. These people usually just play for their own enjoyment. The second division included those who play competi-

tively. These people enter into tournaments throughout the year and are familiar with competitions.

After the round robin play downs, each division of last week's Mixed Doubles Badminton tournament played its two top teams against each other to determine a division champion. The recreational section saw Doug Sheenan and Michelle Pothier emerge as victors. Alex MacMillan and Johanne Arseneault played skillfully to gain the competitive division

title.

The final game saw these two teams go in an all out match to determine the "grand champion" of the tourney. Both teams played extremely well, but unfortunately, there can only be one winner. Doug Sheenan and Michelle Pothier managed to come out on top.

However, like true sportsmen and women they all retreated to Vinnie's to complete the evening with fine food and drink. Congratulations to all participants for a successful tournament.

Schooners: Close hauled but making way

by Lynn Wilson
Staff reporter

The 1984 Canadian Football League (CFL) will see its first expansion since the 1954 admittance of the B.C. Lions. The home of the 10th CFL team, the Atlantic Schooners, will be Halifax-Dartmouth.

J.I. Albrecht, director of operations for the Atlantic Schooners football club; Jack Conrod, Albrecht's executive assistant; Barbara Jean Sanford, cheerleader recruiter; and Carlo Imelio, sports columnist, were present in the Don MacNeil Room last Thursday to discuss the football franchise.

The football franchise was granted by the CFL on the following conditions: the team and stadium must be operational by the 1984 season, evidence must be shown by July, 1983 that the stadium will be completed for the 1984 season and the franchise must agree to have a three-man committee work with them and conduct a feasibility study.

Dartmouth is the chosen site for the Atlantic Schooners football stadium. Nine acres of the total 44 acres will be used to build the 35,000 seat, steel/wood structure. When completed, it will facilitate international track meets, baseball and music concerts. The purchase of the seven-year-old scoreboard, 18 feet by 42 feet, from Schaeffer Stadium, Massachusetts serves as evidence of the scheduled stadium completion.

Four team members will be taken from each of the existing CFL teams to create the Atlantic Schooners. Albrecht states preference for players who have played in this area as they will draw the crowd. "The players will be paid well only as long as they play well," said Albrecht. "The only asset a team has is its players."

"There will be 220 actual cheerleaders with 30 in reserves," said

Albrecht. That makes this cheering squad of 250 the largest such unit on the continent. Barbara Jean Sanford is responsible for recruiting the members. She will work closely with Susan Lethbridge, a Halifax native, who has been retained as co-ordinator and choreographer.

Albrecht is not hindered by Canadians' skepticism. "I spell skeptical S-T-U-P-I-D," said Albrecht. "We've done studies for the past ten years and all of the responses are valid. Halifax-Dartmouth has great football weather that is second only to Vancouver. The people in the Maritimes are extremely enthusiastic."

As of yet, not a single penny has been spent on advertising. However, ticket sales already outnumber those in Montreal, Ottawa and Hamilton.

J.I. Albrecht has been a leader in three major professional sports areas—football, basketball and soccer. In 1953, he was appointed team manager of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters. He served with the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49'ers and Denver Broncos as chief scout. Each of these teams eventually appeared in the Super Bowl. In 1970, he led the Montreal Allouettes to a Grey Cup win in his first season with the team.

With this record, Albrecht stated without hesitation, "We're going to win the Grey Cup in 1984."



Sports Comment



Goaltending key to success

by Craig Munroe
Staff reporter

The National Hockey League's regular season is quickly drawing to a close which means the second season or the playoffs will soon begin. Eleven of the 16 available positions are already filled, while seven teams are still in the running for the last five spots. All of the positions left are in the Clarence Campbell Conference, as the teams playoff bound in the Prince of Wales Conference are already determined.

Due to the NHL's playoff format where 16 of the 21 teams qualify for the playoffs, trying to predict a winner is almost impossible. Upsets are plentiful, just look at what has happened in the last two years. This year, there are no less than nine teams which could be said to have the potential to capture the Stanley Cup.

Boston is considered by many experts to be the favorites. They have been leading the league through the majority of the second half, and have gotten strong goaltending from Pete Peters. Peters has never been a standout in the playoffs, however and if he falters, so does the Bruins chances. The two other teams in the Norris Division that might make a legitimate run for the championship are Montreal and Buffalo. Montreal's hopes rest on the defense playing as a unit and Rick Wamsley getting hot in the nets. Buffalo has beaten the Bruins on a number of occasions this year and if they get past the Canadiens, they might just overpower the boys from Bean town.

The Patrick Division is the other division where anyone of three teams could claim the title. Philadelphia is leading the division at the moment, but the Islanders could explode at any time and watch out Washington. They have some players that know what it's like to win and could surprise a lot of people. There will be no upsets in the Smythe Division as Edmonton will clinch the division. They are just too good for their divisional counterparts.

In the Norris Division either Chicago or Minnesota will emerge victorious. The series between these two will be close and might be the best contest of the playoffs. It is almost too close to call, but the winner will be whoever gets the hottest goaltender. With the combination of Esposito and Bannerman, this distinction and thus the cup, will belong to Chicago.

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You, me and child study

You, Me, & Child Study
Karen Murnaghan
CHS Society Pres.

!!!... That's it for the interesting opening for this week folks. (the well is running dry—what can I say?) It looks as if there will be an election for CHS positions this year as there is more than one person running for a few of the positions. This being the case the election will be held April 5th and 6th. You can cast your ballot at Rosaria on Tues., April 5th, from 5:00 - 6:00 or CHS corner on Wednesday from 10:00 - 1:00. Keep your eyes open for information around campus.

On April 6th from 4:30 - 6:30 in the Don McNeil Room in Rosaria a CHS Pot Luck Supper will take place. For those of you who remember last years, you don't need to be encouraged to go as you know what is a good time it was last year. For those of you who have never been, come on and find out for yourself. Even if you can't make anything, you can always help out as far as non-edibles go. Also at this supper, the official election results and next years executive will be announced.

Well, back to the books. Have a good week and take care.

The MSA's want you

by Gail Arsenault

Are you interested in an opportunity for student involvement and student leadership? Are you friendly, enthusiastic, helpful, and generally an all-round considerate person? If you are, then the Mount Student Assistants want you.

Known around campus as the MSA's, we are a non-academic honour society open to all second, third, and fourth year students—both on and off campus. We function as a big sister/big brother program, and we assist the incoming freshman. During the summer months, we write and welcome each freshman to the university informing them of various bits of information about registration, recreation, health plans, and even about life in residence. During orientation, we assist with activities and throughout the year,

we remain available to help out with any problems that might arise. Last week during open week, the MSA's were around giving tours of the campus as well as having high school students spend the night in their room. Over the past year we have sponsored a Mock Jail and have continued the tradition from last year of holding an annual "MSA FLOWER DAY."

If you are interested in becoming an MSA, or if you would like further information about the program, contact Student Services. Deadline for applications is April 1, 1983. Please keep in mind the transition you went through coming from high school and entering university for the first time. Thinking back, wouldn't it have been nice to have had a helpful MSA help show you the ropes. Think about it and apply now.

Arts & Leisure

Mel Gibson plays Mad Max in the Road Warrior

by David Cushing
Staff Reporter

You receive a rush watching **The Road Warrior**. Not a calm, drug induced rush but a visceral, life threatening rush that claws at the insides of your body.

The exhilaration when the screen expands from the small faded frames that relate the history of our hero Max ("And it was here, in this blighted place, that he learned to live again") to the glorious technicolor shot of exploding through a stretch of desolate highway is almost euphoric.

The time is the future and gas is scarce. Whoever controls the roads controls everything, so gas becomes a life and death commodity. It is in this setting that Max helps a small group of survivors who operate a gas refinery to escape to a better life. Escape from what? From the scavengers who taunt them and hound them for their gas in the middle of a wasteland.

Australian director **George Miller** uses this premise as the sequel to his critical and commercial success (\$100 million at the box office worldwide) **Mad Max**. Mad Max was a low budget celebration of cars, chases, the adrenalin rush of high speeds and gut churning violence.

Miller has used those massive profits from Mad Max to produce **The Road Warrior**. Critics have cited this money as the demise of **The Road Warrior**. Reaction has

been that the cynical humour, the off hand excitement and grudge production was what made Mad Max so special and that those are the exact attributes missing in **The Road Warrior**.

Even in this light, the movie is still a solace to the more homicidal side of our nature. Max, played by the handsome and tough edged **Mel Gibson**, is a cynical and hard nosed character. His cockiness, independence and resourcefulness are set off by his short sightedness, his human frailties and his almost impassive emotions that make us want to jump out and shout at him, kick him, slap him...anything, just to strike up some god-damn emotion in his heart!

Max's side kicks provide the humour in this otherwise speed wacko, blood dripping flick. His dingo, named Dog, is his only true emotional attachment. The dog, along with the great Gyro Captain who pilots a makeshift helicopter, make for some great scenes. The Gyro Captain is a total laugh and even gets to make a spectacular rescue or two.

The villains in **The Road Warrior** are a real treat. From their leader Humungus to the Mohawk headed S & M nut who makes the Hells Angels look like a bunch of children on tricycles, these bad guys are BAD. Real Bad. As in, no good side. As in ugly. As in kill, rape, pillage, murder. And you thought the killer in Hallowe-

en was a bad dude.

Not to let such perfect casting go to waste, Miller supplies us with spectacular stunt after spectacular stunt. Although the movie abounds with them, nothing matches the final chase which lasts for at least 20 minutes of the movie. The useless and pointless deaths, jumps and smash ups

provide for endless cringes, gasps, cheers and, of course, exhilaration.

The Road Warrior will probably be rated in a movie book in a few years from now like this:

"One star. Self indulgent Australian speed flick. Sequel to equally revolting, although lower budget film, **Mad Max**. Little dia-

logue, lots of blood. Watch the Gumball Rally instead."

But for those of us who saw it and for those of you who can read between the lines and see that it says, "I love this movie but I don't want to admit it," **The Road Warrior** is one fine rush, thank you.

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Office Administrations annual banquet a success

by Heather Forbes

The Department of Office Administration held their annual banquet on Monday evening, March 21. It was hosted by the National Collegiate Association for Secretaries. There were more than 80 people in attendance and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Ms. Gail Arsenault, Mistress of Ceremonies for Entertainment, displayed her creative talents as she presented a humorous reading about the faculty of the Department of Office Administration.

Several cast members of the musical "Evangeline," along with director Bob Mariner, were also at the banquet to entertain. Jim Petrie (Gabriel), Bernie Curran

(Andre), Ann Alteen (Evangeline), Patricia Goyeche (Cecile), sang three songs from the play while Paul LeBlanc accompanied on the piano.

Seated at the head table were Ms. Cynthia Holland, President of NCAS 1982-83; Ms. Myrtle Corkum, CPS, guest speaker; Dr. E. Margaret Fulton; Ms. Sheri Carver, guest speaker; Ms. Alice MacKigan, President of Student Council 1982-83; and Dr. S. Clark, Dean of Human and Professional Development.

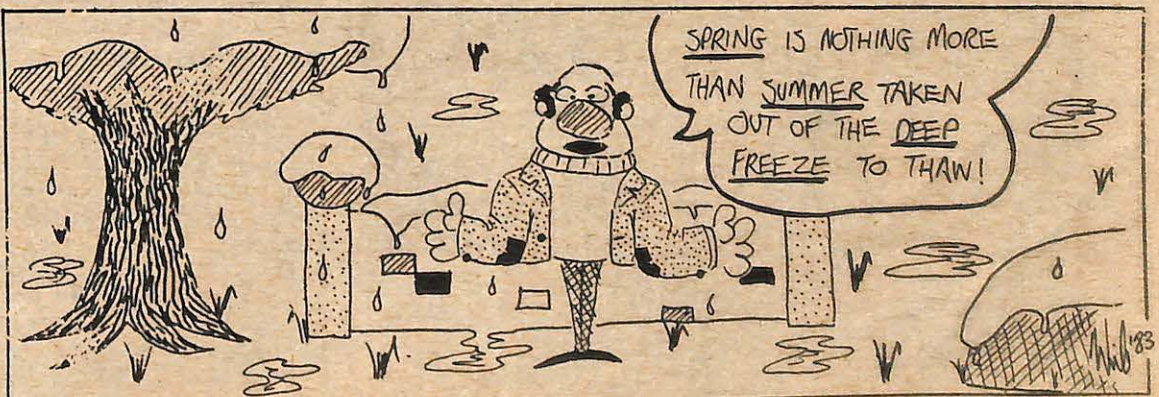
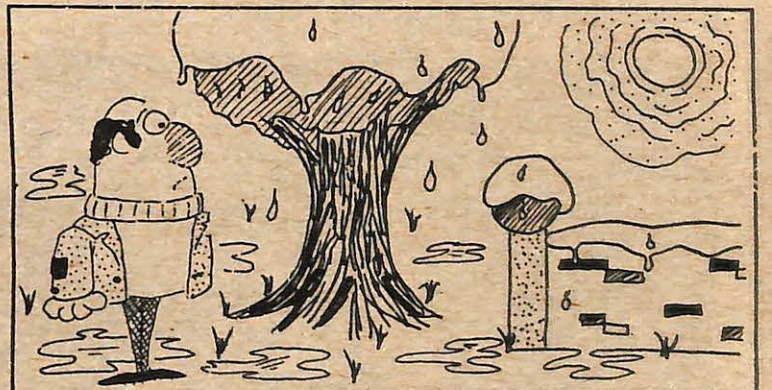
The first guest speaker, Ms. Sheri Carver, is a former graduate of the Mount, and is presently Senior Property Paralegal for the law firm Crowe, Thompson, Haynes,

& Ashworth. The second guest speaker, Ms. Myrtle Corkum, CPS, is manager of Member Services for the Halifax Board of Trade. Ms. Corkum is also the immediate past president of Professional Secretaries International.

The NCAS awards were presented by Ms. Cynthia Holland and Ms. Jean Mills. There was a tie for the Most Active Member award this year and it went to M. Shirley Blair and Ms. Catherine Deluca. Ms. Valerie Macdonald took the award for Highest Scholastic Achievement, and Ms. Patricia Hiscock received the Distinction Award. Plaques were presented to this years Executive by the members of the Executive for next year.

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BY DAVID WILE



The Bobcats fade away

by David Cushing
Staff Reporter

The Bopcats have sure changed over the past year or so. Their lead vocalist has hit the road, as has their original guitarist. Both spots have been filled by their new lead vocalist/guitarist Jack de Kezzer and unfortunately, he doesn't fill either spot very well.

Whereas Baker was wild and exciting on stage, strutting all over the place and spewing out tough rockabilly cat calls, Kezzer just lays out the words on top of the beat. He **sounds** alright but he's almost as passive as a mike stand.

And as for his guitar playing, he reminds me of Johnny Dee Fury, who played here a couple of months ago and who is also a good

friend of the Bopcats. Both Kezzer and Fury play overlong licks on beige Stratocasters, putting a song's melody on the back burner while they try to display their limited talents.

As for the rest of the band, Ted Fury still looks like a little Teddy Boy behind his drum kit but his screams have lost their punch, which makes some possibly great moments only mediocre. Bassist Zeke Rivers was in his usual get up of T-shirt and leather pants and looked his usual tough, bored self.

The sound of the Bopcats has changed, too. The band seems to be moving more and more from their rockabilly roots on to a deeper bass, harder rock style. Zeke must love it—his bass gets top bil-

ling all night but our ears hate it—every time he hits a string one more ear drum was headed for the mortuary. As can be expected when a band puts out a couple of records.

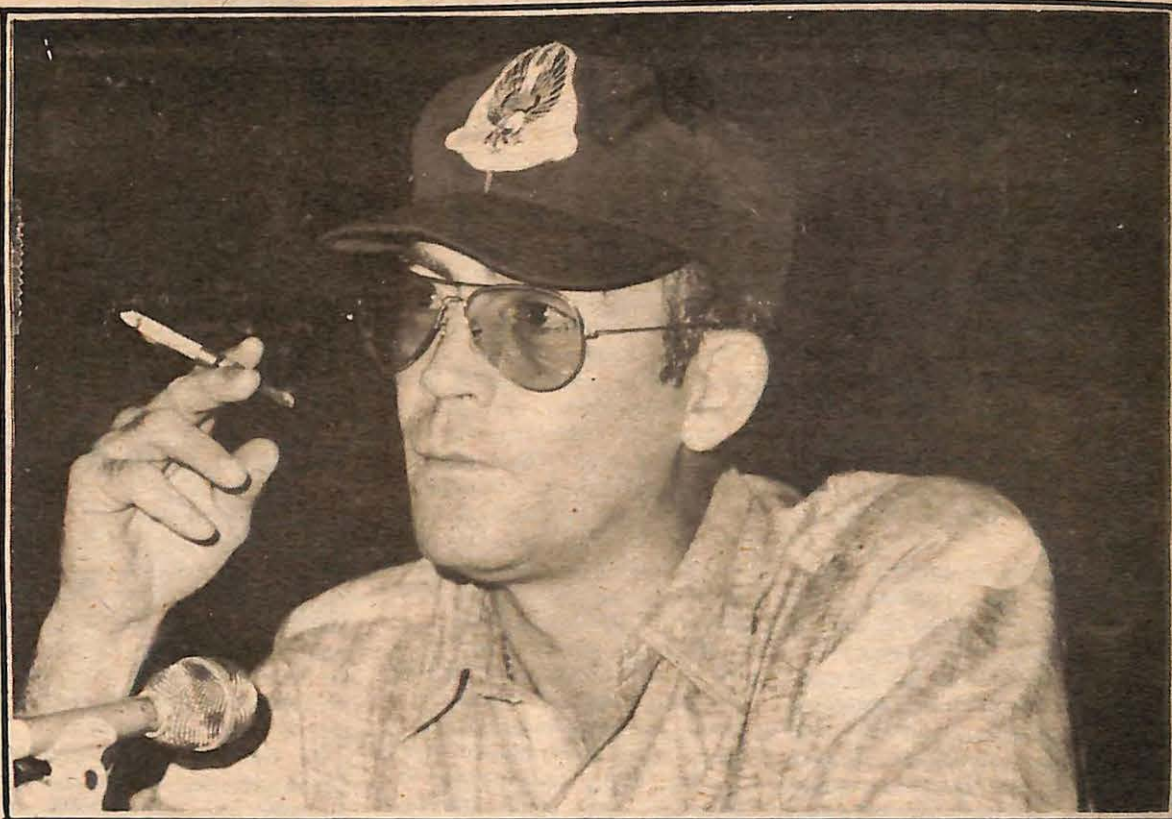
The Bopcats dug into their original material, which was easily their best stuff of the night. Even

though this suffered from the same distorted sound system and plodding pace as their cover versions, at least they cared a little bit about their own songs.

The music they spewed out was quite danceable and it wasn't quite rockabilly. More like Gene Vincent meets the Rolling Stones.

And even their Gene Vincent material was pretty weak, as was noticeable in their plodding version of "Blue Jean Bop."

But to take some of the blame away from the band, the crowd last week at the Sixpence was dead and seemed to be waiting for the nails in their coffins.



Spring Fever hits Mount

by Gail Lethbridge
Staff Reporter

Every year at about this time, an epidemic sweeps the Northern Hemisphere, inflicting the inhabitants with a curious manifestation of unorthodox behaviour. Termed as spring fever, this mystery strain has baffled medical specialists for years, but little is yet known about its origins and causes.

The infliction characterizes itself by any one and all of the following symptoms:

- massive over-secretions of adrenalin
- bouts of hyperactivity, bordering on hysteria
- momentary lapses of sanity
- uncontrollable cravings for change and adventure

Last Friday night, the greater population of Rosaria's Multi-Purpose Room was snatched by the powerful jaws of spring fever. Yes, even amid the swirling squalls of snow and shrieking winds, it attacked!

Assisi Hall hosted the "spring into summer" party that cold, dark night and those in the advanced stages of spring fever could be seen wearing nothing but shorts, T-shirts, sandals and sun glasses. Others, like our president

elect, Mike MacLean, mingled about fashioning the latest in summer mini and work boot co-ordinates.

The fever spread contagiously throughout the province consuming all in its path, including a bus load of Barrax residents from Acadia. Both the Barrax and Assisi dwellers were just recovering from and still trying to recall the events of the Barrax blitz last week-end. But in spite of it all, risking their very lives, that courageous bus load braved the elements to share with their Assisi sisters the wrath of spring fever.

Piña Coladas were the official beverage of the evening although those less infected with the fever could enjoy the beverage of their own choosing.

People bee-bobbed to the sounds of a DJ who, caught in an historical time frame, played top 40 hits all seeming to preceed 1981.

The weather, the musical time frame and the drinks have no bearing on this fever. It is a fact of life that we in the Northern Hemisphere will have to live with eternally. As for the cure? Well, who really wants one, anyway.



Two Mount students struck by SPRING FEVER!
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Journey into the Gonzo Dream

It was billed as "Fear And Loathing in Halifax—(A Strange Journey to the Heart of the Gonzo Dream)" and they promised us insight into the man who is Raoul Duke, Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, guru of Gonzo, and drug-culture celebrity extraordinaire.

He was dressed like a Ralph Steadman caricature—it was all there. The colour-stained Hawaiian shirt, the baseball cap, the shades, the tennis shoes, even the cigarette in holder—it was all there, all the way from sunny Key West to foggy Halifax, just one week and one hour behind schedule.

The good doctor held court last Tuesday at Dalhousie University and it is doubtful his carefully-built image was much damaged by being so close to a hall full of fans. They laughed, they cheered, they tried to find out what makes him tick.

In the end, it was really little more than a mild chapter or two of any 'Fear and Loathing' column come to life off the pages. He was here, but he was tame.

There were no hallucinogenic rushes, no ether-induced paranoia, no acid, no coke, no grass. A little cheap Scotch is all that kept him fueled as he fielded questions from the legion of fans.

"In the long run, if you can get away with it, people appreciate things more if they're much, much later," the man said, his creed as obvious as the appreciation he received.

As for us Canadians, "You people have been doomed all along, I've never had any feeling of real possibility from up here."

He insulted us, but he didn't call us lizards; he said he liked us

but he probably wouldn't drop acid with us; he said he thought we were Falklands-type shepherds but he was pleased to find he was wrong.

All the while he answered dumb and smart questions, he seemed to be enjoying himself; for \$6,000 plus expenses, I sure hope so.

The verdict: For Thompson -

"On paper, you people are as dull as dogshit. But that's just on paper."

For this reviewer: I travelled to the heart of the Gonzo dream and, like the American dream, found it lacking. It was an interesting journey but, in the end, the destination was little further than I have already been.

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