

SMU STUDENTS RESIST 1.5 REGULATION

HALIFAX (CUP)--

The student union of Saint Mary's University is battling a senate ruling that bars students with poor academic standings from participating in extra curricular activities.

The university passed the controversial regulation last spring which blocks students which receive a grade point average of less than 1.5 (C-) from participating in varsity sports, serving on university committees or bodies or holding office in any student

organization.

The Saint Mary's Student Representative Council (SRC), is circulating a petition condemning the ban. SRC president Mike McNeil said the council views the move as "an infringement on the rights of students to be actively involved in campus life."

Victor Katano, a faculty member who is in support of the regulation, said Saint Mary's has a poor academic reputation.

He said "the ban is necessary. The students should realize they're here to be educated."

McNeil said the image of Saint Mary's has mainly been noted for its sports teams although the university has no formal athletic program. Its academic performance has been criticized by faculty members leaving to accept jobs at high paying institutions.

McNeil said the image of Saint Mary's as a "jock

university" is invalid. Only a small percentage of students on academic probations, he said, are involved in outside activities.

SMU academic regulations currently allow applicants of grade point average of less than 1.5 to be admitted. If the student's average has not improved after the first year of study, he is placed on academic probation.

The participation ban prevents students in this position

from participating in campus activities. Peter March, SMU director of student services, said the university is trying to build a better academic reputation.

But he said it is a mistake for the university to think the 1.5 ban will induce students to work any harder.

McNeil said one of the SRC's main objectives is to rid the campus of the ban. He said the SRC has the support of the National Union of Students against the move.



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"Women unite

Reclaim the night"

Women Reclaim the Night

"We want walks without jocks
We want streets without creeps"

by Kathrin Thomsen
Staff Reporter

Protesting violence, sexual assault, battering, work harassment and other issues of concern to all women, 150 women marched the streets of Halifax on Saturday evening, chanting and singing.

The march, under the slogan **Reclaim The Night** started at A Woman's Place at 1225 Barrington Street, where it was organized. Its major goals were to protest against violence against women and for public notice but also to give concerned women a feeling of support and psychological security for walking the streets at night.

The organizers purposely did not get a police permit or ask for police protection as the goal of the march was to give those marching a feeling of security at walking the streets at night, by themselves. No woman walking alone at night has a policeman trailing along beside her. Also for this reason, males were not allowed to march. Nevertheless, the police were naturally there in the form of a shadow.

The march itself was so successful that the original planned route was expanded, and apart from the usual verbal abuse and whistling, there were no major incidents.

After the march, a party was held at "A Woman's Place" for all who wished to attend.

"It was terrific! A wonderful feeling to be out in the streets with other women,

walking in areas we are otherwise not happy to be in alone," Pat Dingle, one of the organizers of the march and a volunteer worker at A Woman's Place said.

She said that this feeling was shared by all and people were reluctant to leave the party when it ended.

The Reclaim The Night march is traditionally held on August 2nd, starting approximately five years ago in Europe. There have been many all over the world.

A Woman's Place, a drop in centre for women has been open for two years. It is, as the name suggests, a place where women can go to talk about their problems, or where they can get information concerning women's issues.

It gives out pamphlets concerning issues of interest and a pamphlet was made especially for Reclaim The Night.

The information is shocking.

"One woman in three is sexually assaulted in her lifetime."

"More than 90 percent of working women are harassed on the job." These are just a few of the examples listed in the pamphlet.

Dingle said A Woman's Place encourages women to drop in, have a cup of coffee and talk to the women involved there. Even if they don't have a specific problem but are concerned or if they just need someone to talk to,

"We will be having a meeting for all those interested on Sunday, October 5, 1980 at A Woman's Place, 1225 Barrington Street at 7:30 p.m. and we'd like to encourage people to drop in."

A Woman's Place receives some government funding but relies mainly on fund-raising projects. The money for the advertising of the march came from a fund-raising concert with Rita MacNeil, held on

August 4th at the Grafton Street Cafe.

Women, organized through A Woman's Place also marched in the Halifax Natal Day and the Dartmouth Natal Day parades, and the same banners were used on Saturday night.

A Woman's Place works closely together with Byrny House, though not officially connected, as both places are concerned with the same issues. Very often women are referred to Byrny House through A Woman's Place.

SAVARY QUIT

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

The Student Union secretary, Nancy Savary, resigned her position early last week after negotiations with Stu-

dents' Council over her terms of reference broke down. The negotiations had been ongoing for several months.

"I quit because I really thought I wasn't treated fairly



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Page Two and You is The Picaro's new, weekly information column. News of entertainment events at the Mount, announcements of meetings of the Union, Council or any societies or clubs, and public service announcements from relevant community services will be carried on this page each week.

Societies, clubs and interested community organizations who wish to place an announcement on this page may do so free of charge. The event announced must be of relevance or interest to the Mount community and the organization must be non-profit.

Submissions must be typed and double-spaced and must reach The Picaro office in Rosaria Hall by noon Friday for publication the following Tuesday.

"G. R. O. P. E."

(Getting Realistic Occupational Plans Early)

Do career plans have you groping in the dark? The Counselling Service is planning to shed some light on the subject with a four-session "G.R.O.P.E." group, which will meet on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., starting October 14.

The program is designed to get you moving by highlighting your interests and abilities, exploring the job market, and integrating this information into alternative routes for getting where you want to go.

Polish up your career plans! The year may be brighter if you glimpse some career lights at the end of the academic tunnel. Drop in and register at the Counselling and Student Services offices in Rosaria Centre or phone 443-4450, Local 358/359.

DRAMA CLUB FORMING

The birth of the M.S.V.U. Drama Club is well underway. The club will be under the direction of Dr. Patrick O'Neill, and it will have its first organizational meeting Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in room 345. Possible plays that may be performed this year are "Dracula" and "Godspell". Come to the discussion and audition! All interested persons (especially males) are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Last year the Nova Scotia Museum played host to some 13,000 school children who took part in its school class program. Planning for this year's program is nearly complete. Over 15 different classes will be offered and will include such topics as whales, life in a tidepool, fossils, pioneer life and Mic-mac material culture.

The classes are conducted by volunteers, men and women who give half a day a week from October to May. They are trained in a two week period at the end of September.

Anyone who is interested in helping in this program should call Pat Hayward at 429-4610 for more information.

TRANSLATE PLEASE

Professeur Neil Boucher, Directeur du Centre acadien de l'Université Sainte-Anne: L'histoire de Port-Royal, le mardi 25 novembre 1980, salle SAC 305.

HELP LINE

If you have ever needed someone — anyone — and reached out and found no one there; if there have been times when you just had to know the number of an agency, but could not find anyone who knew; if you remember a time when you needed to know how to spell 'eudemonism' for a late night term paper, but could find no one to ask — you should know that there is one place where all these (and many more!) situations can be accommodated.

Help Line, a twenty-four hour, seven day a week counselling, information and referral telephone service has been in operation for more than ten years. The telephones are staffed around the clock by trained volunteers. Volunteers represent all populations, and give freely of their time to assist others in the community.

Logistics indicate that to offer an ongoing service capable of responding to every need, a certain constant number of bodies are required. (Afterall, people are needed to provide the answers to questions!) To meet this end, the Help Line is sponsoring a training programme for new volunteer Line-workers. Prospective candidates must be familiar with the Metro area, possess communication skills, be willing to endorse a minimum of one year commitment, and participate in the three week training schedule.

The oncoming training programme is limited to thirty persons, and will include sessions covering alcoholism and drugs, family breakdown and marital problems, communication, and loneliness/depression/suicide. Anyone wishing more information and/or an application form must contact the Volunteer Bureau/Help Line office (422-2048 / 422-6864) before September 27th. All inquiries are welcome.

AT THE GALLERY

The Mount gallery's Wednesday lunch hour film program shows the film on the British artist J.M.W. Turner, *The Rebel Angel*, October 1 at 12 and 1 p.m. Call 443-4450 for further details.

The Mount gallery's weekend film program shows the film on the British artist, J.M.W. Turner, *The Rebel Angel*, Saturday October 4 and Sunday October 5 at 2 p.m. Call 443-4450 for further details.

CCLOW CONFERENCE

The Education Connection, a national conference on learning opportunities for women, is expected to be the largest of its kind ever held in Canada. Co-sponsored by Mount Saint Vincent University and the Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women, it will be held October 17th to 19th at the Mount campus.

The conference marks the mid-point of the UN Decade for Women and will examine the connection between women, their learning opportunities and their economic, social and political status in today's world. Recommendations will be made to government and national organizations based on conference findings said conference co-ordinator, Dr. Janet Eaton.

"Workshops will be aimed at unionized women, low-income women, women reentering the labour force and many others. We hope to examine the learning needs of women who have perhaps been previously overlooked," she said. To insure participation by low-income women, financial assistance has been obtained from the Continuing Education Section of the Nova Scotia Education Department.

The conference is expected to have strong representation from French as well as English Canada with prominent French Canadian women to address the proceedings including Louise Harel, Vice-president of the Parti Quebecois and Lucie Pepin, Vice-president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Among those addressing the English sessions will be Dr. Berit As, Member of the Norwegian Parliament and social psychologist and Dr. E. Margaret Fulton, President of Mount Saint Vincent University.

Funds for translation services have been provided by the Department of the Secretary of State.

Workshop sessions will examine sexism in education, women reentering the labour force, learning opportunities in unions, drug dependency, organizing women, women educators as agents of change, training programs for low-income women and other areas related to women and their learning opportunities.

For further information contact the Centre for Continuing Education, Mount Saint Vincent University 443-4450, Ext. 243.

Men's Ice Hockey

The first practice of the Men's ice hockey team will be held at the Devonshire Arena on October 7 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. All interested persons wanting to play are invited to attend. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the ice rental.

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

The slide-tape show "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?" will be shown Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Room 316. Sponsored by the Student Christian Movement, all are welcome to attend.

I.D. Cards

Students Identification card pictures will be taken Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 in the Student Union Office in Rosaria Hall.

Toastmistress Club

Introductory Meeting for a Toastmistress Club will be held October 1 at 12 noon in 504 Seton.

"Toastmistress focuses on one of life's most exhilarating challenges... the improvement of the individual. Join Toastmistress and prepare yourself to move ahead in business, public life and in your personal life. Boundless possibilities exist for you today and Toastmistress can help you to step into these new vistas with confidence."

Microwave Ovens Demonstration

In the Clothing Lab Two, 3rd floor Evaristus on Tuesday, September 30 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

LECTURE SERIES

The European Invasion will be the topic of the open lecture series *The History of Ethnic Groups and Minorities in Nova Scotia* at 12 noon at the Halifax City Regional Library, 5381 Spring Garden Road Tuesday, October 7, a discussion related to this lecture will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at 12 noon. All welcome.

Budget Management Workshop

"How to stretch your dollar with the school year." Thursday, October 2 at 12 noon in 505 Seton.

Time Management Workshop

"I seem to have so much time on my hands but nothing gets done." If this applies to you, why not attend a time management workshop! Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 p.m., Vincent main lounge. Wednesday, October 1, 4 p.m., Assisi 2nd floor lounge. Thursday, October 2, 4 p.m., Evaristus 3rd floor lounge.

Chaplaincy

All resident students are invited to Chapel at Ten every Monday from 10:00 - 10:15 in Evaristus Chapel.

Protestant Communion Service

A Protestant communion service will be held on **Worldwide Communion Sunday**, October 5th, at 4:30 p.m. in Evaristus Chapel. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving

An ecumenical service of Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday, October 9th at 4:30 p.m. in Evaristus Chapel followed by a special Thanksgiving dinner in Rosaria Cafeteria.

Musicians Required

If you play a musical instrument and are interested in taking part in chapel services, please contact Joan Chard, Protestant Chaplain, Student Services, Rosaria, local 354/357 or at 443-4934.

YOGA ANYONE?

The Kripalu Yoga Society, a non-profit organization, is offering classes in yoga, meditation, and personal development at their new premises in the Green Lantern Building, 1585 Barrington Street. Classes begin the first week in October. Call 429-1750 for further information.

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ASSISI DONS UNIQUE TO MT. HISTORY

by Sandy Spencer
Staff Reporter

A unique thing occurred at the Mount in the Housing Department this year. For the first time, a married couple applied for and won the positions of Dons in Assisi Hall.

Francine and Roger Godin began their duties September 1 along with the other residence employees. They took occupancy of the third floor apartment in Assisi Hall.

The advertisement that prompted them to apply stated that Mount Saint Vincent University was looking for Dons. "Dons, in the plural," said Francine. "We applied, handed in our resumes, and then were asked for an interview."

Roger states that, "The key fact (in being hired) was that we were a couple. It wasn't that I was a male."

Roger and Francine do not foresee any problems with the fact that Roger is a male Don. "We were hired as a couple," he said. "If there were any problems, I would go up on the floor with Francine or with an R.A. I would do the latter only if Francine were not around, because I respect women, and I hope that these women will respect me."

Francine added, "If he were to go up on the floor as a man, then, no. But he goes on the floor as a Don, a member of the couple hired. It's the positions that we hold as Dons that is more important than the fact that he is a male in

residence."

Neither Roger nor Francine believe that there should be male visiting privileges in residences. "We both came from a university that had these, and saw the problems that can take place."

The Godins enjoy all the privileges of home in their apartment, including being allowed male visitors. However, they stated that they have definite guidelines laid down for these male visitors, one of which is no wandering through the building.

The Godins said that they feel there is a big advantage to having a couple as Dons. "The girls really have a choice of whom they wish to speak to. If

they want to speak to a chaplain, a single woman, or a young married couple, there are all three here."

"We like to think that because we are a young married couple, there may be some problems that we may have had experience with," says Francine.

As for reactions towards Roger being a Don, they say there has been little, if any, negative ones. They find that people want to talk to them about the situation.

"I don't consider it (being a male Don) an issue. As far as I'm concerned, being a male, there's no problem. It's people that attach the stigma of me being a 'male in residence'

that may cause the problem."

Roger doesn't have the privileges that would be granted to males if there were male visiting hours. He is not free to go up to a girl's room in the residence, and, "This," he says, "was our own choice."

The Godins are confident that they can handle any problems that may arise, as any other Don would. "As a matter of fact, one advantage we can see to having a male on campus is for security purposes," they said.

Thus far, no major problems have arisen, and the residents of Assisi Hall seem to have no complaints. As Francine put it, "It's a challenge."



The History Writers — Precedent-setting Assisi Dons Roger and Francine Godin in front of the high-rise residence they are in charge of.

(DiMattia Photo)

SAVARY CONT. FROM PG. 1

(in the negotiations)," Savary said in an interview. "I never had a chance to give my side to Councillors."

The major areas of dispute were the hours Savary should work in the Union office and the compensation she receive for them. Union president Dachia Joudrey said she wanted the secretary in from 9:30 to 4:30 daily, an increase of one hour day from the present 10 to four routine.

Savary, who is a salaried employee, was offered a \$10 increase in her monthly pay to compensate for an addition of more than 20 hours of work.

The lack of a proportional increase in her salary in return for an increase in work was the reason Savary said she quit.

"It was the only thing I disagreed with. It was an insult."

Other disagreements in the terms of reference—payment for, and duration of holidays; payment of parking fee and payment for taking minutes at Council meetings—had been

worked out to her satisfaction, she said.

Joudrey said Council did not even have to raise the salary by the \$10 they did. She said Savary was not offered a proportionate increase "because we couldn't afford it."

When Savary was hired two years ago, she earned a monthly salary equal to about six dollars an hour. Before the increase in hours, she was earning \$6.46. If she had accepted Council's requests, her hourly wage would have been reduced to \$5.37, Savary said.

"I was asked to give, give, give," she said. "I was getting nothing for my two years here."

Paul McNair, president of last year's Council which awarded Nancy a raise, said she had been offered "a pie in the sky" when she was originally hired. "The union has changed in two years," he said.

Savary denied arguments that she was overpaid for her

job. "I did make a good wage but I deserved a good wage," she said. Based on her 13 years of experience in the field and the fact that there were few fringe benefits—medical insurance and possibility for promotion—in the job, she said she felt the salary she received was not extravagant.

Emotion had run high on this issue with both sides of the story very reluctant to lay blame. Savary said, "I wish it (the whole thing) had never happened because I did not want to lose my job. I was not treated fairly and that's all."

Joudrey, for her part, felt the resignation was the best solution. "I feel it's probably the right thing she did," she said. "I was getting tired of arguing."

The president conceded that the lack of notice on Savary's part did leave Council in a bind. They are now advertising for a new person and she said the position will hopefully be filled in a couple of weeks.

TUITION UP EIGHT PERCENT AT DALHOUSIE

Tuition at Dalhousie is eight per cent higher this year, yet the university administration has asked its departments to trim their operating budgets.

The Dalhousie Board of Governors made the decision to hike tuition fees in August. Dalhousie Student Union president Gord Owen, a Board member, said "general inflationary trends" lead to an increase in operating expenses, and inadequate government funding forced the board to boost tuition to meet the added expenses.

Owen criticized the recommendations of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), the body that advises Maritime provincial governments on the levels of funding for post-secondary institutions.

The MPHEC, in a report last spring, recognized a

twelve per cent increase in university operating costs, but advised governments to raise funding by only nine per cent, leaving universities scrambling to make up the difference.

Owen accused the Commission of trying to make universities less accessible to lower income students.

Meanwhile, Dalhousie President Andrew MacKay has asked deans to cut back their departments budgets this year. Administration vice-president Robert Shaw said the cuts could total as much as a million dollars, but the actual figure is unknown.

"Just because the president has said he would like to see deans save a million dollars doesn't mean they can," said Shaw.

He said the university is already six months into its

operating budget for this year, placing departments in an awkward position.

Shaw said Dalhousie is under financial constraint due to provincial government underfunding and other uncertainties.

If deans have trouble cutting their budgets, he indicated the administration may lend a hand with the process.

"When I've received the reports of all the deans, the president and administration will probably suggest additional budget cuts which may not have occurred to the deans."

Shaw said the university is presently bargaining with the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) over salary increases. "If we complete our salary settlement, it will be retroactive to July 1, so we might have to find some extra money

somewhere."

It has been indicated the amount of money left unallocated to faculty and teaching assistant salaries is equal to the amount the faculty of Arts and Science has been asked to save.

Dalhousie Faculty Association president Edgar Freidenberg said the DFA has not met to consider the effect of the funding cuts as yet.

"It's certainly a threatening move in that if it continues none of us will be here," he said. "But I don't think the administration is doing it just to be nasty."

Owen said it is doubtful savings can be made without affecting student services. "As long as the cuts don't inconvenience or hinder student activities, then the more money they can save, the better."

"But I don't see how they can make real cuts by just cutting down on waste of paper in offices."

Owen said a high salary settlement with the DFA could end in another drastic tuition jump.

MacKay said he doesn't think tuition increases at Dalhousie mean students would leave. He rejected suggestions that the university is becoming an elitist institution, saying "maximum accessibility" is still the goal.

MacKay said the Atlantic Association of Universities has begun a "soft sell" campaign to promote the long term benefits of post-secondary education.



Editorial

A group called "Women against Violence against Women" marched this week to reclaim the night. These women are and all women should be concerned with the right of women to walk after dark on the street without fear.

This fear is, in our society, truly a justified one, perpetuated by media hype and evasion of the problem by police.

This is a world of social injustices. One such injustice, directed at half the population of the world, encourages violence against that group. That group is, of course, women.

The view of men that women, like cattle, are property, has never quite been erased from North American culture, and this provides a psychological basis for the warped thoughts of many men who have been forced to accept women as equals politically and economically but not socially.

The existing laws don't help either. Rape laws in Canada and the U.S. leave the women to prove her innocence in provoking the action and yet do not account for the past sexual behavior of the accused rapist. These laws are insane. Many men and some women in our society actually believe that women provoke their own rapes merely by walking in the street.

Other laws encourage abuse of women. What about the married women who would have little if any hope of convicting her husband of rape, assault, child beating and molestation? The way the system is set up, is it any wonder the man thinks he owns the woman?

There are other ways in which violence is encouraged against women.

Consider, if you will, two movies playing in town right now: "Dressed to Kill" and "He Knows You're Alone". After seeing either one, I would think twice about getting in an elevator, taking a shower, or even being alone in my own house. What kind of psychos are getting their jollies seeing this kind of flick and going away with even more weird ideas?

Is it any wonder women are afraid to walk the streets alone?

And what are the police doing about a woman's right to walk without fear? They're covering up, that's what. Ask the police and they will tell you that rape is not a problem, let alone all the cases, reported or not, of flashers, peeping Toms and other would be rapists. Do they really believe all that bullshit or are women even afraid to report such incidents because of existing rape laws?

And what of our own fair campus? Aren't we just perfect targets for every kind of sicko going? Ask university security and they'll tell you that nothing like that ever happens here. I would say that's a lot of crap. The things I have heard of just on the grapevine would blow your mind. Remember Merv the Perv or this year's Peeping Tom? How about the student who was sexually assaulted two years ago while taking a cab from Dal to the Mount? It's sad though that a lot of this only makes it as far as the grapevine. Report it, and only then can the university take action to correct the problem.

This brings another very obvious problem into focus, the reputation "girls from the Mount" supposedly have, especially with "guys from Dal or SMU". If you are part of a miniscule minority who are perpetuating this myth and ruining it for the rest of us then: Smarten up your act.

The next time you get the old "so you go to the Mount, eh?" line hit him with a snappy comeback like: "so you go to SMU (Dal) eh?"

Sue Drapeau
Picaro Staffer

And just a short, personal note this week.

Last January 28, The Picaro Society had an election. Last Thursday, eight months later almost to the day, the results of that election were made official when a Students' Council-recognized Publishing Board ratified myself as Editor.

With lightning speed and typically bureaucratic efficiency, the wheels of Council's archaic machinery finally caught up with reality. In the same week, this normally regressive body of students also approved a record budget for the Picaro Society (although it was more than \$2000 less than what we really needed) and wrote me my first paycheck. (Remember: it's only been eight months.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for its recognition of the staff's right to responsible autonomy. And thank Council for its inevitable awakening to the reality.

Francis Moran
Editor

Letters

To The Picaro:

I would like to ask just one question. Is Mount Saint Vincent University dedicated to the needs and wants of the students OR to the needs and wants of the staff and faculty?

This question comes to mind each time one wants to entertain male visitors. It seems strange that the lounge on second floor Evaristus was renovated and ready for the Vice President (Dean Shelton) but the new student lounge on first floor is still a disaster area. The furniture is in a pile in the middle of the room and there is plaster all over the floor. This is certainly not the place to entertain. One could always make their way over to Assisi and, after going through the signing in process, go up to second floor to find the two small rooms there occupied. Ah, but this should have been expected. After all, two rooms for ten floors of girls. Good ratio, eh?

Where then does one go? There's always the main lobby back in Evaristus. Sure you can sit there as long as you don't want privacy. There will always be people walking by or if you are really lucky, maybe you will get there when someone is trying out their musical talents on the piano.



Ed.'s note: This is the current state of non-completion of the student lounges in Evaristus. However, Micheal Merrigan, executive assistant to the president, said Sunday that these lounges will be complete by mid-

which now sits there.

So much for the new improved student lounge promised when students gave

week. Work yet left to be done includes the installation of more furniture (tables and lamps) in the lounges and the construction of dividers to provide some privacy in the lounges in the lobby of the residence. (DiMattia photos)

up their second floor lounge! **DISGUSTED WITH M.S.V.U. AGAIN!!!!**

Heather O'Neill

New Building Named

To The Picaro:

I wish to inform the students of Mount Saint Vincent University of the Board of Governor's decision to name the new building Rosaria Centre.

As you are aware, last year we invited all segments of the University community—Board, Senate, Alumnae, and Students to submit names. From the suggestions that came in during the year, Rosaria Centre seemed the one which most suited the new building. As the gymnasium and Student Council quarters are really extensions of the original Rosaria Hall, it

seemed important to keep the name, Rosaria, and yet recognize the other important activities going on in the new building, such as Student Services, Registrar's Office, Centre for Continuing Education, Co-Operative Education, and other student oriented administrative activities. Further, because of the location of the building in the centre of the campus, it seemed important to acknowledge that this new building will become the heart of the University community as a whole. We are pleased, therefore, to name our building, Rosaria Centre.

In order to celebrate the

new building, a Fall Convocation has been planned for November 23. It is our hope that the electricians' strike will be over and the building will be sufficiently near completion that we can officially open it on that occasion. In the event that there are further delays, we will hold the Convocation in Seton Auditorium.

I would like at this time, however, to invite you all to attend the Fall Convocation. As this building has been constructed to enhance student life and provide non-

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academic growth experiences for the students of Mount Saint Vincent University, it is the hope of the Board that as many of you as possible will attend the Convocation on Sunday, November 23.

For first and second year students in particular, it will provide an opportunity to observe a university Convocation before their own graduation. Last year, the University had two opportunities to come together, one was the President's Assembly and the other the colourful laying of the cornerstone of the new building.

The Board anticipates that Rosaria Centre will provide a

vital, new dimension, to student life and student activities at Mount Saint Vincent University. It seems appropriate this year then to have a full Convocation at which a number of special friends of Mount Saint Vincent University will be honoured.

RUMOUR HATH IT

"RUMOUR HATH IT" HAS HAD IT ...

To The Picaro:

I am writing to you concerning the **Rumour Hath It** column in your newspaper. This is a fine idea and I commend its instigator. However, I must say that I do not understand the vast majority of the comments that are printed. They seem to deal

I look forward to seeing you all at the Convocation on Sunday, November 23. Please mark the date on your calendars.

Yours sincerely,
E. Margaret Fulton
President

mainly with a small, select group of people and not the whole or a large part of the student body.

If comments can not be found that we all can enjoy, please refrain from using the others.

Sincerely:
Christine D. Carroll

BUSINESS SOCIETY BLUES

On Wednesday, September 24, the first meeting of the MSVU Business Society was held with a grand total of nine students attending. It is unfortunate that all the other B.B.A. students would let just nine people take the opportunity to benefit from the activities offered through the Business Society. What does the Business Society offer and how can you benefit from being an active member?

The Business Society is run by and for students of Business Administration at Mt. St. Vincent University. By becoming involved in Society activities you will get a chance to meet and become friends with other Business students, to put to use some of the skills

you are learning in the classroom (organization and working with other people). There are also opportunities to meet Business students from other universities. A very important benefit you can receive is that of meeting and talking to businesspersons who attend some of our functions. This is your chance to find out what different businesses are about and what kind of people they are looking for as prospective employees.

The society can arrange tutoring services if the students voice the need for them. The next meeting of the Business Society will be Wednesday, October 8, at 12:00 noon in Auditorium D, SAC. If you are interested in

learning about the Mount's Co-op Education Programme for Business students Mr. Stan Gapski will be there to explain how the programme works. As well, students who have completed work term assignments will be there to tell you about their experiences.

Come to the next meeting and find out about the upcoming Business Party, the Atlantic Schools of Business Conference and the Mount's own conference in the spring, to name a few. Watch the **Picaro** and the Newsletter to find out what is going on and when. The society had a very active membership last year and we can do even better this year, but we need your help to make it happen.



OWMCT — Those bizarre beings from the fifth-floor English Society parade their non-conformity once more as they participate in the first annual

Oscar Wilde Memorial Croquet Tournament. We don't know who won but they look like they had fun. (DIMattia photo)

TRAINING NEEDED

WINNIPEG (CUP)—If university students want an easier time finding a job after graduation, they should get more specified training, according to MP Warren Allmand.

Allmand, who heads the federal government task force on employment opportunities in the '80s, was speaking at the opening hearing in Winnipeg.

Allmand said that although students who took pure arts and science were valuable to society in a cultural sense, he thought definite work skills were needed to find a job in most cases.

He pointed out that studies in the field of dentistry, medicine and engineering gave more specific training geared towards jobs than perhaps studies in history or sociology.

Community colleges and high schools, however, constitute a larger problem than universities, Allmand said. He mentioned the colleges tend to offer courses in fields that are "fading out" rather than those which currently require workers.

And at the high school level, guidance councillors should be

more realistic when explaining job prospects to students, Allmand added.

He thought private business should give feed-back to the public regarding types of jobs available in various fields.

In this way students could be more aware of the different avenues available to them, he said.

The task force's report to parliament will center around the shortage of skilled workers in Canada. Also, special attention will be given to the ability of the Canadian work force to meet these needs.

This report will be submitted by the end of this year.

In a broader sense, the task force is concerned that the private sector does not provide training for many jobs. Allmand pointed out the majority of skilled workers are over the age of 40 and by 1985 a serious shortage could occur.

Yet there is a large group of students and women looking for jobs, Allmand said.

Allmand thought there should be more communication between employers and the people who plan training programs since presently he felt people are being trained for "hobbies" rather than trades.

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LONG WAITS AND HIGH RENTS SET NATIONAL TRENDS IN STUDENT HOUSING

by Michael McEvoy of Canadian University Press

It is not unusual for a city government to dedicate a week to a charitable organization or outstanding personality.

Terry Fox weeks' are the popular rage these days.

Calgary mayor Ross Alger meant serious business when he declared the last week in August "Off-campus Housing Week".

With a university-area vacancy rate of 0.6 per cent and on-campus residences filled up, students at the University of Calgary face a very acute housing shortage. However, events in Calgary prove to be just the tip of a nationwide iceberg.

In Vancouver, students are sleeping in tents set up to alleviate the housing squeeze there.

In Waterloo, students are entering lotteries, to win a spot in the university residences.

And for students who have gained access to residences at Concordia University, rental fees have blown through the roof. A single room now costs over \$1,000 for the year.

Evidence that severe student housing shortages were looming appeared when Statistics Canada announced last April national vacancy rates were 2.8 per cent; the lowest in two years.

Vacancy rates in Victoria and Vancouver were 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively; the lowest anywhere in the country.

In response to these statistics, Paul Cosgrove, minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) announced in June he was increasing by 5,000 the number of government built low-income rental

units.

But the measure "was only a drop in the bucket," according to the National Union of Student executive officer John Doherty, who says the problem is so massive stronger corrective measures are needed.

Many factors have combined to create the current shortages. In some parts of the country, housing starts are

not keeping pace with growing populations.

This is particularly true in the lower mainland of British Columbia. In Vancouver, city alderman Harry Rankin told a housing committee meeting the city needed at least 6,000 to 7,000 housing starts per month to avert a crisis. The whole province of B.C. had only 3,000 starts in the month of August, according to a Statistics Canada official.

AT LAST, I'M AT THE TOP
OF THE 1,563 PERSON WAITING LIST,
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rented room meant the rent increased \$100. The fee hike left her no other choice but to look elsewhere for a place to live.

Further pressure on student ghettos can be expected according to University of Toronto economics professor Lawrence Smith. He says, in a Globe and Mail story, there will be no speed up in housing starts because construction companies sense the baby boom is over and they will not invest money in a declining market.

Also of concern to students is a 36 per cent decrease from the year previous in the number of private rental units built. Recent high interest have affected builders because the high cost of borrowing money has scared them from investing in expensive housing projects. In addition, builders are more likely to invest in multiple dwelling units which cater to the upper echelons of the income scale. It is far more profitable to build high-rise, high-rent dwellings than low income rental units.

Svend Robinson, (Member of Parliament; Burnaby), feels the nature of our economic system is the reason for the current housing crisis. Robinson said shortages of this nature are inevitable "as long as we have an economic system which is based on the pursuit of profit."

He said companies which have the capital and ability to build cheap affordable housing are not doing so because they would rather spend the money to build shopping centers and other ventures which are more likely to show big profits.

Robinson said solutions to the housing problem must come from the recognition that housing is a fundamental right.

"Government should be oriented to ensure we have the kind of economy which will mean that no one is lacking in these essentials," he said.

It is clear however the federal government has no interest in any scheme proposed by Robinson.

In the late sixties when the economy was more buoyant, the federal government poured \$65 million worth of loans into student housing for post-secondary institutions. But since 1969 that amount of money has slowly declined until three years ago, when the tap was shut off completely.

The reason for this, says Al Revie, chief of program improvement, lending division for the CMHC, was that the loan program "was like everything else", which suffered funding cutbacks due to government restraint. The government set priorities for

funding and student housing wasn't one of them, he said.

However, this has not stopped administrators and students at both the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University from asking for CMHC loans for the construction of campus residences. According to Revie, Simon Fraser has made several presentations but have been turned down. At the University of Victoria, the CMHC and the Universities Council of BC have quashed the institutions bid for a 300 unit residence by refusing to grant low interest loans for its construction. Even if it were built though, it would only put a dent in the housing crunch which has left an estimated 1000 students stranded in the provincial capital.

Robinson believes funding for these facilities should be government priority. After all, "the federal government has just decided to spend the money it takes to educate people in Canada" so they should fund student housing. Robinson says the money should come from the Established Programs Financing Act (EPF), an act whereby the federal and provincial governments share responsibility for funding post-secondary institutions.

Another factor which makes the housing squeeze more severe is that landlords often stereotype students as "Animal House" characters. At Conestoga College in Kitchener, students may find themselves banned from renting condominium units. A landlord is urging the condominium board in Kitchener to deny rental to students because of alleged urination and

vomiting on neighborhood lawns. Another agency said they had never had problems with students, however they still did not allow students to rent from them.

In Toronto, a student, who had come all the way from Newfoundland to attend the Ryerson Polytechnical In-

atmosphere which bangs another door shut for students especially in a city like Toronto where the vacancy rate is almost zero.

On-campus housing has been hard to come by this year for Canadian students. Waiting lists for accommodation range anywhere from 4,000 at the University of British Co-

profit motive must be taken out of the housing industry while others like administrators at Waterloo feel students must persevere. Meanwhile students organize to pressure university administrators and governments to solve the situation and wonder whether they will have a roof over their heads tonight.



stitute, was asked "what he looked like" when he phoned a landlord to enquire about accommodation. It is this

lumbia to 150 at the University of Manitoba. At Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland the women's residences are full with long lineups to get in. The administration is urging women to double up whenever possible.

Residence living is also becoming more costly. Students at Concordia University faced an 8 per cent hike in the fees this year. One reason for this is in part due to government funding cutbacks to universities. Many residences are university subsidized but as funds become tighter administrators attempt to save money by making students pay for a greater share of the residence cost. At the University of Winnipeg, for example, the administration is attempting to have students pay the whole cost. The attempt to make residence a break even proposition is being made even in light of past surveys which indicated students could not afford further increases.

Solving the student housing crisis, is going to take more than declaring "Off-campus" housing week as Mayor Ross Alger did in Calgary. Some, like Svend Robinson, feel the



MUN MAKES UP

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—A space squeeze in Memorial University residences almost cost female students their right to have single rooms earlier this summer.

MUN's student housing office intended to place two students in each of the 29 single rooms available for women in residence.

Student housing manager Brian Johnson said the proposal was made by the administration at a meeting to discuss the housing shortage. A letter had been sent to residence officers and the Council of the Students' Union (CSU) at MUN outlining the problem and offering that solution.

Johnson said the letter was sent only to see what the

reaction would be, but CSU president Joe Greene said the letter stated the practice would become official this fall.

The numerous complaints received by the housing officer and the student union resulted in the "doubling up" proposal being dropped. Lack of privacy and insufficient living space were the main arguments against the move.

The controversy leaves unanswered a large waiting list for rooms in female residences. Johnson said it had been suggested one of the male residence houses be used for women, but he said all men's residences are now filled, and it would be impossible to change them mid-stream.

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HALIFAX NOT FOLLOWING TRENDS

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

In Halifax in general, and Mount Saint Vincent in particular, the national trend in student accommodation does not seem to be prevalent. Student residences at both Dalhousie and the Mount report no waiting lists while off-campus housing offices, while busy, seem to be handling the loads.

Hillary Hambling, Dalhousie's housing co-ordinator, said she did not know exactly how many people her office has processed. "We're so busy here there's no way we could tell you (a number)," she said. "But more than 2,000 accommodations have gone since March."

However, Hambling said, most students have found accommodation; those still coming through her office are looking for a change in residence.

Spokesmen for the male and female residences at Dalhousie also said they have kept up with the demand for housing. Howe Hall, the men's residence, is full but has no waiting list and Sherriff Hall is in a similar situation.

The same holds true for the Mount. As this paper reported last week, there are no waiting lists for the various residences on campus, except for people who want to change from one residence to another.

Off-campus housing at the Mount also seems to be holding pace with demand, with a good variety still available.

Rents in the city also seem to be lower than the national average as well. Dalhousie's Hambling said the prices of rooms are down this year, by about five dollars from last year's average of \$30 a week.

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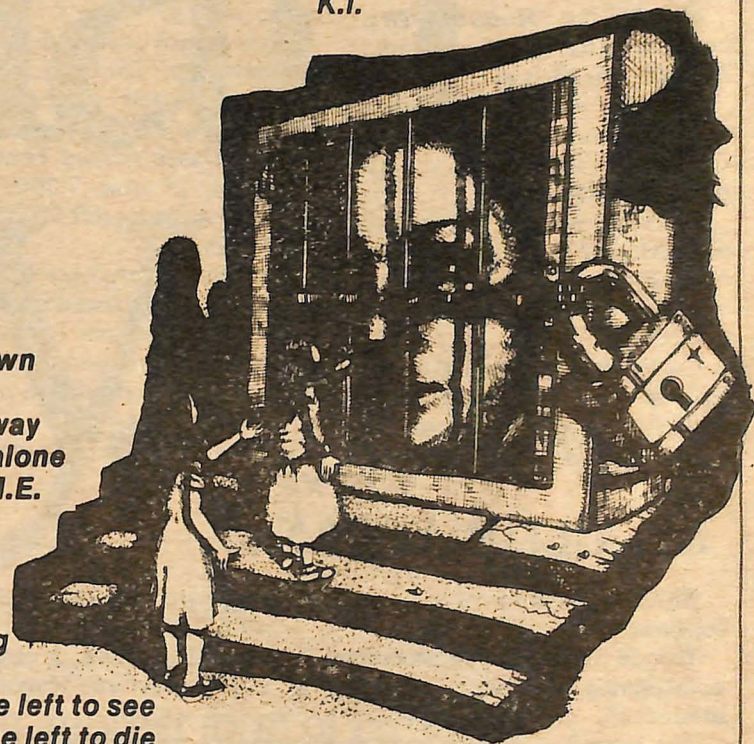
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FIRST REGULAR MASS HELD

The first of regular 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening Masses was held in the university Chapel on Sunday, September 21st, with approximately 90 students and some faculty members in attendance.

This Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Terrence Prendergast, S.J., and Rev. John Driscoll, who are serving the university community this year as celebrants of the regular Sunday and Thursday masses.

The priests see themselves as team members with the university chaplains in the building of the university faith community, specifically through the communal faith expression in worship.

To date, 20 students have come forward to join this team, sharing their gifts of song, reading, organization and creativity. It is hoped that all levels of the university community will continue to participate to make these celebrations a meaningful part of our life at Mount Saint Vincent University.

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- Downchild is playing at the Mount.
- Humpty Dumpty was pushed.
- that a new professor will be hired in the Economics Department.
- a male is going to apply for an R.A. position.
- R.V.J. misses us muchly but not as much as we miss him!
- a lot of girls have a new found interest in badminton! I wonder why?
- sex makes a difference!!!
- to continue the saga, the little girl in the corner has a crush, on who you ask? Guys with blonde hair and blue eyes. Until next week....
- a certain Birch isn't as wild and crazy as they say.
- elections are coming up.
- a big dog bit Sandy on the neck!
- Mount security is the Nazi party in disguise (Larry, you don't fool us!)
- What person used salad dressing on her french fries last week?

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MUSIC REPORT

Nova Scotia's Top Ten Singles

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 All Out of Love | Air Supply |
| 2 Drivin' My Life Away | Eddie Rabbitt |
| 3 Lookin' For Love | Johnny Lee |
| 4 Don't Ask Me Why | Billy Joel |
| 5 Emotional Rescue | Rolling Stones |
| 6 Hot Rod Hearts | Robbie Dupree |
| 7 I'm Alright | Kenny Loggins |
| 8 Give Me The Night | George Benson |
| 9 All Over The World | E.L.O. |
| 10 Late In The Evening | Paul Simon |

Nova Scotia's Top Ten Albums

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| 1 Xanadu | Soundtrack |
| 2 Empty Glass | Pete Townshend |
| 3 Urban Cowboy | Soundtrack |
| 4 Crimes of Passion | Pat Benatar |
| 5 Romance Dance | Kim Carnes |
| 6 Uncut | Powder Blues |
| 7 Glass Houses | Billy Joel |
| 8 Emotional Rescue | Rolling Stones |
| 9 Hold Out | Jackson Browne |
| 10 The Game | Queen |

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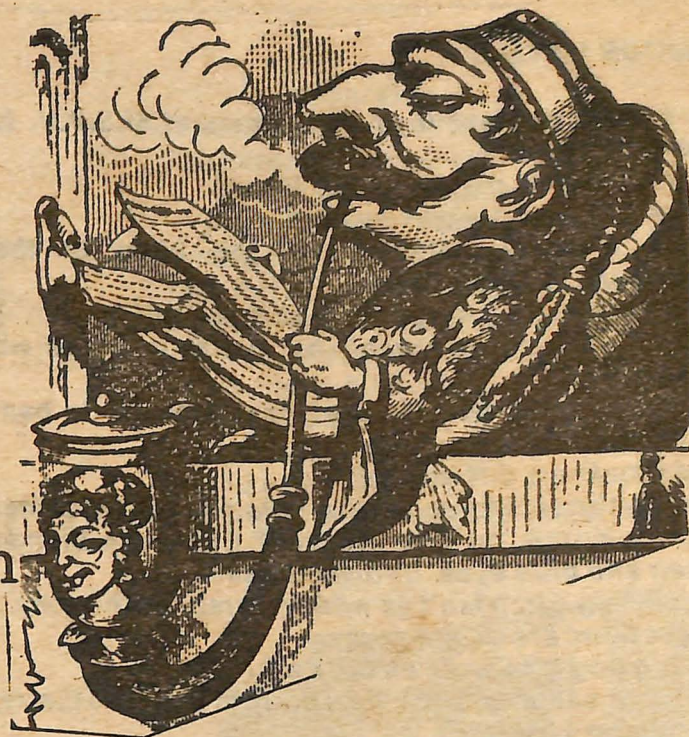
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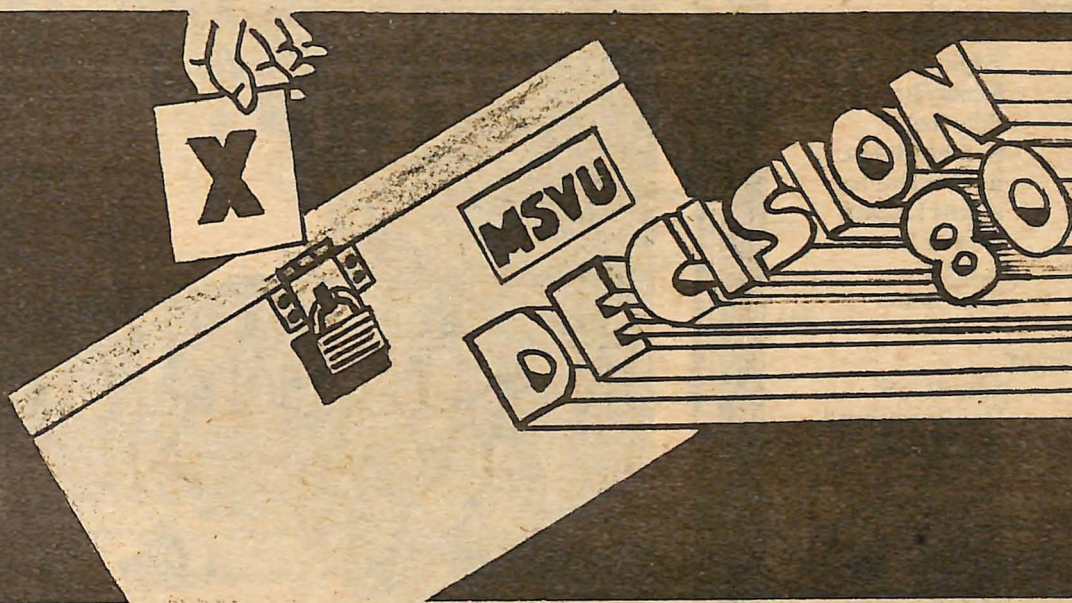
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