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Sermon on the Mount

Rather than give you the traditional "Why didn't you vote, aren't you a terrible human being" post-election editorial, I want you to feel good about your apathy, maybe even a little proud.

Personally, I can understand why someone would decide not to vote. Why anyone actually takes the trouble is beyond me.

What were the ringing issues of this campaign? Who were the horrible ogres who had to be kept out of office at any cost? Was there any constructive reason, other than personal popularity, to vote for one candidate over any other? I couldn't live with myself if I voted for a candidate simply because her posters said I should.

If there are differences between candidates, and there must be, let's put them front and centre, rather than blaming the student body for their lack of interest. Generic candidates produce invisible turnouts.

Until then, I'd rather be worrying about nuclear war. Or **Picaro** deadlines. Or why you can never find packages with the same numbers of hot dogs and buns.

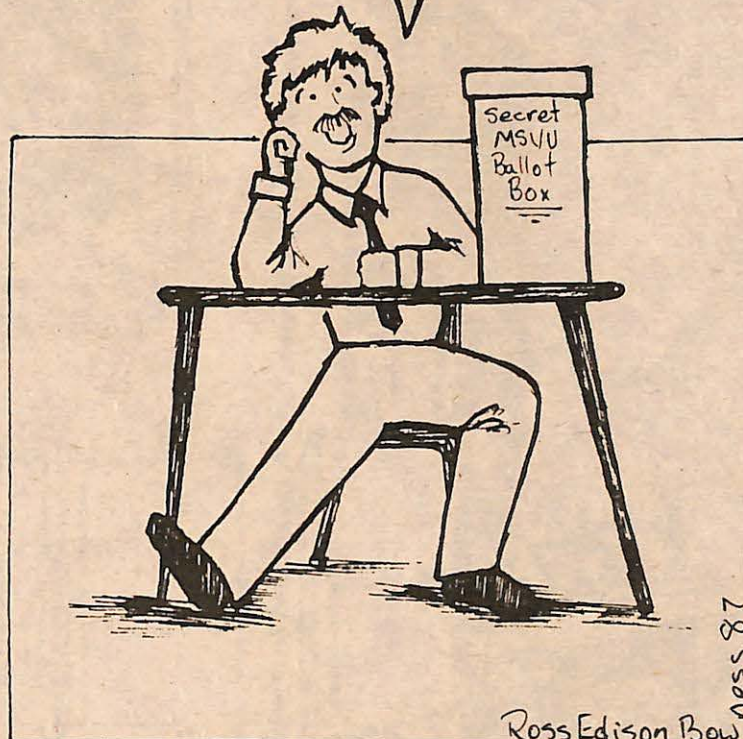
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News Editor

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Ross Edison Bowness

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Letters to the editors

Corner store hours correction

Dear Editors,

I would like to clarify the information in the story in last week's **Picaro** concerning the new corner store hours.

The hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm and 8 pm to 10 pm Monday to Friday and 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The store is not closed Monday to Friday evenings as was implied in the

story.

A study on the amount of money the store was making during different parts of the day, indicated the store was not making a profit from 5 pm to 8 pm Monday to Friday or on Saturday and Sunday from 8 pm to 10 pm.

Sorry for any inconvenience,
Tracey Campbell

Editors' motives suspect

Dear Editors,

I am writing in response to the article "... the race is on." re: Student Union Elections '87 in the October 7/87 edition of the **Picaro**. As the Chief Returning Officer for these elections I was very distressed with the coverage that the elections received.

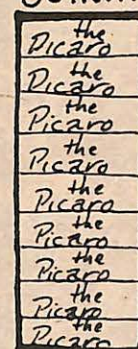
The article lacked in substance pertaining to the Student Union objectives throughout the elections. These objectives being "high student awareness and involvement". The **Picaro**'s article lacked any content dealing with these objectives. This lack of content was only due to ne-

glect by reporters as I had stressed my objectives to them.

As for the article that was released, I question the editors motives. The heading and placement of the article fell short of what I would call responsible journalism. Such a topic as relevant to the students as elections should have been more strongly emphasized within their own paper. I express these concerns on behalf of council in the hope that they will not have to be dealt with in the future.

Respectfully Submitted
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Perennial housing problems reappear

by Angela Manders

Housing shortage at the Mount has been an ongoing issue for the past 10 years and although the occupancy rate in Halifax has decreased, the controversy continues.

On one side there are the students who continue to wait, either to move into a room or to re-locate. On the other side is the Housing Office whose concern is to try to please everyone.

"The main objective of the office is to try to make everyone happy, and this is not an easy task," says Barbara Cocker, housing officer.

The Birches, Lourdes Hall, Marillac, Assisi Hall, Vincent Hall, and Evaristus are home to 450 girls at the Mount. Rooms in these residences range from \$1,200 - \$2,082 depending on room location and whether or not it is single, double, or triple accommodation.

Last year, due to the excessive need for more space, the Housing Office rented out the fourth floor in Vincent Hall to offer students more rooms, but the year did not turn out as expected and the Mount lost money. "It is very hard to predict how many girls

will need rooms from year to year, however this year we do not have the luxury to give people rooms that they want," says Cocker.

This is where the controversy begins and even though there are currently only 17 people on the waiting list to get rooms, there are many more already in residence who want to move to a single room or to another building.

The Housing Office's procedures to accommodate everyone are difficult, but they believe they are as fair as possible. The waiting list is divided into two lists, one for the internal public, (those already in residence) and the other for the external public (those waiting to get in). "The internal list is 'frozen' until October 1, meaning that no one in residence can move until this date," says Cocker. After this date, when a room becomes vacant the external list is looked at first and the returning students are offered the opening. If the room is refused, then the internal list is looked at.

Although this seems like the most logical thing to do, there are residents who are upset with the way things are run. "I am

number seven on the internal list but people on the external list are getting in before me. I've been number seven since day one," says Judi McNaughton, a first year student living on the second floor of Assisi Hall. The reason for Judi's concern, as well as the other girls on the floor, is the accommodations they have been given.

The rooms are small and contain a bunkbed and other furniture, enclosed by thin walls and covered by a ceiling with exposed wiring.

"You can see and hear everything, there is no privacy," says McNaughton.

The Housing Office is trying to do all they can for these girls. For example, giving them the double room for the price of a triple. The occupants of the second floor however, feel that the \$134 difference is not worth it.

Dauphne Hutt, Don of Assisi, feels that everyone in the building is relatively content and says when rooms become available people will be moved. "Most of the residents here are happy and I'm here to help them with their problems but in a situation like this it's hard to please everyone."

Hutt believes that Housing is doing all they can. "We try to accommodate everybody to the best of our ability but it's simply like a game of Russian roulette."

Both Hutt and Cocker agree that approximately 98 per cent of the residents are reasonable about the situation, it is the remaining two per cent that wait to be pleased.

Networking creates successful women

by Lisa Saulnier

If you are a woman who needs help or advice in career planning, the Halifax Women's Network may be for you. Women may obtain professional advice and support from other Network members which can help them start new careers or make changes in existing ones.

"You can get 1,000 percent out of it (the Women's Network) if you know how to use it," says Gail Matthews, a Network member. "I have nothing but praise for the Network, it's great."

Matthews has been a member since 1984 and serves on the executive. Six months ago she opened an accounting firm and says the support she received from the other women greatly influenced this decision.

Terry Harnish, Women's Network president, agrees support is important. She has been involved with the organization since 1985 and credits it with helping her start a new career selling life insurance. Other members gave her the advice and encouragement she needed. "The members find psychological support there; something they don't always get at home or in the workplace," she says.

Founded in 1980, the network has approximately 250 members

between the ages of 20 and 70, five percent are students. Harnish says she'd like to see more students, she believes the network is an asset to them because they will soon be looking for jobs and will need support.

The Network is a non-profit organization. The women pay \$45 per year in membership fees. Students pay \$20. These fees are used to organize dinners and seminars, to publish a monthly newsletter and a directory of the members' names and phone numbers. The president and 17-member executive organize these activities and services.

Regular networking sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Sheraton Hotel in Halifax. The aim of networking is to give the women a chance to meet and discuss their jobs. Monthly seminars are also held covering issues varying from politics and health to financial planning. The next seminar will be held on Nov. 17 at the Holiday Inn in Halifax. Women in Politics will be the topic.

Members work together to help other women take initiative in their lives. They combine ideas to help each other. "We enjoy sharing what we know," says Harnish.



Meeting for society presidents

All society presidents are informed that a mandatory meeting will be held in the council chambers at 3 pm, Oct. 30. Executive Vice-President Rand Tilden has called this meeting.

New councillors predominantly male

by Cheryl O'Connell

Asked to do a story on the Student Union election, I figured it was a fairly ho-hum news story, right? Well, not exactly. See, there was an interesting characteristic to this election that made it into an intriguing event. Comments were rampant about the amazing percentage of male candidates running. Yes, folks, men were outnumbering women. At the Mount! Hmmm. This called for some serious investigative reporting. So I set out to find out what people thought about this phenomenon.

President of Student Union, Jan Thomas, was surprised but not alarmed. "There were a lot more guys coming up to me, asking me about the positions." However, this matters little to Thomas. Her concern lies not in whether the candidates are male or female, but in whether they are "individuals who are willing

to represent student body and work for council."

Conversely, Rod Benteau, one of the male candidates, had a few theories. "Girls, really, are more complacent. They look to the men for some strange reason. Generally speaking, women seem more likely to accept being led than to accept leadership." Benteau's views stem from the lack of female participation in classrooms, which he has observed firsthand. He thinks, perhaps, that girls can't shake the history that our society holds. Says Benteau, "Let's blame society."

Rick Collins, who mostly represents the average male Mount student, has a different idea. "The school, in general, has a lot of apathy. People don't want to get involved." This apathy is evinced by the eight percent voter turnout. He adds that women perhaps, have a "fear of the responsibility of the posi-

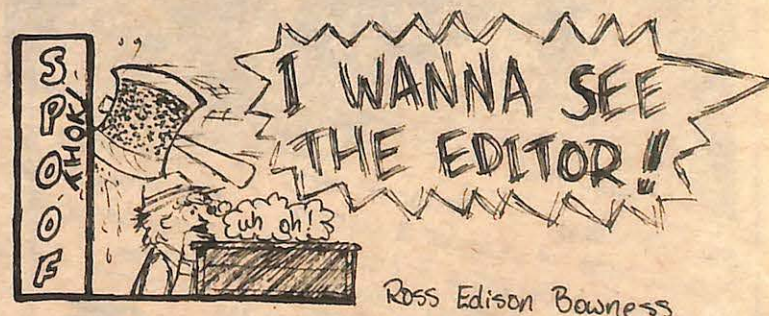
tions." Mostly, he thinks the guys are just making themselves known. Collins says, "It's one good way to let the university know how the males feel."

Karen Seaboyer, entertainment director, basically agrees with Collins. She feels "maybe males are trying to make a statement. Guys are perhaps trying to find their place because they've been feeling slighted by the female dominance."

Drawing from these four interviews, and other casual comments regarding this issue, the attitude seems to be a positive one. No one is complaining about the men. No women's libbers are committing political suicide. Perhaps it's an event that has just come about on its own. But then again, maybe male Mount students are planning a world takeover, and Student Union is only a take-off point. Who knows?

Election results

International Student Rep:	Laurie Anderson
Business Rep:	Stamos Sotiropoulos
Science Rep:	Naomi Martin
Public Relations Rep:	Andrew Macleod
Education Rep:	Andrew Moore
Academic Vice-President:	Rob Landry
Non-Residence Rep:	Andrew Chapman
Executive Vice-President:	Rand Tilden
Arts Rep:	Michelle Wade
Full-Time Senate Rep:	Karen Chilton



Portfolios: an individual statement

by Sandy Harrison

A portfolio — every public relations student knows that he or she should have one, should be updating it and should be taking it to job interviews. But what exactly is a portfolio and what is the proper format in presenting one?

On October 15, the PR Society held a Portfolio Workshop that answered these questions and many more. The two-hour workshop consisted of four guest speakers who gave their ideas about portfolios and presented their own as examples. Afterwards, an informal question period allowed people to look at the portfolios and ask specific questions.

The first speaker was Marjory Dunstan. She is in her final year at the Mount and will be graduating in December. She is a

Co-op student and her portfolio contained many work-term work samples. She emphasized that a portfolio is very individual and is for the owner first, and for the potential client or employer second.

The next speaker was Gina Brown. She is currently employed as a communications officer with Environment Canada. She graduated from the Mount in 1987 with the Co-op option. Her portfolio was filled with work-term work samples and samples from a part-time PR job with the Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council. She is also the winner of the International Association of Business Communicators 1987 Portfolio award. Brown explained that a portfolio begins with school assignments and *Picaro* stories and will grow as more skills and experi-

ence are gained.

The third speaker was Angela Murray. She graduated from the Mount in 1984 and was also a Co-op student. Now she is the National Director of Marketing for Doane-Raymond Chartered Accountants. She presented two portfolios to demonstrate certain changes. The first contained work-term samples and volunteer work. The second was more professional as it reflected the various types of skills she had acquired and perfected while in the work force.

Murray stressed that a portfolio is "a communication vehicle" and should communicate skills and abilities to the potential client or employer.

The last speaker was Bruce Robertson who has had a variety of work experience in advertising, journalism and public relations. Currently, he is the PR manager for McArthur and Asso-

ciates Advertising. He is also the president of the Atlantic Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). He said that a good portfolio should help the job-seeker advance beyond screening interviews, get the interviewer's attention and assure the potential client or employer that the needed skills and abilities are present.

All the speakers gave very helpful advice about portfolios: a portfolio is very individual and should contain the owner's best work. It should be constantly updated and presented in a clear, visually appealing manner.

A portfolio is the best way to sell yourself, therefore it should contain newsletters, press releases, graphic work, PSA's, magazine articles, third party endorsements, letters of reference and anything else that will prove the ability to communicate.

During interviews, have photocopies ready of work samples so that the interviewer does not need to keep the portfolio. In essence, the portfolio is used to communicate the skills and abilities that will be of use to the potential client or employer.

Unfortunately, none of the speakers, who were Mount graduates, were non-Co-op students. However, volunteer work was stressed, for profit and non-profit organizations, because it offers many opportunities to use PR skills. First-year students are encouraged to start working on their portfolios now: volunteer work, *Picaro* stories and school assignments can be used and faculty advisors can help with creating the portfolio.

The workshop was very interesting and helpful. It stressed the value of a portfolio, something that PR students should not forget.

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The two sides of Paul Card

by Ross Edison Bowness

The misconception possessed by much of MSVU's student population concerning their Student Council seems to be that there is an elite group sitting on their hands collecting salaries from tuition fees, Paul Card, the external vice-president proves it wrong. On many occasions MSVU's elected External Vice-President has put in a full day attending most of his classes and then working through the night to prepare papers and reports for and about the council.

Born in Windsor, NS, Paul Card has grown up to be a socially responsible citizen and a respected member of society. Although there are times when this pillar of democracy is not totally serious, such as the many times he has aided *Picaro* co-editor Jeff Mann in the mutilation of the newspaper's mascot, Paul Card has a lot of very serious concerns.

Card's major project at present concerns Vinnie's Pub. He is working toward a situation where there is more responsibility given to the student operators of the Pub and less administration involvement. The university holds the liquor licence and charges a fee for bringing in the liquor. Card says this is fine, but if administration's involvement was decreased, there are some costs that could be eliminated thus providing a higher profit margin which could be returned to the students.

Another topic of concern is the controversial Project One. Ten dollars of student union fees paid by full-time students goes to this project which Administration claims is beneficial to all of MSVU's students. Card's position on this is, "I don't like it, but it must be right due to popular consent." His basis for dislike is that there are



Paul Card, student union external VP

no restrictions on how this money is spent. There is no student control over Project One although student council approved it a few years ago with possibly a different idea in mind.

There is no set pattern to what Card will research and criticize where student welfare is concerned. He could be described as the Ralph Nader of student politics, but that would be silly. Let's just say that he is highly involved.

As stated before, Card is not always the serious councillor. Research for this profile was conducted in The Cutting Edge, the only office in student union with a nickname. Within the External V.P.'s cubicle are many different elements. There is a sagging filing cabinet filled with interesting facts on issues Card is pursuing. It should be mentioned here that Card is the chairman of the SUNS "year damn right we want a" buss pass committee. The rest of the office isn't so seriously decorated.

While there are bona-fide awards on the walls, most of the stuff in there is pure silliness. The dominant fixture is the Ten Penny Wall of Fame, devoted to foolishness of any sort. It is covered with "fish awards" for strange behaviour, Ten Penny Club history and notes, strange stuff from SUNS and CFS, the left arm of the *Picaro* mascot Wack the Frog, balloons and other unmentionables. Yet even the Ten Penny Club serves a purpose. While it isn't sanctioned by council due to their objection to its suggestion of alcohol consumption, the club has raised funds that have been donated to non-profit organizations and charities such as Christmas Daddies.

So the next time you feel that student council has no purpose other than to spend your money, remember this: Paul Card is just one member of this large group. Combined, student union does a more-than-adequate job of representing the student population's interest here at the Mount.

photo by Michelle Matlier

Parallel Conference conclusions

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Tougher economic sanctions against South Africa was the demand by representatives of the Parallel Commonwealth Conference held last week in Vancouver.

A communique drafted last week called on commonwealth delegates to impose "a comprehensive sanctions program."

John Graham, a conference organizer and OXFAM representative, said the Canadian government must be pressed to encourage other commonwealth countries to impose heavy sanctions.

Graham said the Canadian delegates may use Canada's role as host country and conference chair as an excuse not to push other countries to impose sanctions.

"We'll press the Canadian

government to move ahead. There is a 50/50 chance they will go ahead with more sanctions."

Graham said the federal government responded positively to the communique but discourages discussion of the clause calling for the reopening of constitutional negotiations with Canada's aboriginal peoples.

"Although (the government) didn't elaborate," said Graham, "the aboriginal clause was deemed utterly inappropriate."

The Parallel Conference communique also asks for a stronger Canadian role in Namibia and Angola. Although Canada has been involved in a five-nation contact group working with the United Nations, Graham said the group has been "totally stilted"

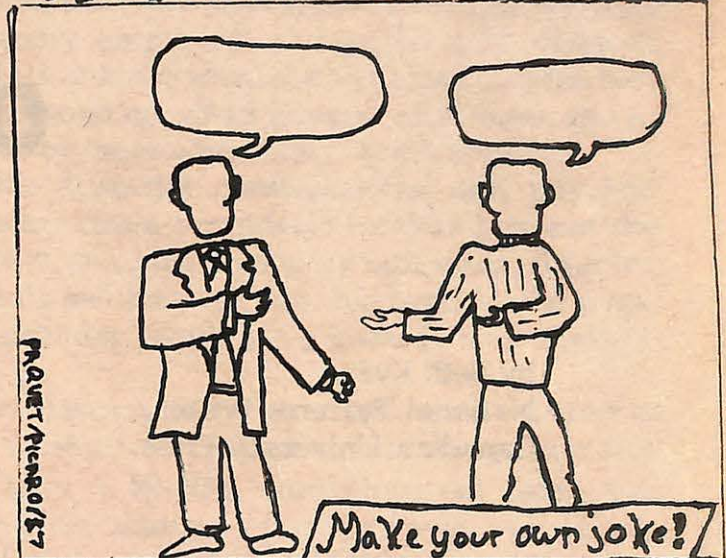
in dealing with South African aggression.

"(The contact group) has become a block to putting other pressure on South Africa," said Graham. "Canada has used that as an excuse to abstain from a number of votes on Namibia."

The Parallel Conference also called for increased material aid to the African National Congress and South Western African Peoples' Organization (SWAPO) and recognition of the governments in exile in South Africa and Namibia.

Balancing the demands of the different representatives has been a challenge, said Graham. "It has been a crash course in international diplomacy."

GENERIC GRAFIX



Society news

Public Relations

Public Relations Society elections for secretary and treasurer will be held Monday, October 26 outside SAC 304.

The society will be holding a membership drive from October 26 to October 30 outside SAC 304. Sweatshirts in white and navy will be sold for \$16 at this time. Also, PR students may pick up their free copy of the PR Student Directory.

Because of the success of the Portfolio Workshop, the society will show a video of this event sometime in November. Students interested in seeing it should sign their name and most convenient times on the sheet on the bulletin board.

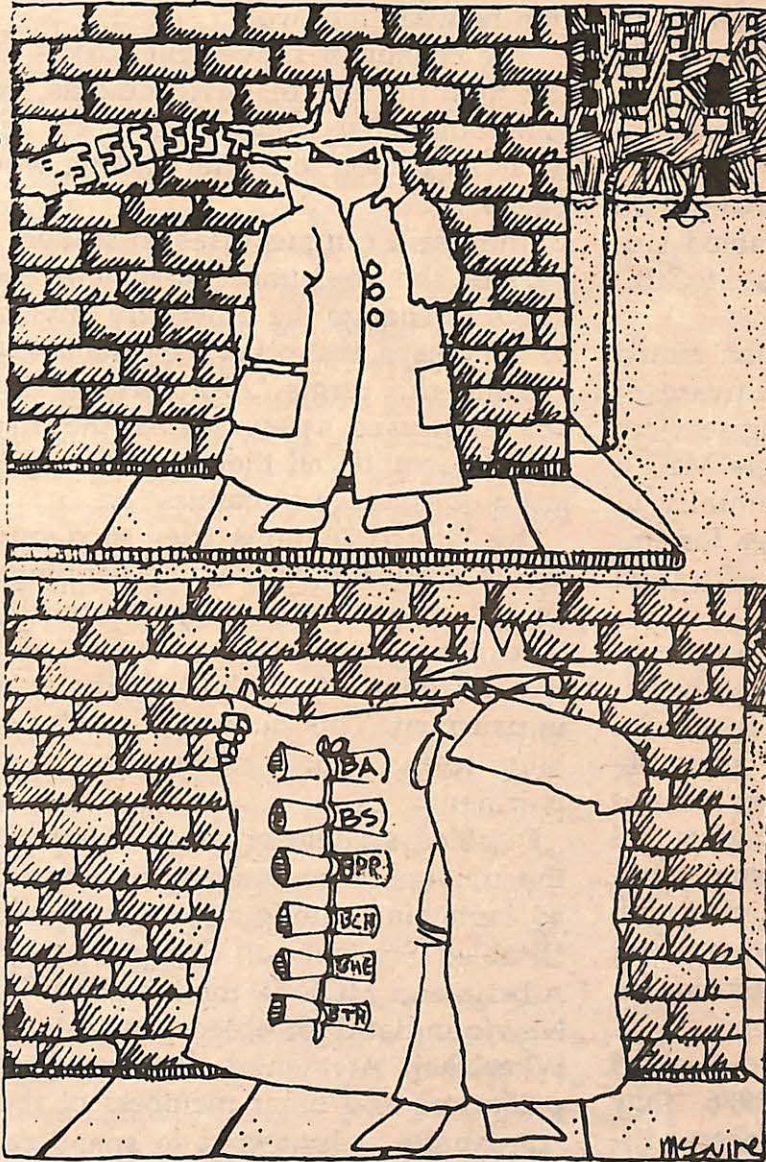
Marketing

The Marketing Society, in support of the Canadian Paraplegic Association, is sponsoring a fund-raising event called "Keep the Wheels Turning." Two students will walk 100 km from Truro to Halifax starting around 6 pm Oct. 26.

The Mount community is asked to donate to the fund-raiser, and each pledge secures one guess at the identity of the two mystery walkers. Both walkers are members of the Marketing Society. The first winning guess drawn will receive \$25.

Student handbook

The handbook will be available for distribution on October 27, 1987. They can be picked up at the Student Union office during business hours (9 am-4:30 pm). They will be available at the Seton front desk.



Chaplaincy

- The Mount Christian Fellowship meets Fridays at 3 pm in the Evaristus Chapel for prayer.
- The Student Christian Movement meets at 7:30 pm on Sunday evenings in the Don MacNeil room.
- Sundays at 6:30 pm in the Evaristus Chapel is the weekly

Catholic Mass. October 28 at 4:30 pm in the Evaristus Chapel will be an Anglican Holy Communion Service. Dates and times for future Anglican services are to be announced.

- A Twilight Get-Together is held each Wednesday at 9:30 pm

CFS and SMU reach agreement

HALIFAX (CUP)—Saint Mary's University and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) reached an out-of-court settlement this spring over disputed membership fees.

CFS was awarded \$8,000 from the original \$12,000 bill, which dates from the 1982-83 school year. The agreement was signed April 27.

According to Dave Hendsbee, student council president in 1982-83 and 1983-84, a referendum in March of his first term ordered a pull-out by over 60 percent.

Hendsbee said dissatisfaction with CFS services was expressed in the fall of 1983 but that the lobby group persuaded SMU to remain until the national conference.

"Membership was prolonged for their (CFS') convenience, to prove themselves," said Hendsbee, a management and marketing graduate.

CFS Chair Tony Macerollo said the council was obliged to forward already collected fees to the organization.

"But the principle is not the monetary amount," Macerollo added. "It's the financial stability of (this) organization at stake."

CFS' political wing functions as an umbrella lobbying group on education issues. Its service section includes the Travel Cuts agency and the discount Student Saver programme.

Hendsbee feels CFS overstepped its political mandate and didn't provide the services it advertised.

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NEADS makes university accessible to the disabled

by Beth Ryan
National Features Writer
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When Sam Miller began classes at McGill University in 1978, there were no handrails to help disabled students manoeuvre around the campus buildings and Miller said he had to practically crawl to class.

"After that experience, I vowed that I would do something to help the rest of the disabled students. That's why I work for Access McGill," Miller said.

Access McGill is a campus organization aimed at making the university community aware of the needs of the disabled and providing services to disabled students. Groups like Access McGill are helping the disabled student community to voice their concerns and work together for improved accessibility to post secondary education at the campus and national levels.

While there are 3 million disabled people in Canada, they are under-represented on university campuses due to the inaccessibility that is inherent in the system. Many campuses create obstacles for students in wheelchairs, class lectures are impossible for hearing-impaired students and libraries are impractical for the visually-impaired. These practical concerns are coupled with the attitude that post-secondary education is not a necessity for the disabled, making education an almost unattainable goal for them.

When disabled students, educators and disabled groups met in Ottawa November 1976, they wanted to identify the issues that concern disabled students and form an organization that could voice and act on these concerns. At this conference, the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) was established as "a national, consumer-controlled, cross-disability organization of and for students with disabilities, to advocate improved services on college and university campuses."

"NEADS operates on the premise that post-secondary education should be universally accessible for those who want it. So our job is to provide disabled students with information on how to get access and to inform service-providers how to best serve the disabled students," said Frank Smith, NEADS coordinator.

Smith said it is important to note that NEADS is a consumer group, not a rehabilitational service. He points to a working paper on Affirmative Action prepared by Yvonne Peters of the Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped (COPHO) which makes the distinction between the two.

"The consumer movement strives to influence the modification of environments, whereas rehabilitationalists concentrate upon adapting the disabled person to fit the existing world," writes Peters.

Smith said campus disabled student groups are part of the consumer movement because they strive to change the university environment and its handicaps, instead of the disabled student.

While the terms "disability" and "handicap" are often used as synonyms, the disabled community would call them antonyms. And it's not just a question of semantics.

The United Nations tries to debunk popular myths about the disabled by defining a handicap as "an environmental barrier resulting from a lack of supports and/or resources, or from negative attitudes." A disability is the actual physical impairment. This definition attributes inaccessibility to the society and not to the person's impairment.

Disabled student organizations try to sensitize the university community to these distinctions by launching public awareness campaigns. The Disabled Students on Campus at University of Alberta and MOD II, the Memorial University of Newfoundland disabled students group, held Wheelchair Awareness days last year. Students, professors and other members of the university community volunteered to spend one day in a wheelchair to make themselves aware of the obstacles faced by the disabled on campus. Access McGill staged an Awareness Week highlighted by a wheelchair basketball game between McGill's basketball team and a disabled team.

While educating the public is important for future improvement, disabled student groups realize that they have to meet the immediate needs of the students.

"Universities can create committees to look at the disabled but while they talk, the students have needs that have to be met," said Sam Miller.

"Our basic function is to help disabled students cope with life on campus. We help students get

to their classes and to read to blind students in class," said Pam Der II.

Densmore calls the "buddy system" since with an able-bodied student successfully since 1975. able-bodied volunteer group aimed specifically failed in 1975.

Miller said he valued able-bodied volunteers at McGill.

"I don't believe that I understand the needs of the disabled," Miller said.

But some campus groups differ from low participation. They would rather not join the stigma of the disabled.

"By the time I got to McGill, disabled students were teaching themselves as a disability," said Demianschuk, the president of the student association.

Sam Miller sees the need at McGill. "Disabled students are here because of the stigma of being disabled. It's really hard for students to think all the time."

Miller said that Access McGill would dissolve if he left, since he is interested in maintaining the group. Demianschuk said the group has temporarily folded and disabled students to participate in the group.

Demianschuk attributes the apathy to the disabled students to the disabled community. "A lot of students have been taught to want to be like everyone else, so now it is uncomfortable."

But when disabled students can often lobby the university to improve accessibility in the community. MOD II Memorial University of Newfoundland administered improvements and then completed a guide for accessible parking, lounges and study areas and on-campus transportation.

Miller said Access McGill is making the administration aware of the needs on campus but McGill is making it impossible for the administration to improve accessibility. Although a policy statement of services in January 1987 means that the equipment they need is being provided.

"Traditionally, disabled students go to Concordia, where they are better served," said Miller.

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each disability group and pointed out necessary
improvements to the post-secondary education
systems to accommodate these students. Hearing-
impaired students attempted to construct the
"perfect environment" for learning which in-
cluded faculty, staff, and technology geared to-
wards students with hearing problems. The dele-
gates recommended that universities budget for
sign language interpreters, tele-type machines for
the deaf, and computer print-out captioning for
lecture material as well as specialized personnel.

Learning disabled students have an "invisible"
disability which many people confuse with men-
tal retardation or extremely low intelligence.
Since most learning disabled students are of av-
erage or above average intelligence, delegates
suggested that universities need to develop
definitive diagnostic tests to detect disabilities
early, perhaps in high school. Then universities
can inform their professors on the special needs
of the learning disabled and modify course re-
quirements to accommodate them.

Visually impaired and blind students counted
improved access to brailled and taped publica-
tions and the establishment of a paid national
reader service as two projects that would make
post secondary education manageable. The CNIB
National Library and special libraries for the
blind at Trent University and the University of
British Columbia can presently provide inter-li-
brary loans for blind university students but it is
costly and often inefficient.

Mobility impaired students probably receive the
most public attention due to their visible
disabilities and they recommend improved
physical accessibility to universities which allows
them to integrate themselves into the academic
community. They were concerned that when
universities make an effort to accommodate the
disabled, they tend to specialize their programs
and facilities to one disability group, which limits
opportunities for students with other disabilities.

But the delegates also suggested general pro-
grams that would benefit all disabled students.
They strongly recommended a full-time
coordinator for disabled student services at each
university to look after the specific needs at a
particular campus.

At the University of Calgary, the coordinator
works to introduce disabled students to the cam-
pus and the services available to them. The posi-
tion was funded under a provincial government
grant but the coordinator's success has prompted
the administration to take on her salary once the
grant runs out.

Concordia's reputation as one of Canada's most
accessible schools is due in part to the efforts of
their full-time disabled student services coordi-
nator. Many attribute the high physical
accessibility and special services to the work of
coordinator Ann Kerby. She works with several
local and national disabled consumer groups to
address the needs of all disability groups.

But while coordinators make valuable contri-
butions to the post secondary education of the
disabled, they stress the involvement of the dis-
abled students themselves in improving accessi-
bility. For example, the University of Calgary dis-

abled services coordinator is trying to encourage
disabled students to take issues into their own
hands, instead of relying totally on the coordina-
tor.

Larry McCloskey, the coordinator for the dis-
abled at Carleton University, was active in the
formation of NEADS, the national disabled
student network because he thinks that the dis-
abled need to voice their concerns.

"In the true spirit of the consumer movement,
disabled students will represent themselves. As a
university employee who works with disabled
students, it has always seemed to me that the best
way to serve my client population is to ask and to
be told by those who know," said McCloskey.

While financial considerations and physical
obstacles create formidable barriers between the
disabled and post-secondary education, disabled
students feel they are most hindered by the nega-
tive attitudes people have towards their disabili-
ty.

"The chances for higher education decreases
with disability. The disabled are under-educated
and have a 80-90% unemployment rate. And
since their chances of getting jobs would im-
prove with education, it is more important that
disabled people get education than any other
group," said Frank Smith of NEADS.

While Smith said employment is one impor-
tant reason to improve access to education for
the disabled, he doesn't think it's the only rea-
son.

Disabled students often find themselves chan-
neled into a vocational program designed to
make them "productive" members of their soci-
ety. Counsellors with government education de-
partments often urge disabled students into mar-
ketable programs of study such as typing, welding
or another trade.

"Education for the disabled is often tied into
employment which benefits society but not nec-
essarily the disabled person," said Smith.

If disabled students want to study at the
university level, they are encouraged to take
commerce or education instead of a general arts
or science degree. They are rarely given funding
to study at the graduate level or to pursue a ca-
reer as an academic. University administrations
and governments give the disabled the distinct
impression that education for its own sake is a
luxury that they should not expect.

These attitudes make it increasingly important
for disabled students to take their education into
their own hands. The disabled student commu-
nity needs to keep fighting for accessibility. But
before educators and administrators will make
those changes to the learning environment, dis-
abled students have to make their needs well
known. The disabled community has to break
down the barriers their society has created out of
ignorance or fear by sensitizing people to the re-
alities of disabled life.

"NEADS" is not just an office in Ottawa. The
organization is run by a student board of direc-
tors which reflects the diversity of the organiza-
tion itself. There are representatives of all the
different regions of Canada and from all
disability groups," said Frank Smith.

"Large groups like NEADS can do a lot but stu-
dents on particular campuses need to get together
and tell people what they need," said Frank
Smith.

U of T faculty appointment policy guilty of reverse discrimination?

TORONTO (CUP)—As the final wording for proposed amendments to the University of Toronto's faculty appointment policy is being hammered out, several professors are charging that the changes give an unfair advantage to women.

The U of T Faculty Association (UTFA) first proposed last May that the university establish a new hiring process designed to increase the number of women faculty be established. In departments in which there is an imbalance between male and female faculty members, the most qualified member of the under-represented sex would be hired unless the member of the other sex is "demonstrably better."

Michael Marrus, a history professor, said the policy introduces non-academic criteria into a decision that should be based on academic qualifications. He said the new policy would, in fact, constitute reverse discrimination.

"We must hire the woman in every case unless the man is demonstrably better. What is really understood by 'demonstrably better' is that if you are going to hire a male candidate, he has to be proven to be considerably better. If that's the case, we are in an unfair situation," said Marrus.

But according to UTFA President Fred Wilson, the amendments are a response to what has become "systemic prejudice" in the university hiring practices. Women make up less than 20 percent of the faculty members at Ontario universities.

"U of T has long had the ideal of hiring the best—where best means academically best," said Wilson. "That is supposed to mean that it's gender-blind. We know, in fact, that it has not been."

"Requiring people to give reasons (for their choice of candidate) is a way of asking them to reflect very carefully on the reasons they are giving. It is a provision to make the policy more fair than it is now."

Under the proposed policy, search committees must include members of both sexes, and when this is not possible, a non-voting "equity assessor" will be a part of the committee. This provision was made to combat sexual discrimination that is sometimes a factor in interviews.

Wilson said that search committees must complete a questionnaire on the applicants and their qualifications with much more pointed questions than in previous questionnaires. The questions will be carefully constructed to reveal any subtle discrimination that might happen.

Thomas Pangle, a political science professor, said the new guidelines will just confuse the process.

"I think it means more bureaucratic interference by people who are not qualified to judge," he said.

Marrus was quick to point out that opponents of the amendments are taking a stand against discrimination, not against women.

"I think it's extremely important to note that we who oppose the policy are not making a stand against women at U of T,"

he said. "On the contrary, I see myself standing for the principle of equality."

Although the faculty association has agreed in principle to the proposed amendments, they will not take effect until they are approved by the university's governing council.

Native students must rally

TORONTO (CUP)—A national organization of native university students may be the next step in fighting the recent withdrawal of federal funding for Indian education.

Gerry Trudeau, the national commissioner of indigenous affairs for the Canadian Federation of Students, said native students need to organize on a large scale to have more clout.

"We can speak as a whole, not just as one person from one university," said Trudeau.

Trudeau said so far in Ontario, only Lakehead, Laurentian and Carleton Universities and Algoma College have established campus native groups. He said at most universities there are not enough native students to establish ongoing support groups, so the national organization will take a while to form.

"It's going to take a couple of years. It's not something you

can do in a month or so," he said.

Trudeau conducted a seminar on problems unique to native university students at the Northern Ontario Students Conference held in Thunder Bay October 10-12.

He said that when native Indians and Inuit travel to a distant university to attend school, "they are not familiar with non-native ways and have just come from a reserve-type setting. There's no native association or people that they can talk to. They're just like foreign stu-

dents."

Trudeau said of the estimated 12,000 native students enrolled in the federal government's post secondary education assistance programme, many will drop out because they are too isolated from their native communities.

Meanwhile, the federal department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has for the first time put an unexpected limit on funds for native education, leaving native students across the country enrolled in courses they are unable to afford.

Peltier suffers racial injustice

SASKATOON (CUP)—Amnesty International considers him a political prisoner. The FBI says he is a threat to national security.

Sixty Members of Parliament, 55 United States Congressmen, four Nobel Prize Winners, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of Canterbury and nearly 20 million others have asked that he get a new trial.

His name is Leonard Peltier and he is a Lakota Indian serving two consecutive life sentences in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in Kansas.

Peltier, a leading member of the American Indian Movement, was convicted in 1977 for the murder of two FBI agents during a gunfight at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation two years earlier.

The US Administration has since admitted that evidence in his trial had been falsified, but Peltier has not been granted a retrial and no serious inquiry into FBI wrong-doing has been undertaken. Significantly, some of this false evidence was also used to secure Peltier's extradition from Canada where he fled to after the Pine Ridge incident.

Peltier's plight has not gone unnoticed. In December last year, he was awarded the International Human Rights Prize by the Human Rights Commission of Spain. In April, Jim Fulton (MP Skeena) tabled a private member's bill to revoke the extradition and bring Peltier back to Canada. It has yet to come to a vote.

In an effort to support the bill, the International Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Tour is crossing Canada, speaking on the situation of South African and Native American political prisoners.

The face of a nation



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Art's Pond

by Steve Jennex

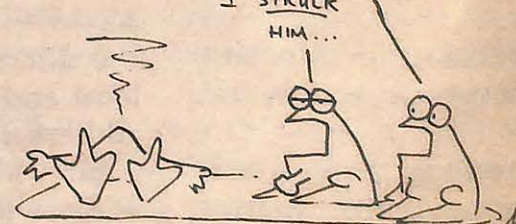
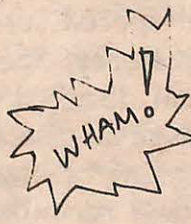
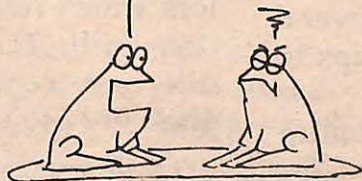
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Skidazzle: a temptation for all skiers

by Libby Brown

It was a skier's dream last weekend as more than 65 exhibitors gathered at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax to create the largest ski shop ever in Atlantic Canada. Skidazzle, sponsored by Ski Wentworth and C-100 radio featured ski shops, ski hills, ski manufacturers and a skiwear fashion show.

Skidazzle gave skiers, and non-skiers, the chance to find out what's available for the upcoming season, all under one roof. The ski shops from the metro area were all there, and the ski hills represented were from Maine, Quebec and the Maritimes. The skier is given the chance to see the variety available and to do some comparison shopping.

"It's great to see everything all at once. You can choose your skis or your vacation or do both," says Allan Lynk, a customer who describes his skiing as "advanced average."

For the experienced skier, there were movies, such as Warren Miller's "Beyond the Edge", playing constantly, doorprizes, and tips on improving your skiing from the industry's best—the

Canadian Ski Instructor's Alliance.

For the beginner, there were special introductory doorprizes and offers, such as the Labatt's Skiing is Believing program. This program began in the Maritimes last year, and is now offered at all major ski hills in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Skiing is Believing encourages the beginner by offering a \$15 package of equipment rental, lesson and day lift pass.

The idea behind the program is for beginners to be comfortable trying the sport.

"Beginners have many negative perceptions about skiing, they think they have to be very athletic or a jock. With the Skiing is Believing package, they get equipment that is right for them, and a two hour lesson in a group of other beginners," said Lynn Ainsworth, Labatt representative for the program.

"They discover that even the learning and falling down is fun," said Ainsworth. More than 6,100 people participated in the Skiing is Believing program last year in the Maritimes and many continued to ski.

With numbers like that increasing the already large skiing population in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, many ski hills

looked for the best way to move the skiers up the hill. The answer was the "quad chair", a chairlift that carries four at once. Five ski hills in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have installed a quad chair this season.

"It's been in the back of everyone's mind for a couple of seasons", explained Bob Edey, manager of Ski Wentworth. "Once one moves on it, then everybody does. The number of

skiers has been growing every year and the quad moves them faster." Edey credits a good season in 1986-87 for the reason that everyone did it at once. "Everybody made a little money last year. It's not a great money making business, but last season had good snow and was long," he said.

For those who missed the Skidazzle, it's not too late to find out what the 1987-88 ski

season has to offer. The Provincial Departments of Tourism in each province have books available on all ski hills, accommodations and package deals. The ski shops represented at Skidazzle were Sports Experts, Cleve's Sporting Goods, The Sporting Edge, Aerobics First, the Trail Shop and Dave Wilson's Ski Shop in Truro. All shops have pre-season specials continuing through October.

'For the Run of It' is a success

by Claudine Fougere

"For the Run of It" was a great success numberwise, according to Peggy Boudreau, coordinator of the event. 160 participants compared to 120 last year, ran, jogged and walked the five and ten kilometre courses.

The A/R department would like to thank all sponsors including: Sports Experts, Ben's Bakery, Pepsi, Farmers Dairy and Advanced Screen Printing. All participants are reminded to turn in

their sponsored pledges as soon as possible.

Run Highlights

- MSVU women's cross country team won the event with Melanie Claude, Pattie Strople and Alison Sarty placing in the top three respectively
- Melanie Claude of MSVU won the women's 5km event in 22:51:79
- Kevin Nettle, top MSVU men's finisher came fourth in the 5 km event with a time of 23:12:61

- In the 5km event, 32 of the 84 female participants were Mount athletes; six of the 24 male participants were MSVU athletes
- Alan Havell and Claudine Fougere were the only Mount athletes to participate in the 10km event
- Six staff members took part in the Run
- The Women's Soccer and basketball teams had the most athletes present



A scene from the 1987 AIR "For the Run of It" road race and fun run

Intramurals are a great way to make friends

by Karen Wells

Are you interested in fun, exercise and socializing? Well, intramurals at the Mount are the solution for you. The intramural program is designed for all students, residence and off campus, to come out and participate.

Intramurals offer numerous non-competitive activities including co-educational volleyball and basketball, men and women's volleyball, men's ball hockey and, new to the program this year, women's sockey hockey.

While many students may feel they are out of practice when it comes to sports, Joanne Burns-Therriault said, "Intramurals is a non-competitive sport with emphasis placed on having fun."

"Intramurals is a great opportunity to meet new friends, work as a team and to socialize," said Burns-Therriault. She stressed the importance of extra-curricular activities in student life and said

intramurals is a great way of sampling what is available at the Mount.

While intramural participation is greater this year than in past, Burns-Therriault emphasized she would like to see more students participating, especially in women's sockey hockey.

Sockey hockey, similar to floor hockey, is designed to encourage residence students to participate. It is the only intramural sport which is held at Vincent Hall, thus making accessibility easier for students. It was initially held on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., but as of next week, sockey hockey will be held Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

While enthusiasm for sockey hockey at the beginning of the school year was great, it has rapidly declined in the past couple of weeks. Mount student Cheryl O'Connell said, "we have gone from 12 girls the first week to only four this week." She

added, "we've tried everything we can to get girls out and we can't do anymore. It's no longer up to the athletics department; it's up to the residences themselves."

O'Connell, who regularly plays sockey hockey said, "I don't get much exercise so sockey hockey keeps me alive and out of a rut." She encourages all students to come out and play and ensures others that the sport is strictly for fun. O'Connell

said, "Unfortunately, people are apathetic about it."

Also new to the intramural program is men's volleyball. This sport, unlike sockey hockey, has been quite successful. Burns-Therriault is very pleased with the turnout but would still like to see more men come out and organize a small league. However, she realizes the program is still new and there's room for growth.

If you are interested in becoming involved in campus activities, you can join the Recreation Council or participate in any of the intramural activities. There is no better way to have fun, at no cost, get fit and relax. Burns-Therriault stressed, "the intramural program is for you, the students, so show your school spirit and enthusiasm by participating in the program. Remember, it's a great way to make friends."



Ongoing Events

Come on out for Women's soccer on Sunday, Oct. 25, 1987 M.S.V.U. vs N.S.A.C. 1 p.m. and Wed., Oct. 28, 1987 M.S.V.U. vs T.U.N.S. 4:30 p.m. at the Commons.

The Ritz presents an athletic

clothing and footwear sale on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 22 and 23 at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in front of M.P.R. Come catch a deal!

Intramural Sockey Hockey takes place on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Vincent Hall. All women are welcome!

Yuk Yuk's debut at 42nd Street

by Katrina Aburrow

The L.B.R. in the Lord Nelson used to be the home of the Yuk Yuk's line of comics, but the talent from Canada and the United States will now be featured at 42nd Street. The grand opening on Thursday, Oct. 15 was a big success with talent like Jay Jacobsen, Pat Bullard, Gordon Paynter, and the owner Mark Breslin.

The club opened on Oct. 2 last year to a full house and is still packing them in. Yuk Yuk's proved to be so popular that it moved to its present location. The L.B.R. was a test market which worked because Halifax/Dartmouth patrons are more than willing to support a comedy club.

There are 13 clubs in Canada with another in Rochester, NY. Breslin started the clubs in Toronto when he saw a chance for giving struggling comedians a place to perform. It used to cost only \$1 to get in, but it grew quickly to today's cover charge of up to seven dollars, depending on the show time. Although it began as a place to give new comics a chance to practice their skills it has grown to be one of the largest comedy chains in the world and has changed the profession in Canada.

"It has changed since the early days when everything possible happened to me. I once had a gun pulled on me in Calgary," he explained. "Many years later when Yuk Yuk's opened there, the big jerk had enough nerve to call and ask to be put on the complimentary ticket list."

Comedians no longer need to fight with the audience or club owners because there is another alternative. In Canada Yuk Yuk's

is the only place to go if a comic wants to make it big. Part of the chain's purpose is to farm out talent from larger centres to smaller ones while giving small area talent a chance to reach bigger audiences.

There was a comedy boom in 1981 which has continued to grow. Other business people could try to tap this market, but Breslin is not concerned. "I wouldn't want to compete with me," he said. "The boom has not peaked yet. When there's a comedy club in Truro you'll know that it's peaked."

Breslin is so busy that he has enough frequent flyer points to fly on the next space shuttle, but he can still find room for more work. "Lately, I haven't been doing The Late Show so my work has eased up. But something should come up to replace that in the next couple of months," he said.

He has a hectic lifestyle which he says others would consider a toxic way of life. He describes his life as nothing but an orgy of phone calls, however it is obvious that he understands his markets. He has made mistakes in other cities, but has learned with each failure. "It didn't work out in Victoria because we thought that the newly weds would get sore. In Buffalo N.Y. the people are too stupid, although it might work if combined with bowling," he said. "I tried a club in Montreal a long time ago. It was my fault because I tried to do it too big, but I guess you learn."

His success formula works because he recognizes his audience and gives them what they are looking for. "Everyone predicted doom when I started out, but I knew my market. The delivery is sophisticated and yuppies or

college educated young people eat it up," he said.

The crowd at the opening was small but filled the rejuvenated stock room with laughter. The room at 42nd Street is about half the size of the L.B.R. with a higher ceiling and a classier atmosphere. It isn't as smoke filled or dingy and the brick walls are a definite improvement over gyprock.

Luckily the talent has not changed. Local talent, Jay Jacobson was wonderful doing his Star-Trek impression. You have to see this recasted version to

really appreciate the old star-trek characters. Pat Bullard was great in his act which centred around what society would call a handicap, his blindness. However he uses it to his advantage. I liked when he said he wanted to do a survey and then told us not to raise our hands. The last comic, Gordon Paynter, was not only extremely attractive, but extremely funny. It was interesting to hear his explanations of everyday sayings.

Of course the MC, Breslin, was his usual hilarious self. He talked about getting laid, being a

Jew boy, and made fun of those who had enough guts to sit in good front row seats. The participants up front were good sports and definitely received their fair share of attention.

If anyone would like to write to him, Breslin would more than appreciate it. After appearing as one of Canada's most eligible bachelors in the last year's Flare, Breslin grew to appreciate fan mail. "I got lots of letters although most were illegible and in crayon. I will reply, but it depends on the colour of the crayons; green is a turn off."

Yello - something different

by Chris Gallant

If you're looking for something different to listen to, here is a very new and completely different album to try out.

Yello, a Swiss-based duo, definitely has a new approach to music with their latest release *One Second*. It may take you a little longer to soak in the scenes of this cinematic approach to "soundscapes". Yello's concepts and methods of execution originate in film. Both members, Boris Blank and Dieter Meier, have had a diverse history including film production.

Settle back and soak in some Yello and soon you'll find yourself walking into the middle of a compelling mystery film. The music is technically superb, the sound is rich, synthetic and heavy in percussion. The cuts are variant, ranging from technopop and Indian chants to dreamy sensual vocals with a European flavour. Oh Yeah is the first

song to bring Yello to widespread attention, making its debut in the film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Also featured on this album is *Goldrush* and *Call It Love*, both are on the German national top 20.



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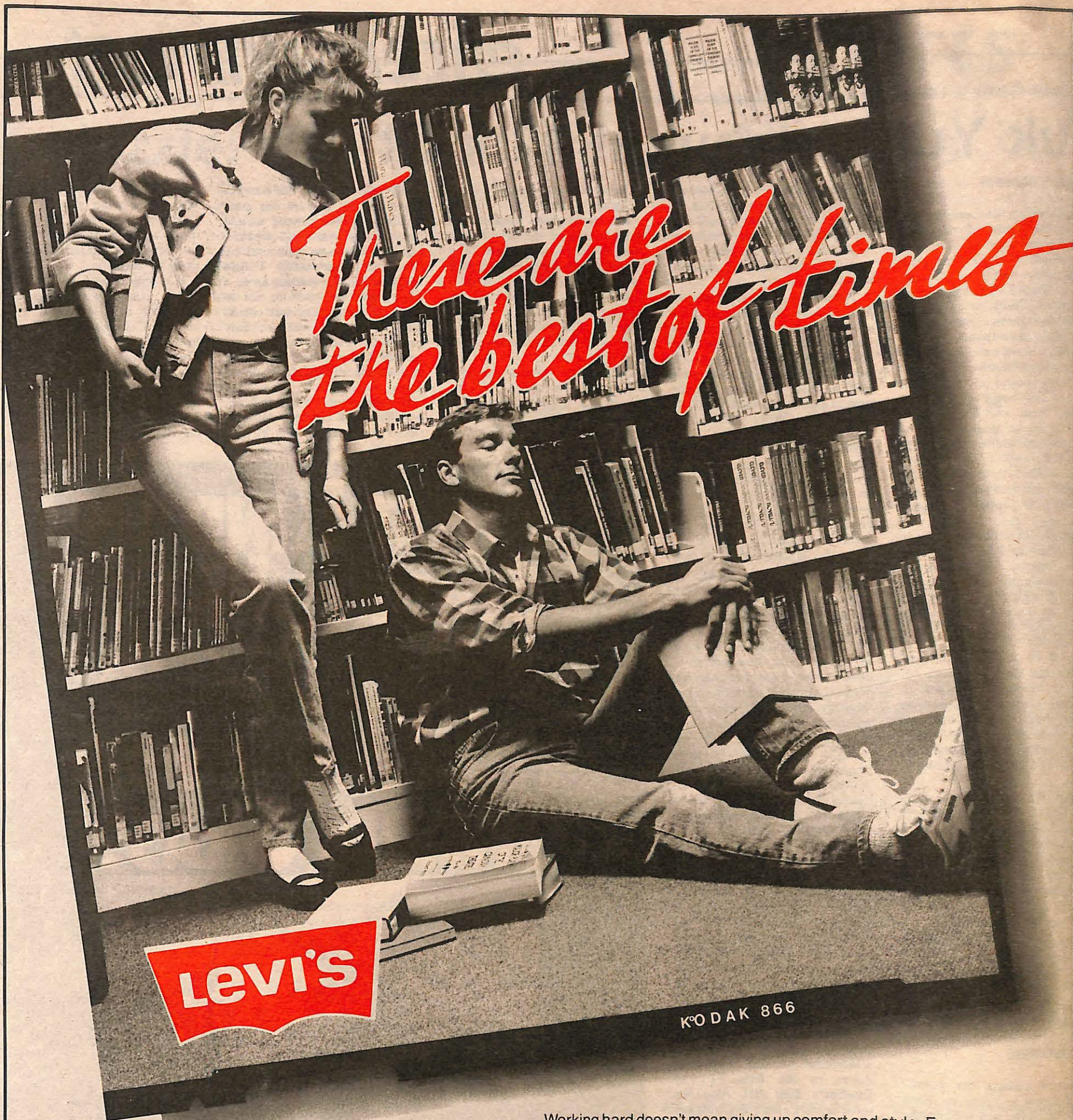


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