

# The Picaro

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## Mount Bursting at Seams

Mount Saint Vincent University's small campus will be bursting at the seams this Fall with applications for admission hitting a new record, 255 more than last year.

There is a significant rise in the number of students wishing to enter the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Child Study programs, and Gerontology.

The Mount's Summer School program also showed an increase of 172 students over last year. As well as the regular credit courses, a successful one-week non-credit workshop for French teachers was offered.

In conjunction with on-campus

programs for 1983-84, the Mount is also offering a credit course in Gerontology via DUET (Distance University Education via Television) to be carried live on the Atlantic Satellite Network and available to students in the four Atlantic provinces, either in their own homes or at special centres to be established off campus. The program will be telecast on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with repeats on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. for those who "miss" class. A special toll-free telephone number will be available so that students can ask questions.

Mount Saint Vincent University

is seeking more community involvement in its Fall Fitness program, beginning in September.

Physical Education and Recreation Co-ordinator Pat DeMont says the program offers something for everyone, "from our newest program Fitstart, which is a gentle way to get into fitness, to the more advanced fitness classes."

The availability of a babysitting service for the morning classes makes the Mount's fitness programs attractive for mothers of young children who would like to spend a few hours a week getting into shape.

Business people can take advantage of the noon-time fitness classes and there is recreational badminton on Friday evenings.

## HALIFAX HUNGER STRIKERS PROTEST REPRESSION

**HALIFAX(CUP)**—Human rights violations in Chile were the target of an eight-day hunger strike mid-August, led by a Chilean exile who attends Dalhousie University.

Elias Letelier-Ruz and two compatriots, Serge Gomez and Ulises Nitor, started the strike just days before peaceful demonstrations in Chile led to reprisals by the military regime.

The strikers, joined by Mount Saint Vincent student, Mike Emerick, called on the Canadian government to cut off all aid to Chile, denounce human rights violations there and demand the



reinstatement of democracy through free elections.

The strike, located in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, created controversy within the congregation. Some said the Church should not be involved in affairs of state while others, including the Archbishop of Halifax, stood behind the symbolic action.

Ruz ended the strike on August 25, fatigued but pleased with the amount of media attention that his concerns received.

September 11 marked the 10th anniversary of the brutal military overthrow of Chile's democratic government.

## Quiz Session with S.U. President

**Elizabeth Finck**  
Staff Reporter

This interview took place on September 9, 1983.

**Q.** First of all, before we get started, is there anything that you would like to pass along to the students?

**Maclean:** I'd like to welcome all new and returning students. I'd like to offer them the services of any of the council members if and when any problems arise. We are here to provide this function, therefore we encourage participation of any kind.

**Q.** How do you feel orientation has been going so far in terms of student participation? Are there any new events this year that you

are trying in order to get students more involved?

**Maclean:** To date things seem to be going at least average. We expect a larger turnout the following week as we have lengthened orientation, especially since we included this extra week (week of Sept. 12) to include full-time returning students. Plus we have co-ordinated our orientation totally with TUNS to ensure larger turnouts and thus a better atmosphere. Our two new events this year are the Harbour Tour, Monday September 12, 7-9 p.m. at Privateers and our Beach Party, titled Sandblast, on Saturday, September 17, should prove to be exciting. The name of the beach will be disclosed on the bus on the way.

**Q.** There seems to be some specu-

lation about Sheriff—that you're taking a gamble that you hope will pay off? How much is Sheriff costing out of the entertainment budget?

**Maclean:** It's true Sheriff does cost more than what we would usually pay but since we feel that orientation is very important and in fact could set a precedent for the social events of the year, we believe the costs to be justified and we're sure it will be a good turnout. It is costing \$2,000.00 out of the total entertainment budget of \$3,500.00. This event is designed to break even at best and its only intention is to encourage participation. If we can encourage this participation the chance of getting more big name bands will be a lot less risky.



## CARNIVALS & CASINOS

**Elizabeth Finck**  
Staff Reporter

Crispy red candy apples, popcorn, hotdogs, jellybeans, tophats, pink candy striped jackets, streamers and balloons were all part of the scene at the carnival in Vinnie's Pub last Thursday night.

For a penny you could have a chance to win a ten dollar gift certificate, a stuffed animal or spin the wheel and even win your penny back.

The carnival, one of many orientation activities, featured booths from the Science, Debating, Home Ec, Child Study and Secretarial Societies. The Mount Student Association and the Picaro also set up a booth.

From about 6:30 to 8:30, approximately 125 people passed through the carnival taking their chances while tunes of "Okla-homa" floated through the air. It was kind of a fun and different way to start off an evening.

Perhaps if you didn't make it to the carnival you were one of many at the Pub on Monte Carlo night last Friday, September 9. The game tables proved to be a great attraction and were busy all night. The pub was full of people in high spirits really enjoying themselves. If you missed orientation last week, be smart and join in the remaining orientation activities happening this week.

**Q.** Is council going to do anything this year to be more visible and accessible to the student body?

**Maclean:** For at least myself, I'm making it mandatory that I make an appearance at every event possible for I feel that if we don't attend the events we have no right to tell others to do so. As a whole council, I'm going to encourage more out-of-office activity therefore allowing the students to confront members on their terms. Yes, we are going to try to make some special events available for

students to meet council but as of yet the plans are still being formulated.

**Q.** What are the major goals you would like to see council working on this year?

**MacLean:** Participation is the most obvious problem to be confronted, therefore to ensure turnout we are going to work strongly towards more organized communication networks. Anything very specific at this point cannot be expanded upon until after the first few council sessions.



# The Picaro



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## Editorial PICARO RECEIVES A FACE-LIFT

At the Picaro's last meeting the question of what our first editorial of the year should be was chewed on by the staff for a considerable amount of time. Earth-shaking events such as Flight 007 and controversial topics in our own university community concerning increased enrollment and tuition hikes were discussed and dismissed.

We, hopefully correctly, anticipated that your first week at the Mount would be spent wading through the ton of literature involved in registration. Therefore, we opted to use the column as an opportunity to welcome new and returning students and introduce you to the new, improved Picaro in a sort of "fire-side chat" atmosphere. We won't throw any heavies at you this week but be prepared to deal, extrovertly we hope, with upcoming issues.

By "new and improved" we mean that there are a few changes to this year's paper, both in external appearance and internal administration. Externally, beginning next week, we will be changing our typeface (style of lettering) to give the Picaro a cleaner, more modernistic look. The printing schedule has been re-organized, meaning that the Picaro will come out on Thursday, rather than the usual Wednesday distribution date.

Internally, there has been a major staff shuffle which unfortunately saw my counterpart co-editor Craig Munroe resign his position. Craig, over the summer, was offered the position of Sports Information Officer for Dalhousie and although we are sorry to lose his expertise we are sure that we can pull together and have another quality year. The staff would like to thank Craig for all his support and wish him well in his future endeavours.

As always, we are looking for new staffers. New and returning students interested in the areas of journalism and creative writing, layout and design, photography, advertising, sports, entertainment and most importantly at the time being, office administration are urged to join. Interested people can pop into our office on 4th floor Rosaria, student council, or attend our Monday, 12:00 p.m. meetings in Room 110 Rosaria Center. So don't be shy. If you like a challenge and like to party give it some serious thought.

This year we hope to keep a stronger grip on both on- and off-campus issues that affect you. Again, the letters column will be a weekly occurrence and we hope that you will use this as an outlet to voice your opinions on these, and other issues that concern you.

The Picaro is your newspaper. We hope that you will read and enjoy it on a weekly basis.

Good luck in the upcoming year!  
The Editor

## DR. E.M. FULTON WELCOMES YOU

It is a pleasure for me to welcome not only new students to Mount Saint Vincent University but also returning students. I do thank the editor of **The Picaro** for giving me this opportunity at the beginning of the year to wish you all a very productive and creative time of new learning in the year ahead.

Mount Saint Vincent has over the years established itself as somewhat unique among the universities of Canada. We can now, thankfully, put behind us the old stereotypes that have characterized orientation, campus lifestyles and student roles. In welcoming you then as students to the Mount, we include and address ourselves to a very diverse body of people. Diverse in lifestyles, in age, sex, race, color, national origins, and creeds. You all do have something in common, however, and that is a commitment to learning, a commitment to higher education, and a commitment to stretching your minds and to developing your potential to its fullest capacity.

The University, in its turn, is committed to helping each of you achieve your individual and group goals. It is our hope that you will find at the Mount not only opportunities for advanced study which will help you succeed in your career aspirations but also experiences which will stimulate your intellectual endeavours. It is equally important to match the development of your mind with the growth of your cultural awareness, with improvements in your physical well-being, and finally with true knowledge of the spiritual dimension of your lives.

Universities and university students have another thing in common at this particular juncture of the economic and political life of our nation. We are all feeling somewhat beleaguered in terms of the financial resources available for the running of the University and for the provision of the kind of education that will serve your needs.

As students you are experiencing similar exigencies in your personal finances. While student loans and some scholarship and bursary money are available, only a small percentage of students will benefit from such resources. Many of you will have to supplement your student incomes by working at part-time jobs. Many of you may have to curb your involvement in costly social activities. You may have to economize as stringently as possible in order to meet the rising costs of tuition fees, living accommodations, and costs of text books and supplies. Such financial hardships can, nevertheless, have positive as well as negative effects. They teach us all to be more disciplined in all our thoughts and actions.

The periods of restraint recorded in the development of the human race very often are perceived afterwards as having been periods of great innovation and great initiation of new ideas in society. We are already seeing some of this kind of innovation at the Mount. During the summer

## PR SOCIETY NEWS

Anne Houweling,  
President PR Society

Well summer is over, classes have started, you're back at the grind and probably thinking yuck, right? Well erase that thought from your mind because this year's PR Society is going to make this year your best one yet.

1983-84 promises to be an excit-

ing year for the PR Society. We have a staff of excellent workers who are planning a lot of new and exciting things but don't worry... the exciting old things will still be a part of the PR Society too.

This year we'll be stressing professional development because we feel that this is an important aspect of a fully rounded education in the PR field. As a result, we'll be having people who work in the field come speak to us and we'll be having workshops and seminars. This year there will also be a number of new committees... committees which need enthusiastic workers. We're also planning to have a weekly column in the Picaro to keep all you PR students on top of what is happening with the Society.

The PR Society has lots of other things planned for the year but let's get back to the present. September is election time and we have several positions opened for first year reps on the Society. There is also a position open for a PR rep on Student Council. Our first general meeting is just around the corner, but don't worry, we'll have lots of posters around to let you know where and when. The Society will also be dropping in on the first year class for coffee and donuts to give us all a chance to meet one another.

Well I've only mentioned a few of the things that will be going on this year, but as you can see the PR Society has a busy year ahead of it. However, in order for this to be a successful year, we're going to need everyone's help so let's all get out and support the PR Society and help to make this year the best one yet!

## EDITOR RESIGNS

### To the Picaro:

I would like to publicly inform the Picaro staff, and the students at MSVU that due to a career-oriented job opportunity I will no longer be able to fulfill my responsibilities as Co-editor of the Picaro. Although I will remain on the Picaro staff, time is not available to perform the duties which accompany the position which I have held since January.

I would like to thank the entire staff for their dedication and hard work, making the role of co-editor an easy task.

I would especially like to thank Hugh Marshall and Nick Hamblin. If it were not for their efforts the Picaro might not have survived last winter. They provided excellent leadership, and were the optimum partners. I know the paper will continue to improve under their guidance.

The rewards and benefits gained from my association with the Picaro are numerous, thanks again to a great group of individuals who know how to work as a team.

Sincerely,  
Craig Munroe

and with a lot of volunteer support we again offered the Mount Dinner Theatre, and with some help from the student summer work programs, we completed the Arboretum and the Fitness Trail. Projects like these provide you with great opportunity to get involved in cultural pursuits, to learn more about the trees and the plant life on campus, and to participate in physical activity that is free, healthy, and invigorating.

Times of adversity also bring people closer together in communities where stimulation of ideas comes from the interaction of the diverse groups within the community. Participation in student activities on campus can be a rich substitute for more expensive off-campus entertainment.

This year we will all be celebrating National Universities Week October 2-8. At mid-week, Wednesday, October 5, the Presidents of the main groups throughout the University, that is, Mike MacLean, President of the Student Union; Dr. John Morgenstern, President of the Faculty Association; and myself, President of the University itself, will be holding a joint assembly to demonstrate how important we believe the University experience is in developing human consciousness.

As an integrated community it is our intention to show all levels of government and society at large that universities are effectively serving important needs of society and are therefore deserving of greater financial support. Our nation will certainly founder if our universities continue to be underfunded. For indeed as the motto for the week states: "We have the future in minds!" It is my hope that together all segments of the Mount can demonstrate its commitment to the philosophy, goals and objectives of our institution.

The second event will be the opportunity to prepare briefs for the Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education for the Province of Nova Scotia. This Commission visited the Mount in June and they were favourably impressed with our academic programs, our values, our economic use of space, our beautiful grounds and clean buildings. By November, we must demonstrate the hard facts of enrolments, budgets, academic program needs and student financial needs. Both of these events can provide us with a great opportunity to demonstrate effectively that the Mount is accountable, responsible, and responsive to all those who constitute its many parts.

The preparation of those briefs requires a commitment to the purpose of the University and a great deal of effort. Buy anything worth doing is worth doing well. And this statement applies equally to your time here at the Mount. So, get involved and remember the ultimate purpose of higher education is not so much to train you to get a job that permits you to live a secure, mundane life, but rather it is to imbue you with a set of ideals, to provide you with work habits that will last your lifetime, and to implant in you the kind of discipline that will help you transform any weakness into strength.

Robertson Davies once stated that "the purpose of learning was to save the soul and enlarge the mind". If you perceive your education in those terms, then you will be equipped to meet the challenges of the future with enthusiasm and commitment.



## C.F.S. SHAKEY IN SUNS

**Halifax(CUP)**—Student leaders in this province are frustrated with their national student organization.

For the last two years, they have tried to make the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) more responsive to their needs. But according to Peter Kavanagh, executive officer of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS), they sense no one is listening.

"Participation in CFS depends on how schools interact," says Kavanagh. "If Nova Scotia's schools can't interact, then there won't be a Nova Scotia presence in CFS."

Atul Sharma, SUNS chair, says that the future of CFS in Nova Scotia will be decided at Dalhousie University. If Dalhousie pulls out of CFS, the three remaining CFS members in the province will follow, he says.

"We do need people at the federal level addressing the problems of Nova Scotia students," he said. "I don't think CFS is adequately doing that."

Both Kavanagh and Sharma are against a pull-out referendum however, and are determined to continue the fight to change the organization from within.

Complaints about CFS are common here. Some say the organization is too bureaucratic, undemocratic, and unresponsive to change from the membership. Others claim the organization is dominated by unelected staff members. Almost all agree that CFS-Services are inadequate.

Last year SUNS members voted to call on CFS-Services to change

its priorities from non-essential services oriented toward student need, such as a national health insurance scheme. This call has been repeated with little tangible effect they say.

Tim Hill, student union president at Dalhousie wants a pull-out referendum early this fall, but the matter has not yet been decided by student council.

Roger Lewis, student union president at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design says that his school "will probably pull out of CFS this April." Lewis says NSCAD may reconsider its position if CFS shows are more flexibility at its upcoming November conference.

"I think we're dealing with mindless bureaucrats," he says. "We're frustrated. We don't feel like we're getting anything."

Mike MacLean, president of the Mount St. Vincent University student union, said he will look for "a direct show of faith" from CFS this fall before making any decision on the organization's future on his campus.

Last February, St. Mary's University voted by a margin of two to one to pull out of CFS. St. Mary's was also the first campus to join CFS in 1981.

"There's a sense of mistrust between Nova Scotia and the National Office," says CFS chair Graham Dowdell. "We've got an incredible amount of work to do down there."

Dowdell plans on visiting the province later this month.

oil painting classes for beginners and the Saturday afternoon children's drawing classes. Both sets of classes begin immediately after Thanksgiving.

The gallery will also present a panel Tuesday, October 4, 8:30 pm, when Halifax university presidents will discuss "The significance of the cultural interaction between Halifax universities and the community."

## THE GALLERY

The Mount art gallery opens 2 exhibitions Friday, 23 September, **Correspondences** featuring a work by 4 contemporary Canadian artists, George Legrady, John McEwen, Christopher Pratt and Tim Zuck; and in the upstairs gallery **Ceramics** by Jane Donavon. Tim Zuck will open both exhibits. Everyone is welcome.

The Mount art gallery still has openings in the Tuesday evening

## ALL ABOUT HOUSEWORK

David Wile  
Staff Reporter

Housework will be the topic for a series of workshops offered on September 30 and October 1 at the Halifax YWCA, 1237 Barrington St. Discussions on domestic violence, homemakers' pensions, domestic servants in Latin America, the impact of technology on housework, and other topics are based on provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Lynn Murphy, conference coordinator, says that the YWCA is co-sponsoring the conference with the International Education Centre at Saint Mary's University under a grant from the Secretary of State.

Louise Dulude, an Ottawa lawyer and member of National Action Committee on the Status of Women, will open the conference.

Music, skits, and performances about housework will follow Ms. Dulude's presentation.

Anyone interested in performing in or attending the conference may call Lynn Murphy at 455-0193 evenings and weekends, or Gayle Cromwell at 423-6162 during business hours.



Dealer Glen Smith attends to gambling MSVU Frosh during 1983 Orientation Casino Night...PLACE YOUR BETS FOLKS!

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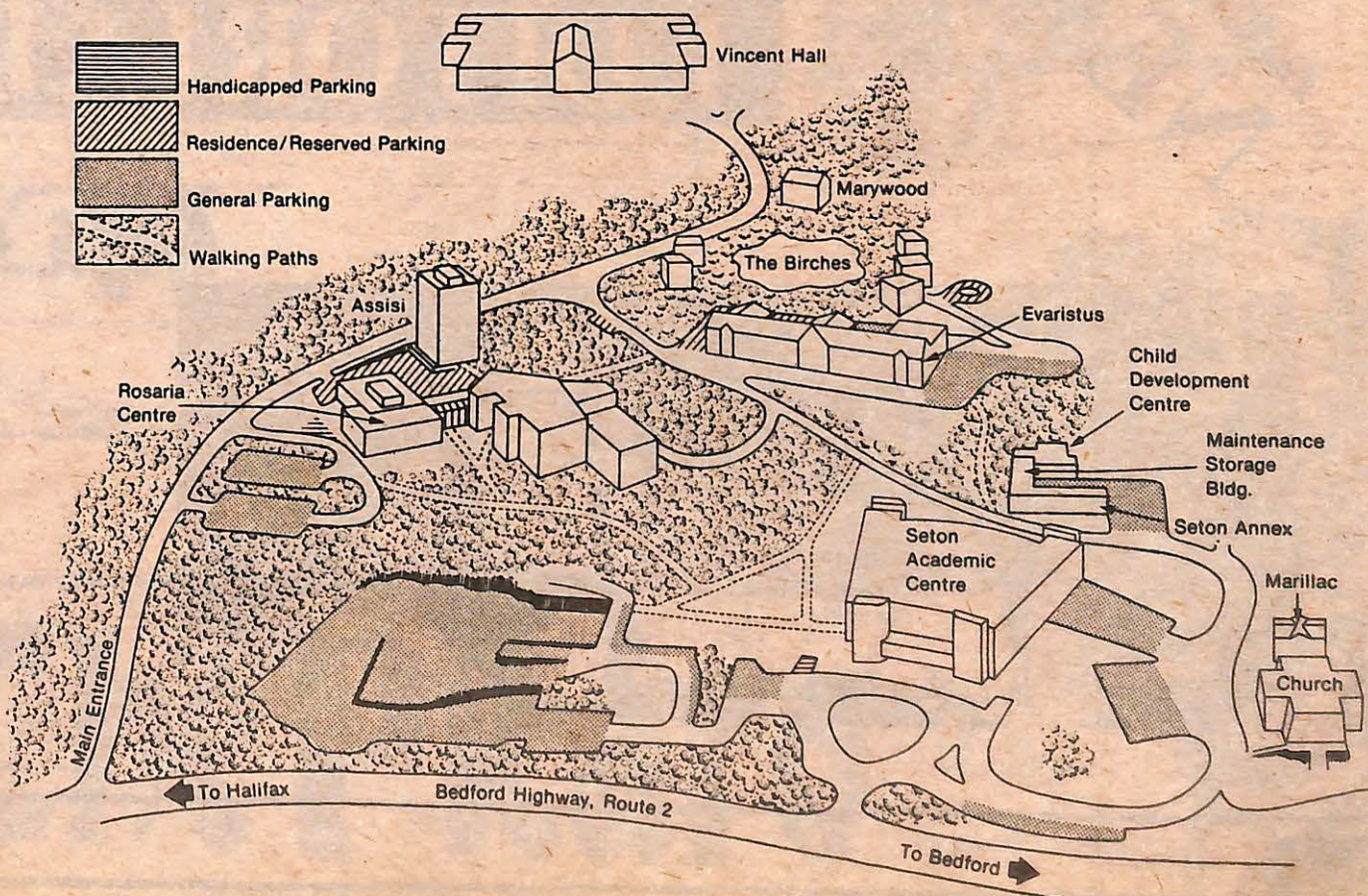
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## ELECTION DAY

Well, election time is here once again and soon a new council will take over the job of managing affairs for the Student Union. In the past there has been a cloud of apathy making the Student Council unable to function at its highest capacity. Many students just aren't willing to accept the amount of responsibility and work involved in holding a position on council. It seems the majority of the student body has taken the attitude "Let's someone else take care of it". In the last election barely 25 per cent of the students here at the Mount voted. I feel the apathy that has been hanging over us has lessened to some extent ever it could be lessened even more if remaining 75 per cent would take a few minutes out of their day and vote at their pole.

I hope everyone will expect to decide who our student leader is taking place on Wednesday. **EVERYONE, GET OUT AND VOTE.**

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**NEW PRESIDENT**

### EDITORIAL



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By 1971, the *Picaro* was being used as a medium to express the radical views of a staff unafraid to speak out on important issues. Between the years 1973 and 1975 there is no evidence of the paper being published. But, like all good things the *Picaro* could not be kept down and in 1975 it resurfaced to again become the university's student newspaper. By 1977 the *Picaro* had developed some problems, the most important being that there was no one willing to take on the responsibility of running the paper. But it is always darkest just before the dawn and just when it seemed the *Picaro* would be his-

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April, the Picaro was honored with two awards; MSVU Campus Society of the Year and most improved university newspaper in the Atlantic region.

Now the Picaro is about to make history again. The staff is making changes which will result in a new image for the paper. If you would like to be part of this history-making event, come by the office on the third floor of Rosaria Centre. The staff will greet you with open arms.

Incidentally, the Picaro is named after a little man who came to North America from Spain and was instrumental in establishing newspapers. Make the little guy happy, join the Picaro staff today.

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33 members.  
In Halifax West, Progressive incumbent Howard Crosby was elected for a third time in a row as mayor for the Mount's community. A somewhat quiet Crosby won the win. He said he was as far as studying to examine the cost of the public could bear when the public purse was the fact that the liberals were Crosby maintained right. Time will prove told his supporters.

Crosby said all the girls  
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## Campus Comment

Frosh Campus Comment,  
Staff Reporters  
Elizabeth Finck and  
Hugh Marshall

**Question:** What have you liked or disliked the most about orientation so far?



**Answer:** Ken Coolen from Dartmouth, "The friendliness of everybody on campus. A note to the upperclass—we really don't love you all that much."



**Answer:** Susan Reid from Reidville Nfld., "I liked meeting gorgeous hunks and Monte Carlo night, the worst part is being underage."



**Answer:** Stephanie Atkinson from Shelburne, "Chocolate pudding in the cafeteria - that was good."



**Answer:** Vita Marie Clark from St. John, "Registration - Boy did I hate it!"



**Answer:** Jeanne MacMaster from Port Hawkesbury, "I thought it was great but I hated getting up at 6 a.m. to go to McDonald's, and I think the upper classmen should sing to us."

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Do you know your fitness level? Come to The Athletic/Recreation Office and make an appointment for your comprehensive fitness test. This test includes percentage of body fat, ideal weight, cardiovascular fitness, and muscular strength and endurance. Following the test, the fitness counsellor will assist you in planning your future fitness program.

Take advantage of the reduced

fee for students (\$5.00) now until Thanksgiving. Appointments can be made for Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Athletics/Recreation office at The Mount is offering a wide variety of activities for your enjoyment, health and leisure time. The program called "Something for Everyone at The Mount" is outlined below:

### WEEKLY EXERCISE SCHEDULE

"Something for Everyone at the Mount"				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 Early Bird Fitness		7:30 Early Bird Fitness		
10:00 Fit Start	10:00-11:00 "Stretch & Flex" Aerobic Exercise	10:00 Fit Start	10:00-11:00 "Stretch & Flex" Aerobic Exercise	
12:00-1:00 Noon Fit Jazz	12:00-1:00 Noon Fit	12:00-1:00 Noon Fit Jazz	12:00-1:00 Noon Fit	12:00-1:00 Noon Fit
	4:30-5:30 "Rush Hour" Aerobics		4:30-5:30 "Rush Hour" Aerobics	
	4:30-5:30 Yoga		5:30-7:30 Karate	
	7:30-10:30 Badminton		7:30-10:30 Badminton	

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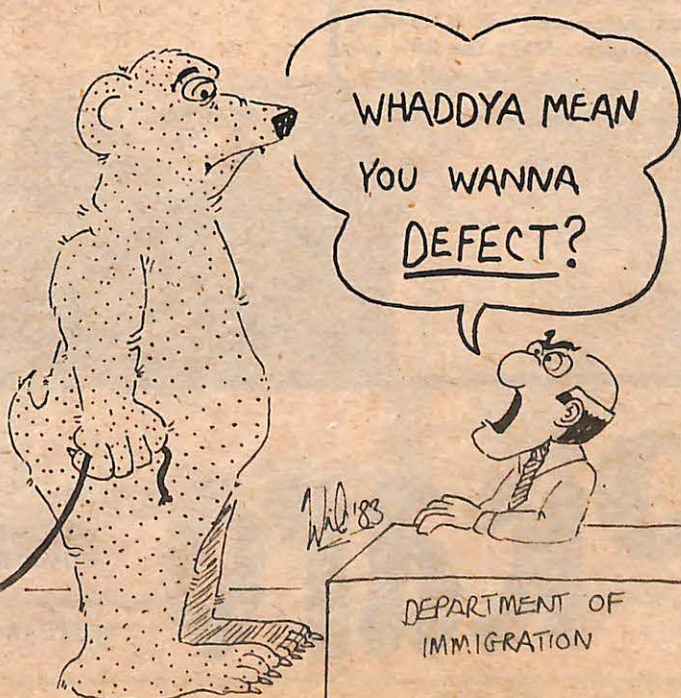
(RNR/CUP)—U.S. government wants to stop throwing good money after bad grades.

Congress is considering a bill to force colleges to cut off financial aid to students with poor academic records. Behind the bill: the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance, which says federal education grants should be

tied to minimum grade, attendance and course requirements.

According to the Commission, nearly half the American colleges pay little or no attention to the grades of aid recipients, and at least one student still got money from Uncle Sam with a zero-point-one grade point average.

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BY DAVID WILE





## Sports Comment



by Craig Munroe  
Staff Reporter

For most university students, especially those entering their initial year, the first few weeks in September can be somewhat confusing. Adjusting to a completely new environment and lifestyle can be difficult, if not disheartening at the best of times. Comfort however, can be found in the thought that it could be worse, you could be a sports writer. Still confused, consider then, the summer of 83, although sprinkled with predictable events, it was for the most part filled with controversy and confusion within the confines of the sports world.

It started with football in the spring. Something never before attempted which increased the workload of the sportswriter, and confused many a bear waking up from a long winter nap. In addition, North American football fans could soon have a fourth professional league vying for their already divided attention. The International Football League could soon be a reality, adding to the already overpopulated sport. A positive note however, is that they are helping the unemployment problem.

Speaking of football, the Maritimes appear the only region of the continent that is unable to finance or operate a team. Sportswriters were kept on their toes this summer following the saga of the Atlantic Schooners. There is still hope however. Just when it appeared the Schooners were sailing out of town, a new group is now investigating the feasibility of a team in our region. Stay tuned for Atlantic Canada's newest soap opera, "As the Schooners Sail."

Then of course there was the Pan-Am games, when reporters flew down to Venezuela to cover one of the world's most important amateur athletic contests, only to discover a German shepherd and two narcotics police officers would have been more suitable.

This summer also presented another America's Cup. The world-famous yachting race is predictably an American victory. But just when it looked like something normal might happen, the Australians showed up with a controversial boat. This story is not over yet, so stay tuned to the waters off the east coast. The Americans are sure to put up a good fight, in the law courts, if not the water.

Baseball, did not miss out on the fun either. The Toronto Blue Jays went from last place to fighting for the divisional crown by the end of August. A good showing for a team that is usually out of the hunt by mid-June. But alas, our poor bear can only be more confused by such a turn of events. He wakes up in the fall, thinking it is the spring, only to have these thoughts confirmed by the closeness of the Blue Jays to the leaders.

Then, after all this madness the National Football league finally got underway, and just when it looked like things might get back to normal, the Baltimore Colts won their opening game.

But there is an annual event for those who need some consistency that could last forever. The story that could have been written before the event, the weekend when sportswriters knew the outcome. Jack Nicholas failed again to win the Canadian open. In a summer of unpredictability, thanks Jack for at least being consistent.

## Mt. Warms Up For New Season.

Mount Saint Vincent women's soccer team will kick off the season with an exhibition game against Kings, Wed. Sept. 21st at 4:30 on the Commons. The game will serve as the team's first game on its way to the Provincial Championship.

Stewart McPherson, this year's coach, feels that the game, although only a warm up, will serve as an important warm-up for the upcoming season. "We have quite a few veterans coming back and also a few promising rookies. Both groups have proved themselves in training camp so the exhibition game will be important because it will give us the opportunity to play together as a team."

June Lumsden, Athletic Director, feels that the team is definitely

in contention for the NSCC Conference Championships. "Although we are a relatively inexperienced team we have the most important ingredient needed for a championship and that is enthusiasm."

Again this year the team will feature a player of the week which will appear on the Picaro's sports page. "We hope that the player of the week award will serve as a catalyst in our drive to be an enthusiastic team," said Lumsden, "and also give us a little bit more exposure and fan support as that was one of our downfalls last year."

The team would like to extend an invitation to all Mount students to come out next Wednesday and cheer on the team.

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## BEST SHORT FILM OF THE YEAR

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Staff Reporter

I saw *Vacation*, the new John Candy movie, the other night with a few friends. It was hilarious. John Candy, who is physically the most naturally funny man in the Western hemisphere, could read a telephone directory and have me on the floor laughing.

Funny thing though, the movie was only fifteen minutes long and it was preceded by a warm-up flick that must have been two hours long. This warm-up had Chevy Chase travelling from Chicago to Los Angeles with his wife (Beverly D'Angelo), his two children (Randy Quaid and Imogene Coca), an odious aunt, and a dog that was not theirs. I was fidgeting in my seat as if I had had to spend the entire trip with them.

I have a rule. If I cannot count the number of good laughs in a comedy on one hand and I can count the number of glaring mistakes on the other, I take both hands and the body between them out of the theatre as promptly as possible. Of course, this time I had to wait through the warm-up for the John Candy flick.

But I cannot help but reflect on the long warm-up. First of all the acting was below par except, of course, for Chevy Chase whose facial histrionics and glib wit are always amusing by themselves. The children were cute but I could almost see their stage-mothers prompting them off-camera. The timing of the gags were as out of sync as the tires on the station wagon that they were driving.

But the actors cannot be held liable for the fact that most jokes were telegraphed a mile away. The writers must have had more important things to do than write this script. After all, this was only a warm-up film. But even a warm-up should not feature the car

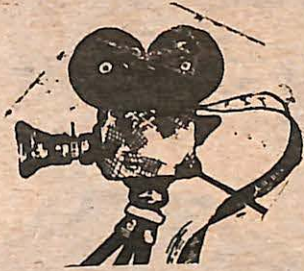
yawing thrice from the road, or the luggage falling from the roof-rack at least four times.

Of course, when the languid pace of the flick became even more dilatory, the writers simply had Chase spew forth a cacophony of F-words. Not funny enough? O.K., how about if he says them in front of the wife and kids? Great! Score 9.5 on the Shock Scale.

And was the needle on the Shock Scale ever jumping! How about a girl born without a tongue? How about her sister using *her* tongue to French kiss her father? And then there was the aunt (named Edna, of course) eating dog urine-soaked sandwiches. Boy, if this was a feature film instead of a warm-up I would have really felt gypped out of my \$4.50.

It was funny how they made a mistake in the final editing of the film. Somehow, some file footage of Christie Brinkley posing in the new summer lineup got accidentally spliced in with the flick. But I could see right away that she had nothing whatsoever to do with the plot and that there had obviously been an oversight somewhere. But that is understandable. Warm-up film-making is complicated work.

I wish John Candy good luck in the "Best Film Short" category in this year's Academy Awards. *Vacation* is one of the funniest film shorts I will hope to see for some time. I just hope that the next movie I go to see will not have another long, dull warm-up feature.



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## Societies

Extra-curricular activities are as important on resumé's as are good marks! Smart, active and well-rounded individuals will stand a much better chance impressing potential employers, than will simply . . . honor's students, say. Therefore, if you are seriously considering your future in the work world, you might seriously consider getting involved on campus. Fitting the time in for participation in a society would be well worth it—not to mention fun!

There are several societies on the Mount campus that a person could choose from. One option is the Student Christian Movement. The SCM is a student-run, ecumenical, social justice organization which seeks to bring those students with a social conscience, together in order to make whatever change we can in any local,

national or global injustice. Our local unit is a tiny part of a worldwide movement called The World Student Christian Federation and we are, therefore, exposed to student struggles around the world.

To begin the year, the SCM has taken a stand against nuclear arms. "Dr. Strangelove" is being shown Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:15 p.m. in SAC, Aud. C and academy award winning "If You Love This Planet", is being shown Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 12:15 noon in Aud. C. On Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m., the SCM is hosting a "Peace Party" in the Rosaria Pub. All-campus societies are invited so it will be a perfect opportunity for you to meet these people and hear about their groups. Also, the Voice of Women will be offering a nine minute "street theatre" presentation to do with nuclear arms. September is an exciting month for us and we'd like to have you along. On Octo-

ber 22 at 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium, Rosalee Bertell will be speaking on disarmament.

In November, medical student, Armando Peredes from El Salvador, will be here to continue raising funds for a medical centre in his country. We will be hosting a coffee house around the theme of solidarity with Latin America and Armando will perform along with local performers. Another neat project we'd like your help on is collecting normally wasted food from local grocers and distributing it to the poor in Halifax.

Our first meeting on October 4 at 12 noon in SAC 529, will introduce the new members over lunch and provide an opportunity to hear everyone's ideas and concerns about the year to come. In the meantime don't worry about any commitments but do come to the party on Sept. 24 (it will be a regular cash bar).

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