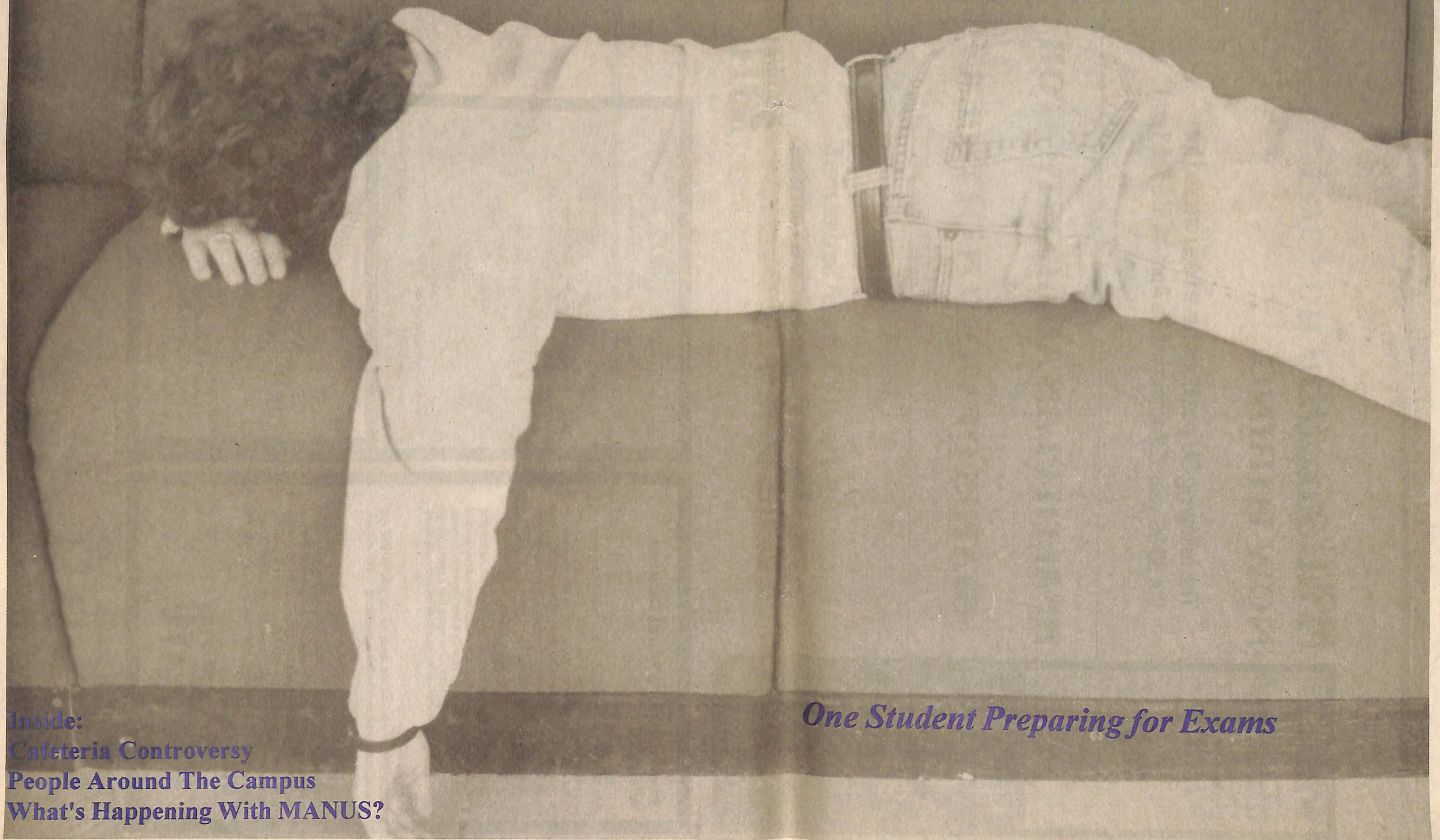


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### *We will miss you..*

As the following people are graduating and have given much time, effort and energy to the Union over this past year, SU wishes to formally thank them and wish them the best and much success.

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**New Space...** When you return in September, you will see a new student union space located on the first floor of Rosaria. We are really excited because we've seen the plans and realize its important to the union. You will be able to see the plans within the next week. New Pub...new Corner Store...new Gamesroom...new Parent Care Lounge and new offices – all close to students.



### *And the winners are...*

Here are the winners of the Student Union awards for 1994-95. Congratulations and thank you for your contribution to student life

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# A Familiar Face on Campus

by Tom Peck

Marina Franz always wanted to go to Mount Saint Vincent University, but she never thought the trip would take such an unusual route.

She laughs and looks up at the ceiling. "I didn't think at the time that I'd start off working here before taking classes."

Franz is probably one of the most recognizable people at the Mount, although not everyone would know her name. She can be found every day in the Sacateria, sitting at the cash register, smiling, and ringing in your order.

She started working at the Mount when she was 17. It was a part-time job, mainly working banquets and special functions. She can clearly recall her first day because the zipper on her skirt broke and a button fell off. But she managed to survive that ordeal and began working full time in 1986.

Franz divides her regular customers into three basic groups. "I have, what I call, my steady coffee drinkers. They're coming in about six times a day for their large cups of coffee. Then there are the faithful salad people who come in wearing spandex. You know they've just come from the gym because they're all red-faced. Then you have those who keep saying they have to lose weight and order



french fries covered with cheese and gravy, and a diet Pepsi."

Danette Robinson also works in the Sacateria and has been with food services at the Mount for 15 years. "Marina is friendly, fun to be around, and intelligent," says Robinson. "If there is a dominant characteristic to Marina, it would be her constant need to be organized."

Franz admits she is fussy. "I don't like anything looking empty because it has to look appealing. If it's not appealing to me, it's not ap-

pealing to the customers."

Mondays are long for Franz. Although her shift ends at 4 p.m., her business 113 class runs from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. "I began taking classes in 1990, with psychology. All my classes are at night or in the summer. When I finish the business course I will have three full credits. I've also taken accounting, which I really like. I seem to do well with numbers and hope to be a CA one day."

Valerie Moulton is a busi-

ness 113 classmate of Franz. Moulton first met Franz last summer in an accounting class. "Marina is fun, easy-going and smart," says Moulton. "In our business presentation, Marina handled the finances because she's very good with accounting. She was at every group meeting and pulled her share of the weight."

Franz says her mother has provided inspiration. "She's always busy and she has always supported whatever we did."

Franz comes from a family of five children and her parents now have seven grandchildren. They all live in Sackville.

Franz has been married, divorced, and is now engaged. She has a son, Andreas, who is six years old. "Andreas is the centre of my life," she says as her face lights up. Every time she talks about her son she sits up and her voice is full of pride and love. She spends all her spare time with Andreas. "I rarely have to worry about daycare. If my fiancé, David, is not home, my neighbour or my sisters or my brother will look after him."

It's 4 p.m. now and Franz hurries off to the computer lab. Like most students at this time of year, the crush is on to finish those papers and assignments.

## MANUS Elections

by Andrea Bannister

At the request of MANUS, the Student Union's elections officer took over the second MANUS executive elections after the first ground to a halt amid controversy.

The first election was declared null and void a few hours before the voting polls closed, after a MANUS executive member complained that election guidelines weren't being followed.

However, rumours sprang up that unethical behaviour was the real reason for the abrupt halt of the elections.

At a standing-room-only general meeting of MANUS members on Wednesday March 29, members discussed the purchase of a new computer and the state of the MANUS finances, issues surrounding the March 15th elections and executive.

The present executive purchased a new Macintosh computer, equipped with over \$1,000 worth of software, for \$400. Approximately half of that was fund-raised.

"Everyone agreed that buying the computer was a good idea and applauded it," said Kathy Young, who chaired the general meeting. "I think that there was a lot of hoopla about nothing."

The computer will be used to produce MANUS newsletters, financial reports and to keep track of financial records.

Controversy also raged about possible misappropriation of MANUS funds. The MANUS executive brought in an independent accounting firm to go over the books. The audit, which found the budget 99.9 % accurate, ended any allegations of fraud.

Members decided to hold a second set of elections on April 5 and 6 at the general meeting.

Jeff Dixon, the SU elections officer and a elections committee comprised of MANUS students, drew up the new election guidelines.

In a response to concerns from the first elections, all the candidates will not be listed on the same ballot and the MANUS definition of a part-time student has been changed to match the university's, students taking 2.5 credits or less.

Students over 24 years of age, part-time students and students out of school for three years before returning are eligible to vote during MANUS elections.

## Cafeteria Workers' Fate Still Uncertain

by Andrea Bannister

A week after the Mount signed a new food service contract with Versa, 15 Mount cafeteria employees are still uncertain about their future - except for one thing - they know they are no longer employees of the university.

Before this contract, the eleven female and four male cafeteria and Sacateria employees worked for the Mount, not for the food services company. However, in an effort to cut costs, the Mount has terminated the 15 employees. They have worked for the university on an average of 15 years, the least senior for over six years, the most senior for 30 years.

Food service employees will start negotiations with Versa on May 4, to find out about staff cuts and rates of pay.

"It's still the unknown factor. The staff is under a lot of pressure," said Sharon O'Donnell, an employee for 26 years. "We don't know how

many staff will be cut and if the wages are going down."

Versa's willingness to look at the existing food services employees was a key factor in the Mount's decision to sign with the company.

The current staff will be placed on a 90 day probationary period starting September 1, 1995.

"This is a slap in the face," said O'Donnell. "Obviously, if we have been here this long, we know how to do the job."

Carol Bellefontaine, a shop steward at the Sacateria, says the staff is very worried that their jobs will be cut. "We are in the same kind of limbo we started in. It could be the best thing to happen to us or

... we just don't know."

The Mount's decision to cut the food service employees has been the centre of a media controversy. While the Mount's mandate is to promote education and well-

being for women, some of the most vulnerable female employees are losing their jobs.

"I'm 45 years old," said O'Donnell. "Where can I get a job in this day and age? When I was younger, they

didn't push an education for women like they do now."

O'Donnell believes the coverage by the media and the support received by the Mount staff

*"This is a slap in the face.*

*Obviously, if we have been here this long, we know how to do the job."*



# Marie Kelley

by Lana Taylor

Most people can only dream of someday retiring to an island all their own; this is exactly what the Manager of the Physical Plant, Marie Kelly is going to do. She is retiring this summer and moving to a home she had built on her island in Antigonish County. "I've always wanted to try to spend a year there, I guess to satisfy my pioneering instinct."

Kelly has been part of the Mount community on and off since she graduated from the Academy in 1949. The Academy was an all girl boarding school run by the Sisters of Charity. For a time the school co-existed with the College which ran until 1950 when it burned down and was replaced by the Mount Saint Vincent we know today- well sort of.

Kelly says a lot of changes have occurred over the years in the Mount community. Aside from the inclusion of men, one of the most striking changes are the rules. Kelly says it is hard to explain the rules that were in effect at the time.

"They were so strict that a modern student would surely think they were in prison," says Kelly. At the Academy uniforms were mandatory; at the College girls wore gowns and mortarboard caps to chapel everyday and the Sisters were always in habit. "We were a totally distinctive community," says Kelly. "Our roles were visible by the way you were dressed."

The sisters kept a strict eye on the comings and goings of the community. Even a college girl had to get written permission from her

family before she'd be allowed to spend a weekend with a girlfriend in Halifax. "We had so many rules to break," says Kelly. "It was so challenging- I think it made us creative."

Kelly says things started to shift in the '60s. "A lot of things have changed for the better. But every time you gain, there are losses," says Kelly. "For example, we believed that it was a privilege to be at school. When you finished you felt obligated to help others and be more generous. Now students believe it's an entitlement not a privilege."

*"We had so many rules to break, it was so challenging - I think it made us creative."*

Kelly's adventures have led her all over the world. Lucky for the Mount, she keeps coming back. She has been a student, worked in the registrars office, the business office and worked the switchboard prior to becoming the Manager of the Physical Plant.

Before taking the position in the Physical Plant she had actually resigned to start her own business. Shortly after she left, the position was vacated and Kelly was asked to fill in.

"The president of the day called me and asked me to work a few months till they decided what to do," says Kelly. "I came back for a few months 10 years ago."

Kelly says that one of the things she is going to miss most about the Mount is being with the students. "I think it's good for people growing old to be with people growing up. It benefits both."

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to "Education to Suffer From the Federal Budget? An Opinion" (March 13, 1995), there are a couple of questions that I would like to put to the article's writer:

1) If the cost of social programs only contributed 2% to the federal debt, why does 41% of total federal government spending (roughly \$60 billion out of \$160 billion) go towards social programs (health, welfare, education, unemployment insurance, pensions) spending?

2) If 50% of the debt, roughly \$300 billion, came from "tax breaks and loopholes", why didn't CHOICES and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives suggest even more than the \$10 billion tax grab that was in their 1995 Alternative Federal Budget?

3) If a "loophole" such as the entertainment tax deduction was eliminated, who would really pay the price? Big business? According to the federal Department of Finance, most who claim this deduction are people who run small- and medium-sized businesses. Is this why Canada's restaurant and hospitality industry - almost all of who are also small- and medium-sized businesses - opposes getting rid of this deduction?

4) Will government interference in monetary policy lead to the same kind of 20% interest rates and 20% inflation as it did in the early 1980s?

5) Is spending money that this country doesn't have really the solution? Is raising taxes so that the government can get more money to

waste really an option? Or is the solution -- as governments of all political backgrounds around the world are discovering -- to reduce total government spending, make sure our social program dollars are spent wisely and build an economy where businesses can prosper and create jobs?

If raising taxes and spending money were the solution to our social and economic problems, Canada would be deficit-free, have jobs for everyone, and could boast of perfect social, health, and education systems.

Experience and the cold-hard facts prove otherwise.

Robert Batherson

## Manus Election Results

### President:

Sheila Jack - 15  
Lori-Ann Jones - 24  
Kathy Young - 31  
Abstain - 1

### Vice President 1:

Angel LeBlanc - 41  
Richard Smith - 26  
Abstain - 4

### Vice President 2:

Travers Milo - 21  
Pat O'Rourke - 32  
Abstain - 17  
Spoiled - 1

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# BACKLASH: Should NS Have Casino Gambling?

Casino gambling - Oh No, not in the purity of Halifax! Golly-gee, after all isn't Halifax just about the most "Liberal" city on earth?

The opponents to the casino paint the picture of gloom and darkness. I find the argument preached by the christian right and other Bible thumpers just out and out funny - "The government of Nova Scotia has joined forces with --- SATAN" (The churchlady's worst nightmare) Isn't that special - I think NOT!

The government has finally found a user-based tax program which you don't have to pay into unless you drop your quarter into the little slot. And as far as addiction goes let's first look at how many church basements in the city provide a venue for gambling already - yes, I'm talking about the mother load - BINGO.

I have often thought over the past number of months "How can the local priest condemn us for walking to Water St. but not for daubing our bingo cards every Wednesday night after he shouts out G-47?" As the saying goes this is like talking out of both

sides of your mouth.

Will crime increase due to the pirate theme "neon mecca"? I don't think so, since

Halifax seems to be doing just fine in that area now. The comparison to Windsor, which was already rated as one of Canada's dirtiest cities, is like the old adage of apples to oranges. Halifax will not change for the worse - Halifax will be provided with jobs, a new Tourism focus, and another uniquely maritime structure. Where else in the world can you find the

beauty of our coastline, the reception of friendly people, and a Casino to boot!

When push comes to shove, Halifax and Sidney will be no worse off with the casino's then they are now without them. The real world is not all roses and candy, it is a world which provides vices to those who want them. Personally, I want the opportunity to enjoy the occasional night out with a good slot machine and Black Jack table.

"After all, Daddy need next year's tuition; come on Lucky Seven!"

*James A. McNamee*

In the next two months a casino will be opening on the Halifax waterfront. To some, this is progress, but I have to disagree.

In December I was in Windsor, Ontario for a conference which took place in a hotel next to their casino. What I saw there was a tragedy. The whole city seemed to revolve around the neon mecca. All over the city shuttle buses scurried to take their customers to the casino. Line ups started early in the morning, with people desperate to get in. We heard stories of the number of University of Windsor students that had chosen dead end casino jobs over their education.

Up until that point the casino issue had seemed far removed from me, though I knew I opposed it.

Why oppose a casino? Well, the provincial government has already tried its hand at video gambling and failed. The public outcry was tremendous and many still struggle with the addictions that resulted. Nothing positive came out of that foray into vice. What makes the government think it will work bet-

ter this time?

Some members of government say that if it doesn't work they can change their minds. RIGHT! After the government starts lining its pockets with the profits of the casino, they will become addicted. And does anyone actually think that ITT Sheraton will give up their casino without a fight?

Casino gambling is a very dangerous issue to be played with. It is unfortunate that the provincial government has ignored public opinion

and the experiences of other cities with casinos. Those that will be the most effected by the casinos are those who don't have the money or political voice to lobby against the likes of ITT Sheraton.

Godfather Savage and his gang of mafia hitmen need to reopen discussion into whether people want this. After all, we're supposed to be living in a democracy.

*Alana Whens*

**The provincial government of Nova Scotia has already tried its hand at video gambling and failed.**





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The 1995 Science Society Executive is as follows:

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## A Time Of Need

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- Human Resources Management (offered at Institute of Technology Campus)
- Human Services Management (offered at Annapolis Campus)
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- Remote Sensing (RS) (College of Geographic Sciences)
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## Two MSVU Students Named 'Academic All-Canadians'

by Ceri Young



Academic All-Canadian award.

The award is given only to students who are all-stars in their

conferment and who have made an average of 80% or above in 5 courses. Congratulations seem to be in order. This year, MSVU students Erin Atkinson and Todd Hirtle have won the

conferment and who have made an average of 80% or above in 5 courses.

Todd Hirtle was named to the first team for Nova Scotia in Men's Basketball. He is a second year student in Business Administration.

Not only has Erin Atkinson been named a Nova Scotian all-star, she was also named to the All-Canadian team. She is a first year student in Child Studies.

When asked about her

plans for next year, Atkinson says that she will try to win the award again. "School is very important to me," She remarks.

Good luck next year to Erin Atkinson and Todd Hirtle!



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